

**AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE
ICID JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD (EB-JOUR)
New Delhi, India
08 December 2009: 09.30-13.15 hours**

Year of Establishment: 1994

Members : (1) President Hon. Prof. dr. Bart Schultz, Chairman (The Netherlands, 2002); (2) Vice President Hon. Prof. H. Malano, Joint Editor (2008) (Australia, 2001); (3) Dr Nick C. Van de Giesen, Joint Editor (2008) (The Netherlands, 2007); (4) Ir. Paul J.M. van Hofwegen, Editor Emeritus (The Netherlands, 2008); (5) Vice President Hon. Prof. dr. Riota Nakamura, Associate Editor (Japan, 2001); (6) Dr. Bryan P. Thoreson, Associate Editor (USA, 2001); (7) Prof. dr. James Murray de Jager (South Africa, 2003); (8) Mrs. Isabelle M. Proulx, Associate Editor (Canada, 2003); (9) Prof. Mrs. Ir. Indreswari Guritno, Associate Editor (Indonesia, 2004); (10) Dr. Benjamin de León Mojarro, Associate Editor (Mexico, 2005); (11) Vice President Hon. Dr. Henry Tardieu, Associate Editor (France, 2007); (12) Vice President Hon. Larry D. Stephens (USA, 2001); (13) Vice President Hon. Prof. L.S. Pereira (Portugal, 2001); (14) Prof. D.D. Wrachien (Italy, 2001); (15) President Hon. Ir. Keizrul bin Abdullah (Malaysia, 2001); (16) Vice President Hon. Dr. S. Nairizi (Iran, 2001); (17) Dr. Chris Perry (UK, 2001); (18) Vice President Hon. Ing. Manuel Contijoch Escontria (Mexico, 2001); (19) Dr. Muhammad Latif (Pakistan, 2002); (20) Vice President Hon. Prof. Kwun, Soon-Kuk (Korea, 2003); (21) Prof. dr. Joachim Quast (Germany, 2004); (22) Prof. Y.C. Tan (Chinese Taipei, 2006); (23) Prof. Dr. Jinzhang Yang (China, 2007); (24) Dr. Bruce Lankford (UK, 2007); (25); and (26) Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar, Coordinator (ICID Central Office).

Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of 15th meeting of the Editorial Board

The minutes of the 15th meeting of the Editorial Board held at Lahore (2008) will be presented for confirmation.

Item 2 : Review of the membership of the Editorial Board

The Australian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (ANCID) has nominated (02 September 2009) Dr. Mohsin Hafeez (Australia) as Associate Editor of the EB. His CV will be placed for consideration during the EB meeting.

The Japanese National Committee of ICID (JNC-ICID) has nominated (11 August 2008) Dr. Yohei Sato (Japan) in place of Vice President Hon Prof. Dr. Riota Nakamura for the membership of the EB. His CV will be placed for consideration during the EB meeting.

2.1 Joint Editors

Dr. Hector Malano (Australia) commenced his work as Joint Editor of the Journal in January 2009 whereas Prof. Nick van de Giesen did the same in January 2008. Due to the large number of papers (about 200 papers) received these days (annually), the Chairman will share the coordination of the reviews with the Joint Editors up to the end of 2009.

2.2 Term of members

Attendance of Members at meetings in 2007 and 2008 will be reviewed during the meeting.

Prof. Dr. James Murray de Jager (South Africa) has indicated his wish to retire as Associate Editor. In fact this brings down the number of Associate Editors to five, taking into account that Henri Tardieu (France) already takes care of the checking of all the French texts. Keeping in mind the large number of papers that we receive nowadays, we need at least three new active Associate Editors. In consultation with the Joint Editors, the Chairman is making efforts to identify potential candidates. Fresh nominees are most welcome.

The ICID by-law 3.3 (b) provides that the term of workbody members, in principle, should be restricted to six years. In earlier meetings, it has been agreed that in light of the special position of the EB, this will be treated in a flexible way. The members of EB-JOUR may decide whether they want to continue their membership. However, the large number of papers that are being received at present require that more review need to be organized by the Associate Editors and more reviews need to be done by the Editorial Board members. In light of this, the Chairman has approached several members who's term exceeds six years with the request whether they want to continue their membership or want to step down. In response Pres. Hon. Keizrul bin Abdullah, (Malaysia) Vice Pres. Hon. Luis Pereira (Portugal) and Ing. Manuel Contijoch Escontria (Mexico) have indicated their desire to retire from membership of the EB-JOUR.

For reasons of handling the large number of papers and continuity in the development of the Journal, Prof. Bart Schultz (The Netherlands) plans to continue his Chairmanship for one more year than originally envisaged, which implies his continuation until the council meeting in 2010.

Item 3 : Reports (from Editor, Chairman etc.)

The reports of 2008 and for the period January – September 2009 were disseminated before the meeting among the members of the Editorial Board. In general the Journal is doing well. However, unfortunately the Impact factor has decreased from 0.623 in 2007 to 0.480 in 2008. A serious developing problem is that although we are much more strict in our acceptance of papers, we still have to accept many more papers than we can publish. This has resulted in a long list of papers under early view.

3.1 Special Issues

The special issue with selected papers from the Lahore Congress will be published in Issue 58.5. In addition three sponsored Special Issues have already been published on the themes listed below:

- Water and Food for Ending Poverty and Hunger at the occasion of the 5th World Water Forum (Issue 58.3);
- Irrigation Management in North Africa, (Special Issue 58.3) based on papers prepared in the framework of the SIRMA (Irrigation Systems for Maghreb) project. Published together with the Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD), France;
- The Water Professional of Tomorrow, (Issue 58.2) based on reviewed papers of the NETHCID symposium and published in co-operation with Wageningen University

So far no proposals for sponsored Special Issues in 2010 have been received.

3.2 Two ICID pages per issue

The ICID Central Office has been regularly and timely supplied providing relevant text of interest in two pages which is assigned to Central Office in each issue.

3.3 Book Reviews

EB is still looking for a volunteer to take care of the book reviews.

3.4 French resumé

Dr. Henri Tardieu (France) has been providing (since 2007) the French Resumés of all the English abstracts for the Journal on a voluntary basis.

3.5 Recognition to the reviewers

The guest editors and reviewers of 2008 have been acknowledged on separate pages in the first issue of 2009.

3.6 Proposal for the Best Paper Award

In 2008, 46 papers have been published. Out of these the Best Paper was selected by the Chairman, the Joint Editors and the Associated Editors. The Best Paper Award is a citation plaque along with a cash prize of either £ 250, or £ 400 – in the form of Gift Books (Wiley Publications), and the awardee will have an option to choose. The 'Best Paper Award 2009' will be presented to the winner during the IEC meeting.

Item 4 : Distribution of the Journal among the ICID membership

Under the new (third) Agreement with M/s. Wiley-Blackwell for the period 2009-2013, each National Committee receives ten copies - online + print, or online only - of each issue of *Irrigation and Drainage* for free. In addition one online access of each issue for each individual who is an incumbent, or active honoraire office bearer, or an active member of an ICID work body will be provided. In addition each individual member of a National ICID Committee is entitled to receive an online only, or an online + print subscription at the special discounted ICID member subscription fee. The hard copies are sent by M/s. Wiley-Blackwell directly to the National Committees.

The Central Office compilation (2009) covering all above categories show that there are 252 online (only) subscriptions, 278 copies as online + print and 344, as print only copies (Total = 874).

Item 5 : Review the Duties of the Editorial Board

The duties of the editorial board will be updated, taking into account a more clear distinction between the tasks of the Joint Editors and Associate Editor(s) and the tasks of the other members of the EB.

Item 6 : Items related to M/s. Wiley-Blackwell

In view of substantial number of papers posted on early view and ready for publication, it was proposed to publish six issues of 128 pages each (same as before) of the Journal in year 2010. However, this turned out to be not possible in the present financial conditions. Although a substantially higher number of papers have been rejected over the past period, by applying more strict rules on the quality, the stock of papers ready for publication is still increasing. This causes long delays - at present more than a year – before accepted papers are printed. Therefore, ways and means have to be seriously explored to publish six issues per year, starting in 2011.

Members may deliberate.

6.2 New format for the Journal

M/s. Wiley-Blackwell has made a proposal for a new format for the Journal. This would enable to publish a few more papers per issue. A sample copy has been prepared. This will be presented during the meeting. The new format allows more papers per issue with no financial implications.

In view of M/s. Wiley-Blackwell wanting early confirmation of the proposed format, Chairman circulated (25 August 2009) the draft version to President, ICID. This virtual consultation was required for an early decision on the subject such that M/s. Wiley-Blackwell can redesign the process now and be able to publish the first issue of 2011 with new format. Type setting has been completed for all issues upto end of 2010. It has been agreed by all to go ahead with the new format.

6.3 Improved information on Manuscript Central

With the improved information on manuscript central, authors can now easily find the status of their paper in the review process.

Item 7 : Any other business
