

Agenda of the Sixty-Second Meeting of the
International Executive Council (IEC)

Tehran, Iran

First Session: 22 October 2011: 09.00 to 12.30 hours

Second Session: 22 October 2011: 13.30 to 17.00 hours

Item 0 : Condolences

It is with deep regrets and sorrow that we report the passing away of one of our able colleague, **Captain Sunthorn Ruanglek**, Vice President, ICID during the years 1983-1986 representing Thailand in January 2011. Captain Ruanglek was elected as Vice President in the 34th International Executive Council (IEC) in Melbourne, Australia on 1 October 1983 and held this distinguished position for three years contributing immensely to various workbodies. ICID fraternity recalls that Captain Ruanglek rose to the highest position of the Director General of Royal Irrigation Department in the Ministry of Agriculture, Thailand and had been responsible for several impressive projects that were under construction in Thai basins. He also had been advising Prime Minister of his country till 1985 and later, held the distinguished position of Senator in the Thai Assembly. Till end, his contributions as consultant had enriched the irrigation community. We in the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) deeply mourn the passing away of Vice President Honoraire Sunthorn Ruanglek and wish to convey our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family.

We also place on record the sad demise of **Dr. C.C. Patel** on 4 February 2011 at his residence in Gandhinagar, Gujarat State of India. Dr. Patel was elected as Vice President in the 27th International Executive Council meeting held at Banff, Canada in 1976 for a period of three years (1976-79).

Dr. Patel was known for his pioneering work in water management in India. His contributions spread across all aspects like the planning, design, construction and operation river valley projects by the coordinated use of ground and surface water. Dr. C.C. Patel was a former Secretary to Government of India in the then, Ministry of Irrigation for over 5 years and had been associated with some of the Tribunal Awards on shared waters. He has also been associated with the water policy, water law, water administration and water management taking into account pollution, ecological and environmental aspects. He had worked as a member of the several 'Experts Committee of the Government of India' and Task Forces, besides a stint in the World Bank. He joined United Nations as Senior Adviser on Water Resources for 5 years and was the Chairman and Managing Director of Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Ltd., a mega river valley project in India.

May their souls rest in eternal peace!

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

"The 62nd Meeting of the International Executive Council (IEC) deeply mourns the profound loss suffered by the Commission in the passing away of Vice President Hon. Captain Sunthorn Ruanglek and Vice President Hon. Dr. C.C. Patel. The Council resolves that the condolences of the Commission be conveyed to the bereaved families of late VPH Ruanglek and late VPH Patel, as well as to the National Committees of Thailand and India."

Opening Remarks by President

Item 1 : Opening Remarks by President, ICID

President Chandra Madramootoo will make opening remarks about the events during the past one year since the 61st IEC meeting in Yogyakarta.

Matters for Decision

Item 2 : Application of Countries for ICID Membership

No new applications have been received during the year in Central Office.

However, the Secretary General received an application of withdrawal of membership from the Chilean National Committee (CHICID) which is placed in **Annex**. The matter was taken up with President.

IEC may consider and advise.

Item 3 : Venues for Future Conferences

In response to the Central Office circular No.CM1/2011/210-270 dated 3 March 2011, inviting the National Committees (NCs) to submit their proposals for hosting specified future meetings of ICID, the following offers were received:

- **66th IEC Meeting, 2015**

Two offers are available– One from THAICID and subsequently, another from AFEID.

Thai National Committee (THAICID) has shown interest to host the 66th IEC Meeting and *9th Asian Regional Conference* in October / December 2015 at Chiang Mai in an e-mail dated 31 March 2011; they have submitted necessary proforma, duly filled-in, for hosting the event.

AFEID vide its e-mail dated 22 July 2011 along with the proforma had also expressed their willingness to organize the 66th IEC Meeting along with European Regional Conference in Montpellier, in September 2015.

- **9th Asian Regional Conference**

THAICID is willing to host this event along with 66th IEC Meeting in October / December 2015. It may be recalled that during the 60th and 61st IEC meeting in New Delhi as well as Yogyakarta THAICID expressed its desire to host the 64th IEC and 8th Asian Regional Conference in 2013, but lost during the vote and Turkey bagged the 64th IEC and 8th Asian Regional Conference.

- **4th African Regional Conference**

Open for offers from NCs of the region.

- **5th American Regional Conference**

Open for offers from NCs of the region.

- **26th European Regional Conference**

Open for offers from NCs of the region.

It may be noted that the venues for future IEC meetings, Congresses and Regional Conferences have already been approved by the Council up to 2014, as per below:

- 3rd African Regional Conference, Bamako, 29 November to 5 December 2011
 - 63rd IEC and 7th Asian Regional Conference, Adelaide, Australia, June 2012
 - 11th International Drainage Workshop, Cairo, Egypt, 23-27 September 2012
 - 64th IEC and 8th Asian Regional Conference, Mardin, Turkey, October 2013
 - 12th International Drainage Workshop, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 2014
 - 65th IEC and 22nd Congress on Irrigation and Drainage, Seoul, Korea, 2014.
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Representatives of the listed NCs attending the Council meeting will apprise the Council on details of their offers, including the dates when the events could be held.

THAICID / AFEID offering to host the events in 2015 are also invited to make a presentation during the IEC meeting regarding their offer and mention how the NC will contribute to ICID's technical and financial resources through these events, in accordance with existing practices which shall govern in respect of payments to ICID from annual events / regional conferences.

Item 4 : Broadbasing of ICID Membership – Suggestions of the Committee

To look into different points emerged during consideration during the IEC on the subject; Management Board (MB) constituted a Review Committee on 9 February 2011 and circulated the following documents to the Committee members

- The broadbasing proposals circulated during the 61st IEC meeting.
- The minutes of Item 4 "Broadbasing of ICID Membership" reflecting the outcome of discussions in IEC

The Committee comprises of:

(1)	VPH Felix B. Reinders (South Africa)	-	Chair
(2)	VPH Larry D. Stephens (USA)	-	Member
(3)	VPH Prof. Dr. Mohd. Amer (Egypt)	-	Member
(4)	VP Dr. Willem F. Vlotman (Australia)	-	Member
(5)	Ing. Helvecio Mattana Saturnino (Brazil)	-	Member
(6)	VPH Dr. Saeed Nairizi (Iran) Chair, PFC	-	Member
(7)	Secretary General	-	Member-Secretary.

Chairman of the Committee may kindly provide an update on the progress made by the committee to IEC.

Item 5 : Assessment of progress – New approach to invigorate the International Technology Research in Irrigation and Drainage (earlier IPTRID)

As highlighted in the Opening Remarks by President, ICID in the 61st IEC meeting at Yogyakarta the earlier form of donor driven IPTRID with its base in FAO had to cease with non availability of donor support and hence a new direction was proposed and discussed in IEC.

In tune with the spirit of this new approach, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Iran in IEC 2009 at New Delhi and two more MoUs viz., (i) with China (CNCID), and (ii) with AFEID were signed during the 61 IEC in 2010. It would be pleasurable point to note that all the commitments made in this direction during the past IECs stand accomplished.

In light of the MoU that CNCID (with the support of their Ministry of Water Resources) signed with ICID, an International Workshop in Beijing on "*Water Saving*" took place during 11-14 July 2011. This was a highly successful event that brought together many National Committees' nominees for discussions on agricultural water savings, highlighting individual country experiences presented by the nominees. CNCID sponsored the international travel and stay of the participants etc. who were in need of such support and fulfilled their commitment as per the signed MoU to this effect. And this goes on record as the maiden effort following the engagement of National Committees in ICID in their renewed efforts on "Intensification of Irrigation and Drainage Research to achieve Global Food Security" as enshrined in the discussion document floated during the last IEC in Yogyakarta. An emphasis on the issues related to water saving in irrigation was welcome first step. FAO joined the ICID-CNCID during this event; participants included experts gathered from 12 countries, covering over 60% of total world irrigated.

On this occasion an impressive launching ceremony of an International Centre for Training and Research in Irrigation and Drainage in Beijing at the hands of President Chandra Madramootoo was held on 12 July 2011. This marked the birth of the first nodal Centre for IPTRID with the great support of the Government of China in the Ministry of Water Resources. In a high level meeting held between ICID President and H.E. Dr. Chen Li, the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources declared its strong commitment in supporting the ICID and in promoting its mission across the globe.

Moving further, IRNCID is to launch a nodal centre in Teheran for Central Asia and Middle East. The Rules of Procedure will be firmed up in the 62nd IEC meeting in Tehran, October 2011. The Ministry of Energy, through IRNCID has proposed to appoint a special team headed by Dr. Mohammad Javad Monem to facilitate the Centre in Iran.

Fulfilling the obligations of the MoU signed by AFEID, RAID-ARID and ICID in Yogyakarta in October 2010, the French National Committee sponsored a few African delegates for the 24th European Regional Conference held during March 2011 in Orleans. This facilitated knowledge sharing on various aspects of groundwater usage in agriculture benefitting researchers, basin managers of irrigation schemes and users.

IEC might wish to note the successful accomplishment of the commitments made during the last IEC by different National Committees endorsing the approach to intensify the Technology Research following a demand driven, self possessed approach, twinning ICID National Committees' common interest in R&D.

Item 6 : ICID Preparation for Inputs to WWF-6, Marseille, France, 2012

The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) are jointly coordinating the preparation of the key priority 2.2 "**Contribute to food security by optimal use of water**" for the **6th World Water Forum**, to be held in Marseille in March 2012.

For the 6th Forum, twelve **Thematic Priorities** are addressed. Under each priority, series of **targets** translate the identified issues into concrete and achievable objectives at all levels. For each target, **workable solutions** will be proposed at the Forum.

ICID established a Task Force '*To Guide Inputs to World Water Forum 6 (TF-WWW6)*' and its maiden meeting took place last year in Yogyakarta when a map was carved out on its approach and action plan.

The preparation process has already begun and it aims to be as inclusive as possible. The Forum Committee so far, has organized two formal consultations (Marseille, June 2010 and Paris, January 2011), in order to screen likely recommendations, eventual targets and workable solutions. Each of the two consultations had about 400 participants, representing different stakeholders, including ICID, from various countries and regions of the world.

The 2nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting was held on 17 and 18 January 2011 in Paris where the Core Groups stand formed on each one of the 12 key priority issues. WWF6 invited ICID to be one of the members of the Nucleus Core Group on "*Contribute to food security by optimal use of water*". ICID nominated President Hon. Dr. Bart Schultz and was accepted as Coordinator by the Thematic Process Commission / 6th Forum Secretariat.

Under the key priority 2.2, there are 9 targets, out of which ICID is TSG Coordinator in two targets (3 and 5) and contributing in other targets through AFEID, which are as follows:

- Target 3: Increase sustainable productivity and lower costs of water management (yield per ha, per m³ of water and per \$\$ of production cost) in such a way that by year 20yy there is food security at affordable prices for all (Jacques Plantey and PH Dr. Bart Schultz)
- Target 5: By year 20yy increase by xx% the capacity of water storages in support of irrigated agriculture (either supplementary, deficit, or full irrigation) - within the framework of an environmentally sufficient and socially sound management (President Dr. Chandra A. Madramootoo, and ICOLD President Prof. Jinsheng Jia)

Other significant efforts to provide inputs to the forum shall emerge from workbodies and National Committees.

WG Climate had envisaged to work on appropriate inputs to the topic on "*Water and Food Security: Call for Solutions*" and VPH Dr. Mark Svendsen has informed his Committee during Yogyakarta meetings that he will also participate in a workshop on the subject during World Water Week.

Similarly ASRWG through its Task Force on Climate Change intends to collect and collate the adaptation measures to tackle with climate change based on a survey country-wise in Asia. This will be provided to the Forum in Marseille following the regional approach. IAL has also come forward to support all the above by coordinated efforts on the topic of interest for WWF6.

As UN-Water partners, ICID has an invitation for several preparatory meetings connected with World Water Council, World Water Forum and Global Water Partnership etc. UN-Water Seminar on the theme "Water and Food Security", which will also be the World Water Day 2012 theme and UN-Water Task Force on WUE, which will focus on water accounting terminology and definitions were held during WWW 2011. The TF-WUE is a part of the UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development on its efforts to water efficiency initiative and enhancing water productivity. ICID nominated Secretary General Gopalakrishnan to participate in various meetings held at Stockholm.

The Chairman, TF-WWF6/ Secretary General Will provide feedback to the Council.

Item 7 : New Secretary General

As was informed to the Council during 61st IEC in Yogyakarta, the Search Committee constituted for the purpose of finding a new Secretary General undertook its task soon thereafter. The Search Committee convened its meetings in New Delhi between 22 and 26 January 2011 when the shortlisted candidates were invited for discussions with the Committee. The Committee's recommendation was duly considered by President who had virtual discussions with the nominee. The nominee was served with a letter of appointment as Secretary General (Designate) by President on 20 April 2011.

An official announcement of the selection of A.C. Tyagi, Director at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) located at Geneva for the position of Secretary General (Designate) was made by the President Madramootoo in August 2011. Tyagi has been invited to attend the IEC meeting at Tehran.

President may like to introduce Tyagi and apprise the Council on the succession plan.

Reports for Approval

Item 8 : Secretary General's Report

8.1 61st IEC and 6th Asian Regional Conference

The 61st IEC and 6th Asian Regional Conference of ICID were held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 10-16 October 2010. The theme of the 6th Asian Regional Conference was "*Improvement of Irrigation and Drainage Efficiency under the Small Land Holding Condition*". More than 500 professionals from 35 countries and international organizations gathered at the history and scenic city of Yogyakarta and participated in various events. During this period, the meetings of all the ICID workbodies were held. Three full-day Seminars and three Special Sessions and a technical exhibition were held. The minutes of the 61st IEC meeting were posted on the ICID website on 31 December 2010 for wider circulation and the printed copies were dispatched to the NCs and all concerned on 20 January 2011.

8.2 Annual Report, ICID Journal and Other Publications

The Annual Report for the year (April 2010 to March 2011) has been compiled and placed on the ICID website on 25 August 2011. The printed copies were dispatched to all the NCs and Office Bearers in the first week of September 2011. All the NCs are urged to contribute to the Annual Report by providing a brief of their activities, key events held, publications brought out and updates on irrigation and drainage related data in their countries.

Five issues (Vol. 59) of the ICID Journal were printed through M/s Wiley-Blackwell as per the current agreement for journal publication. These were directly mailed by publishers to the NCs, Office Bearers and Workbody members based on the details supplied by the Central Office.

All issues of "*ICID News*" and "*News Update*" were mailed and posted on the website on time.

8.3 Active Members of ICID

The ICID Network as of now is spread over 110 countries comprising 28 NCs in Africa, 18 in Americas, 35 in Asia and Oceania, and 29 in Europe. At the end of August 2010, there are 59 active NCs compared to 65 in the year 2009-10. In Africa, out of 28 countries, there are 6 active NCs, 17 deemed to be inactive and 5 admitted but not paid subscription to commence their membership. In Americas, out of 18 countries, 6 are active, 9 are deemed to be inactive, 1 admitted but not paid subscription and 2 countries (Chile and Cuba) withdrew on its own. Revival of Cuba's membership is being pursued. In Asia and Oceania, out of 35 NCs there are 24 active, 6 inactive, 4 were admitted but have not paid subscription and 1 country (New Zealand) withdrew on its own. In Europe, out of 29 countries, 23 are active, 5 are deemed to be inactive and 1 (Denmark) withdrew on its own. Office Bearers during their visit to some of the inactive NCs / countries have been making efforts in respect of such NCs for their reactivation.

The Embassy of Chile in New Delhi vide its letter of 18 May 2011 has informed to the Central Office about the decision of the Govt. of Chile to withdraw its membership from ICID effective from 31 May 2011.

Vide e-mail dated 2 August 2011 from Prof. Dr. G.A. Karantounias, General Secretary of Greek National Committee has expressed the NC's inability to pay the subscription for the year 2011 due to financial crisis in the Country. However, Prof. Karantounias has informed that they are organizing an International Training Seminar Course on Remote Sensing in November 2011 in Greece to tide over the financial crisis.

8.4 Workbodies

Presently there are 3 Permanent Committees, 2 Committees, 18 Working Groups / Work Teams, 4 Regional Working Groups and 4 Task Forces, besides 3 administrative bodies, namely, Management Board (MB), Office-Bearers Committee (OBC), and Staff Committee (SC) that carry out the activities of the Commission. To assist MB on Journal-related issues, there is also a separate Management Team for ICID Journal (MT-Journal). A total of 280 nominated representatives of NCs contribute their expertise on 382 membership slots on the workbodies.

8.5 Visits of Secretary General and Meetings in India

During his visits to countries for conferences / meetings on invitation with necessary financial support from them, Secretary General took the opportunity of visiting the National Committees and their members to have a firsthand appraisal of their activities and to encourage them and with other members of international organizations to foster closer relations of ICID with them.

The events attended by SG during the year are listed below:

- **3rd McGill Conference on Global Food Security, Montreal, Canada, 19-22 October 2010**

On invitation from the Organisers of the McGill Conference series on "*Global Food Security*", in Montreal, Canada, this was attended alongwith other office bearers of ICID with an invitation. PH Dr. Bart Shultz and VPH Gao Zhanyi and SG Gopalakrishnan were the invitees and the topic on '*Water Management Scenarios*' in India was assigned to SG Gopalakrishnan. President Dr. Madramootoo's role in organising this global initiative of McGill's Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, to raise the awareness about the scope of the challenges to food security worldwide, and advancing research in all related areas linked to food security stood appreciated and ICID's visibility too got enhanced. The proceedings were later published compiling all contributions with the title "Water Management for Global Food Security".

- **International Conference on "Trans-boundary Environmental Problems of Central Asia: Application of International Legal Mechanism for their Solution", Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 16-17 November 2010**

An invitation to ICID Secretary General from the 'Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan' with the backup of the Government Uzbekistan who is in ICID membership fold to participate in the International Conference on "*Trans-boundary Environmental Problems of Central Asia: Application of International Legal Mechanism for their Solution*" at Tashkent on 16-17 November 2010 was duly respected and I participated. The Conference provided an opportunity to discuss issues of water resources management in trans-boundary rivers, as well as the environmental risks associated with the construction of hydropower stations in the rivers Amu-Darya and Syr-Darya, a trans-boundary impact of industrial emissions on the environment and population health in the region, elaboration of common position and Conference Resolution. I delivered an inaugural speech for the Conference as

envisaged by the Organisers. Important dignitaries of Uzbekistan like His Excellency Bory Alikhanov, Vice-Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of Oliy Majlis (Parliament), Sh. Khamraev, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources and Ms. G. Saidova, First Deputy Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan and ICID VPH Prof. Dukhovny and VPH Prof. Kovalenko were other invited key participants.

- **FAO Regional Workshop on “Analysis of Sustainable Water Resource Use”, Bangkok, Thailand, 20-23 December 2010**

Secretary General attended the FAO’s Regional Workshop on the “*Analysis of Sustainable Water Resource Use*” in the Asia Pacific region during the month of December in Bangkok, Thailand on invitation from FAO. It facilitated a meeting with THAICID members. Director General at Royal Irrigation Department of Thailand had also a meeting arranged in his office.

THAICID and ASRWG were also represented in the FAO’s Regional Workshop respectively through ICID Vice President Chaiwat Prechawit (*Thailand*) and Dr. Tai-Cheol Kim (*Vice Chair of ASRWG*). SG Gopalakrishnan presented ICID and its recent contributions to WWF5 coordinating a consortium of over 56 global water organisations.

The workshop aimed to identify collectively various issues relating to Sustainable Water Use. It came out that there were more preferences on knowledge pooling by improved information flows and creation of the ‘*Centres of Excellence*’ and ‘*Knowledge Networks and Partnerships*’.

- **GWP-IWMI Regional Workshop on “Climate Change, Food and Water Security”, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 24-25 February 2011**

Secretary General Gopalakrishnan represented ICID at the GWP-IWMI Regional Workshop on “Climate Change, Food and Water Security” held at Colombo, Sri Lanka from 24-25 February 2011 on an invitation from Chair of GWP South Asia. The critical issues for the meet related to climate change, water and food security for South Asia. The GWP / IWMI sessions were guided by the Chair, GWP Technical Committee, VPH Dr. Mohamed Ait Kadi. The sessions concluded with a media message that “No more ‘Business as Usual’ in face of Climate Change and Food Security”.

- **International Conference “Towards the 6th World Water Forum – Cooperative Actions for Water Security”, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 12-13 May 2011**

SG Gopalakrishnan represented ICID for an invitation to join the International Conference organised by the Government of Uzbekistan in Tashkent on 12 and 13 May 2011 aimed at considering an appropriate regional agenda for the 6th World Water Forum in March 2012 in Marseille, France. “Cooperative Actions for Water Security” was the theme of the event. The participation was rich and included several global organisations including UN and UN Water members and partners. The thematic scope of the 6th World Water Forum guided the issues discussed. Vice Presidents Hon. Victor Dukhovny and Peter Kovalenko also joined the inaugural and plenary / round tables and spoke.

All travel expenses including round trip air-ticket, accommodation were covered by the inviting party in all the above cases for Secretary General.

- **79th ICOLD Annual Council Meetings, Lucerne, Switzerland, 31 May – 03 June 2011**

Secretary General Gopalakrishnan attended the 79th International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) Council meetings in Lucerne, Switzerland from 29 May to 03 June 2011 on an invitation from President ICID and the organizers in Switzerland National Committee of ICOLD. Secretary General held discussions with ICOLD President Prof. Jinsheng Jia on areas of cooperation between the two organizations. ICID President Dr. Chandra Madramootoo would co-Chair a Session to be chaired by ICOLD President on ‘Storage’ under Key Priority 2.2 for the forthcoming 6th World Water Forum in Marseille in March 2012.

ICOLD is one of the members of International Water-related Associations’ Liaison Committee (IWALC) and ICID Central Office is the Secretariat of IWALC. It may be recalled that ICOLD, IHA and ICID defended storage dams soon after the World Commission on Dam’s Report on the subject released in 2000, jointly SG also took this opportunity to hold cooperative actions of ICOLD and ICID for the forum topic (WWF6) on Storage, to be handled by ICID President Dr. Madramootoo and ICOLD President Prof. Jin Jisheng, jointly.

- **ICID Workshop on “Water Saving Irrigation and Food Security”, Beijing, China, 11-14 July 2011**

On an invitation from the Chinese National Committee of ICID and Ministry of Water Resources, People's Republic of China, Secretary General attended an International Workshop on “Water Saving Irrigation and Food Security” jointly organized by CNCID and MoWR of China. An impressive launching ceremony of an International Centre for Training and Research in Irrigation and Drainage in Beijing in the hands of ICID President Chandra Madramootoo took place on 12 July 2011 marking the birth of the first nodal Centre for IPTRID, thanks to the great support of the Government of China in the Ministry of Water Resources.

- **World Water Week Meetings in Stockholm, Sweden, 21-27 July 2011**

SG Gopalakrishnan represented ICID in several important meetings scheduled during World Water Week in Stockholm, viz. (i) UN-Water meetings (*ICID is a UN-Water Partner*) (ii) FAO coordinated meeting of the Working Group on WUE/WP, (iii) Inputs for the WWF6 – particularly on the ‘Thematic Priority Area, Contribute to Food Security by Efficient Use of Water’ and GWP Consulting Partners Meeting 2011. A mini IWALC meeting was possible. The WWC pre forum 6 meetings of the sub thematic groups were SG also attended. The AFEID Seminar on “Which Water Quality for Which Use? – A Regulator’s and Practitioner’s Perspective” which was chaired and conducted by François Brelle, Chair, AFEID was also participated. SG contributed as a Panelist in the UNW and FAO Special Session on “Water and Food Security: Call for Solutions” , GWP Panel as Partnering Needs of Global Organisation for Food Security as well as a special session on 'Review of efficiency terminology for a global common standard evaluation' in which ICID was invited to join the panel.

Meetings in India

1. Secretary General chaired the Special Session on Irrigation in India and Spain held on 04 November 2010 at India International Centre in New Delhi facilitated by ICID, in association with INCID. It was a very fruitful interaction between the visiting team of Spanish delegates of FENACORE led by Dr. Andrés del Campo García and a few in India/ INCID explored mutually, the ways of participatory irrigation in each other's country and the differences and commonalities. Central Office professionals also attended the event.
 2. Secretary General participated and spoke at the India-EU Workshop on “Water Technology Research and Innovation Collaboration” held at Bangalore on 09-10 November 2010, on a special invitation from organizers.
 3. Secretary General was invited to be the keynote speaker at a 5-days lecture series organized by the Centre for Environmental Protection, Research and Development (CEPRD) from 08-12 January 2011 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
 4. Secretary General was invited to contribute a keynote paper at the International Conference on Underground Space Technology (ICUST) held at Bangalore in January 2011. Secretary General respected the request.
 5. Secretary General participated and contributed at the IUCN 4th Stakeholder Consultation held at New Delhi, India on 21 January 2011 on invitation to join as member of the Regional Advisory Committee.
 6. On invitation from Media, Secretary General presented a paper on the topic “Water Resources in India: Issues and Challenges” at the H2O World 2011 Annual International Conference organized by EPC World Media Group on 11 March 2011 at New Delhi.
 7. Secretary General represented ICID and delivered a keynote address on “Innovative Approaches in Water Management” held on 22 March 2011 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat organized by the Central Board of Irrigation and Power and the State Government of Gujarat.
 8. Secretary General honoured an invitation from the Industry, the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry's (FICCI) to join their Steering Committee Meeting on “Water Mission” held on 24 March and again on 20 July 2011.
 9. Secretary General attended together with President, ICID the 27th Meeting of INCID as a special invitee ; President ICID spoke before the 68th NDC-WWC Brainstorming Session held on 25 March 2011 at New Delhi, India . SG Gopalakrishnan, also President, NDC WWC chaired.
 10. Secretary General participated and contributed at a Seminar on “Roller Compacted Concrete Dams” organized by Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) at Nashik, Maharashtra State from 13-15 April 2011.
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11. Secretary General attended the Workshop on “Drilling and Blasting for Surface and Underground Structure” organized by CBIP at New Delhi, India on 11 August 2011.

8.6 Visits of Office-Bearers and other important personalities to Central Office

- Prof. Jorge Zornberg, President, International Geosynthetics Society (IGS), Fumio Tatsuoka, Immediate Past President of IGS, and other delegates from UK and USA visited the Central Office on 11 November 2010.
- Prof. Asit K. Biswas, President, Third World Centre for Water Management visited Central Office on 15 December 2010. Vice President A.K. Bajaj, Chairman, INCID was invited to join the meet.
- H.E. Aghatam AG Alhassane, Minister of Agriculture and Aliou Bamba, Technical Advisor of the Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Mali visited New Delhi in December 2010. Bamba, visited the Central Office on 16 December 2010.
- PH Ir. Keizrul bin Abdullah, VPH Larry D. Stephens, VPH Dr. S. Nairizi and VP Dr. Willem Vlotman visited the Central Office during the period 19-23 January 2011. A meeting of the Selection Committee for searching new SG and interaction with a shortlisted group took place in Central Office.
- Prof. N. Hachó and Dr. Kenji Yoshinaga from Japanese National Committee visited the Central Office on 25 January 2011.
- President Prof. Dr. Chandra Madramootoo visited the Central Office on 25-26 March 2011 and interacted with Central Office staff.
- A Malaysian National Committee delegation led by VPH Ir. Mohd. Azhari bin Ghazalli visited the Central Office on 22 July 2011.
- Dr. Kenji visited on 2 September with students from Toyo University.

8.7 ICID Website and Text Delivery Service (TDS)

ICID Website indicates a steady growth in number of visitors. This is a clear indication that more and more people are consulting ICID.ORG very frequently which is very encouraging. Recently introduced web design was widely appreciated and this format is capable of attracting more visitors and can cater better search results through Google search engine. Our main keywords ‘Irrigation and Drainage’ are already shown on the 1st page of the search results. One more facility has been introduced through the Google i.e. simultaneous translation of website information in nearly 52 foreign languages. Right now this function is available only on ‘Home’ and ‘About ICID’ sections.

At the Yogyakarta meeting of the C-PR&P (19th meeting) a review of the website was conducted and the Committee made several suggestions. Most of the suggestions have been effected to make the website user friendly. Central Office also introduced a digital publication of Annual Report 2010-11 with page flip technology to feel like book reading and the same is available online for feedback.

Efforts are continuing to enrich the database available on the Text Delivery Service (TDS). Under the ‘Articles Section’, presently (up to 31 August 2011) 900 entries have been compiled, while under the Books Section 300 entries are available. During the year 1 April 2010 to 31 August 2011, a total of 1200 articles have been included on the TDS database from ICID and other publications. All the NCs might wish to widely publicize this useful, free of cost service for the professionals to take maximum advantage.

Advertisements were also sought from International Organizations, Equipment Manufacturers, Institutions, etc. for website insertions as well as in the ICID News. National Committees are requested to use their good offices to encourage companies in their countries to publicize their advertisements ICID website/ ICID News.

8.8 French Unit

Central Office French Unit continued to perform its usual tasks like the preparation of the Agenda, Minutes, abstract translation of ICID Congress, Annual Report, ICID News, News Update, correspondence with French speaking countries as well as with French speaking members of various Working Groups and Committees.

Due to various constraints and stringent austerity measures, the vacancy occurred on retirement of Senior French Translator was not filled. The present incumbent is single-handedly doing the translation work.

8.9 Webpages of Workbodies

The Central Office has registered a domain name 'www.icidonline.org' through which the WBs could directly access their respective webpages. So far 22 Workbodies (WBs) have established individual webpages for projecting their activities through the ICID website.

8.10 Central Office Technical Library

During the year 1 April 2010 – 31 August 2011, the Central Office Library recorded 297 accessions, thus bringing up the number of acquisitions to a total of 3,836 as on 31 August 2011. Information (abstracts) about all these books/publications is placed on Text Delivery Service (TDS).

8.11 ICID Publications and Sales

During the 61st IEC in Yogyakarta, there was a good sale of ICID publications. Notwithstanding, a large number of copies of unsold publications are still lying in the Central Office, including a few of the transactions of past congresses. Some of the literatures in French, which can be of value for the Francophone countries, are also available for being spared on request or demand. Suggestions for improvement of the sale of publications are solicited from time to time from all ICID members.

Thanks to the significant efforts of the WG-SDTA. The handbook titled "Towards Sustainable Development of Tidal Areas: Some Principles and Experiences" will be getting released in Tehran during Congress. This will be unique publications of its kind as ICID addresses the issues concerning tidal area development for the first time in a comprehensive manner through this work.

IEC might wish to record its special appreciation to the great efforts of all those who were behind this laudable ICID publication.

8.12 Exchange of Information

Copies of Newsletters were received from NCs of Germany, Korea, United Kingdom, and USA. Other NCs are urged to send their Newsletters/ periodicals to the Central Office.

It has also been observed that though the e-mail and postal addresses of some of the members change, such information is not passed on to the ICID Central Office in time with the result that old e-mail addresses of such members/National Committees remain posted on the ICID website. Frequently, important mails sent to those addresses may not reach. The members are therefore requested to kindly go through the ICID website and have a look at the National Committee/ Workbody membership directory to ascertain their correct e-mail addresses and inform the Central Office immediately of any change as and when it occurs.

8.13 Budget and Sponsorship

During the financial year 2010-11, the receipts and expenditure were ₹24.17 million and ₹ 24.82 million, respectively, showing a deficit of ₹0.65 million against the approved budget surplus of ₹ 8.23 million and forecast surplus of ₹ 17.53 million.

The final results showing a deficit of ₹0.65 million during the financial year is in fact due to a (i) Payment of balance amount of arrears (after reduction as per the Bajaj Committee Report) to the professionals / staff with regard to 6th Pay Commission; (ii) Gratuity and leave encashment to the retiring staff; and (iii) Receipt of lesser amount of membership subscription from the NCs for the year 2010. The audited details of the accounts are included in the PFC Agenda.

8.14 WatSave Awards

WatSave Awards are being presented in 3 categories since 1998. So far, the NCs of The Netherlands (1998), China (1999), India (2000), Korea (2001), Canada (2002), Japan (2003), France (2004), Spain (2005), Malaysia (2006), USA (2007), Pakistan (2008) and India (2009) have received the honour of sponsoring the Awards. The 2010 WatSave Awards was partly sponsored by Indonesia and partly by China. The host National Committee (Iran) has kindly agreed to sponsor the 2011 Awards.

Item 9 : Report of the Management Board (MB)

The 41st meeting is scheduled to be held on 15 October 2011 from 18:00 to 20:00 hours at Iran. A summary report of the decisions / recommendations of MB since its 40th meeting will be presented to the Council by the Chair, PCSO.

Item 10 : Report of the Permanent Committee on Strategy and Organization (PCSO)

The Committee will meet on 18 October 2011 (First Session – 09:00–12.30 hours and Second Session – 13:30–17:00 hours) for its 22nd meeting at Iran. The agenda for the Committee is given at Appendix I, Page A-1.

The Chairman of the Committee will present his report for consideration and approval of the Council.

10.1 Special Committee Report on Strategy Theme

A request has been made to Dr. Sami Bouarfa to make a Theme Presentation on “*Groundwater*” under the Theme “*Basin*”.

Item 11 : Report of the Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (PCTA)

The 31st meeting of PCTA will be held on 21 October 2011 (First Session – 09:00–12:30 hours and Second Session – 13.30-17.00 hours) at Iran. The agenda for the PCTA is given at Appendix X, Page A-62.

The Chairman of PCTA will present his report for consideration and approval of the Council.

Item 12 : Report of the Permanent Finance Committee (PFC)

The 32nd meeting of PFC will be held on 16 October 2011 from 13:30-17:00 hours. The agenda for the meeting of the Committee is given at Appendix XXXI, Page A-181.

The Chairman of PFC will present his report for consideration and approval of the Council.

Presentations**Item 13 : Presentation of Awards / Plaques****13.1 WatSave Awards**

The President in consultation with the Secretary General, constituted a Panel of Judges comprising President Hon. Peter Lee (UK) as Convenor and Ing. Helvecio Mattana Saturnino (Brazil); VP Engr. Husnain Ahmad (Pakistan); VPH Dr. José A. Ortiz Fdz.-Urrutia (Spain); VP Dr. Samia El-Guindy (Egypt) as members for evaluating the contributions received for WatSave Awards 2011.

The Convenor of the Panel of Judges, President Hon. Peter S. Lee will announce the Awards during the meeting.

13.2 Plaques to retiring President and 3 Vice Presidents / Secretary General

Citation plaques shall be presented during the IEC meeting to the retiring following President, three Vice-Presidents of ICID and Secretary General for their commendable services and guidance to the ICID activities. The President and the three retiring Vice Presidents had completed their tenure between 2008 and 2011 while the Secretary General Gopalakrishnan completed his two terms of three years and an extended term for two years serving a total of eight years between 2004 and 2011.

Dr. (Mrs.) Samia El-Guindy (Egypt), Vice President	2008-11
Shinsuke Ota (Japan), Vice President	2008-11
Prof. Lucio Ubertini (Italy), Vice President	2008-11
Er. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID	2004-11

13.3 Plaques to retiring Chairs of Workbodies

The following Chairperson of workbody would be retiring this year and will be presented citation plaque for providing commendable guidance to the activities of the concerned workbody:

Prof. Hector M. Malano, Vice President Hon., (Australia) (Chairman, PCTA) (2005-10)
 Engr. I.K. Musa, Vice President Hon., (Nigeria) (Chairman, ST-LCB) (2007- 11)
 Dr. Hussein El-Atfy, Vice President Hon., (Egypt) (Chairman, WG-WATS) (2000-10)

13.4 Award for the Best Paper in the ICID Journal 'Irrigation and Drainage'

The Best Paper Award for 2011 selected on the basis of the contributions to the Journal made during 2010 will be announced by the Chair, EB-JOUR, President Hon. Dr. Bart Schultz, and will be presented at the Tehran IEC. The Award will comprise books of specified value to be provided by M/s Wiley - Blackwell and a citation plaque by ICID.

13.5 Best Performing Workbody Award (BPWA)

A Special Committee under the Chairmanship of VPH Prof. Hector Malano and membership of VPH Felix B. Reinders, VPH Dr. Hafied A. Gany and Secretary General Gopalakrishnan, was constituted to evaluate the candidate workbody for the 3rd BPW Award. Based on the agreed criteria, the Committee came up with its recommendation in favour of WG (SDTA).

President may wish to present a Plaque to the Chairman, WG-SDTA.

13.6 Best Performing National Committee Award (BPNCA)

The 4th BPNC Award will be presented to the National Committee to be nominated by a Selection Committee set up with PH Aly Shady as Chair; VPH Prof. Victor A. Dukhovny; VP Prof. Lucio Ubertini; VP Dr. Samia El-Guindy as members and President and Secretary General as Resource Persons.

There were two National Committees which submitted their proposals for consideration of the Selection Committee. After due deliberations, the Selection Committee had come with its recommendations in favour of South African National Committee (SANCID). The Chair PH Aly Shady may wish to apprise the IEC.

President may wish to present the 'Rolling Trophy' (presently in the possession of IRNCID) and a Citation to SANCID.

Item 14 : N.D. Gulhati Memorial International Lecture

The Central Office has invited nominations from the National Committees/Committee for a distinguished Lecturer to deliver the '3rd N.D. Gulhati Memorial Lecture for International Cooperation in Irrigation and Drainage' at the 21st ICID Congress in October 2011. In response, only one nomination, proposing Dr. Charles Michael Burt by US Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (USCID) was received.

A 'Nomination Committee' comprising President Dr. Chandra Madramootoo (Chair), VPH Felix B. Reinders, Chair, PCTA, VPH Dr. Hafied A. Gany, Chair, PCSO and Secretary General Er. M. Gopalakrishnan considered the nomination received from the NC. Dr. Charles Michael Burt was recommended and the ICID management had endorsed him to be the Distinguished Lecturer to deliver on 19 October 2011.

Elections

Item 15 : Election of President and Three Vice Presidents

(a) Election of President

The 3-year term (2008-2011) of President Chandra Madramootoo will conclude at the end of the Tehran Congress and the adjunct study tours, as per the provision of Article 6.2.3 of the ICID Constitution.

The Central Office notified the vacancy for the position of President to ICID National Committees on 9 March 2011, 18 April 2011 and 18 May 2011. The nominations were invited from the NCs so as to reach the Central Office at least four months before the date of the Council meeting i.e. by 22 June 2011. The following nominations were received by the due date:

Sl. No.	Nominee	Country	Date of receipt in the Central Office	Nomination validity
1	Dr. Saeed Nairizi	Iran	1 May 2011	Valid
2	Dr. Gao Zhanyi	China	19 May 2011	Valid
3	Dr. Hussein El-Atfy	Egypt	16 June 2011	Valid

All the applications are valid.

(b) Election of Vice Presidents

As per Article 6.2.4 of the ICID Constitution (1996), the 3-year term of office (2008-2011) of the following three Vice Presidents will conclude at the end of the Tehran IEC and its adjunct study tours:

Dr. (Mrs.) Samia El-Guindy	Egypt	(2008-2011)
Shinsuke Ota	Japan	(2008-2011)
Prof. Lucio Ubertini	Italy	(2008-2011)

Following six Vice Presidents will continue beyond 62nd IEC:

Dr. Willem F. Vlotman	Australia	(2009-2012)
Dr. Laszlo G. Hayde	Hungary	(2009-2012)
A.K. Bajaj	India	(2009-2012)
Dr. Ragab Ragab	United Kingdom	(2010-2013)
Engr. Husnain Ahmad	Pakistan	(2010-2013)
Chaiwat Prechawit	Thailand	(2010-2013)

In response to the Central Office's circular dated 9 March 2011 and reminders dated 18 April 2011 and 18 May 2011 inviting nominations for the positions of Vice President for the term 2011-2014 the following nominations were received in the Central Office, 4 months in advance of the date of the IEC meeting, i.e. up to 22 June 2011.

Sl. No.	Nominee	Country	Date of receipt in the Central Office	Nomination validity
1	Dr. James E. Ayars	USA	25 May 2011	Valid
2	Mr. Laurie Tollefson	Canada	21 May 2011	Valid
3	Dr. Adama Sangare	Mali	31 May 2011	Valid
4	Prof. Tai Cheol, Kim	Korea	1 June 2011	Valid
5	Dr. Gerhard Backeberg	South Africa	20 June 2011	Valid

Results of the election of 3 Vice Presidents and their *inter se* seniority will be announced by the President at the end of the election process.

Regional allocation of NCs amongst the Vice Presidents for the current term 2010-11 is given below:

Sr. No.	Vice President	Proposed Allocation of Region/National Committees for 2010-11
1	Dr. Mrs. Samia El-Guindy (Egypt) 2008	<p>REGION : AFRICA AND PART ASIA</p> <p>ACTIVE: Cyprus, Egypt, Ethiopia, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa and Zambia</p> <p>ADMITTED BUT NOT PAID SUBSCRIPTION: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Mauritius, and Sao Tome & Principe</p> <p>DEEMED TO BE INACTIVE: Angola, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe</p> <p>NEW COUNTRIES TO BE LIAISED FOR MEMBERSHIP: Botswana, Central African Republic, Congo, Dem. Rep. of Congo (Zaire), Gabon, Guinea, Kuwait, Mauritania, Namibia, Oman, Swaziland, Somalia, Togo and United Arab Emirates</p>
2	Shinsuke Ota (Japan) 2008	<p>REGION : ASIA & OCEANIA</p> <p>ACTIVE: China, Korea and Japan</p> <p>ADMITTED BUT NOT PAID SUBSCRIPTION: Mongolia</p> <p>NEW COUNTRIES TO BE LIAISED FOR MEMBERSHIP: Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Laos Republic</p>
3	Prof. Lucio Ubertini (Italy) 2008	<p>REGION : AMERICAS</p> <p>ACTIVE: Brazil, Canada, Chile, Guyana, Mexico, Uruguay, USA, and Italy</p> <p>DEEMED TO BE INACTIVE: Argentina, Colombia, Dom. Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Surinam, and Venezuela</p> <p>ADMITTED BUT NOT PAID SUBSCRIPTION: Jamaica</p> <p>WITHDRAWN ON THEIR OWN: Cuba</p> <p>NEW COUNTRIES TO BE LIAISED FOR MEMBERSHIP: Bolivia, Costa Rica, El-Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, and Trinidad & Tobago</p>
4	Dr. Willem F. Vlotman (Australia) 2009	<p>REGION : ASIA & OCEANIA</p> <p>ACTIVE: Fiji and Australia</p> <p>Deemed to be INACTIVE: Vietnam</p> <p>ADMITTED BUT NOT PAID SUBSCRIPTION: Yemen</p> <p>WITHDRAWN ON THEIR OWN: New Zealand</p>

Sr. No.	Vice President	Proposed Allocation of Region/National Committees for 2010-11
5	Dr. Laszlo G. Hayde (Hungary) 2009	REGION : EUROPE ACTIVE: Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia and Ukraine DEEMED TO BE INACTIVE: Bulgaria, Poland and Slovak Republic NEW COUNTRIES TO BE LIAISED FOR MEMBERSHIP: Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Georgia, Latvia and Moldova
6	A.K. Bajaj (India) 2009	REGION : ASIA & OCEANIA ACTIVE: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Chinese Taipei, Kazakhstan, Iraq, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, India and Uzbekistan NEW COUNTRIES TO BE LIAISED FOR MEMBERSHIP: Bhutan and Maldives
7	Dr. Ragab Ragab (UK) 2010	REGION: EUROPE ACTIVE: Austria, Croatia, France, Israel, Ireland, Macedonia, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and UK DEEMED TO BE INACTIVE: Algeria, Belgium and Tunisia WITHDRAWN ON THEIR OWN: Denmark NEW COUNTRIES TO BE LIAISED FOR MEMBERSHIP: Albania, Montenegro, Norway and Sweden
8	Engr. Husnain Ahmad (Pakistan) 2010	REGION : ASIA & OCEANIA ACTIVE: Iran, Kyrgyz Republic, Syria, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan DEEMED TO BE INACTIVE: Jordan, Lebanon and Tajikistan ADMITTED BUT NOT PAID SUBSCRIPTION: Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan
9	Chaiwat Prachawit (Thailand) 2010	REGION : ASIA & OCEANIA ACTIVE: Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand NEW COUNTRIES TO BE LIAISED FOR MEMBERSHIP: Cambodia and Papua New Guinea

Any other business / Closing remarks by President

Item 16 : Any other business

Item 17 : Closing remarks by President, ICID

EMBASSY OF CHILE

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The Embassy of Chile presents its compliments to the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) and has the honor to communicate that the Government of Chile has decided to withdraw its membership from the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) effective from 31st of May 2011.

In this regard, the Embassy of Chile would highly appreciate that the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) could initiate all the internal process aimed to cancel the Chilean membership in the Organization.

Furthermore, the Embassy of Chile would like to extend its gratitude to the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) for the extraordinary work developed in the areas of its competence and the technical support extended to Chile during these years.

The Embassy of Chile avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) the assurances of its highest consideration.

  New Delhi, May 18th, 2011

CC: Mr. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General

To the
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