

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION VI

Management Group

First meeting

9 February, 13:30-14:30
WMO HQs, VIP room

Summary of discussions

- **Introduction**

The new Management Group met shortly on 9th February after the 17th Session of RA VI. The list of participants is given in the Annex below.

- **Debriefing of the RECO and the RA VI-17 session**

- **Outcome of the RECO**

The RECO brought a new spirit to the discussion of a number of important topics and made good use of the limited time of PRs. It would be desirable for a similar event to give rapporteurs sufficient time to develop the syntheses for the wrap-up sessions. Also, the report of the RECO would have needed some more time to be finalized. In the future, the number of topics to be discussed and the availability of PR's have to be well balanced.

The concept itself worked well with the break-out groups and panellists setting the scene. The items were also well chosen. Several NMHSs Director Generals were responsible for certain panel items, which lead to the fact that they were willing to participate also in RECO.

- **The RA VI Session**

The documents should be made available to the Members in due time before the meetings to allow enough time for their consideration. One possible solution would be to have a pause between RECO and the RA VI session – a science lecture or side events of interesting items not leading to decisions could be reserved for one day in between RECO and RA VI. This would enable the results of RECO to be fed into the RA VI session. Ideally, the documents could be discussed beforehand through web media.

The process of the document production is complex, also due to the translation. The documents were produced by the Secretariat; however, certain documents were published with a delay, e.g. the second draft of Document 4.2.6 was published on the last day of the meeting.

The RA VI working language for the regional sessions should be agreed on in due time before the regional sessions, for example, every time in Congress.

- **Work Plan**

The MG decisions and follow up action list has been overviewed and considered for further use by the MG. MG made decisions on the future actions, as attached below.

- **Summary of the INTAD-6 meeting, as a side-event to the RA VI-17 session**

Results of the elections of the INTAD-6 chair and vice-chairs are as follows: Axel Thomalla, chair, Eszter Labo, vice-chair, Nur SÖĞÜTÇÜKLÜ, vice-chair. An overview of the google mini-site of the INTAD-6 group has been given.

- **Next meeting of the MG.**

Next meeting will be a face to face meeting, in Vienna, Austria, planned for 23 -24 May 2018, starting in the evening of 23rd of May.

The following meetings could be carried out through the web connection using the video conference facility.

Attachment

Follow-up on actions of RAVI Management Group Decisions

Nr	Decision/Action	Responsible	Deadline	Status of implementation	Notes/Remarks
1	To compose the MG of the following delegates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RA VI president 2. RA VI vice-president 3. RA VI Hy Advisor 4. PR of France with WMO 5. PR of Germany with WMO 6. PR of Iceland with WMO 7. PR of Lebanon with WMO 8. PR of Russian Federation with WMO 9. PR of Switzerland with WMO 10. PR of Turkey with WMO 11. Representatives of the RA VI working mechanism 	MG	With immediate effect, at the MG meeting, as a side-event to the RA VI-17 session	Completed	Workforce organization
2	To develop a tentative work plan in line with six RECO priorities taking into account the INF document – Consolidated report of the RA VI president, WGs and TTs leaders, and WMO Representative for Europe, when drafting the work plan	RA VI president and vice-president	Within two months from this very first meeting, i.e. by 12 April 2018	ongoing	Outlining a clear road map; business direction
3	As a first step, to develop a first draft of activities to be carried out based on the decisions of RA VI	ROE	ASAP	ongoing	Outlining a clear road map

4	The plan should have clear responsibilities noting the available working mechanism; however, the MG should have supervising role in its implementation.	MG	Within 2 months from this very first meeting, i.e. by 12 April 2018	ongoing	Workforce organization
5	The supervision of the tasks should be distributed among the MG members.	MG	Next MG meeting, 23-24 May 2018	ongoing	Workforce organization
6	To reduce considerably the number of potential Working Groups and Task Teams by making PRs responsible for different areas. The workload and workflow should be distributed in such a way that the work starts and ends by the Member countries under the monitoring and leadership of the PRs.	MG	With immediate effect and applicable as a general rule	ongoing	Workforce organization
7	To continue to carry out capacity building problems in RA VI	MG	Regularly	Continuing	Gap analysis
8	Engage in a dialogue with the SG on the importance of the ROE and the need to adapt its size adequately to the needs and challenges faced.	MG	Upon finalization of the MG Work plan and the RA VI OP and then, regularly, when appropriate	ongoing	Gap analysis

9	<p>Relate the Work plan with the RA VI OP.</p> <p>Budgetary sources and resources need to be identified. It should be a joint collective work covered by all RA VI Members, not only by the regular budget of the WMO Regional Office for Europe. It has to be clarified which parts should be covered by the regular budget.</p>	MG	In the process of drafting it	ongoing	Gap analysis
10	<p>Ensure regular Friday's communications between C/ROE and the RA VI president to regularly update the president RA VI on new developments, if any.</p>	C/ROE	Regularly on Fridays	Continuing	
11	<p>To start the preparation for the RA VI Hydrological Forum.</p>	RA VI Hydrological adviser	When appropriate, in due time before the meeting		Outlining a clear road map; business direction

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Participants

Present members:

1. Michael Staudinger, RA VI president
2. Kornelia Radic, RA VI vice-president
3. Cristina Eklund, RA VI Hydrological Advisor
4. Arni Snorasson, PR of Iceland with WMO
5. Adriaan Gerhard, PR of Germany with WMO
6. Peter Binder, PR of Switzerland with WMO
7. Marc Weheibe, PR of Lebanon with WMO
8. Laurence Franchon, International Adviser to the PR of France with WMO, representing the PR of France with WMO

Excused members:

1. Ismail Günes, PR of Turkey with WMO, MG Member
2. Maxim Yakovenko, PR of Russian Federation with WMO, MG Member

Other invited participants:

1. Ivan Cacic, PR of Croatia with WMO
2. Maria Hurtola, International Advisor to the PR of Finland with WMO
3. Axel Thomalla, International Advisor to the PR of Germany with WMO

WMO Secretariat:

1. Milan Dacic, WMO Representative for Europe
2. Natalia Berghi, Programme Officer, Regional Office for Europe