International Committee Annual Status Report

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Introduction

ASFPM is a valued and effective resource for advising and interfacing with regional and national flood risk management professionals and policy leaders from around the world. The International Committee of ASFPM provides the mechanism for constructive international dialogue on flood risk management. By comparing approaches and experiences in the identification of flood hazards and risks from all flooding sources (including adaptation to flood impacts associated with climate change), we can arrive at solutions that we wouldn’t have without this dialogue.

The 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 environments.

Key Accomplishments

The International Committee is committed to establish scientific and technical dialogue on effective flood risk practices with floodplain management professionals and practitioners from around the world. In an effort to expand our presence, knowledge exchange and understanding on prevention, mitigation, and adaptation strategies, we promote workshops and collaborations with academic institutions, private sector, and government officials to engage with participants, both from the US and abroad, that have an interest in a broader discussion of sustainable floodplain management.

Workshops

- “US–Mexico Flood Risk Management Workshop”, Organized by the ASFPM International Committee. (Mexico City and Queretaro, Mexico) 08-12 Aug, 2022
- “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) 18-19 Nov, 2022
- “Communities: A Comparative look at Colorado and Italy”. Organized by Water Resources Research and Documentation Center, Università per Stranieri di Perugia (Rome, Italy) 24 Nov, 2022
- “Resilience at a Community Level”. Organized by the Department of Geography, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Hybrid format: Munich, Germany and Online Everywhere) 01-02 Dec, 2022

Webinars

- 4th EU-US Knowledge exchange webinar. “Nature-based Solutions for flood risk management: What is and what is not?”. (Online) Tue 17 Jan, 2023

Conferences

- 2022 AGU (American Geophysical Union) Conference, Chicago, IL 12-16 Dec, 2022
- 2023 ASFPM Conference, Raleigh, NC 7-11 May, 2023

Natural and Beneficial Functions Committee Policy Session: We’ll collaborate with the NBF Committee to talk about international examples of Nature-based Solutions for flood risk management.

International Committee Concurrent Session: Three presentations related to compound hazards: “From GFPLAIN to REBIT: From hydrogeomorphic floodplain mapping to flood risk geospatial Intelligence” Fernando Nardi, University for Foreigners of Perugia and GRIDDIT, Rome (Italy), “A Fast and Flexible Framework for Flood Damage Assessments” Frederique de Groen, Deltares, Deft (the Netherlands), “Inland to Coastal Flooding and Everything in Between: A Perspective from Caribbean Islands” Félix Santiago-Collazo, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia (US).

**Agreements**

- Letter of Interest ASFPM & University of Queretaro (Mexico). Effective until Aug 2025

**Priorities**

The International Committee anticipates reengaging with our members during the 2023-2024 year. We are looking to have an increased level of engagement both with our US-based members and with our overseas colleagues.

**Recommended Actions**

**Coming Webinars (fall 2023)**

- ASFPM-IC Webinar on “Integrated Flood Risk Management in Switzerland”, Richard Kuntner, private consultant, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 5th EU-US Knowledge exchange webinar. Online. Webinar co-hosted by the University of California Berkeley Center for Catastrophic Risk Management (Social Science Matrix) and the International Committee of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM), with the collaboration of the EU Working Group on Floods.

**Coming Workshops**