

**AGENDA FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE  
ICID YOUNG PROFESSIONAL'S E-FORUM (IYPeF)**

09 November 2016, 09:00-10:30 hours (Session-I)  
09 November 2016, 11:00-12:30 hours (Session-II)

**Year of Establishment: 2014**

**Mandate:** (a) Encourage and promote a high standard of professional development amongst the young professionals in the field of irrigation, drainage, and flood management; (b) Provide an international platform for young irrigation and drainage professionals; (c) Expose young professional to ICID's purpose, objectives, role and activities; (d) Facilitate the wider dissemination of knowledge and information amongst the young professionals; and (e) Maintain and enhance links with national and international youth having interests in water related subjects or the activities, relevant to ICID objectives.

**Members:** (1) Ms. Kathleen Heuvel (Australia); (2) Ms. Adey N. Mersha (Ethiopia); (3) Mr. David Vanneck (UK); (4) Mr. Mika Turunen (Finland); (5) Mr. Thubelihle A. Thebe (Zimbabwe); (6) Mr. Rafat Nael Al-Intaki (Iraq); (7) Ms. Jakia Akter (Bangladesh); (8) Ms. Jyotsana Chuchra Raheja (India); (9) Mr. Abdullahi Hassan Hussein (Somalia); (10) Engr. Carlo Q Pimentel (Philippines); (11) Directly Participating members; and (12) Er. Avinash C Tyagi, Secretary General, ICID.

**Invitees:** (i) VP Prof. Dr. Charlotte de Fraiture (The Netherlands), (ii) Ms. Badra Kamaladasa (Sri Lanka); and (iii) VP Dr. Abdelhafid Debbah (Morocco).

LinkedIn Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6990321>

## **Background**

1. With the long term objectives of encouraging and promoting young professionals in the field of irrigation, drainage, flood management and environment, the 65<sup>th</sup> International Executive Council (IEC) held at Gwangju in September 2014, approved establishing an ICID-Young Professional's Forum (IYPeF) with open membership. In order to throw open ICID platform to all the young professionals interested in agriculture water management issues, an ICID Young Professionals e-Forum (IYPeF) as a new LinkedIn group (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6990321>) was established. The activities of the Forum will be monitored and overseen by a group of volunteer young professionals consisting of one coordinator and five joint coordinators that will act as the link to the ICID network. The Coordinator of the Forum shall report on its activities to IEC through Permanent Committee on Strategy and Organization (PCSO) during the annual Council meetings of ICID.

2. IYPeF will not only acts as virtual meeting place but also a platform that would as a stepping stone into annual events of ICID that would provide opportunities to the budding professionals for interaction with the best professionals in irrigation and drainage sector, present papers, avail latest information and join technical working groups.

### **IYPeF Agenda Item 1: Introduction**

3. At the 65<sup>th</sup> International Executive Council (IEC) held at Gwangju in September 2014, the Council approved establishing an ICID-Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF) with open membership. Accordingly, Central Office established a LinkedIn Group and invited membership from NCs, partner organizations, etc. Three e-Discussions were held in 2016 (Item 3). Based on these discussions, 10 active members were selected for the scholarship to attend WIF2. Members selected one Coordinator, and 5 Joint Coordinators from the group of active members via on-line polling. The seniority among 5 coordinators elected was based on number of votes received. The maximum term of the coordinator would be for 3 years. The members who got maximum votes was elected as Coordinator. Every year 2 elected members receiving least votes will leave their position for the new incumbents or till the age of 40, whichever is early.

4. Based on the online election process, Secretary General Avinash C. Tyagi will announce the Coordinator and five Joint Coordinators to take the lead of IYPeF as per the new procedure defined above.

### **IYPeF Agenda Item 2: To review membership**

5. IYPeF received very encouraging participation from all the dimensions of the agriculture water management sector, which shows the interest of YPs in ICID activities. The present membership consists of more than 150 members. Members are encouraged to promote the membership to attract new players.

**IYPeF Agenda Item 3: e-Discussions**

6. Central Office organized three e-Discussions to provide inputs to WIF2 side events, (1) Role of Education in Irrigation and Drainage [15 July - 7 August 2016]; (2) Role of Women in Irrigation and Drainage Sector [28 Jul - 15 Aug 2016]; and (3) Role of New Technologies for Irrigation and Drainage [17 Aug. - 2 Sept. 2016]. VP Prof. Dr. Charlotte de Fraiture (The Netherlands), Ms. Badra Kamaladasa (Sri Lanka), and Ms. Jyotsana Chuchra Raheja (India) acted as mentors for the e-Discussion.

7. Based on the views expressed by participating members on the above topics, three best members were invited to prepare a two page write-up from the expression threads. Accordingly, Ms. Adey N. Mersha (Ethiopia), Ms. Kathleen Heuvel (Australia), and Mr. Mika Turunen (Finland) were selected for the presentation. Selected members will inform the group about their experiences.

8. Members will discuss the mechanism, how they can continue this activity making use of the IYPeF. They would be required to discuss and decide on future topics of the discussions. Next year being a Congress year. Some of the selected topics, should be based on the Congress Questions.

9. Based on the discussions, Coordinator with assistance from Joint Coordinators will develop an Opinion Paper on the discussions. After the review process, the papers will be placed on ICID website and best paper(s) are published in ICID News/ News Update.

**IYPeF Agenda Item 4: Webinar**

10. Webinar/ Web-based seminars are the new way to reach wider audience through video conferencing. Members should take a lead in organizing Webinars in consultation with Central Office. Members can also invite specialists to deliver talks on important topics of interest to YPs. Members may decide the broad topics and a tentative schedule to organize these Webinar.

**IYPeF Agenda Item 5: Any other business**

