

**AGENDA FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON HISTORY OF IRRIGATION, DRAINAGE
AND FLOOD CONTROL (WG-HIST)
Lahore, Pakistan
13 October 2008 : 13:30-17:00 hours**

Year of Establishment : 1998

Members : (1) Prof. Dr. N. Hatcho, Chairman, 2002 (Japan, 1996); (2) Dr. Hubert Toussaint, Secretary (The Netherlands, 2005); (3) Vice President Hon. Dr. Ricardo S. Graino (Spain, 1992); (4) Mrs. F. Sinatti (Italy, 1994); (5) Mrs. Xuming Tan (China, 1997); (6) Dr. S.H. Lee (Korea, 1997); (7) Dr. Naser Shayan (Iran, 1998); (8) Vice President Dr. Illahi B. Shaikh (Pakistan, 2000); (9) Dr. Laszlo Hayde (Hungary, 2001); (10) Prof. Zorko Kos (Croatia, 2002); (11) Mr. Aliyu Jada (Nigeria, 2002); (12) Mr. Satit Maneepai (Thailand, 2002); (13) Dr. Alexis Vogel (Austria, 2002); (14) Mr. B.D. Pateria (India, 2003); (15) Mr. Jean Verdier (France, 2003); (16) Vice President Dr. A. Hafied A. Gany (Indonesia, 2005); (17) Mr. Charles L. Abernethy (UK, 2005); (18) Dr. Ing. Klaus Rottcher (Germany, 2006); (19) Prof. Wen-Pin Shu (Chinese Taipei, 2006); (20) Dr. Jeong-Woo, Na (Korea, 2007); and (21) Er. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID

Observer : Dr. (Mrs.) B. Dolfing (The Netherlands).

Item 1 : Confirmation of minutes of the 10th meeting of WG-HIST held at Sacramento, USA on 30 September 2007

No comments received. The minutes may consider for confirmation.

Item 2 : Membership review of the Working Group

Members who were neither present at the meeting nor contributed through correspondence for the last two consecutive years were:

- Mrs. F. Sinati (Italy)
- Dr. Naser Shayan (Iran)
- Mr. Aliyu Jada (Nigeria)
- Mr. Satit Maneepai (Thailand)
- Dr. Alexis Vogel (Austria)
- Mr. Jean Verdier (France)

(Attendance of the members at the meetings of the Working Group in 2006 and 2007 will be presented at Lahore).

In the 10th meeting held at Sacramento on 30 September 2007 it was decided to take up the matter with the concerned National Committees (NCs). The NCs were contacted to come up with their views regarding nomination for new membership. On its receipt the same will be tabled during the Lahore meeting.

The IWHA nominated Dr. Ir. M.W. Ertsen (The Netherlands) as a Permanent Observer for WG-HIST.

Item 3 : Tenure of the Working Group

The WG-HIST in its 10th meeting decided to change and enlarge its set of objectives and sum up its work plan. The item has been specifically taken up under Agenda Item 10 for consideration and action.

Item 4 : Report by the Chairman on progress made by the National Working Groups (NWG) on their assignments

In the 9th meeting of the WG-HIST, it was noted that no response had been received from Sri Lanka and USA regarding preparation of History Chapters in respect of their countries. During the 10th meeting, the Chairman indicated that he had contacted both the NCs but without any results and decided that Mr. Charles L. Abernethy and the Chairman would take up the matter again with the NCs.

Mr. Abernethy vide his e-mail dated 19 May 2008 in response to a query from Central Office on progress of the History Publication mentioned that –

- Ms. Bhadra Kamaladasa of Sri Lanka Irrigation Department has recently compiled a book on History of Sri Lanka.
- As the WG-HIST avoids publishing histories of a single nation but integrates them over regions or large river basins, a policy is to be evolved as to how to include Sri Lankan History (as an Island nation) along with others.
- There are possible occasions to take up the matter with USA, but there is a need to identify the person concerned from USA and record the same in meeting's minutes clearly to have proper coordination.

The Chairman may wish to apprise the progress to the WG members and on how to take further follow up actions.

Item 5 : Progress on publishing History of Irrigation in Eastern Asia

In the 10th meeting a decision was taken to send the draft synthesis on History of Irrigation in Eastern Asia to the Dutch National Committee (NETHCID) with a request to review and offer their comments. Chairman also asked the Chinese National Committee (CNCID) to see the possibility of inserting a new version of the History of Irrigation in China.

As a follow up action, the Central Office sent the above mentioned draft synthesis to NETHCID and CNCID. China responded that they do not have a new version to add. The response from NETHCID is still awaited.

Item 6 : Progress on publishing History of Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control in Southern Europe and the Mediterranean

The draft version received from Prof. Dr. Ricardo Segura, Vice President Hon., ICID was circulated to the members of the WG-HIST for comments. Responses are awaited. The NCs of France, Italy and Portugal are particularly requested to provide their views.

Item 7 : Cooperation with International Water Organizations (IWHA & UNU)

During the 10th meeting, Dr. Klaus Roettcher, Member, WG-HIST presented a research project on sustainable water management in arid and semi-arid regions, using traditional processes and construction methods and explored the possibilities of developing appropriate methods which could be deployed in modern water management systems in collaboration with WG-HIST and German Water Historic Association (DWHG).

Based on the request received from Dr. Roettcher, ICID Secretary General has extended ICID's support to this venture.

Phase 1 of the Project is the writing of a compendium with a focus on Mediterranean area and the Middle East and requested for members' comments. While deliberating the matter in the 10th meeting, the Chairman stated that there are no structural contacts with the United Nations University (UNU) and asked the WG to seek a UNU contact person.

The WG-HIST may like to deliberate on how to proceed further.

Item 8 : Website of WG-HIST

Members were requested to provide data/views for updating the website. Responses are awaited.

Item 9 : Time-targeted plan for WG's activities

- (1) Seminar - during the 59th IEC meeting and 20th ICID Congress in Lahore, Pakistan in 2008.

The seminar would focus on the theme on “Lessons to Learn from the History of Water Management in Large River Basins and Droughts”.

Topics covered will be:

Historical lessons and wisdom related to development and management of water in a large river basin –

- Technical Issues (Planning and Design of System, Drought Management)
 - Institutional and Legal Issues (Farmers Organizations, Federating Water Users Associations, Water Boards, Participatory Approach, legislations)
 - Environmental Issues (Environmental Impact Assessments and Mitigation)
 - Social and Economic Issues (Relocation/Resettlement and Compensation, Social Conflicts, Cost Recovery)
- (2) The Chairman WG-HIST in its 10th meeting proposed to organize a History Workshop in coordination with the IWHA during the occasion of the 5th World Water Forum in 2009 in Turkey.
- (3) Dr. Hafied A. Gany proposed to organize a History Seminar based on the volumes on History of Irrigation in Eastern Asia, focusing especially on the use of historical technology for modern water technology in 2010 during the occasion of the 61st IEC meeting in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Item 10 : Any other business

- (i) Nomination/election of a new Chairman

In the 10th meeting the Chairman WG-HIST Prof Dr. N. Hatcho, informed that a candidate as his successor might be nominated at the 59th IEC and 20th Congress at Lahore, Pakistan.

- (ii) Finalization of a new name and mandated task for the successor Group.

WG-HIST had decided in its last meeting to change and enlarge its set of objectives and sum up its work plan.

WG-HIST may like to consider selecting a new Chairman and providing recommendation for generation of a new work plan and name for the Successor Group of WG-HIST.
