

# International SURF Groups and Partners

9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

1.30 pm UK Time

## Representatives:

- SuRF-UK : Jonathan Smith (JS) (Chair)
- SuRF-Taiwan: Erica Chiang (EC)
- SURF-USA : Barbara Maco (BM)
- SuRF-Canada : François Beaudoin (FB) / Stella Karnis (SK)
- SuRF-ANZ : Garry Smith (GS)
- SuRF-Italy : Claudio Albano (CA)
  
- NICOLE/SuRF-NL: Hans Slenders (HS)
- Representing Japan : Yasuhide Furukawa (YF)
- Secretariat : Nicola Harries (NH) CL:AIRE
  
- **Apologies received:**
- SuRF-Brazil: James Henderson (JH)
- 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**
- 4 **Actions to drive consistency between SuRF initiatives**
- 5 **Special topic of interest**  
  
International Affiliation of Sustainable Remediation  
Update on ISO on Sustainable Remediation  
SustRem 2016 – Panel Discussion
- 6 **Any Other Business**
- 7 **Next meeting**

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Jonathan Smith (JS) on behalf of SuRF UK chaired and welcomed everyone. The attendees confirmed they were happy with the agenda. JS 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.</p> <p><b><u>SuRF-ANZ</u></b></p> <p>Garry Smith (GS) provided an update on SuRF-ANZ. He confirmed its membership is growing and they now have between 400-500 members. Their membership is administered through ALGA and they offer SuRF-ANZ as an additional part of their membership as a special interest group. The biggest challenge for SuRF-ANZ going forward is not to be considered as a special interest group, but more mainstream. They have now seen greater interest in their work with regulators and SuRF-ANZ are now working with regulators to try and get sustainable remediation as a consideration into the National Remediation Framework.</p> <p><b><u>SuRF-Canada</u></b></p> <p>Stella Karnis (SK) provided an update on behalf of SuRF-Canada. She explained that their main efforts have been supporting and organising SustRem 2016.</p> <p><b><u>SuRF-ITALY</u></b></p> <p>Claudio Albano (CA) provided an update on behalf of SuRF-Italy. They recently attended and provided a presentation at SICON (national conference on remediation) and will be present at SustRem2016. He confirmed that they are focusing on publishing their technical framework for Sustainable Remediation, following publication of the White Paper. The White paper was originally issued in September 2014, it has now been reviewed extensively by the Italian regulators who have asked for some changes to be implemented in its current release. It is hoped that the Technical Framework Document draft version will be published in Summer 2016 and presented at conferences in the Autumn 2016.</p> <p><b><u>SuRF-NL</u></b></p> <p>Hans Slenders (HS) provided an update on behalf of SuRF – NL. He confirmed that SuRF-NL has had a quiet year; however there is a new programme that is currently being set up in the Netherlands which they are hopeful will support the work of SuRF-NL going forward. SuRF-NL is hoping to plan some workshops later in the year.</p> <p><b><u>NICOLE</u></b></p> <p>The working group continues to function but the frequency of meetings has now decreased to once a year. NICOLE Sustainable Remediation Working Group will remain to be active at events and conferences to promote the uptake of sustainable remediation.</p> <p><b><u>JAPAN</u></b></p> <p>Yasuhide Furukawa (YF) provided an update on the activities in Japan. YF confirmed that a sustainable remediation workshop was held by AIST</p>	

in October 2015, this was followed up in February 2016 where a sustainable remediation consortium was established. The chair of the consortium is Tetsuo Yasutaka. In March 2016, the consortium had their first meeting. YF confirmed that he would be attending SustRem 2016 where he will be representing the consortium.

**SuRF-Colombia**

Alfonso Rodriguez (AR) was unable to attend the meeting but sent an update for NH to share. He explained that the Colombian Government (Environmental Ministry) is now developing brownfield and contaminated land guidance which will include sustainability. It is understood that the first draft of this document will be ready later this year. AR confirmed that they are looking to work with industry such as mining and oil and gas to develop good case studies and are looking to get more remediation companies interested in being part of SuRF Colombia.

**SuRF-UK**

Jonathan Smith (JS) provided an update on SuRF-UK. He explained that the paper for Science of the Total Environment (STOTEN) special publication focussing on the work of SuRF-UK and the Phase 3 deliverables has now been published. JS also confirmed that Paul Bardos has been co-ordinating a Special Issue publication on Sustainable Remediation through the Journal of Environmental Management with JS & NH supporting.

Phase 4 work programme has not yet progressed. JS confirmed that he and NH will be providing a professional development workshop at SustRem on sustainable remediation and what SuRF-UK has learnt .

**SuRF-US**

Barbara Maco (BM) provided an update on SuRF-US activities. She confirmed that SuRF-US is celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they will be using the anniversary as an opportunity to reach out to more members. BM confirmed that SuRF-US had published a white paper on "Social Dimensions" in December 2015. They had recently had their 31<sup>st</sup> meeting where they discussed climate change & resilience. At this meeting there were a number of new people which she felt was a reflection of the topic that was being discussed. SuRF-US is keen to continue to reach out and share their knowledge to a wider community.

BM confirmed that SuRF-US had recently surveyed their membership to understand what they would like SuRF-US to deliver next, and one aspect was quarterly webinars. They are currently looking into this as they understand that this may encourage a wider cross section of membership and improve engagement even further.

**SURF-Taiwan**

No update was provided due to technical issues.

**SuRF-Brasil**

No update provided.

**CHINA**

No update provided.

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**Conferencing opportunities:**

	SustRem 2016 – Montreal, Canada 26-28 April 2016	
4.	<p><b>Actions to Drive Consistency between SURF Initiatives</b></p> <p><b><u>Establishment of International Alliance of Sustainable Remediation Forums</u></b></p> <p>Garry Smith provided an outline of the purpose of the establishment of the International Alliance as set out in the circulated paper. NH confirmed that all groups had voted on the establishment of the International Alliance including SuRF Brazil that voted post the meeting. All were in favour. All were also in favour of their logos being included (except for Japan as SuRF Japan has not officially established yet and does not have a logo). Once established SuRF Japan's logo will be included. Other groups such as NICOLE and Chinese Groups will be invited to join as will other groups that countries feel would benefit joining the alliance.</p> <p>It was agreed that SuRF ANZ will chair the alliance for the first year, and will prepare a draft paper that can be used by the different groups (if they wished) to inform their regulators and industry to show that sustainable remediation is a globally supported initiative. The alliance is to help promote sustainable remediation in any way the different SuRFs felt it would help move the concept of sustainable remediation in their country.</p> <p>It was agreed that activity updates would be provided on the quarterly calls.</p> <p>It was agreed that an acronym or abbreviation of IASRS would help in promotion activities.</p> <p>It was agreed that the initiative was an <b><u>alliance</u></b> rather than affiliation or association.</p> <p>All were asked to think of abbreviations and forward to NH.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> All to forward suggested abbreviations/acronyms by <b>11/3/16</b>.</p> <p>After, NH would set up a survey and ask people to vote on the preferred abbreviations.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> NH to set up survey for SuRF Chairs to vote.</p> <p>Suggested abbreviations on the phone were: ISA – International SuRF Alliance, ISRA – International Sustainable Remediation Alliance or ISuRF</p> <p><b><u>Update on ISO on Sustainable Remediation (ISO/TC 190/SC 7/WG 12)</u></b></p> <p>JS confirmed that those countries that had responded to the consultation, he understood that there was a 100% acceptance of the standard subject to the changes that each country had put forward for consideration.</p> <p>He is currently waiting to hear the time frame for completion and publication.</p> <p><b><u>SustRem 2016 Panel Discussion</u></b></p> <p>FB confirmed that attendance registration for SustRem is going well. The conference is running over 4 days. Day 1 is professional training, Day 2 &amp; 3 SustRem is running concurrently with the RPIC conference</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>NH</p>

	<p>and Day 4 is just SustRem. The panel discussion is day 4 in the morning.</p> <p>It is anticipated that 150 people may attend the workshop. NH had circulated an outline for discussion with suggested speakers. The outline was agreed but it was felt that the time for discussion at the end needed to be lengthened. This would be possible by reducing the number of speakers in the different sections.</p> <p>It was agreed that SK would chair the panel discussion and the following speakers to present:</p> <p>JS – provide an introduction of the SuRF International Network  NH – provide a short presentation on the establishment of the international alliance  BM &amp; Colin Chen (CC) – To outline the greatest challenges and opportunities  JH &amp; YF – To outline the development of new SuRFs focussing on the drivers  CA &amp; HS – The importance of getting broader stakeholder awareness &amp; engagement.</p> <p>Discussion: 30 minutes.</p> <p>NH was asked to circulate an updated outline for the panel discussion.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> NH to circulate amended panel discussion programme</p> <p>FB confirmed that all presentations will need to be translated into French, so it was asked if all presenters could prepare their slides for <b>30th March 2016</b>.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> All presentations to be sent to NH for forwarding to FB by <b>30/3/16</b>.</p> <p>It was agreed that all speakers would meet up ahead of the panel discussion to gather thoughts on issues that could be discussed in the panel discussion.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> It was agreed to meet at lunchtime on <b><u>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016</u></b> to finalise the panel discussion.</p> <p>FB agreed to make a room available for the SuRF representatives to meet.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> FB to locate a room for SuRF chairs to meet.</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>ALL &amp; NH</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>FB</p>
6.	<p><b>AOB</b>  No further business was raised.</p>	
	<p><b>Next meeting</b>  It was agreed that the next teleconference should be early July 2016 and to be chaired by Garry Smith. NH to arrange a time and date. JS thanked everyone and brought the meeting to a close.</p>	<p>NH</p>