
















## Rivers of the World - Action Items from Annual Meeting Notes 10/25/14

Action Items are listed after the List of Participants below who attended and called into the meeting:

Participants	At the meeting	Row Activity/Specialty		Participants Calling in
			<i>International</i>	Local Time Zone
			INDIA 11 AM EST Sharadh Sindhia	 9.5 hrs ahead 8:30 PM IST
Dick Lahn		Water Monitoring Kit and communication	Noel Hechanova Philippines 10:30 AM EST	 12 hrs ahead 10:30 PM local
Dilli Neupane		Focusing on Rivers in Nepal, Expertise in water treatment	Zhao Hong China Couldn't connect – sent input by email 10:45 AM EST	 12 hrs ahead 10:45 PM local

Participants	At the meeting	Row Activity/Specialty	Domestic	Participants Calling in	
Edmund Wong Called in		Environmental chemistry, Bioremediation	Daryl Jackson Oklahoma		1 hr. behind EST
Matthew Perry		Biodiversity, Wildlife, Ecosystem management	Dennis Haag, Kansas		1 hr behind EST
Subijoy Dutta		Water treatment, River restoration, and Watershed management			
Sudheer Shukla		Mathematical modeling, Analysis, Climate change	Kusuma Cunningham Florida		EST
Tanja Crk Called in		Wildlife restoration, protection, Biological species, effect of pesticides			
William Roper		Innovative water treatment system, Remote sensing technologies, Erosion control systems	Raj Rajaram, Chicago		CST

## Action Items for 2015

- ✓ Dick Lahn to pursue Airlink <http://www.airlink-info.org> as a partner to provide us resources to travel.
- ✓ Dick will work with Dilli to do the water quality monitoring kit. Jennifer Sohns will help with water monitoring project. Ideal would be to have 5 kits to test in 5 cities.
- ✓ Conference calls: Everyone should have a project for 2015. (If projects are vague Subijoy and Dick will follow up to make definitive. .) Then conference calls will be held to check in and track progress. Proposed calls:
  - ✓ Jan 19, 2015, 12 Noon to 1:00 PM
  - ✓ April 24, 2015, 12 Noon to 1:00 PM;
  - ✓ Future calls for 2015 will be set on Jan 19th.
- ✓ Subijoy & Dilli: To plan a trip to SW VA to see tributaries of Clinch River and through Bill Roper partner ROW with Community College part of the UVA system to monitor the existing condition of the River and compare later.
- ✓ Sudheer Shukla will look into possible interface between Rivers and Climate Change issues.
- ✓ Tanja Crk will be identifying some active projects to undertake for Rivers of the World.
- ✓ Subijoy will be attending the International River Summit 2014 (Nov 19-22) in Philippines, and visit the Marikina River and the Iloilo River with Noel and others.
- ✓ Dennis will continue to work on the River and Lake Restorations in Karnataka, India, Philippines, and other areas. He is looking into applications of the Rigby system as an effective technology for these restorations.
- ✓ Kusuma and Sharadh Sindhia (Bangalore, india) will pursue the proposal sent to the local authorities for the Lake and River Restorations in Karnataka, India.
- ✓ Daryl Jackson mentioned about looking to the Wister Lake in Oklahoma which needs to be cleaned up by aeration method and other technologies.
- ✓ Noel Hechanova is actively involved with the students in building parks along the river in Iloilo. They are also going to host a River Summit in 2015 in Iloilo where many countries are expected to participate.
- ✓ Zhao Hong couldn't connect but conveyed through an email – “Right now there are very serious air pollution problems in Wuhan, and people are very eager to have clean air and clean water. I believe in 2015 many people will join the ranks of environmental

protection in Wuhan. As for water quality monitoring, I will contact the college's environmental team, if they very interested, I will contact you.”

- ✓ Edmond Wong will list within a week all rivers and sites where we are working in the GEMS program : <http://www.gemstat.org/docs/031050StationProfile.pdf>
- ✓ Matt Perry is writing a paper for the International River Summit in Philippines. Subijoy will present his paper in Philippines. Matt is interested in having arranging an awareness hike along the Patuxent River.
- ✓ Raj Rajaram will be connecting some of the ROW members with the India coordinators and teachers of PRATHAM educational effort for furthering water education and awareness amongst the children and adults in India.
- ✓ Dilli will email Dick info and contact on water monitoring kit. May be will be able to get a number of free kits from Unicef.
- ✓ Bill Roper will continue his effort on the new water treatment technologies.
- ✓ Subijoy will be looking into an active education effort for children to provide them with a solid foundation on Math, Science and other subjects for them to be stewards in protecting and restoring Rivers, Lakes and other waterbodies.