

International SURF Groups and Partners

14 November 2016

16.00 – 17.30pm UK Time

Representatives:

- SURF-USA : Barbara Maco (BM) Chair
- SuRF-UK : Jonathan Smith (JS)
- SuRF-Italy : Claudio Albano (CA)
- SuRF-Brazil: James Henderson (JH)
- NICOLE/SuRF-NL: Hans Slenders (HS)
- SuRF Japan : Yasuhide Furukawa (YF)
- SuRF-Canada : François Beaudoin (FB)
- Secretariat : Nicola Harries (NH) CL:AIRE

- **Apologies received:**
- SuRF-ANZ : Renelle Watson (RW)
- SuRF-Taiwan: Erica Chiang (EC) & Colin Chen (CC)
- Representing China : Mengfang Chen (MC)
- SuRF-NL: Laurent Bakker (LB)
- SuRF Colombia : Alfonso Rodriguez (AR)

AGENDA

1	Welcome
2	Recent progress updates
3	Conferencing opportunities – Recent & upcoming AquaConsoil 2017 SustRem 2018
4	Actions to drive consistency between SuRF initiatives International Sustainable Remediation Alliance Update on ISO on Sustainable Remediation
5	Special topic of interest International Affiliation of Sustainable Remediation Update on ISO on Sustainable Remediation
6	Any Other Business
7	Next meeting

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Barbara Maco (BM) on behalf of SuRF USA chaired and welcomed everyone. The attendees confirmed they were happy with the agenda. BM provided a short introduction on the purpose of the SURF meetings being for cross country connections and for the promotion of international collaboration on sustainable remediation.</p>	
2.	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Everyone present gave a quick update on the different SuRF Groups and Partners current initiatives and work that they were undertaking in relation to sustainability.</p> <p><u>SuRF-JAPAN</u></p> <p>Yasuhide Furukawa (YF) provided an update on the activities in Japan. He confirmed that the website is now available https://staff.aist.go.jp/t.yasutaka/SuRF-JAPAN/home.html and has been linked from the SuRF International web page. SuRF-Japan are looking to populate the website with more information as it becomes available.</p> <p>YF confirmed that the key topics that they are currently working on is developing Best Management Practices (BMP) for green remediation and sustainable sub category and indicator sets that are relevant to Japan. YF confirmed that they now have 15 corporate members now.</p> <p><u>SuRF-NL</u></p> <p>Hans Slenders (HS) provided an update on behalf of SuRF-NL. He confirmed that SuRF-NL is organising a workshop in January 2017 which will provide a recap on sustainable remediation, sustainable land management and for organisations that provide aftercare following remediation.</p> <p><u>NICOLE</u></p> <p>At the last meeting in Amsterdam in November 2016, NICOLE decided to stop the Sustainable Remediation Working Group (SRWG). NICOLE still recognises the importance of sustainable remediation but their working groups tend to function for a limited time period to achieve certain tasks. It is felt these tasks such as the road map, position statements and case studies have now been completed. NICOLE will appoint an administration officer to support general administration tasks and members who has an interest in this area. NICOLE recognize the importance of sustainable land management and have amended their organization title as well to reflect this.</p> <p><u>SuRF-Brasil</u></p> <p>James Henderson (JH) explained that SuRF-Brasil has been very busy recently, presenting at several conferences and workshops and preparing internal guidance documents. SuRF-Brasil are aiming to involve more regional groups next year and has recently been having discussions with the Ministry of Environment to get them more involved in their work. SuRF-Brasil has also been developing their relationships with NICOLE Brasil who has a special focus on sustainable remediation. SuRF-Brasil are aiming to invite all South American governments to a meeting next year as there is now a lot of interest in the South American region following the EKOS conference held at the end of September 2016.</p> <p>JH also shared that as part of EKOS they hosted a real time online workshop. The experiment was good but it did have some issues with connection that they will look into, however this is definitely an option for other conferences going forward to try and get more international</p>	

	<p>participation.</p> <p>As part of strengthening ties with NICOLE-Brasil, SuRF-Brasil sent three people to attend the last NICOLE-Europe meeting in Amsterdam.</p> <p><u>SuRF-UK</u> Jonathan Smith (JS) provided an update on SuRF-UK. He confirmed that the main activities have been conference attendance and outreach. JS on behalf of SuRF-UK attended and presented at ECOForum in Perth Australia at a workshop where he presented on case studies following the SuRF-UK framework with Garry Smith of SuRF-ANZ. At the end of October, JS presented to the Oman government about the concept of sustainability and how the UK has adopted the SuRF-UK framework. In addition, JS has submitted an abstract for Aqua Consoil 2017 on behalf of SuRF-UK to run an interactive workshop to undertake a sustainability appraisal.</p> <p>JS also confirmed that the Special Issue publication on Sustainable Remediation through the Journal of Environmental Management will be published soon.</p> <p><u>SuRF - Canada</u> François Beaudoin (FB) provided an update on behalf of SuRF-Canada. FB confirmed that since SustRem 2016 there has been a lot of positive feedback and interest in sustainable remediation. SuRF-Canada are now looking at creating a more formal structure and developing more material for the website. SuRF-Canada are going to have a presence at the forthcoming Americana conference in Montreal in March 2017 and FB would like to extend the invite to all SuRFs to attend. There are a wide range of subjects/themes being presented and the call for abstracts is currently open and includes "Sustainable Resource Management". It is the biggest event in North America with 40 countries attending and 10,000 delegates.</p> <p>Action: If any SuRFs are interested in attending, please contact FB.</p> <p><u>SuRF-ITALY</u> Claudio Albano (CA) provided an update on behalf of SuRF-Italy. He confirmed that they are still working on finalising the technical framework to address the regulators comments. CA has also presented at Remtech in Ferrara on behalf of SuRF-Italy and his organisation CH2M. In addition, there was a special session that had representation from the Common Forum and NICOLE to discuss differences in countries policies across Europe.</p> <p>CA confirmed that he had discussed with Dietmar Müller-Grabherr about whether there was the appetite to organise SustRem 2018. Following SustRem 2016, it was felt that there was still interest and that stakeholder involvement and consistency of approach could be the next focus.</p> <p><u>SuRF-US</u> Barbara Maco (BM) provided an update on SuRF-US activities. She confirmed that SuRF-US is continuing to reach out to more members in their 10th year. They had recently had their 33rd meeting in October 2016, discussing state of practice - what we've learnt and where are we going. At the meeting they also discussed the US/Canada stakeholder engagement map and the new technical working group on climate change resilience. Currently this group has 15 members and is busy working on a white paper.</p> <p><u>SURF-Taiwan</u> No update was provided.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
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3.	<p>Conferencing Opportunities:</p> <p>SustRem 2018</p> <p>FB had kindly provided his thoughts on why he felt that SustRem 2016 worked so well and he shared his lessons. There was a consensus that SustRem 2018 should be considered and it was felt that there is still a lot of outreach that needs to be done. It was felt that the focus should be broader than remediation and should be sustainable land management.</p> <p>FB, felt the key to success is collaboration, by bringing knowledge all together in a single event.</p> <p>It was discussed that Scandinavia may be a good location for the next SustRem location as the concept of sustainable land management is growing there. It was felt that the meeting should not be in Denmark as AquaConsoil was hosted there recently.</p> <p>CA confirmed that he is happy to make enquiries with Lars Rosen of Chalmers & Johanna Swederud of Liljemark, Sweden to see if they are interested in hosting SustRem 2018. JH wondered whether there would be an opportunity to perhaps have a two-centred conference with some virtual sessions. JH happy to make enquiries with South America to see if there was interest to host some sessions.</p> <p>AquaConsoil 2018</p> <p>NH enquired whether International SuRF was interested in putting together a workshop/panel discussion at AquaConsoil on the work of SuRF International. Several SuRFs plan to attend and have already submitted abstracts from their countries. It was agreed to put an abstract forward highlighting the work of SuRF International and the progress of ISRA.</p> <p>Action: NH agreed to co-ordinate.</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>JH</p> <p>NH</p>
4.	<p>Actions to Drive Consistency between SURF Initiatives</p> <p><u>International Sustainable Remediation Alliance (ISRA)</u></p> <p>NH explained that a draft website had been developed and asked people for their views. It was agreed that the website was a good start. It was suggested that perhaps the website could link to the SustRem proceedings, link to key up to date internationally recognised documents such as ISO, NICOLE Position papers in multiple languages.</p> <p>Action: NH agreed to work on the website further.</p> <p>NH confirmed that Garry Smith had been in touch with Olivier Maurer for</p>	<p>NH</p>

	<p>suggested contacts with the UN. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to organisations to introduce the work of ISRA once the website is built more .</p> <p>Action: All to think of different organisations to raise the profile of ISRA to.</p> <p><u>Update on ISO on Sustainable Remediation (ISO/TC 190/SC 7/WG 12)</u></p> <p>NH thought that the final amendments to the ISO had been made and the final version will be uploaded soon onto the ISO website.</p>	ALL
	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that the next teleconference should be early March 2017 and will be chaired by Claudio Albano.</p> <p>Action: NH to arrange a time and date.</p> <p>BM thanked everyone and brought the meeting to a close.</p>	NH