
Global Fluid Power Society (GFPS)

a merge between

FPNI (Fluid Power Net International)

FPCE (Network of Fluid Power Centres of Europe)

Meeting minutes, September, 9th, 2016

Meeting time

12:30pm – 2pm

Attendance

Provisional Directors: H. Murrenhoff, A. Vacca, A. Plummer, S. Li

Institutions represented: IFAS (Germany), U of Bath (UK), U of Missouri (USA), Purdue (USA), TU Dresden (Germany), INSA Lyon (France), Univ. of Minnesota (USA), National Defence Academy (Japan), Yokohama University (Japan), IMAMOTER (Italy), University of Naples (Italy), Zhejiang University (China), Harbin Univ. of Technology (China), Linkoping University (Sweden), J. Kepler Univ (Austria), Samara State Aerospace Univ. (Russian Federation), American Univ. do Beirut (Lebanon), Karlsruhe Univ. of Tech. (Germany), Tampere Univ of Technology (Finland)

Meeting topics

1. Recap about FPNI and FPCE merge

Andrea Vacca gave a summary of the past meetings and discussions that made the FPNI and FPCE merge possible.

The name “Global Fluid Power Society” and the acronyms GFPS were decided during a meeting at the IFK in March 2016

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2. GFPS mission, statute, structure and logo

The provisional directors worked on a definition of GFPS mission and statute.

The mission and the main points of the statute were illustrated. These will be reflected in the website, online in Oct 2016 (see proper sections at the website).

Chosen Logo (among 5 alternative proposals):



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3. Participation policy

Participation policy for GFPS will be by institution.

Two levels: regular institution (\$ 300 per year)
 small institution (\$70 x number individuals)

Small institutions will not nominate board members

Andrea Vacca reported the support ASME FPST agreed (\$2000) for 2017

Other GFPS participants will look for other fluid power organizations and industry donations

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Andrea Vacca illustrated the website under development by Matteo Pellegrini at Purdue.

All the audience agreed in compensating M. Pellegrini for his hard work.

The website will contain “research highlights”, with rotating institutions (M. Pellegrini will follow up with the institution leaders).

U of Bath (Nigel Johnston) agreed in making available old proceedings of the Bath conference in the literature repository.

IFAS and TU Dresden (H. Murrenhoff and J. Weber) agreed in making available old IFK proceedings as well.

Zhejiang U. (H. Yang) agreed in making available old ICFP proceedings.

The website will contains also the fluid power calendar and job posting for company members

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5. GFPS promotion

Promotion initiatives for GFPS were discussed.

Possible initiatives such as press releases were discussed. Job posting, literature repository and research updates should make GFPS attractive.

Effort will put to make the website active, but also Facebook and LinkedIn sections will be created.

Also GFPS logo will be used in as many conferences as possible.

More paper awards will be created with GFPS fees