

## IAPWS Canadian National Committee

### Annual Report 2013

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**Executive:** *David Guzonas (IAPWS Vice President, member-at-large); William Cook (Chair); Derek Lister (Secretary-Treasurer); Peter Tremaine (Member at Large); Melonie Myszczyzyn (Member at Large); Steve McGee (CANDU Owners Group Representative)*

**1. Canadian National Committee:** Dues for the Canadian National Committee (CNC) of IAPWS are supported by the National Research Council of Canada. This arrangement requires support and participation by a national organization representing industry. In 2004 the CANDU Owners Group took on this role on a trial basis, and in 2007 the CANDU Owners Group accepted this role for a five-year term, including travel support for the academic members of the CNC. In December 2012, chairman Guzonas met with the CANDU Owners Group and was able to secure this essential industry support for the CNC for the next five years.

Due to his role as the chair of the Joint Committee on the Properties of Seawater, Prof. Rich Pawlowicz (University of British Columbia) has agreed to sit on the CNC as a member-at-large.

Dr. Dave Guzonas accepted the CNC nomination to be Canada's choice for IAPWS vice-president for 2013-2014. He will transition to IAPWS president for 2015-2016. Prof. William Cook accepted the CNC nomination to become chair of the CNC due to the vacancy left with Dr. Guzonas' promotion.

### **2. NSERC/NRCan/AECL Generation IV Energy Technologies Program**

A major university-based program to study water chemistry in support of the development of the Canadian Supercritical Water-cooled Reactor concept (NSERC/NRCan/AECL Generation IV Energy Technologies Program) is currently in Phase II and includes seven water chemistry projects that cover two main themes: a) corrosion product transport and deposition, and b) water radiolysis. The goal is to develop chemistry control strategies for the SCWR as well as recommend realistic chemistry conditions for corrosion testing for materials selection. The program also funds eight projects examining materials degradation phenomena (e.g., corrosion, stress corrosion cracking, creep) at temperatures up to 850 °C. The yearly workshop for the program members was held in Toronto in June 2013.

Research on high-temperature water chemistry being funded by this program includes:

**P. Tremaine (U. of Guelph):** Aqueous chemistry of metals and fission product under SCWR conditions.

**C. Pye (St. Mary's University):** Ab initio calculations on ionic hydration and complexation.

**W. Cook (U. of New Brunswick):** Corrosion product transport and deposition under SCWR conditions.

**I. Svishchev (Trent University):** Water chemistry, pH control and particle formation process in an SCWR.

**A. Anderson (St. Francis Xavier University):** Time-resolved investigations of metal oxide-water systems under conditions of extreme temperature, pressure and radiation.

**P. Percival (Simon Fraser University), K. Ghandi (Mount Allison University):** Reaction kinetics in SCW probed using muonium.

**J.-P. Jay-Gerin (U. of Sherbrooke):** Computational modelling of water radiolysis in high temperature water (including SCW).

**C. Wren (U. of Western Ontario):** Water radiolysis effects on materials degradation in high temperature water (including SCW).

The chemistry program is co-ordinated by D. Guzonas (AECL).

### **3. Activities at the University of New Brunswick**

#### **D. Lister**

Heat exchanger fouling; examining the effects of surfactants on magnetite deposition during boiling heat transfer (collaboration with AECL). Preliminary studies developed an accurate way of measuring local deposit thicknesses ex-situ.

Flow-accelerated corrosion; predicting the characteristics of scallops (the sculpting of surfaces undergoing FAC). Correlating the pattern of FAC recorded in many laboratory experiments at different conditions of flow, pH, etc. will lead to greater understanding of the FAC phenomenon in general.

Modelling reactor primary circuit contamination. Inserting FAC mechanisms and in-core effects into models for material transport will lead to predictions of radiation fields.

Sampling high-temperature water systems; modelling hold-up of corrosion products in coolers and introducing precipitation kinetics provides information relevant to the IAPWS technical guidance document.

Characterising the effects of film-forming amines on FAC in two-phase flow. Scoping studies in single-phase flow are complete and similar experiments under two-phase flow at 200C are imminent.

#### **W. Cook**

Active involvement in the Generation IV Technologies Program for development of the SCWR. The major focus is corrosion-product transport and deposition in the core of a SCWR where both experimental techniques and modeling are employed to elucidate material corrosion and the deposition kinetics of the “fall-out” from solution that occurs upon traversing the critical point.

Electrowinning of metals from solutions is an additional industrial project of note. Initial work (modelling and some experimental) has been undertaken on zinc, indium and manganese production. Optimization of modelling involves use of the PCAS thermodynamic models.

#### **4. Activities at the University of Guelph (Prof. Peter Tremaine)**

##### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

CANDU Nuclear Reactor Chemistry: D<sub>2</sub>O Isotope Effects on Acid-base Ionization and Metal Hydrolysis (UNENE/NSREC CRD Grant)

Metals and Fission Products in Sub-critical and Supercritical Water (NRCan/AECL/ NSERC CRD Grants):

Boric Acid Speciation and Phase Behaviour up to 350 °C at 25 MPa : (EPRI)

Phase Separating Amines for Carbon Capture (NSERC International Strategic Grant with University Blaise Pascal, France)

#### **5. Activities at the University of British Columbia (Prof. Rich Pawlowicz)**

Activities related to the subcommittee on seawater (SCSW):

Proposal of the Joint Committee on the Properties of Seawater to SCOR and IAPSO, who accepted (so it is now the IAPWS/SCOR/IAPSO Joint Committee on the Properties of Seawater (JCS)

Development of membership of JCS, became chair. As JCS chair, organization of workshops at ICPW16 to explore IAPWS/BIPM collaboration.

With the assistance of Chuning Wang, a new graduate student from China, five Chinese-language scientific articles on “Chinese Standard Seawater” (the oceanographic conductivity reference material used in China about which little is known in the west) were translated. The documents were circulated to JCS members for comments from the membership, especially Industry representatives.

#### **6. Activities Planned to next ICPWS (2017/18)**

The CNC discussed potential activities over the next 4 - 5 year period and mostly intend to carry on work that is currently ongoing, as described above. The supercritical water-cooled reactor project is a focus for much of the current research activities of the CNC. This university-government-industry program focused on fundamental research will conclude Phase II in 2016 but it is currently planned to have more focused research beginning in Phase III.

Each of the CNC members and IAPWS-involved researchers in Canada are involved in industry-sponsored research with organizations such as EPRI and the Candu Owners Group pertinent to topics of interest to IAPWS.

The CNC identified that the reformulation of the properties of heavy water is of great interest to Canada and will likely provide contacts with the CANDU community to support the work.

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