

# International SURF Groups and Partners

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6am British Summer Time

**FINAL**

## Representatives:

- Garry Smith – SuRF-ANZ : Chair
- Claudio Albano - SuRF-Italy
- Jonathan Smith - SuRF-UK
- Lucy Wiltshire - NICOLE
- Chih Huang – SuRF-Taiwan
- Nicola Harries - CL:AIRE Secretariat

## Apologies received:

Sanders Eskes - SuRF-Brazil  
Nick Garson – SuRF-USA  
Hans Slenders & Laurent Bakker – SuRF-NL  
Mengfang Chen – Representing China  
Ryuzo Tazawa – Representing Japan  
Stella Karnis – SuRF-Canada

## AGENDA

	Topic/Desired Outcome
1	<b>Welcome</b>
2	<b>Recent progress updates</b>
3	<b>Upcoming conferencing opportunities</b>
4	<b>Actions to drive consistency between SuRF initiatives</b>
5	<b>Special topic of interest:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Discussion on SuRFs engagement at international meetings- the recent Australian Cleanup 2013 conference</li></ul>
6	<b>Any Other Business</b>
7	<b>Next telecom</b>

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Garry Smith (GS) welcomed everyone and attendees confirmed they were happy with the agenda. GS 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><b>Introductions</b></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. Nicola Harries (NH) presented an update on SURF-Canada on behalf of Stella Karnis (SK) during the call and has also provided an update from SuRF-USA which was received after the call.</p> <p><b><u>SuRF-ANZ</u></b></p> <p>GS explained that Clean Up 2013 was hosted in September 2013 and sustainable remediation was the focus of a special session with presentations from Jonathan Smith, Paul Nathanail and Paul Bardos.</p> <p>At Clean Up 2013, SuRF-ANZ had a meeting of its members. There they agreed the next 12 months should include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To continue with national workshops in partnership with ALGA presenting the purpose of a SuRF-ANZ framework for assessing sustainable remediation. These are sponsored industrially.</li> <li>2. Develop an internet information platform for members to include case studies, best practice documents.</li> <li>3. To develop a National SuRF-ANZ Framework/Best Practice Guide for assessing sites sustainably. This would be a voluntary document developed through CRC Care.</li> <li>4. Change SuRF-ANZ membership to be a fee paying membership of 20 Dollars per person. At present there are 300 members but they are unsure how many will pay a fee.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>SuRF-UK</u></b></p> <p>Jonathan Smith (JS) explained that SuRF-UK is currently focussing resources on finishing Phase 3 works which includes the development of an assessor kit to carry out a simple tier 1 sustainability assessment and carrying out the development of a series of Best Management Practices (BMP) aligned with the already published indicator sets along with the publication of a series of case studies. He confirmed that SuRF-UK has recently published 3 case studies which are presenting three very different case studies. They have been put forward by Shell, Environment Agency (English Regulator) and Vertase FLI a UK remediation contractor. SuRF-UK is actively seeking others to publish. He is hopeful that the remaining parts of the phase 3 works will be published by the end of the year along with additional case studies. JS confirmed the Phase 3 work and two of the case studies were presented at a CL:AIRE conference at the end of September and were well received.</p> <p><b><u>SuRF-ITALY</u></b></p> <p>Claudio Albano (CA) explained that SuRF-Italy had a special session on sustainable remediation at REMTEC in September 2013 and representatives from SuRF-Canada and SuRF-NL were present which</p>	

	<p>CA feels helps greatly to demonstrate that the concepts and challenges of sustainable remediation are global. Papers from the event are downloadable here:</p> <p><a href="http://www.surfitaly.it/documents.html">http://www.surfitaly.it/documents.html</a></p> <p>CA confirmed that SuRF-Italy are hosting SusRem 2014 in Ferrara at the same time as REMTEC 2014. SusRem 2014 is a follow on from SusRem 2012 held in Vienna.</p> <p>CA explained that all SuRF International chairs have been invited to join the scientific committee for the event and were asked to promote the event in their countries.</p> <p>NH was asked to forward the poster advertising the event to all the chairs.</p> <p>SuRF-Italy are currently working on finalising their SuRF-Italy White Paper which will describe where SuRF-Italy currently is with regard to sustainable remediation to identify their current baseline. They are currently bringing all the chapters together. They have noted that they are missing case studies which they are actively trying to gather.</p> <p><b><u>NICOLE</u></b></p> <p>Lucy Wiltshire (LW) confirmed that the joint position statement on sustainable remediation with the Common Forum was launched at their last event in Lisbon to try and widen the message across a broader audience about sustainable remediation. NICOLE is trying to disseminate the message as widely as possible. She confirmed that NICOLE have 9 completed case studies ready for publication, 4 are currently being worked on and a further 10 case studies have been promised since Lisbon. NICOLE are going to try and focus their effort to publishing case studies as this is what their members have asked for.</p> <p><b><u>SURF-Taiwan</u></b></p> <p>Chih Huang (CH) confirmed that SuRF-Taiwan is very young and supported by the EPA. They are currently developing an assessment tool which they are carrying out sensitivity testing by demonstrating on two case study sites. It is anticipated that the demonstration case studies will be finished in the first quarter 2014. CH also confirmed that at a SE Asia training workshop for government officers, the concepts of sustainable remediation were presented and there was a good response.</p> <p><b><u>SuRF-Canada (NH presented on behalf of Stella Karnis)</u></b></p> <p>Three main areas of work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outreach and Planning</li> <li>2. Technical Initiatives and Group Structure</li> <li>3. Website</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Outreach and Planning</u></b></p> <p>Continue to diversify membership through information sharing tools (website and coail media) and conferences  Continue to partner for conferences, workshops and university programs  Continue with regular calls  Develop provincial and regional leadership and increase provincial government and non-government membership and support</p>	<p>NH</p>
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### **Technical Initiatives and Group Structure**

Continue collaboration as needed on the FCSAP project for the incorporation of sustainability in the FCSAP program  
Formalise structure as a “non profit”  
“Sustainable Remediation in Canada” publication  
Collaborate on international initiatives including ISO document

### **Website**

Post presentations from conferences, agenda for meetings, minutes of meetings, and other pertinent information.

**\*\*\*POST MEETING NOTE\*\***

**SURF-USA** - Update provided by Nick Garson

Next meeting will be a webinar, planned for November 12<sup>th</sup> 2013. This is planned to be a short, virtual meeting that will focus on organization status, followed by several case study presentations.

### **Water Reuse Initiative**

- A manuscript has been completed bringing attention to the emerging issues related to Water Conservation and Reuse and will be published on the SURF website by the end of the month.
- A shorter version of this article is undergoing final review in anticipation of publication in Remediation Journal (Dec 2013)

### **Social Aspects Initiative**

- This new technical initiative will focus on preparing a White Paper that will present a variety of methods and case studies for evaluating the impact to society from remediation activities. The methods presented in the White Paper will consist of both quantitative and qualitative analyses. The White Paper will also explore the importance of evaluating the impact to the social nexus of remediation as well as society's relationship to the environmental and economic aspects of sustainable remediation.

### **Case Studies Initiative**

- SURF has received feedback over the past several years (both internally and externally) that we need to compile a case study inventory showing examples of successful sustainable remediation implementation and how “Triple Bottom Line” objectives have been met.
- This new technical initiative will focus on setting criteria for case study submission, evaluation and development of a standardized presentation format. Once complete, the case studies would be available as a member resource for best-practices sharing, including discussions with external functions (i.e. management, conferences, agencies, other professional organizations, etc).

### **International Status Initiative**

- White Paper in progress with an anticipated publication in Remediation Journal (early 2014)

### **Sustainable Remediation Initiative (SRI)**

- Partnership among SURF, American Petroleum Institute (API) and ITRC
- Currently preparing implementation plans for government agency outreach (state and federal), eventually to be accompanied by “face-to-face” visits with agency representatives

	<b>All other SURF Networks were not represented on the call therefore could not provide an update.</b>	
3.	<p><b>Upcoming conferencing opportunities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Battelle 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014</li> <li>■ Ecoforum 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 –</li> <li>■ RemTech Italy – September 2014</li> <li>■ SusRem 2014 – 17-19<sup>th</sup> September 2014</li> <li>■ ADVOCATE Project – September 2014?</li> <li>■ HOMBRE TIMBRE GREENLAND CABERNET conference – 13 – 17th October 2014</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Actions to Drive Consistency between SURF Initiatives</b></p> <p><b>Update on ISO on Sustainable Remediation</b></p> <p>JS &amp; GS confirmed that they had spoken to Paul Nathanail (PN) at Clean Up 2013 and he confirmed that he had received all the chapters from the authors and was currently working on collating the chapters. The original deadline was April 2013 but he has been hampered by workload and no secretarial support. It is believed that he has now received help with secretarial support from DIN Germany. They understand that there is some concern from government agencies about the section written on governance and regulatory issues. PN believes that this is an important topic and should be included as it is important to understand how different governments approach landuse planning and environmental management.</p> <p>JS &amp; GS were led to believe that the final draft will be ready at the end of October, however they have not seen a draft and they would anticipate the contributing authors will see a draft prior to submission.</p> <p><b>Training/Webinars/Seminars</b></p> <p>GS confirmed that he felt that the engagement of international participants from other countries at conferences is invaluable and if it is possible to share resources this is also very helpful. GS explained that at Clean Up 2013, SuRF-UK had allowed SURF-ANZ to use a number of their resources in their delegate packs.</p> <p>Sharing of case studies is also seen as useful.</p> <p>CA explained that SuRF-Italy are moving forward with hosting SusRem 2014 in Ferrara, Italy. It will be running parallel with RemTec but with its own dedicated conference area. CA suggested that the conference could be a good opportunity for the International SuRFs to have a face to face meeting. CA explained that the call for abstracts is due out shortly, with also an opportunity to host workshops. Do the SuRFs want to organise its own workshop? CA extended invites to all the SuRF chairs to be on the scientific technical committee.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Special topic of interest:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Discussion on SuRFs engagement at international meetings- the recent Australian Cleanup 2013 conference</li> </ul>	

	<p>GS explained that at Clean Up 2013, he felt that it was invaluable to have international speakers on sustainable remediation. He thanked Jonathan Smith who provided two key note addresses, and Paul Nathanail who gave an update on the development of ISO, Paul Bardos gave a presentation on sustainable remediation practices and Carlos Pachon gave a USEPA perspective. GS explained that there was also a strong delegation from Taiwan. Due to the good working relationship between the SuRFs, it enabled SuRF-ANZ to reproduce a number of SuRF-UK publications for the delegate packs.</p> <p>One common aspect is that the budgets across the different SuRFs is tight, is there a way to alleviate this issue? GS thought that perhaps there was an opportunity to apply to the United Nations? There may be funding grants available for international collaborative submissions? GS to investigate if any funding opportunities are available and feedback.</p> <p>CA offered his support with this as he feels that working together with all the different SuRFs is useful. He felt that the unified approach might be more attractive. At RemTech, CA explained that they had representation from SuRF-Canada and SuRF Netherlands.</p>	GS
6.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>SuRF-Secretariat</b>  JS explained that SuRF-UK through financial support from Shell Global Solutions had paid for CL:AIRE's time to perform the secretariat duties for the first year of existence. The first year is now up. He requested that if people felt it was useful to continue the quarterly conference calls, then was it possible that other SuRFs contribute toward the secretariat costs?</p> <p>GS felt that the calls were useful and he would enquire within ANZ to see if there are any funds available to help towards the cost of the secretariat.</p> <p>An alternative would be for different SuRFs to take it in turn and perform the secretariat duties.</p> <p>There was general support for CL:AIRE to continue to perform the secretariat duties to keep the continuity.</p> <p>All SuRFs will discuss internally if there is the possibility of assisting with the costs and confirm back to JS. JS confirmed that Shell would continue to pay for CL:AIRE until the end of 2013.</p> <p>GS asked whether there could be branding opportunities for sponsors? NH to look into this but she did not feel that this would be a problem.</p> <p><b>Membership</b>  JS asked the different SuRFs whether they could provide information as to how people became a member of their respective SuRF organisations.</p> <p><b>Next Special Topic discussion</b>  GS felt that it would be useful to understand the different regulators approach across the different countries.</p> <p>JS explained that Shell is carrying out its own review of legislative directives and guidances that is available globally and references sustainable remediation. JS is happy to share if it once the project is complete. He confirmed that it has only just started.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>NH</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p><b>Next telecon meeting</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the next teleconference should be held in January 2014. NH to arrange the date. It is to be chaired by the Americas (Canada, US or Brazil).</p>	NH
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