



Global Fluid Power Society

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Participant meeting

October 8th, 2019

FPMC2019 – Bath/ASME Symposium on Fluid Power and Motion Control
Zota Beach Resort, Florida

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Tuesday, Oct 8th 2019

In attendance:

Pietro Marani – IMAMOTER C.N.R., Italy

Lasse Schmidt – Aalborg University, Denmark

Damiano Padovani - University of Agder, Norway

Rudolf Scheidl – Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria

Bernhard Manhartsgruber – Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria

Marcus Geimer – Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany

Kim Stelson – University of Minnesota, USA

Bin Yao – Purdue University, USA

Huayong Yang – Zhejiang University, China

Travis Wiens – University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Heikki Handroos – Lappeenranta Univ of Technology, Finland

Paul Michael – Milwaukee School of Engineering, USA

Nigel Johnston – University of Bath, UK

Songjing Li – Harbin Institute of Technology, China

Matthias Liermann – Danfoss Power Solutions, Germany

Katharina Schmitz – RWTH Aachen University, Germany

Andrew Plummer – University of Bath, UK (Chair)

Agenda

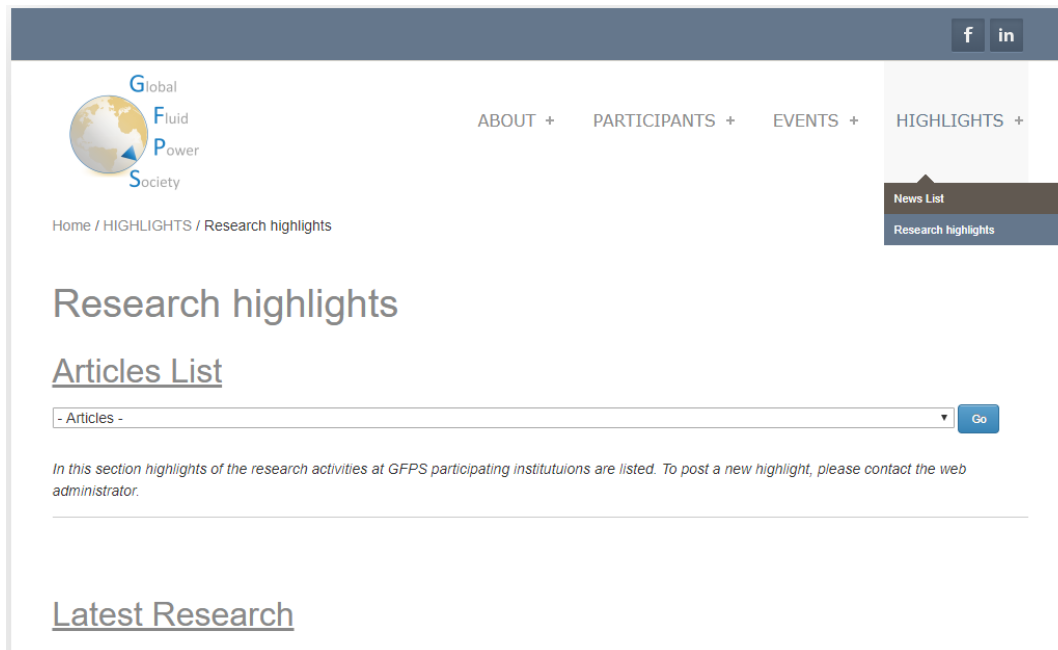
1. GFPS objectives and activities
2. GFPS2020 PhD symposium
3. International Journal of Fluid Power

GFPS objectives and activities

The Chair gave a brief overview of GFPS objectives and activities, including a reminder of the 'Job vacancy' posting available to members, and a request for items for the 'research highlights' section of the website (<https://www.gfpsweb.org/>).

The future GFPS supported conferences were reviewed.

ACTION: add FPMC2020, 9-11 Sept 2020, Bath



The screenshot shows the GFPS website interface. At the top right, there are social media icons for Facebook and LinkedIn. The main navigation menu includes 'ABOUT +', 'PARTICIPANTS +', 'EVENTS +', and 'HIGHLIGHTS +'. The 'HIGHLIGHTS +' menu is expanded, showing 'News List' and 'Research highlights'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home / HIGHLIGHTS / Research highlights'. The main heading is 'Research highlights', followed by a sub-heading 'Articles List'. Below this is a search bar with the text '- Articles -' and a 'Go' button. A note states: 'In this section highlights of the research activities at GFPS participating institutions are listed. To post a new highlight, please contact the web administrator.' At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Latest Research'.

GFP2020 PhD symposium

The GFPS2020 PhD symposium (<http://www.gfps2020.org/>) was discussed.

Important to get PhD students to submit their abstracts now. (*Note from GFPS2018: presentations should be made by the students, not their supervisors, and only one presentation per student preferred*)

ACTION (Songjing): deadlines on Call for Papers and website should be consistent, and 6 weeks is required between paper submission and decision in order to allow for reviewing.

International Journal of Fluid Power

Four points raised by Andrea following discussion with IJFP publishers were discussed:

1. Special issues. Meeting was generally positive about journal special issues. These could result from GFPS-supported conferences (where there are no conflicting publishing arrangements). However, it was felt that requesting special topics or applications to be suggested would be more fruitful (e.g. AM for hydraulic components). Could go beyond traditional FP boundaries.
2. River Publishers could provide a conference paper submission tool. It was agreed that this could be suggested to GFPS conference organisers, but we would first need to be confident it was a high quality tool suitable for the purpose. Are there examples of successful use (need to talk to users).
3. GFPS pay a subscription to allow free access to the Journal for members. It was agreed that members should be surveyed to determine how beneficial this would be. Many may already have institutional subscriptions.
4. Agreed that the publisher could be suggested as an option for publishing books that might be written in the FP field by members. Board of Directors to decide whether to endorse any publication.

International Journal of Fluid Power

A broad discussion about the journal followed. The importance of ISI / Web of Science recognition was emphasised. Concern about the journal's future was expressed, and the increased recognition it would have if it were published by a learned institution or well known publisher.

Suggestions included:

- Associate editors in more junior positions who has the motivation/time to actively grow activities.
- Encourage review papers to increase citations