

# **The 6<sup>th</sup> SARCCM Advisory/Management Committee meeting and Workshop on Australia-China Joint Research Centre for Transformation of Urban Ports and Harbours**

## **Meeting Minutes**

The annual meeting of the Advisory and Management Committee of the Sino-Australian Research Centre for Coastal Management (SARCCM) and the workshop on the Australia-China Science and Research Fund Joint Research Centre Program were held on October 19, 2015 in the fifth meeting room of Xingyuan Building at the Ocean University of China (OUC). Present at the meeting were A/Prof. Xiao Hua Wang, Director of SARCCM (in Australia) at the University of New South Wales (UNSW); Prof. Yurong Liu, Director of SARCCM (in China); Mr Weidong Li, Deputy Director of the International Office at OUC; Prof. Zaijing You from Ludong University; and Prof. Yingjie Ma, Assoc. Profs Shengkang Liang, Lulu Qiao, Zhen Liu and Dr Dehai Song from OUC. Mr Weidong Li hosted the meeting. The following is a summary of the meeting.

### **1. Prof. LIU Huirong nominated as the Director of SARCCM (in China)**

Prof. Xiangmin Xu was relieved of his duties as the Director of SARCCM (in China) and Prof. Huirong Liu has taken up this post. Prof. Liu noted the significance of SARCCM's contribution to the development of Shandong Province, especially Qingdao City. She stressed the importance of marine laws for marine management in China. Prof. Liu indicated that she would provide continual support SARCCM's operation to further deepen Sino-Australian cooperation.

### **2. A summary of SARCCM's outcomes in 2014-2015**

A/Prof. Xiao Hua Wang, Director of SARCCM (in Australia) presented a report

on the Centre's outcomes for 2014/2015. He cited the statistics of SCI papers with focus on the coastal oceanography around China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan from 2010 to 2015. According to these statistics, the number of papers published by Chinese scholars has risen by 8% annually. These publications are mainly on topics of marine chemistry and marine biology, but few publications have focused on physical oceanography. These statistics show that coastal oceanography will be a key research focus and direction for the future.

### **3. Progress of application for the Australia-China Joint Research Centre**

A/Prof. Xiao Hua Wang introduced the application for the Australia-China Joint Research Centre (ACJRC). Australia released the program guide in July 2015, and the Australian collaborators submitted an application on 14 September 2015. A/Prof. Wang also outlined the three major research goals, the researchers and funds. Prof. Dexing Wu was listed as the Director of ACJRC Program (China) and Prof. Houjie Wang as a Deputy Director. After China releases the program guide, an application needs to be prepared, letters of support collected from program members, and the application and documents translated as soon as possible.



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**Group photo - 6<sup>th</sup> SARCCM Advisory/Management Committee meeting and Workshop on Australia-China Joint Research Centre for Transformation of Urban Ports and Harbours.**