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The FLUVIO Advisory Committee (ACFLUVIO) has reviewed the FLUVIO report for October 2018 to September 2019, dated September 2019. The ACFUVIO has the following comments:

ACFLUVIO commends FLUVIO for listing the achievements of each student in the three cohorts, as we recommended in last year's report. The 47 articles accepted or published in high quality journals, 13 proceedings publications, 100 oral/poster presentations at international meetings, 2 software/databases made available on the web, and the 9 awards are an impressive set of scientific accomplishments. We also salute FLUVIO for developing a website to further communicate those accomplishments and the program itself and for encouraging increased collaboration among FLUVIO students as recommended at the 3rd annual FLUVIO meeting.

ACFLUVIO commends FLUVIO for indicating the progress of each student towards completing the required coursework and thesis presentation and discussion, as well as for clearly explaining the reasons that two students chose to withdraw from FLUVIO.

ACFLUVIO commends FCT for funding, and FLUVIO for holding, the 3rd annual all-hands FLUVIO meeting 28 February-1 March 2019, including sufficient travel funds for the ACFLUVIO chair as well as FLUVIO academic advisors from other nations. We also applaud FLUVIO for planning a 5th Workshop in 2020 now to better ensure attendance by members of its Advisory, Coordination, and Scientific Committees.