

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Proposal to Change the Name of the Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research to IIHR – Hydrosience and Engineering at the University of Iowa
Date: April 9, 2001

Recommended Action:

Refer the University of Iowa proposal to change the name of the Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research to IIHR – Hydrosience and Engineering to the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination (ICEC) and the Board Office for review and recommendation.

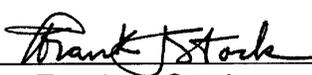
Executive Summary:

The University of Iowa is requesting approval to change the name of the Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research to IIHR – Hydrosience and Engineering.

The word “hydraulics” no longer accurately reflects the full spectrum of activities pursued within the organization. IIHR was created in 1931 to bring together researchers from various disciplines who had interest in working on problems related to hydraulics. Over time, the scope of IIHR activities broadened considerably to include research in many areas of fluid mechanics not considered to be hydraulics. These have included study of basic fluid motion; ship hydrodynamics; ice-fracture mechanics; hydrometeorology; and others. These new research fields as well as future IIHR plans to expand to environmental and ecological topics, primarily through the Mississippi Riverside Environmental Research Station, underscores the need to have a more inclusive name for the Institute.

The request for a name change does not mean that the University will forsake its traditional strengths in engineering hydraulics. Rather, the new title of hydrosience and engineering will be more reflective of the scope and breadth of the Institute’s activities.


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Approved: 
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