

# ASFPM International Committee workplan for 2017-2018

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## Section 1

### Committee Overview

The primary mission of the International Committee is to provide a platform to exchange knowledge and best practices on the wise use of floodplains in order to reduce flood losses, manage water resources, and promote sustainability in the built and natural environment.

### Vision

ASFPM is a valued and effective resource for advising and interfacing with national counterparts and policy leaders in other nations regarding identification and reduction of flood risk, including adaptation to the flood-related impacts of a changing climate. This engagement provides valuable context and helps inform adjustments to US-based policies and practices while providing ASFPM members with risk-reduction techniques that are successful and applicable in the U.S.

### Goals

1. To develop contacts, partnerships and relationships with national counterparts and policy leaders in other nations;
2. To conduct mutually-beneficial engagements, identify best policies and practices in the assessing and reducing of flood risk;
3. To disseminate knowledge gained to ASFPM membership, and
4. Where possible, engage with other organizations sharing similar goals in the field of flood management.

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## Section 2

Outlines for 2017-2018 to be accomplished by this committee and the list of work tasks.

### Outline of Tasks

The International Committee has the following standard work items that are ongoing in nature:

1. Collaborate with other ASFPM committees and board to advance the International Committees' goals and objectives and to serve international needs of all committees.

2. Continue to build relationships and facilitate exchange of knowledge with floodplain managers in other countries.
  - Based on annual meeting at past ASFPM's conferences, the following focus areas and their leading contacts were selected. Focus areas are not limited to the following, but the International Committee and all members present at meeting believe that there is a need to have a leading contact
    - UK - David Powers and Jonathan Simms
    - Canada - Flair Feltmate
    - Australia - Allan Gear and Mark Forest
    - Poland and Czech Republic - Janusz Zaleski and Bo Juza
3. Participate in ASFPM Policy Committee Conference Calls and Retreats. Attend Policy Committee Chair Meeting at national conference and hold annual committee meeting.
4. Prepare Annual Reports and Develop Workplans.
5. Increase ASFPM membership and effectively engage International Committee members.
  - Seek contacts within governmental agencies and embassies in DC to increase outreach. (Shana Udvardy)
  - Focus on climate issues (Policy, Climate Adaptation)
  - Learn about international flood policies around the world especially in EU countries, Australia and Great Britain. Promote sharing and information exchange with ASFPM membership with webinars and social media. (LinkedIn group ...)
  - Contribute technical and nontechnical articles to ASFPM newsletters
6. Maintain and increase International Committee engagement, collaboration and membership with ASFPM members through social media using the International Committee pages on LinkedIn and Twitter.
7. Establish and continue collaboration with other similar organizations. (American Water Resources Association, Floodplain Management Australia, etc.)

### **Section 3:**

The following are the detailed Task Summary Sheets for each task required to complete this workplan:

Schedule all IC members conference call for June and October 2018

Prepare and share information related to flood insurance in following geographic areas: UK, AU, Canada, CZ/Poland aiming to focus on list of questions.

- a) Extent of coverage
- b) Building Codes/Mitigation/Disaster cost
- c) Affordability

- d) Risk-based (yes/no)
- e) Mandatory/Voluntary
- f) Subsidized rate and other related issues
- g) Flood source
- h) Repetitive losses