

**2018 Lower Mekong Research Symposium (LMRS)**  
**September 6-7, 2018 • Rex Hotel • Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**

Day1		
0730-0830	<b>Sign-in, COFFEE + Networking</b>	
0830-0850	<b>Welcome remarks by organizers</b>	
	University of Virginia	<i>Tho Nguyen (UVA)</i>
	US Department of State	<i>Jason McInerney (DOS)</i>
	Vietnam Education Foundation	<i>Sandy Dang (VEF)</i>
	PACT International	<i>Christy Owen (PACT)</i>
0850-0940	<b>Session 1: Setting the scene</b>	
	The role of translational research in society	<i>Matthew Andersen (USGS)</i>
	Challenges and opportunities in the Lower Mekong region	<i>Suparerk Janprasark (PACT)</i>
0940-1040	<b>Session 2: Transboundary research collaborations</b>	<b>Chair/Facilitator: Soe Myint</b>
	Using networks for transboundary research in SE Asia	<i>Kim Geheb, CGIAR</i>
	Water modeling and hydromet research in the Mekong	<i>Chusit Apirumanekul</i>
	Building Mekong genetic biodiversity network - a transboundary research collaboration in the LMB	<i>Ngoc Ut Vu, CTU</i>
	Economic evaluation of hydro power development in the Lower Mekong Basin	<i>Apisom Intrawalan</i>
1040-1100	<b>COFFEE BREAK + Networking</b>	
1100-1200	<b>Session 3: PANEL: What makes a "successful" Mekong research project</b>	<b>Chair/Facilitator: Venkat Lakshmi</b>
	Making science relevant: reducing the gap between research and impact	<i>Matthew McCartney, CGIAR/IWMI</i>
	The prospective of successful and high impact research project for national level	<i>Chawee Wongprasitpporn, ONWR - Thailand</i>
	Linking the real and the ideal: mediation science and policy	<i>John Ward, MRFI</i>
	Natural Resources and Environment Research Institute, Lao PDR	<i>Oulaphone Ongkeo</i>
1200-1300	<b>LUNCH</b>	5th Floor Rex Hotel
1300-1400	<b>Session 4: Technologies for research collaborations</b>	<b>Chair/Facilitator: Edward Moynihan</b>
	Mekong River Commission	<i>Vongthasone Vilaythong</i>
	PRAGMA	<i>Nadya Williams, UCSD</i>
	CUAHSI/UVA/TLU	<i>Ly Le, VNU-IU</i>
	NCHC, Taiwan	<i>Hsiu-Mei Chou, NCHC</i>
	Trans-Pacific Networking	<i>Edward Moynihan, IU</i>
1400-1500	<b>Session 5: Lessons from Mekong Development Projects</b>	<b>Chair/Facilitator: Venkataramana Sridhar</b>
	SERVIR-Mekong Data services	<i>Spencer McDonald - ADPC</i>
	Coastal protection plan for the Mekong Delta	<i>Ron Fluegel, GIZ</i>
	WISDM Database for Irrawaddy Integrated River Basin Modeling	<i>Nway Aung</i>
	Learning lessons from Mekong trans-boundary modelling within the region in the last 16 years (plugging the technical and cooperation gaps)	<i>Anthony Green</i>
1500-1515	<b>COFFEE BREAK + Networking</b>	
1515-1630	<b>Session 6: Launch new project</b>	<b>Chair/Facilitator: Keim/Holgrieve</b>
	Louisiana State U.	<i>Richard Keim</i>
	University of Washington	<i>Gordon Holtgrieve</i>
	University of Kansas	<i>James Beach</i>
	Virginia Tech.	<i>Venkataramana Sridhar</i>
	Arizona State University	<i>Soe Myint</i>
	University of Virginia	<i>Venkat Lakshmi</i>
1630-1730	<b>Session 7: PANEL: Characteristics of a competitive translational research project</b>	<b>Chair/Facilitator: Gary Thomas</b>
	Jason McInerney (DOS)	
	Venkat Lakshmi (UVA)	
	Kim Geheb (DFAT)	
1730-1800	<b>BREAK before dinner</b>	
1800-2000	<b>DINNER reception</b>	5th Floor Rex Hotel

Day2		
0730-0830	<b>COFFEE + Networking</b>	
0830-900	<b>Setting the scene: Knowledge gap in the Mekong</b>	<i>Charlie Navanugraha &amp; Sura Pattanakit</i>
0900-1015	<b>Session 8: Research for development in the Mekong</b>	<b>Chair/Facilitator:</b> <i>Apisom Intralawan</i>
	Hybrid Modelling and Simulation of Bac Hung Hai Irrigation System	<i>Doanh Nguyen</i>
	Flood retention in the Mekong Delta	<i>Andrew Wyatt</i>
	Simulation of the Mekong's flow and inundation	<i>Chien V. Pham</i>
	Socio ecological resilience in the Mekong Delta	<i>Hong Quan Nguyen</i>
1015-1030	<b>COFFEE Break + Networking</b>	
1030-1130	<b>Session 9: Integrative hydrometeorological modeling and decision support</b>	<b>Chair/Facilitator:</b> <i>Ly Le (VNU-IU)</i>
	Hybrid modeling for decision support	<i>Venkat Lakshmi (UVA)</i>
	Hydromodeling via space & time analysis	<i>Soe Myint (ASU)</i>
	River modeling for impact assessment	<i>Venkataramana Sridhar (VT)</i>
1130-1230	<b>Session 10: BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS: Challenges to transboundary and across domain collaborations</b>	<b>All Participants</b>
1230-1330	<b>LUNCH</b>	5th Floor Rex Hotel
1330-1400	<b>Report from Session 6 - Forming projects</b>	<b>Presenters:</b> <i>R.Keim, G. Holtgrieve</i>
1400-1430	<b>Report on Session 9 results</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> <i>Matthew Andersen</i>
1430-1530	Where do we go from here? - a moderated discussion of the whole group	<b>Moderator:</b> <i>Tho Nguyen</i>
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