

## Meetings, Publications, and Other Activities

- 1. Scientific Meetings:** ISRS will sponsor various scientific meetings to further the aims of the society.
  - (a) Congresses will be held for participation by all members of ISRS and other interested persons. These scientific meetings will consist of oral, printed, and electronic presentations, discussions, exhibits, excursions of scientific or cultural benefit, exhibits, and other scientific activities deemed appropriate. Congresses will be held every two years whenever feasible, and successive Congresses will be held on different continents when possible. Members of ISRS attending the society-wide business meeting at the Congress will constitute a General Assembly for voting on issues brought before the Assembly by the Board of Directors or raised by the Assembly itself.
  - (b) At any time not in conflict with an ISRS Congress, the society can sponsor or co-sponsor around the world scientific meetings, symposia, and international education courses on appropriate aspects of river science. ISRS may sponsor independent regional meetings in more than one country in any year if organized by ISRS members for those regions. In addition, ISRS may co-sponsor meetings or symposia as part of another society's conference. Any member may formally request ISRS sponsorship or co-sponsorship of such events for formal approval by the Executive Committee. ISRS will not contribute financially to these meetings unless approved by the Board.
  - (c) ISRS may sponsor an electronic conference via the internet in any year in which the full Congress is not meeting. Participation in this conference would be open only to members of ISRS and to other participants invited by the conference organizing committee. The purpose of this electronic meeting is to encourage scientific exchange among members, especially by those unable to attend the congresses for financial reasons. Sponsorship of an internet meeting by ISRS requires the same approval procedures as for Congresses.
- 2. Publications:** The majority of publications and communications of ISRS will employ electronic media (email and the Internet). In addition, ISRS and John Wiley and Sons, Ltd. (hereafter the "Publisher") will cooperate in publishing the journal *River Research and Applications* (hereafter abbreviated as *RRA*), which will be the official journal of ISRS. Agreements with the publisher on issues related to the society's obligations to *RRA* and the benefits to members of ISRS will be negotiated periodically by the Executive Committee for approval by the Board of Directors.
- 3. Advice to Groups:** As long as it does not conflict with the goals and aims of the society, ISRS will provide advice on river science to individuals, research institutes, non-government organizations, corporations, and governments at the request of those individuals or groups.
  - (a) All requests for an official ISRS opinion or advice should be directed to a member of the Executive Committee. Any official opinion or recommendation from ISRS on an external environmental issue deemed potentially controversial due to environmental, political, or social reasons by any member of the Executive Committee requires approval by the Board of Directors.
  - (b) ISRS will periodically sponsor an internet program where members of ISRS can obtain advice on issues related to river science. Volunteer experts in different disciplines of river

science will provide timely advice via the internet for agreed-upon periods at no cost to the questioner or society (other than normal costs associated with maintaining the ISRS website).

**4. Contracts:** If deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors, ISRS will undertake other contractual or non-contractual activities to facilitate the aims of the society.