# **International SURF Groups and Partners**

## 28th June 2017

## 10.30-11.30 French Time

## Representatives:

■ SuRF-UK : Jonathan Smith (JS) - Chair

■ SuRF-Italy : Renato Baciocchi (RB)

■ SURF-USA : Barbara Maco (BM)

■ NICOLE/SuRF-NL: Hans Slenders (HS)

■ SuRF Japan : Yasuhide Furukawa (YF)

■ SuRF-ANZ : Peter Nadenbaum (PN) & John Hunt (JH)

■ Secretariat : Nicola Harries (NH) CL:AIRE

#### Apologies received:

■ SuRF-Taiwan: Bing Nan Wang (BW)

■ SuRF-Canada : François Beaudoin (FB)

■ SuRF-Brazil: James Henderson (JH)

■ Representing China : Mengfang Chen (MC)

■ SuRF Colombia : Alfonso Rodriguez (AR)

#### **AGENDA**

1	Welcome
2	Recent progress updates
3	Actions to drive consistency between SuRF initiatives
5	Next meeting

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Welcome Nicola Harries (NH) welcomed everyone at AquaConsoil. As so many SuRF chairs were present it was a good chance to have a quick catch up and progress sharing session.	
2.	Recent Progress Updates  Those SuRF Groups and Partners that were present provided a brief update on important news to share on their current initiatives and work that they were undertaking in relation to sustain remediation.  SuRF-UK  Jonathan Smith (JS) confirmed that SuRF-UK Steering Group is meeting in early July to map out Phase 5 work stream. Its main focus is going to be raising the profile of sustainable remediation.  SuRF-NL  Hans Slenders (HS) confirmed that he will be handing over the chair of	
	Surf – NL as the work is now going to be led by the Soil Forum. He and Laurent Bakker (LB) will still be involved along with the work of NICOLE.  Surf-us  Barbara Maco (BM) confirmed that Surf US continues with their regular meetings and they are working closely with Surf Canada on developing a roadmap and case study template on the social aspects of sustainable remediation. Surf US is continuing research on climate change, and conducting capacity building and mentoring more junior staff.	
	Surf-Japan Yasuhide Furukawa (YF) informed the SuRFs that they were waiting for the publication of the ISO and will then develop a road map, framework and Best Management Practices (BMPs) in line with this.  Surf-ANZ JH & PN confirmed that there had not been any progress recently in SuRF-ANZ. They too were eagerly awaiting the publication of the ISO which they hope will raise the profile of sustainable remediation.	
3.	Actions to drive consistency:	
	Americana 2017  BM confirmed that Americana had gone very well and there were a series of presentations on sustainable remediation. SuRF US had worked very closely with SuRF Canada. They had also made contact with Future Earth about ISRA.  AquaConsoil 2017  All confirmed that the platform presentations and workshop sessions at	
	AquaConsoil on sustainable remediation had been successful and there had been a lot of interest. The international poster had also received a lot of interest.	

There was a discussion what the SuRFs could do to drive more consistency. It was felt the publication of the ISO will help this. It was felt reaching out to global groups, looking at the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals and mapping against these could be a useful exercise. There was interest in working collaboratively on a call to try and secure some funding to move the initiative forward collectively. It was felt linking to clean energy and city goals would be advantageous.  It was confirmed that SustRem 2018 would be hosted in Brazil. No further information was available at the time.	
Next meeting The next meeting willd be scheduled in November 2017. NH will coordinate.	NH