

AGENDA FOR THE SECOND COMBINED MEETING OF THE
IPTRID ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AC-IPTRID)
AND
WORKING GROUP ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (WG-R&D)
Sacramento, USA
02 October 2007 : 09.00-12.00 hours
Strategy Theme: Knowledge

AC-IPTRID

Year of Establishment: 1995

WG-R&D

Year of Establishment: 1994

(Year of Merger: 2006)

Members : (1) Prof. (Mrs.) L. Vincent, Chairperson, 2004 (The Netherlands, 1995); (2) Mr. Stephen Mills, Vice Chairman (Australia, 2005); (3) Vice President Hon. (Mrs.) Shaden Abdel-Gawad, Vice Chairperson, 2006 (Egypt, 2001); (4) Prof. L. Ubertini, Secretary (Italy, 1989); (5) Vice President Hon. H. Fahmy (Egypt, 1995); (6) Dr. A. Delacourt (France, 1995); (7) Mr. J. Lelkes (Hungary, 1998); (8) Dr. John A. Replogle (USA, 1999); (9) Mr. Sietan Chieng (Canada, 2001); (10) Dr. (Mrs.) Irene Bondarik (Russia, 2001); (11) Prof. Jiasheng Huang (China, 2003); (12) Prof. J.G. Annandale (South Africa, 2003); (13) Prof. Yuanhua Li (China, 2003); (14) Mr. S.K. Chaudhuri; (15) Mr. Geoff Pearce (UK, 2003); (16) Mr. Ezzatollah Farhadi (Iran, 2005); (17) Dr. K. Palanisami (India, 2005); (18) Dr. Muhammad Che Husain (Malaysia, 2005); (19) Dr. Yohei Sato (Japan, 2005); (20) Mr. S.A. Assadollahi (Iran, 2006); (21) Mr. Ian William Makin (Great Britain, 2006); (22) Dr. Enrique Playan (Spain, 2006); (23) Mexican representative (MXCID); (24) Nigerian representative (NINCID); (25) Indonesian representative (INACID); and (26) Er. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID.

Observers/Permanent Observers : (1) Dr. Carlos Garces-Restrepo (Italy), Programme Manager, IPTRID; (2) FAO Representative; (3) World Bank Representative; (4) IWMI Representative; (5) President Peter S. Lee, Chairman, CG-IPTRID, UK; and (6) Mr. Campoare Moussa Laurent, (ARID-Burkina Faso).

Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the first combined meeting of AC-IPTRID and WG-R&D held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12 September 2006

No comments received. Minutes may be confirmed, if there are no suggestions/modifications during the 2nd combined meeting.

Item 2 : Finalization/recommendation for constitution of a new work body by merging AC-IPTRID and WG-R&D

The Group confirmed its preference to act as a WG structure rather than a Task Force and decided on the merger of the two working groups in the first combined meeting held on 12 September 2006 at KL. The mandate for the new work body is given at the topic of this agenda.

Item 3 : Review of the membership

In the first meeting, it was decided that the current membership would continue. Members would be finalized in 2007 and a new WG would be in place for the Congress in Lahore. The new WG would emerge from the current members, but new members with interest and experience in the field would be sought. It was proposed that all new members would submit a list of their interest and work that they are prepared to undertake, as a condition of membership.

3.1 Information on interests submitted from existing members.

This will be tabled at the meeting.

3.2 Discussion on additional membership.

The agenda shows members present in the 2006 meeting. The committee needs to consider whether to seek nominations from additional countries. It is proposed that for countries with more than one representative, the National Committees be asked to nominate one member.

Current present members come from the following countries:

Europe	:	Netherlands, Great Britain, Russia, Spain
North Africa and Middle East	:	Iran, Egypt,
Asia and Pacific	:	India, China, Japan, Australia, Malaysia
Africa	:	South Africa
Americas	:	Canada, (<i>USA in correspondence after member's retirement</i>)

Countries from where representatives of previous committees were neither present nor renewed in the last two years: France (WG-R&D), Italy (WG-R&D), Hungary (WG-R&D), Mexico (AC-IPTRID), Nigeria (AC-IPTRID), Indonesia (AC-IPTRID)

Countries with more than one representative or in transition due to merger of two work bodies: Egypt, Iran, China.

Attendance of the members of AC-IPTRID & WG-R&D during the last two meetings (2005 and 2006) will be presented at Sacramento.

Item 4 : Name of the Working Group

Vice President Hon. Malano, Chairman PCTA advised that the Working Group should reach agreement on the name and to report its recommendation during the Sacramento meeting of PCTA for approval.

Results from contact with members of the new workbody will be tabled.

Item 5 : Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

Currently Prof Linden Vincent continues as Chairperson and Dr. Shaden Abdel-Gawad and Mr. Stephen Mills as Vice-Chairpersons, till new office bearers are elected. The 2nd combined meeting may decide to start the procedure to elect a new Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and a Secretary of the merged workbody.

Item 6 : Tenure of the Working Group

The Chairpersons of the Groups AC-IPTRID and WG-R&D noted in the first combined meeting that the tenure of the new merged Group would be fixed based on views emerging from the debate and synergizing activities planned. Views will be asked at this meeting.

Item 7 : Activities of the new combined Working Group

The members are asked to review ideas and possible plans for the three main activities which were agreed for the new merged Group (**Annex** summarizes the ideas/views emerged from the 1st combined meeting held in 2006).

7.1 Documenting Technology Innovation and Research Processes (Activities with AC-IPTRID)

To provide a two-way flow of information and discussion on research needs and technology innovations and to develop the programme of outputs based on :

- Documentation of the research uptake process in at least two countries - Africa and Asia
- Documentation of I&D technological innovations and adoptions in two countries - Asia and Africa

- Joint IPTRID-ICID publication on value of technology and research uptake in developing countries
- Joint policy briefs based on R&D results in selected countries

7.2 Studies on R&D processes (From WG-R&D and beyond)

Develop information from group studies on:

1. The value of R&D in irrigation and drainage practice, and benefit back to research
2. Cooperation between key organizations supporting and undertaking research and innovation
3. Outreach, communication and research up-take
4. Improved understanding of research and innovation processes, in particular of:
 - Understanding and transforming timeframes from research to innovation
 - Identification and working with stakeholders' needs and interests, and complex problems
 - Leadership, structure and networking in research, especially linking national and local action and
 - Capacity building for research
5. How research models and data can be better used in capacity building, and system design and water management practice – how to move between theory and practice and
6. Finance of research and innovation, especially to reach certain stakeholders and problem contexts.

7.3 Commencement of a New Survey with National Committees

A structured response was proposed to the suggestions received from National Committees based on the surveys conducted in 2004 and 2005. Plans for a new survey will be discussed and developed.

Item 8 : Uploading of combined website

In first combined meeting it was decided that the uploading of the combined website would be developed in contact with the ICID secretariat. Action will be discussed.

Item 9 : Reports and books received

IWMI (2007): Water for Food, Water for Life. A comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture

World Bank (2006): Re-engaging in Agricultural Water Management: Challenges and Options.

Item 10 : Any Other Business

Item 11 : Presentations

**DISCUSSIONS ON SYNERGIZING ACTIVITIES REQUIRED FOR
AC-IPTRID AND WG-R&D – FEEDBACKS FROM 2006 MEETING**

In the Group discussion on the core activities that could be taken up for the new merged Group, the following views emerged:

- Dr. Palanisami (India) emphasized that the merger Group should concentrate on outreach and the technology transfer processes rather than new research, *per se*.
 - Mr. Ian Makin (UK) pointed out that the role for the merger Group in ICID is to give IPTRID inputs on research needs; it is necessary to find out ways and means of utilizing IPTRID's network amongst the new Group for disseminating information, as it has a different network and a varied 'reach' because of its involvement in different spheres of activities.
 - Vice President Dr. Alain Vidal brought out the need to realize as to who are represented in ICID. Very few irrigators or 'on-the ground' workers attend ICID meetings. So, the ICID WG may not be the competent Group to give advice to IPTRID. It would be helpful to have IPTRID for identifying the research issues through their networks to ICID /Working Group.
 - Dr. Shaden Abdel-Gawad (Egypt) noted that National Committees did include water managers and farmer groups (even if they did not attend international meetings). So, some of their messages could still come from the National Committees.
 - President Peter Lee commented that IPTRID has a strong position in ICID (in the PCTA) and ICID is a partner of IPTRID (and not a supervisor in any way). The further development of a good close association is more important. ICID needs to show its involvement in new technologies and technical issues in I&D as well as related problems in a wider context. He urged the participants to identify the clear activities for a specific timeframe of 3-6 years, and also to take a title that would be clear to new members joining in the Group.
 - Mr. W. Wolters (The Netherlands) emphasized the need to see research as a part of an investment activity or programme. He referred to the Australian presentation, which had shown producer's willingness to pay for research through a levy. He also commented on the return from funding of research within large-scale projects in Pakistan.
 - Prof. (Mrs.) L. Vincent (The Netherlands) pointed out that there are different styles of research, planning and monitoring, sometimes quite contrastingly, in various regions. This could be gleaned from the presentations made for Australia and India.
 - Prof. Tom Franks, Chairman, WG-CBTE suggested that the issue regarding capacity building be focused and studied as a part of research processes.
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