ASFPM International Committee
Work Plan 2022-2023

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INTRODUCTION AND REGIONAL OVERVIEW
The primary mission of the International Committee is to provide a platform to exchange knowledge and best practices on the wise use of floodplains in order to reduce flood losses, manage water resources, and promote sustainability in the built and natural environment.

Current members of the International Committee:

- International Committee Co-Chairs: Anna Serra-Llobet and Francisco Peña Guerra
- Committee Liaisons: David Powers and Alejandro Riano
- ASFPM International Committee Members: We are continuing to network and grow our committee through formal and informal outreach, including participation from folks in many countries around the globe.

PRIORITIES
International Committee Priorities include:

Maintaining a committee structure:

- Participating on conference calls and retreat.
- Attend policy committee chair meetings and hold an annual meeting.
- Organize and facilitate regular committee conference calls.
- Represent ASFPM when asked.
- Solicit new membership.

Establish and maintaining a forum:

- Provide quarterly conference calls on desired subjects.
- Solicit topics and interested presenters.
- Maintain and expand list of International Committee members and invite members from other ASFPM committees in activities organized with cross cutting topics of their interest.

Expanding the international network:

- Attend and organize international events related to flood risk management.
- Maintain and expand the network of countries represented by the International Committee.

ACTIVITIES 2022-2023
To accomplish the 3 priorities, we have organized the committee in 3 ACTIVITY ACTIONS:

1. PLANNING: Attending meetings and identify interesting topics for the International Committee members.
2. LEARNING: Organizing ASFPM conference sessions, webinars, and writing newsletters.
3. CONNECTING: Maintaining and expanding the network of countries and people interested in being part of the International Committee.

1. PLANNING

- ASFPM International Committee Membership Meetings (Co-Chairs + Liaisons + All ASFPM Members Interested in the Int. Committee)
2. LEARNING

- **Workshop 1**: International Workshop on “Flood Risk Management under Climate Change”. Organized by the Emmett Institute of Climate Change and the Environment - UCLA School of Law. (Los Angeles, CA - Nov 18-19, 2022)

- **Workshop 2**: “Water Extremes: Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities. A Comparative look at Colorado and Italy”. Organized by Water Resources Research and Documentation Center, Università per Stranieri di Perugia (Rome, Italy – Nov 24, 2022)

- **Workshop 3**: International Workshop on “Flood Risk and Resilience at a Community Level”. Organized by the Department of Geography, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Hybrid format: Munich, Germany and Online Everywhere - Dec 1-2, 2022)


- **ASFPM-IC Newsletter**: Summary of the UCLA workshops organized in 2022. Written in collaboration with the California Department of Water Resources (FMA) and the ASFPM International Committee.

- **ASFPM Conference**: 2023 ASFPM Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina (May 7-11, 2023) (organize International Policy Discussion Session and International Committee Concurrent Session)

3. CONNECTING

- **ASFPM Conference** (in-person), Raleigh, North Carolina (May 7-11, 2023) (organize dinner with ASFPM IC members)

- **ASFPM Website**: Update material related to the International Committee.

- **Emails to the International Committee’s members**: Advertising upcoming meetings and events (e.g. webinars).

4. MORE

- Collaborate with Natural & Beneficial Functions Committee in exploring international good practices of Nature-based Solutions for flood risk reduction.

- Explore opportunities for collaboration with the Flood Science Center, as well as potential synergies with Universities in the USA and abroad in the field of compound/extreme flooding.

- Explore how to include “climate change” and “social justice” issues in the international committee.