

Session D

Open Discussion including Collaboration Opportunities

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Synergies (Chris Rust)

- Sharing of Learning
 - Results
 - Machine Usage
 - Equipment Development
 - Software Development
- Database Creation and Usage
- Joint Projects

Collaboration Opportunities (or the next steps to aid the collaboration process)

- An “HVS Consortium?”
- Exchange Programs?
- HVS News?
- Web Site?
- Databases
- Joint Projects

HVS Consortium

- Primary topic is **pavements** with focus on HVS technology.
- Specific to HVS operations.
 - Share results and analysis methodologies.
 - Share information about machine and instrumentation insights.
 - Software development
 - Specific meetings could address specific HVS issues.

HVS Consortium

- Meet annually in member countries or some venue commonly attended or some combination thereof.
- Most activities/information shared via the Internet.
- Would aid marketing—multiple levels?
- Breakthrough information likely to come through international collaboration. Local collaboration tends to be incremental.

HVS Consortium

- If started, provide a fixed “life” – say three years. If productive, continue (renew). If not, bury it.
- Issues to resolve
 - Lead agency and Chair
 - Rotating Chair
 - Membership
 - Straightforward bylaws—not overly restrictive but a few “rules for the road.”

Exchange Programs

- Host personnel from other HVS operations to share and gain insights and knowledge.
- Could aid joint project concept.
- Issues to resolve
 - How specific individuals would be selected and supported.

HVS News and Web Site

- Post research summaries on Web site.
 - Summaries should be no longer than say three to five pages of text, tables, figures, photographs.
 - Could easily develop a “standard format.”
 - Show links to full reports posted on Web.
- Would serve the “Consortium” and their clients.
- Newsletter could be done on a rotating basis.

HVS News and Web Site

- Issues to resolve
 - Who will host Web site?
 - Financial support needed?
 - Who will be the “editor” for the newsletter or how will the effort be rotated?
 - Need examples of research summaries.

Database Development

- Develop an overarching database or share existing databases?
- “Simple” database—simply state what data is available, tests conducted, format, etc.
- Issues to resolve
 - None for simple database other than a Web site to post information.

Joint Projects

- Do joint experiments that are national or international in scope.
- Issues to resolve
 - Requires issue(s) of mutual interest.
 - Likely requires specific funding to allow level of collaboration needed.

Open Discussion

Possible broad topics include

- How are results disseminated and implemented?
- Other collaboration activities?
- Program costs—common measure(s) and what are they?
- Significant problems/issues?
- Significant achievements?
- LTPP/HVS collaboration—justification.