

**AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE
PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES (PCTA)
Lahore, Pakistan
16 October 2008 : 09:00-12:30 hours (Session-I)
16 October 2008 : 13:30-17:00 hours (Session-II)**

Members : (1) Dr. Hector Malano, Chairman (Australia, 2005); (2) Mr. Bruno Molle, Vice Chairman (France, 2006); (3) Mr. Larry D. Stephens, Secretary (USA, 2003); (4) Mr. R. Jeyaseelan (India, 2004); (5) Dr. Hussein Ehsan El-Atfy (Egypt, 2005); (6) Prof. Daniele De Wrachien (Italy, 2005); (7) Dr. Yohei Sato (Japan, 2005); (8) Dr. Nikolay G. Kovalev (Russia, 2007); (9) Mr. Hasan B. Yüksel (Turkey, 2007) and (10) Er. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID.

Permanent Observers : (i) World Bank representative; (ii) FAO representative; (iii) IWMI representative; (iv) ISO representative; (v) WWC representative and (vi) Program Manager, IPTRID.

Ex-Officio Members: All Strategy Theme Leaders and Chairpersons of Technical Working Groups/Work Teams.

Item 1 : Confirmation of minutes of the 27th meeting of PCTA held at Sacramento, USA, 03 October 2007

The minutes of 27th meeting of PCTA held in Sacramento on 03 October 2007 were circulated and also uploaded on the ICID website in the last week of December 2007. As no comments were received thereon, the minutes may be confirmed.

A. CONTINUING ITEMS

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Item 2 : Membership of the Committee

- 2.1** ICID Central Office invited the National Committees to send nominations for the Workbodies, including PCTA. However, no nominations have been received for Committee's membership.

Consideration of the nomination of Mr. S.K. Sinha (India) was deferred last year at Sacramento, since the nominee was not able to attend the meeting. Indian National Committee has been requested to ensure his presence at Lahore where his nomination will be taken up for consideration again.

- 2.2** Attendance of the members at the PCTA meetings in 2006 and 2007 in terms of ICID By-law 3.1.7 will be handed over to the Chairman at the time of the meeting.

Item 3 : Composition of Workbodies

3.1 Recommendations of Workbodies for the positions of Chairmen/Vice Chairmen/Secretaries

The Chairs/Vice Chairs/Secretaries of the following workbodies will retire at the end of Lahore meetings. New Chairs/Vice Chairs/Secretaries elected by the workbodies will be considered for recommendation to IEC for acceptance.

Name of Workbody	Chairs/Vice Chairs/Secretaries
WG-HIST	Prof. Dr. N. Hatcho (Japan)
WG-CAFM	Prof. Jose Liria Montañés (Spain)

3.2 New membership proposals for Working Groups

The following new nominations have been received for various Working Groups. Proposals will be considered by the respective Working Groups at their meetings and recommendations made by them will be communicated to PCTA for acceptance by PCTA/IEC.

Working Group on History of Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control (WG-HIST)

Dr. Ir. M.W. Ertsen (IWHA) as Permanent Observer

Working Group on Technology and Research Uptake and Exchange (WG-TRUE)

Dr. Shaden Abdel-Gawad (Egypt)
Dr. Hussein El-Atfy (Egypt) as Observer

Working Group on Modernization of Irrigation Services (WG-MIS)

Dr. Ian Makin (Great Britain) in place of Dr. M. Burton
Mr. Sezar Ercan (Turkey) in place of Mr. M. Gunduzalp Dikmeneoglu
Dr. Ashwani Kumar (India)
Ms. Marina Pintar (Slovenia)
Prof. Filali B. Abdelwahab (Morocco)
Dr. Masayoshi Satoh (Japan) in place of Mr. Y. Yukawa
Dr. José M. García-Asensio (Spain)
Dr. Lee, Yong-Jig (Korea) in place of Dr. Huh Yoo-Man
Dr. Willem F. Vlotman (Australia)

Working Group on Water Saving for Agriculture (WG-WATS)

Mr. Shakibaev Ilan Isataevich (Kazakhstan)

Working Group on Drainage (WG-DRG)

Mr. Anzelm Carl Albertovich (Kazakhstan)
Dr. Gurbachan Singh (India) in place of Mr. S.K. Das/Mr. M.K. Sharma
Mr. Ahmed M. Aziz (Iraq)

Working Group on Water Management in Water Stressed Regions (WG-DROUGHT)

Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan)
Dr. Anatoliy Polevoy (Ukraine)
Dr. Benjamin de León Mojarro (Mexico)
Dr. Hussein El-Atfy (Egypt)
Mrs. Jianxin Mu (China)
Dr. Kiwook Park (Korea)
Dr. Abraham Mehari Haile (The Netherlands)

Working Group on Sustainable Development of Tidal Areas (WG-SDTA)

Dr. Loh Kim Mon (Malaysia) in place of Mr. Teoh Weng Chaw
Dr. Jo, Jin Hoon (Korea)

Working Group on Environmental Impacts of Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control Projects (WG-ENV)

Mr. Ahmed M. Aziz (Iraq) : Nomination was deferred at Sacramento
Mr. C.K. Agrawal (India) : Nomination was deferred at Sacramento

Working Group on Comprehensive Approaches to Flood Management (WG-CAFM)

Dr. Jianming Ma (China)
Mr. G.S. Purba (India) in place of Mr. A.K. Ganju
Mr. Ahmed Kamal as Observer (Pakistan)

Working Group on Global Climate Change and Irrigation (WG-CLIMATE)

Dr. Edward Keith Weatherhead (UK)
Prof. Yuansheng Pei (China)
Dr. Rolu Encarnacion y Pascua (Philippines)
Ir. C.W.J. Roest (The Netherlands)
Dr. Juan A. Rodríguez-Díaz (Spain)

Working Group on Use of Poor Quality Water for Irrigation (WG-PQW)

Dr. Jinzhong Yang (China) in place of Dr. Gao Zhanyi
Mr. Bekbayev Ussen (Kazakhstan)
Dr. Paramjit Singh Minhas (India) in place of Dr. R.K. Singhania/Dr. N.K. Tyagi
Mr. Maghmoom Muhammad Iqbal (Pakistan) in place of Mr. Ramzan Chaudhry

Working Group on On-Farm Irrigation Systems (WG-ON-FARM)

Mr. Tauipbaev Sultanbek Tauipbaevich (Kazakhstan)
Dr. Abraham Mehari Haile (The Netherlands)

Task Force on the Role of Irrigation in Poverty Alleviation and Livelihoods (TF-POV)

Dr. Yohei Sato (Japan)

Task Force on Financing Water for Agriculture (TF-FIN)

Prof. Kazumi Yamaoka (Japan)

3.3 Websites of ICID Workbodies

While most of the workbodies have already established their web pages (many of which remain to be regularly updated), the following workbodies are yet to set up their web pages.

- Working Group on Environmental Impacts of Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control Projects (WG-ENV)
- American Regional Working Group (AMRWG).

Item 4 : ICID Internal Review on Functioning of ICID Technical Workbodies**4.1 Further Steps**

At Sacramento, VPH Dr. Alain Vidal noted that the recommendations of the Internal Review by PCTA (as included in the Annex to the Agenda of PCTA, Sacramento), will be given to the External Review Committee along with those of the internal reviews of PCSPOA and PFC. President Hon. Schultz suggested that the PCTA review should address the issue of inactive workbodies and recommended that the terms of a workbody be more flexible to reflect the assignment/mandate given to it.

Chairman, PCTA has been requested to keep in view the suggestion made by PH Bart Schultz while finalizing the report.

(i) Reorganizing various workbodies under 4 Strategy Themes

Presently, there are five workbodies under the theme 'Knowledge', four workbodies under 'Basin', five workbodies under 'Systems', including the TF-Poverty and TF-FIN and three workbodies under 'On-Farm' theme.

The Committee may consider re-classification of the workbodies under different themes for uniformity and objectivity, also taking into account the new workbodies that are likely to be created in near future (such as WG-DROUGHT in place of WG-IADWS).

(ii) Role of Strategy Theme Leaders

At Sacramento, it was suggested that the Central Office clarify the role of Strategy Theme Leaders in the definition of mandates and also their functioning (e.g. meetings between Theme Leaders and the Chairmen of the workbodies under the Theme.) **Annex 1** reproduces the existing by-laws in respect of this, and suggestions for interactive meetings of the Chairs of workbodies with the concerned theme leader.

Item 5 : Consideration of reports of Chairs of Workbodies followed by those of respective Theme Leaders

5.1 Presentation by Workbodies under the Strategy Theme–Knowledge (ST. K)

5.1.1 Working Group on Technology and Research Uptake and Exchange (WG-TRUE)

Highlights

At Sacramento, a combined meeting of the Working Group on Research & Development (WG-R&D) and IPTRID Advisory Committee (AC-IPTRID) decided to work under a new merged workbody titled " Working Group on Technology and Research Uptake and Exchange (WG-TRUE)". The new WG will prepare a modified mandate and will organize a meeting-cum-workshop in Lahore.

5.1.2 ICID Journal Editorial Board (EB-JOUR)

Highlights

Award for the Best Paper, out of those published in the ICID Journal during 2007, will be announced during the Lahore IEC Meeting. New Joint Editors will begin their terms in 2008, and the Chair will continue until the 2009 IEC Meeting.

5.1.3 Working Group on Coordination of Dictionaries (WG-CD)

Highlights

The next revised edition of ICID Multilingual Technical Dictionary (MTD) was expected to be published on CD-ROM by the Lahore IEC; however, due to constraints of translation of the revised chapters of English version into French, a new schedule for publication will be decided at the meeting.

5.1.4 Committee on Public Relations and Publications (C-PR&P)

Highlights

It was decided at Sacramento IEC that the Committee will remain in its current form and will continue to review the ICID Newsletter and the ICID website, offering suggestions to Central Office on their improvement. It was also suggested that the C-PR&P could advise on the suitability of material/outputs of workbodies for publication in (i) ICID Journal (ii) as ICID publication/book or (iii) on ICID website, as appropriate so that all the three ICID channels are benefited.

5.1.5 Working Group on History of Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control (WG-HIST)

Highlights

A History Seminar will be held in Lahore. The WG will provide recommendations for an updated mandate that will include more cross-cutting aspects (not just technology) and a new name for the WG.

5.1.6 Synthesis and Recommendations by Theme Leader on Knowledge (ST.K)

At Sacramento, the Theme Leader (ST.K) recommended that all workbodies should improve their 'knowledge factor' and explore how to develop communication between ICID and farmers and other water users. On the basis of this recommendation, a number of strategic knowledge dissemination tools were discussed (e.g. more face-to-face communication, various forms of publications, networking, demonstration, etc) and it was recommended that a draft strategy paper on communication for ICID be prepared by PCSPOA. The Chair, PCSPOA has been apprised of this recommendation and he informed that he was working on this while awaiting suggestions from other members of the PCSPOA.

The Theme Leader will synthesize the work done by various WGs within the Strategy Theme of Knowledge and offer his recommendations for further improvement of the workbodies. Recommendations will keep in view new proposed completion date of each workbody which has been in existence for a period of six years or more.

5.2 Presentation by Workbodies under the Strategy Theme – Systems (ST.S)

5.2.1 Working Group on Modernization of Irrigation Services (WG-MIS)

Highlights

The WG elected its Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary at Sacramento. Mandate and tenure of the WG upto 2013 were approved.

5.2.2 Working Group on Water Saving for Agriculture (WG-WATS)

Highlights

The revised mandate and workplan were accepted at the USA meeting of the WG. Suggestions for the modification of the selection process and financing of the WatSave awards were prepared. The tenure of the WG was extended till 2013.

5.2.3 Working Group on Drainage (WG-DRG)

Highlights

The 10th International Drainage Workshop was held in Finland and Estonia in July 2008. The WG also celebrated its 25th anniversary in Sacramento last year and a special issue of the ICID Journal devoted to drainage aspects was brought out subsequently. A revised mandate with a completion date of 2013 was accepted and a new workplan was adopted.

5.2.4 Task Force on the Role of Irrigation in Poverty Alleviation and Livelihoods (TF-POV)

Highlights

The TF-POV held a workshop in Sacramento. The TF will contribute to the topic 2.4 (Optimizing multiple uses of water systems e.g. water supply and irrigation) of the forthcoming WWF-5 in Istanbul (Turkey), March 2009.

5.2.5 Task Force on Financing Water for Agriculture (TF-FIN)

Highlights

The TF-FIN elected its Chair and Vice Chair at Sacramento and its mandate was also approved.

5.2.6 Synthesis and recommendations by Theme Leader on Systems (ST.S)

At Sacramento, it was recommended that the guidelines clarifying close-out and start-up procedures of workbodies be prepared by Central Office. It was also suggested that the uptake of the topics of Safety and Multiple Use of Systems should be considered by all workbodies.

Annex 2 includes the start-up and close-out procedures for the workbodies.

Regarding MUS it may be mentioned that one of the topics (World Water Forum-5 Topic 2.4 - Multiple uses of water, e.g. domestic water supply and irrigation) is fully devoted to MUS, in which ICID is also contributing through WT-Poverty (VPH Vidal). Winrock International has also done some work on MUS.

The Systems Theme Leader will provide a work appraisal of the activities of the workbodies under theme 'Systems' in consultation with Chair, PCTA and recommend continuation or otherwise of the workbodies in view of their outputs so far and the inputs in pipeline.

5.3 Presentation by Workbodies under the Strategy Theme – Basin (ST.B)

5.3.1 Working Group on Sustainable Development of Tidal Areas (WG-SDTA)

Highlights

At Sacramento, the Chair reviewed extensively the WG activities, including preparation of a Handbook on SDTA and a draft Position Paper on SDTA. The mandate of the WG was extended until 2009.

5.3.2 Working Group on Environmental Impacts of Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control Projects (WG-ENV)

Highlights

The WG has a new mandate and will hold a workshop at Lahore. Dr. G A P H van den Eertwegh, Secretary, WG-ENV on behalf of ICID, contributed a preliminary draft paper on Topic 3.3 – *Preserving National Ecosystems* which was posted on the WWF-5 website, to show WG's interest for collaborating in this topic.

5.3.3 Working Group on Comprehensive Approaches to Flood Management WG-CAFM)

Highlights

The position paper on 'The Management of Riverine Flood Risk' was approved in IEC, Sacramento, last year. The paper was widely circulated and uploaded on the ICID website. In a special issue of the ICID Journal on Floods, the contents of the position paper have earlier been published. A half-day workshop will be organized at Lahore by the WG. A new Task Force on Value Engineering, Asset Management and Maintenance has been recommended.

5.3.4 Working Group on Climate Change and Agricultural Water Management (WG-CLIMATE)

Highlights

At Sacramento, the new name and change in the mandate of the WG were approved. The WG will hold a workshop in Lahore. The WG will complete its mandate in 2011.

5.3.5 Synthesis and recommendations by Theme Leader on Basin (ST.B)

At Sacramento, the Theme Leader suggested to offer inputs on the topic related to Climate Change at the WWF5.

The Theme Leader of ST.B will provide a work appraisal of the activities of the workbodies under this theme in consultation with Chair, PCTA and recommend continuation or otherwise of the workbodies in view of their present performance and the inputs in pipeline.

5.4 Presentation by Workbodies under the Strategy Theme – On-Farm (ST.OF)

5.4.1 Working Group on Water and Crop (WG-CROP)

Highlights

The WG accepted its new name and mandate and the completion date was extended for six years.

5.4.2 Working Group on Use of Poor Quality Water for Irrigation (WG-PQW)

Highlights

The WG has a new mandate. It was felt that the classification of water quality needed further elaboration.

5.4.3 Working Group on On-Farm Irrigation Systems (WG-ON-FARM)

Highlights

A new mandate will be presented at Lahore.

5.4.4 Synthesis and recommendations by Theme Leader on On-Farm (ST.OF)

The On-Farm Theme Leader will provide a work appraisal of the activities of the workbodies under theme 'On-Farm' in consultation with Chair, PCTA and recommend continuation or otherwise of the workbodies in view of their inputs in pipeline and period of their existence.

Item 6 : ICID Task Forces

6.1 Task Force to Guide ICID Inputs to WWF-5 (TF-WWF-5)

The 5th World Water Forum will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 15 to 22 March 2009 on the main theme "Bridging Divides for Water". Under this overarching theme, two issues have been identified. Under each issue, there will be three themes each and under this six themes, there will be 22 topics to be addressed. The programme framework for the 5th World Water Forum is available on their website at <<http://www.worldwaterforum5.org/index.php?id=1897>>.

ICID plans to make its contribution to the WWF-5 in a substantial way as it did to the previous Forums, WWF-2, WWF-3 and WWF-4. To guide ICID inputs to WWF-5, a Task Force has been constituted under the Chairmanship of PH Aly Shady. The TF held its first meeting in Sacramento last year and based on the discussions that took place at the meeting, it was decided that (i) ICID would take lead in identifying key questions with greater emphasis on contemporary issues related to Water and Agriculture and Future Challenges of the 21st Century; (ii) ICID should seek partnership arrangements with major stakeholders and knowledge-based organizations to formulate background papers, and design sessions and presentations at the WWF-5; (iii) ICID should mobilize WG members, Regional Working Groups and National Committees to make contributions to the thematic, regional and political processes; (iv) ICID Office-Bearers should participate in the preparatory process of WWF-5 and (v) ICID CO would act as the focal point for coordinating all these activities.

Accordingly, the TF prepared a list of recommended involvement of WGs in relevant topics of the Thematic Process of WWF-5 which was uploaded on a section created on ICID website, solely devoted to WWF-5 process.

Information on the further developments with regard to ICID's involvement in WWF5 preparations is provided subsequently under Item 8.2, as well as under item 2 of TF-WWF-5 on page A-161.

6.2 Task Force on Inter-Basin Water Transfers (TF-IBWT)

At Sacramento, the Chair reviewed the preparation of the Task Force Report, noting that the Chapters 1-4 in an advanced stage, while Chapters 5 and 6 were in preparation. Request for funding the publication was discussed. The TF will organize a half-day Special Session in Lahore where the draft Task Force Report will be presented and the finalized version recommended for a special publication to be brought out by ICID.

Item 7 : Top Ten Technologies capable of Revolutionizing Food Production

The PCTA Agenda for Sacramento listed the Top Ten Technologies identified by President Peter Lee, who believed that ICID should address these Technologies as a matter of priority that might revolutionize food production. On-Farm Reservoirs was another focus area that may be highlighted under this examination. President Lee reported about the enthusiastic reactions by various donor organizations and the list of Top Ten Technologies was helpful in providing donors of IPTRID formulating and approving the future direction of IPTRID.

At Sacramento, PCTA recommended that this list should get a higher status and may be formulated into a position paper of ICID. The Chair, PCTA asked Mr. Bruno Molle and Dr. Carlos Garces, Program Manager, IPTRID to work with President Peter Lee to further explore opportunities for using the list of Technologies. ICID website has given prominence on the homepage to this.

Further progress will be reported at the meeting.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item 8 : ICID's Cooperation with International Organizations

8.1 UN Organs

- **UN-Water**

The close cooperation between UN-Water and ICID continued, especially with Chair, UN-Water taking the lead as the Coordinator of Theme 2 of the 5th World Water Forum (FAO is the current Chair).

- **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**

Responding to the invitation to join FAO's 30th Session of the FAO Conference held in Rome, Italy from 17-24 November 2007, ICID Representative Prof. Dr. Maria Elisa Venezian Scarascia participated in the event. Dr. Mohamed Hassan Amer, Vice President Hon., ICID and Chairman, Egyptian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (ENCID), represented ICID at the 29th FAO Regional Conference for the Near East (NERC-29) held in Cairo, Egypt from 1 – 5 March 2008.

ICID has received a special invitation to join the forthcoming FAO High-level Conference on "Water for Agriculture and Energy in Africa: the Challenges of Climate Change" to be held in Sirte, Libya, from 15-17 December 2008.

President Peter Lee met Ms. Josette Sheeran, Executive Director of the World Food Programme in February 2008 during an IFAD meeting where an indication to observe UN World Food Day was discussed. Accordingly, it was decided that ICID would observe UN World Food Day on 16th October, which is coinciding with the ICID Lahore Congress dates.

ICID's interaction with FAO (Daniel Renault – M. Gopalakrishnan) during the 1st Asia Pacific Water Summit in Beppu, Japan in December 2007 resulted in an appreciation that both organizations could promote requisite emphasis on 'Irrigation Services', which includes Drainage, for achieving MDG and poverty reduction in cooperation with other partners in the area of agricultural water management. FAO and ICID joined hands to promote a RAP-MASSCOTE Workshop organized in India (at Lucknow) and planned further action plans. In this direction, FAO and ICID will join hands to organize a Workshop in India with Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) in December 2008 (at Bangalore).

Teaming up for the Political Process of the WWF5 – Issue Paper

FAO has approached ICID for support in their efforts to team up for the political process of the WWF5. This initiative by the Chair, UN-Water aims to stimulate the thinking process to help address the usually low representation/projection of agricultural water management in the political agenda of WWF. The issue paper on Agriculture Water Management as received from FAO was sent to all National Committees/Committee of ICID, Chairs of Permanent Committees of ICID and the Chairs of Workbodies of ICID for their comments/suggestions for onward submission of the ICID view point.

- **International Programme for Technology and Research in Irrigation and Drainage (IPTRID)**

While FAO hosts IPTRID Secretariat, ICID continued to render its support to facilitate the holding of its (erstwhile) Consultative Group (CG IPTRID) meeting. On the sidelines of 58th IEC meeting held at Sacramento, IPTRID CG met on 4 October 2007 to discuss the future of IPTRID. In this meeting, it was decided to create a new apex body, namely, the Steering Committee (SC) in place of CG and the Management Committee. Secretary General, ICID is a permanent member on the Steering Committee. The first meeting of SC was held in London on 30 November 2007

in which it was decided to identify strategic issues that would lead to a re-design of its work plan and a strategic framework.

The IPTRID Secretariat has floated a Strategic Framework and medium term work plan for a renewed IPTRID program and has appointed Dr. Hans W. Wolter as the international consultant to lead the process. The IPTRID Secretariat is also planning an Expert Consultation meeting to discuss the Strategy in Rome on 1-2 July 2008 and the Steering Committee meeting on 3 July 2008. ICID's inputs to the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) were provided and Dr. Shaden was requested to represent Secretary General, ICID, in addition to her own position in the SC representing African region.

- **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)/Commission on Sustainable Development-16 (CSD-16)**

The 16th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) was held from 5-16 May 2008 at UN Headquarters in New York. The review session of the third implementation cycle, CSD-16 focused on the following thematic issues: Agriculture, Rural Development, Land, Drought, Desertification and Africa.

ICID took the lead to organize a side event on the topic "Advancing Human Development and the MDGs – Role of Water and Agriculture" on 12 May 2008 with the support of Israeli National Committee and Permanent Mission of Israel to the UN and FAO. The focus of the side event was to highlight ICID contribution to the various themes and sub-topics of WWF-5 with particular focus on the following:

- Water for food for ending poverty and hunger
- Ensuring adequate water resources and storage infrastructure to meet agricultural, energy and urban needs
- Efficient water management and sustainable use of marginal water

Panel discussions with the participation of experts from the leading international organizations like FAO, IFAD, WWC, and Winrock International formed the core part of the event. President Lee introduced in his inaugural presentation "the role of water in addressing the challenges of poverty alleviation and food security". President Lee also participated as a Panelist in the FAO-IFAD side event on the topic "Water and the rural poor – Interventions for improving the livelihoods in Sub Saharan Africa". The Israeli National Committee's supportive role in liaising with UN Water/DESA and funding the side event facilitated successful conduct of the event. Israeli NC presented the topic "Irrigation with treated waste water for increasing food production in arid regions".

UN DESA extended support to ICID facilitating its participation in a 'Regional Implementation Meeting (RIM) of UN ESCAP for Asia and the Pacific' which held its review exercise for 16th Session of CSD in Jakarta, Indonesia on 27 November 2008 with Secretary General's participation. ICID was invited as one of the three major global NGOs in 'Major Groups representing the interest of Science and Technology'. ICID provided its support to evolve a 'Statement for the Major Groups' with other partners of the Consortia of International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) and World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO). Secretary General M. Gopalakrishnan also joined the panel to discuss 'Desertification and Drought'.

- **World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)**

In continuation of the triennial World Water Development Reports (WWDR) brought out by UN-Water during the earlier World Water Forum meetings in Kyoto and Mexico, the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) intends to bring out its 3rd Report in Istanbul coinciding with 5th WWF. The process for preparing the WWDR 3 was discussed in Paris in the second week of November 2007 and a TAC was constituted by UN-Water. ICID Secretary General was invited at Perugia, Italy to join the TAC and contribute during the shaping of the contents of the WWDR 3. The thematic focus of WWDR 3 will be 'Climate Change and Water'. The WWDR 3 format is to cover, inter-alia (i) the State of the Resource, (ii) The Use of the Resource for Humans and Ecosystems, (iii) Drivers of Change, (iv) Response options. The WWDR3 is programmed to be a compact document in about 300 pages. Case studies will be covered in a separate volume whereas liberal box usage will cover key messages in the Report. Development of Scenarios and Development of Indicators are also envisaged to be included. Accompanying publications will cover (i) Scientific Side Papers (ii) Insights (Issues, sector, issue Reports / papers), (iii) Policy briefs etc. Consultations were held during the meeting with individual experts associated with earlier reports, select chapter writers and coordinators for individual Chapters, sister UN bodies and other international organizations like

IUCN, ICID etc. Prof. Lucio Ubertini (ITAL-ICID) is also a member of the TAC and attended the Perugia deliberations.

- **UN-Water Task Force on Indicators – monitoring – reporting**

In a meeting of the UN-Water held in January 2008 a decision was made to establish a Task Force on 'Indicators – Monitoring – Reporting', with the following objectives:

- to set standards for data collection and reporting, including criteria for inclusion of data in the information systems and quality control;
- to harmonise existing databases and those under development, to ensure that water data held within
- the UN system is consistent and up-to-date, and meets the needs of member countries; and
- to synchronise the collection of water data, so as not to increase the reporting burden on member countries.

On TF's invitation, ICID has nominated Dr. M. Ertsen (Chair, WG-MIS) and Dr. Hector Malano (Chair, PCTA) who was also the Chair of erstwhile ICID TF on Benchmarking of Irrigation and Drainage Projects, to represent ICID in the TF.

- **UN-Water Task Force on Water and Climate**

UN-Water has, in an independent move, initiated a UN Water Task Force on "Water and Climate" under the overall coordination of World Meteorological Organization (WMO). A request has been received by ICID from Dr. Avinash C. Tyagi, Director, Climate and Water Department, WMO to join the proposed UN-Water Task Force on Water and Climate, of which he is the Coordinator. The objective of the Task Force is to facilitate the member countries in assessing the impacts and adopting strategies for meeting the challenges of climate change in the related water sectors and to strengthen UN-System coordination on activities related to water and climate change. ICID's WG-CLIMATE was identified to represent its views. Nominations of Dr. Mark Svendsen, Chairman, WG-CLIMATE and Dr. Ir. Karim Shiati, Chairman, ASRWG as ICID's representatives have been communicated to the UN TF Coordinator. The ASRWG has shown its interest to contribute to regional issues, while the WG-CLIMATE would contribute to thematic side.

- **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**

ICID has an Observer status in the Governing Council of IFAD. Similarly, IFAD is also invited to the International Executive Committee meetings of ICID. President Lee represented ICID at the 31st Session of Governing Council of IFAD held on 13-14 February 2008 in Rome, Italy. IFAD has offered to help in widening the membership network of ICID in Africa region. In collaboration with FAO and IFAD (besides the ISCID), ICID deliberated on agricultural water needs at a side event at the UN-DESA CSD 16 meetings in New York on 12 May 2008.

- **International Hydrological Programme (IHP)**

ICID was invited to attend the 18th Session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council and a Workshop on "River Basins – From Hydrological Science to Water Management" held in Paris from 9-14 June 2008 as an Observer. VPH Alain Vidal was requested to represent ICID at the above meetings.

- **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**

ICID continues to receive WMO Journals and other publications relevant to ICID activities as part of the cooperation with them. As mentioned above, ICID will be participating in the Task Force on Water and Climate coordinated by WMO.

- **UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)**

A request was received from UNCCD Secretariat seeking information on the marking of the 2008 World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD), 17 June, by ICID. ICID informed that it would invite an expert to speak on the WDCD Theme 2008 "*Combating Land Degradation for Sustainable Agriculture*" on the occasion of ICID Foundation Day, 24 June 2008.

8.2 World Water Council (WWC)

In line with the 'Agreement on Partnership' between ICID and WWC signed in March 2007 by the Presidents of the two Organizations, ICID and WWC endeavoured to jointly look into issues concerning management of Water for Agriculture.

ICID's main efforts during the year were to strengthen WWC's own efforts to provide inputs to the WWF-5 – especially on topic pertaining to Water for Food, besides others having cross-cutting implications.

Soon after inception, four Associate Centres of WWC were planned to be set up in different parts of the globe with one in Delhi, India which is functioning for over 6 years. Secretary General M. Gopalakrishnan is also currently the President of this New Delhi Centre of WWC (NDC-WWC). This Centre organises regular meetings / brainstorming sessions on matters relating to water within the broad framework of the objectives of WWC and serves as a platform for water professional in the region to discuss on a wide range of issues.

Prof. Dr. Chandra Madramootoo, Vice President Hon., ICID and President, Canadian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (CANCID) during his visit to India and ICID Central Office delivered a talk on "*Water Resources Management in Canada*" on 5 March 2008 during the 56th Brainstorming Session of the NDC-WWC. Others in ICID fold who had delivered talks earlier include, but not restricted to, Vice President Svendsen, President Lee, PH Keizrul bin Abdullah and PH Aly Shady in the recent past.

ICID Foundation Day on 24 June 2008 was held associating NDC-WWC and focused on 'Combating Desertification' with an invited speaker who highlighted the Indian experience.

- **5th World Water Forum 2009**

The 5th World Water Forum Coordinators 1st preparatory meeting was held on 5-6 November 2007 at Istanbul. The meeting was attended by 120 delegates representing international civil societies and professional organizations like FAO, ICID, ICOLD, IWA, IHA, IAHS, UNEP, IUCN, WWF, World Bank and African Development Bank. ICID has established a Task Force to provide inputs to the Forum. President Hon. Prof. Bart Schultz represented ICID at the meeting.

In the 2nd Thematic and Regional Coordination meeting held on 7 and 8 February 2008 at Istanbul, Vice President Hon. Henri Tardieu represented ICID as Coordinator for Topic 2.3, while President Lee attended the meeting for Topic 3.2. Vice President Karim Shiaty (Chair, ASRWG) participated in the Topic 1.1 meeting. VPH Riota Nakamura and VPH Prof. Victor Dukhovny also participated in the meetings at Istanbul. A teleconference with the concerned participating consortium members was held on 25 April 2008 in order to discuss various modalities with regard to Theme 2 and the Topics under it.

It has been proposed that for each Theme and Topic, a consortium of organizations and other stakeholders will be formed, based upon their relevance to and interest in a Theme or a Topic. These consortia will be expected to prepare the sessions on the Theme or the Topic and play an active role in the conduct of the sessions during WWF5.

ICID has been identified to act as a Coordinator to provide a lead on Topic 2.3, i.e., Theme 2 "Advancing Human Development and the Millennium Development Goals", Topic 3 "Water for Food for Ending Poverty and Hunger" to be coordinated by President Hon. Prof. Bart Schultz and Vice President Hon. Henri Tardieu. In due consultation with various experts from different International Organizations, ICID floated a preliminary discussion note with proposals in the format that was made available by World Water Council. The draft was further updated in the light of suggestions. This discussion note is accessible on the ICID website <http://www.icid.org/index_e.html>. The note was also widely circulated among the prospective consortium partners under various categories such as the farmer associations, UN agencies, international organizations, trade organizations, professional associations, research institutions, multilateral donors, bio-fuels production associations, national governments, universities, national research agencies, non-governmental organizations, regional organizations and other institutions, including private sector for their concurrence and comments. The paper was transmitted to the Coordinator of Theme 2 in May 2008 for next steps.

In addition to its key role in Topic 2.3, ICID intends to contribute as a Consortium Partner through its various workbodies to the Forum Topics such as Topic 1.1 on *Adapting to Climate Change*, Topic 1.2 on *Water-related Migration, Changing Land Use and Human Settlements*, Topic 1.3 on *Mitigating Disasters*, Topic 2.2 on *Water for Energy and Energy for Water*, Topic 2.4 on *Optimizing Multiple Use and Functions of Water Services e.g. Water Supply and Irrigation*, Topic 3.2 on *Ensuring Adequate Water Resources and Storage Infrastructure to Meet Agricultural, Energy and Urban Needs*, Topic 3.3 on *Preserving Natural Ecosystems*, and Topic 4.2 on *Improving Performance through Regulatory Approaches*. ICID would also be the catalyst to involve other IWALC partners in theme 6 on *Education, knowledge and capacity building*: particularly the one relating to theme 6.3 on *“Using the Assets of Professional Associations and Networks to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals”* {in association with International Association of Hydraulic Engineering and Research (IAHR) and others}.

8.3 International Standards Organization (ISO)

ICID continues its cooperation with ISO in their Technical Committees – TC/23 SC/18, TC/190 and TC/113. The Central Office has requested Ms. Ronit Golovaty (ISCID) to help in resolving/ sorting out the difficulties towards getting/accessing the standards for finalizing the draft joint document ‘ISO/CEN/ICID Handbook on Irrigation Equipment Standards’ which is under preparation. Ms. Ronit Golovaty (ISCID) represented ICID at the 26th meeting of “Tractor and Machinery for Agriculture and Forestry/Irrigation and Drainage Equipment Committee ISO/TC 23/SC 18” held at Tel Aviv, Israel from 28 October – 02 November 2007. The Committee was also represented in the Sacramento meetings of ICID through their representative, Mr. E. Kelmeszes.

8.4 International Water Management Institute (IWMI)

ICID and IWMI continue to cooperate in the areas of mutual interest. IWMI was represented by Mr. Marc Andreini in the Sacramento meetings of ICID. ICID also requested IWMI to be a consortium partner for Topic 2.3 of 5th World Water Forum, of which ICID is the Coordinator. The draft discussion note on this topic has been sent to them for their comments.

The 7th Annual Partners’ Meet of IWMI-Tata Water Policy Programme was held in ICRISAT Campus, Andhra Pradesh, India from 2-4 April 2008 under the theme of *“Managing Water in the Face of Growing Scarcity, Inequity and Declining Returns: Exploring Fresh Approaches”*. From ICID (CO), Dr. S.A. Kulkarni chaired a Technical Session on *“Where do we subsidize micro irrigation systems in India”*.

8.5 Global Water Partnership (GWP)

ICID actively participated in the GWP Vitalizing Process Framework by responding to a questionnaire floated by them in October 2007 to evaluate the impact of the work of GWP at regional and country level.

Dr. (Mrs.) Shaden Abdel-Gawad of Egyptian National Committee, who is also Vice-Chairperson of WG-TRUE and a member of WG-ENV was selected to the Steering Committee of GWP from the Regional pool (Mediterranean), which helped further in intensifying the cooperation between the two organizations.

ICID also offered its comments on the GWP Strategy Document 2009-2013 which brought out the principal differences between the past and the future of GWP working.

Secretary General Gopalakrishnan, Secretary K.N. Sharma and Director Labhsetwar (CO) participated in the 2nd South Asia Water Stakeholders roundtable held on 30 April 2008 in New Delhi organized by the Chair, South Asia Global Water Partnership.

8.6 International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD)

Dr. Luis Berga, Secretary General, ICOLD who is one of the two co-chairmen of the ‘Group on Storage’ to provide related inputs for the preparation of World Water Assessment Report invited President Peter Lee to be a member. President Lee provided ICID perspective on ‘Storage’ aspects – as it affects Agricultural Water Management.

8.7 International Water-related Associations' Liaison Committee (IWALC)

ICID Central Office acting as the IWALC Secretariat circulated the summaries of the activities of IWALC members on regular basis.

IWALC has provided scoping paper for Theme 6: Education, Knowledge and Capacity Building; Topic 3: Using professional networks and associations to strengthen the water sector of the 5th World Water Forum under the initiative of Dr. Christopher George, Executive Director, IAHR and Chairman, IWALC.

8.8 International Institute of Sustainable Development

A two-day workshop was organized by the International Institute of Sustainable Development in association with Global Subsidies Initiative (GSI) at Addis Ababa from 16-28 March 2008. Secretary General Gopalakrishnan was invited in the discussions aimed to explore a common methodology in Irrigation Subsidies. A base document assessing the current practices in respect of cost recovery in the irrigation projects was circulated bringing out generic issues and to amplify, some recent example case studies in India. ICID outputs generated through Task Force 3 on Sustainability in due consultation with VPH Henri Tardieu, who chaired this TF earlier, were also reported at the workshop.

8.9 International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) is an independent regional knowledge, learning and enabling centre serving the eight regional member countries of the Hindu Kush-Himalayas (HKH) – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan – and the global mountain community where the region's mountain people can experience enhanced livelihoods and increased social and environmental security and adapt to environmental and climate change.

The World Bank invited Secretary General Gopalakrishnan for the 2nd Abu-Dhabi Dialogue on 'Rivers of the Greater Himalayas' held in Bangkok from 1-3 July 2007 under the auspices of the World Bank, Delhi Office. The Abu Dhabi dialogue is an ongoing dialogue on South Asia water cooperation among senior government, academic and civil society members from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Nepal and Pakistan. The dialogue stemmed out of the '1st International Conference on Southern Asia Water Cooperation' held in Abu Dhabi in September 2006 by the International Institute of Strategic Studies with the funding support of UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Subsequently, key participants from the seven countries, with the support of the World Bank, formed the 'Abu Dhabi Group'. The 'Abu Dhabi Dialogue' stood established as an informal consultative mechanism and the 2nd Abu Dhabi Dialogue in Bangkok in July 2007 was held with the support from the World Bank's Delhi based office.

Representatives nominated by the Governments, Civil Society / NGO members drawn from Hiamalayan Watershed countries comprising Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Nepal and Pakistan were the key participants besides those from International Organizations, viz. GWP-SASTEC; ICIMOD, IUCN, Mekong Commission and ICID.

The Abu Dhabi Group, ICIMOD and the World Bank will come together again to organize the 1st Abu-Dhabi Knowledge Forum (ADKF) in Singapore from 25-27 June 2008 for which ICID has been invited to join. Secretary General M. Gopalakrishnan will be participating in this meeting.

8.10 Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)

On special invitation, ICID represented by Secretary General Gopalakrishnan participated and contributed in the 1st Asia Pacific Water Summit (1st APWS) held in Beppu, Japan from 3-4 December 2007 which considered three priority themes: Water Financing and Capacity Development, Water Related Disaster Management, and Water for Development and Ecosystems. Several open event programmes were also organized by the Summit Group in parallel; a workshop on Eco system services of Paddy Irrigated Basin by INWEPPF (International Network for Water and Ecosystem in Paddy Fields) (*in partnership with ICID and others*) contributed significantly to highlight the multiple objectives they serve and their relevance in the Asian monsoonal situation.

Item 9 : ICID Congresses/Conferences**9.1 2nd African Regional Conference, 6-9 November 2007, Johannesburg, South Africa**

The 2nd African Regional Conference was successfully held at Johannesburg, South Africa from 06-09 November 2007. The theme of the conference was 'Contribution of rainfed and irrigated agriculture to poverty alleviation through increased productivity in Africa'. 120 delegates from more than 17 countries from Africa attended the event. Besides the main keynote paper, additional keynote papers by invited speakers from Northern, Western, Eastern and Southern Africa and some 40 contributed papers were presented. The papers focused on five important assets, reflected through the sub-themes: Natural, Social, Human, Physical and Financial capital. Two technical tours to a nearby irrigation scheme were also organized.

The report of technical events will be provided at the meeting by the AFRWG representative.

9.2 10th International Drainage Workshop, Helsinki, Finland, 6-11 July 2008

The NCs of Finland and Estonia have successfully organized the 10th International Drainage Workshop from 06-11 July 2008. The main topics of the workshop were: (a) Agricultural drainage and water quality; (b) Drainage in the context of environmental river engineering and (c) Extreme weather conditions and drainage. The workshop consists of six separate sessions. President Peter Lee, PH Bart Schultz and other past and present office-bearers of ICID attended the workshop.

9.3 59th IEC and 20th International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage, Lahore, Pakistan, 13-18 October 2008

The preparations for the 20th Congress are going on in full swing. The schedule of various workbody meetings, workshops, symposia, seminars, special sessions and Congress sessions has been finalized. The program and other details of the Lahore events are available on Congress website <<http://www.icid2008.org>> which can also be accessed through ICID website.

9.4 5th Asian Regional Conference, New Delhi, India, December 2009

The Indian National Committee of ICID (INCID) will organize the 5th Asian Regional Conference in New Delhi, India in December 2009 on the theme "Improvement in Efficiency of Irrigation Projects through Technology Upgradation and Better O&M". The sub-themes of the conference are : (i) Supply Management including Pipe Distribution System, (ii) Organization Management, (iii) Demand Management, (iv) Irrigated Area Drainage, (v) Command Area Improvement, Water Conservation, Technology Improvement, and (vi) Legal Aspects and Gender Issues. The Conference will also address the sub-theme "MASSCOTE (Mapping System and Services for Canal Operation Techniques) in association with FAO.

9.5 60th IEC and 3rd African Regional Conference, Abuja, Nigeria, 11-17 October 2009

The 60th IEC and 3rd African Regional Conference will be held in Abuja, Nigeria from 11-17 October 2009. The African Regional Conference will be held on the theme "Role of Irrigation and Drainage in Food Security: Towards Attaining the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)" and will cover the subtopics (i) Food Production and Income Generation through Irrigated Agriculture; (ii) The role of Private Public Partnership in irrigated agriculture in poverty reduction; (iii) Performance appraisal of different irrigation systems towards achieving Millennium Development Goals and the way forward; (iv) Irrigated Agriculture as a strategy for poverty reduction in developing countries; and (v) Environmental sustainability and pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals. The program and other details of the Abuja events are available on Conference website <<http://www.icid2009.org>> which can also be accessed through ICID website.

9.6 23rd European Regional Conference, Ukraine, 2009

The UKCID representative will make an official statement at the Lahore meeting of ERWG about the Conference. The Conference will also include a Symposium on the results of the joint UNESCO German-Ukrainian project on the development of the Dnister region.

9.7 61st IEC and 6th Asian Regional Conference, Jogjakarta, Indonesia, 5-12 September 2010

The 61st IEC and the 6th Asian Regional Conference will be held in Jogjakarta, Indonesia from 5-12 September 2010. The theme for the Asian Region Conference is "Improvement of irrigation and Drainage efficiency under the small land holding condition".

9.8 62nd IEC and 21st International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage, Tehran, Iran, 2011

The host Iranian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IRNCID) will be organizing the 62nd IEC and 21st Congress in 2011.

The Central Office had invited suggestions from National Committees/Committee for the Theme, Topics (and sub-topics, where relevant) for the Congress Questions (Nos. 56 and 57), Special Session and Symposium for the above Congress. A Special Team for Evolving Optimal Program for the Congress has been constituted that includes 2 members of PCTA in addition to the Convenor (VPH Dr. S. Nairizi, Iran). The Team will consider the suggestions received from the National Committees and develop detailed scope of the topics and sub-topics proposed for the 21st Congress. The draft proposals of the Special Team will be available at the PCTA meeting for further suggestions.

Item 10 : Best Performing Workbody Award (BPWA)

The ICID Central Office vide its e-mail dated 06 November 2007, and subsequent reminders, invited nominations for the 2nd Award for the Best Performing Workbody (BPWA-2) from all the Chairs of ICID Workbodies.

The evaluation of the Award will be based on the various facets/achievements demonstrated by the participating workbodies between the two consecutive Congresses, viz. 19th and 20th Congresses.

In response to the invitation by the ICID Central Office, Chairs of two Workbodies have applied for the Award. These are – (i) ICID Journal Editorial Board (EB-JOUR) and (ii) Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG).

Results will be announced as and when declared and informed at the meeting.

Item 11 : Best Performing ICID National Committee Award (BPNCA)

Vide e-mail dated 06 November 2007 and subsequent reminder e-mails dated 09 January, 10 March and 09 April 2008, the Central Office has invited nominations from ICID National Committees/Committee for the 3rd BPNCA Award.

In response to the invitation, the following NCs applied for the 3rd BPNCA:

(i) Chinese National Committee of ICID (CNCID), (ii) Iranian National Committee of ICID (IRNCID), (iii) South African National Committee of ICID (SANCID) and (iv) Moroccan National Committee of ICID (ANAFIDE).

The documents received from the NCs with the applications were referred to the Panel of Judges for decision. The name of the winner National Committee will be announced as soon as available.

Item 12 : N.D. Gulhati Memorial International Lecture

The Central Office has invited nominations from the National Committees/Committee for a distinguished Lecturer to deliver the forthcoming 'N.D. Gulhati Memorial Lecture for International Cooperation in Irrigation and Drainage' at the 20th ICID Congress in October 2008 vide its e-mail dated 05 November 2007. The invitation was repeated through Central Office e-mails of 08 January, 10 March and 09 April 2008.

In response to the invitation letter circulated to the NCs, the following nominations were received for delivering the Gulhati Memorial Lecture:

- (i) Prof. Dr. Chandra A. Madramootoo of Canadian National Committee of ICID (CANCID)
 - (ii) Engr. Dr. I.B. Shaikh of Pakistan National Committee of ICID (PANCID).
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A 'Nomination Committee' comprising President Peter Lee (Chair), VPH Dr. Hector Malano (Chair, PCTA), VP Dr. Gao Zhanyi (Chair, PCSPOA) and Secretary General Er. M. Gopalakrishnan considered the nominations received from the NCs and recommended the nomination of VPH Prof. Dr. Chandra Madramootoo to be the Distinguished Lecturer to deliver the N.D. Gulhati Memorial Lecture at the Lahore Congress.

Item 13 : Any other business

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STRATEGY THEMES AND ROLE OF STRATEGY THEME LEADERS

Strategy Themes

To provide an enabling environment for the development of ICID capacity to undertake technical activities and embrace the principles and new priorities arising from emerging challenges (such as global climate change) as well as to empower ICID workbodies to address these priorities under the strategic direction of the Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (PCTA), the Committee develops programmes under four strategy themes, viz. (a) Basin, (b) System, (c) On-Farm and (d) Knowledge. The indicative embracing areas under the four basic Strategy Themes are –

- (a) Basin
 - 1. Policy/planning framework, economic and legal issues, institutional aspects.
 - 2. Water and soil resources management, environment, sustainable development.
- (b) System
 - 3. Project management, traditional social structure, users participation, financial aspects.
 - 4. Design, construction, rehabilitation, modernization, regulation of collective systems.
- (c) On-Farm
 - 5. Irrigation management and techniques on farm.
 - 6. Drainage management and techniques on farm and in the catchment.
- (d) Knowledge
 - 7. Training, research, technology transfer, publications.
 - 8. Flood management.

Each of the ICID technical workbodies which are reporting to PCTA will be placed under one of the themes appropriately. Each theme will be managed by a Theme Leader.

Strategy Theme Leaders and their Role

The role of four Theme Leaders is to collectively overview the organization of all technical activities according to the mandates of the WGs. This task is quite important for the functioning of the PCTA and needs to be carefully noted by the Theme Leaders. A presentation about the future vision of the theme by the Theme Leader should be carried out at each PCTA meeting annually. In rotation, each Strategy Theme Leader will also make a presentation of the future vision of the Theme in his/her charge at the IEC meeting, such that presentation for each Strategy Theme is made once in four years.

ICID By-laws 3.1.3 (g) also stipulates as follows:

“Strategic, thematic and cross cutting issues may be initiated from time to time as decided by PCTA. Each of the chosen Strategy Themes will be managed by a Strategy Theme Leader who shall be nominated by Chairperson, PCTA and if approved by Council, shall be an ex-officio member of PCTA.

The role and responsibility of the Strategy Theme Leaders shall be as follows:

- *To coordinate the activities of the Workbodies coming within the ambit of assigned strategy theme.*
 - *To suggest to PCTA new items of work that may be taken up by the existing workbodies.*
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- *To suggest formation of new Workbodies to study the hitherto uncovered aspects/issues relating to the particular strategy theme.*

To recommend to PCTA inter-workbody mechanisms on aspects/issues requiring joint study, and to facilitate such co-operations.”

The Theme Leader should, as far as possible, attend the meetings of all the workbodies within the Strategy Theme in order to have a good comprehension of the current activities and future plans of the workbodies to enable reorientation/realignment of the workplans, wherever necessary. For this purpose, the Central Office should endeavour to prepare a schedule of annual meetings of the workbodies at the time of IECs in such a manner that a ‘common horizontal hour’ can be provided. This could be done by assigning one room to one strategy theme where all the meetings of the workbodies under that particular strategy theme could be held. Thus, as far as possible, there should not be any parallel meetings of the workbodies within a particular strategy theme. This will enable the Strategy Theme Leader to be present in all meetings of the workbodies under a theme.

It may be mentioned that since 2006, a similar practice is being adopted and the meetings of the workbodies are being held, as far as practicable within the constraints of logistics, in the above manner.

Virtual meetings of Theme Leaders with Workbody Chairs

It will be advisable that a Theme Leader gets the opportunity to have full appraisal of the work being carried out by different workbodies within that strategy theme not only at the time of annual workbody meetings but during the year also. It is therefore suggested that the Theme Leader should organize about two (2) virtual meetings (e-meetings) with the workbody Chairs under the theme during a year in between the two consecutive IEC meetings. This will also enthuse and invigorate the workbodies to accomplish their mandated workplans within the given timeframe, at the same time empowering the Chairs to take appropriate decisions with respect to assigned tasks of each member of the workbody.

The Strategy Theme Leaders should also have an opportunity to judge the functioning of a workbody and make his/her recommendations at the next PCTA meeting on the status of accomplishment and progress of that workbody and whether it should be wound up or if its tenure extended.

Functions of Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (PCTA)

The functions of PCTA are to direct and coordinate the technical activities of ICID by –

- recommending strategies and programs of technical activities to IEC;
- empowering Working Groups (WGs) to undertake specific components of these programs approved by the IEC;
- receiving and approving the reports of the WG Chairpersons on the technical activities of their concerned Working Groups.

The members of the PCTA have collective responsibility for the performance of these functions. The members of PCTA are organized to provide adequate coverage of ICID’s four main strategic areas: (a) Basin, (b) System, (c) On-Farm and (d) Knowledge. This will include:

- monitoring the activities of WGs in pursuit of the agreed strategies/priorities in these areas;
 - identifying duplications/gaps in activity;
 - adjusting the WG mandates and, if necessary, forming new WGs to resolve duplication/gaps.
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START-UP AND CLOSE-OUT PROCEDURES OF TEMPORARY WORKBODIES (WGS)

The recommendation for creating a new workbody normally emanates from the existing workbodies, PCTA, Strategy Theme Leaders or Management Board (MB) on the basis of necessity being felt to fill up the gap in a specific area of ICID's technical activities. The suggestion for the new WB is accordingly considered by PCTA along with its proposed mandate, workplan and tenure within which it will accomplish the proposed workplan.

PCTA may initially nominate some members for the new WB depending upon the expertise of the members and an interim Chair is also nominated so as to initiate and develop the scope of the WB in consultation with the members. The Central Office thereafter can invite National Committees to nominate members on the WB as per expertise required for its mandate. At the next meeting of the Workbody, a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and a Secretary are selected by the members. The WB may also invite International Organizations having expertise in the mandated workplan of the WB to join it as Permanent Observers.

In terms of ICID By-law 3.1.3 –

“The work bodies may be constituted in the form of a:

- (a) Permanent Committee - where the duties are to be carried out in a repetitive manner over a long period and the outcome is required to be reported directly to the Council.*
- (b) Committee/Board where the duties are required to be carried out in a repetitive manner over a long period and the outcome is required to be reported to the Management Board and/or Permanent Committee.*
- (c) Working Group - where an assigned task is to be performed and completed in a specific period by a small group of selected individuals with the specific expertise for the work in view.*
- (d) Work Team -- where a short duration task (not spread over a period of more than three years) is to be completed by a select small group of individuals.*
- (e) Task Force -- where a work of an urgent nature is required to be completed within a span of two years with a select group of individuals.*
- (f) Focus Group/Regional Group -- where a continuous follow up of an area oriented activity is implied on a long term basis.”*

Functions of Working Groups (WGs)

The functions of WGs are:

- to formulate and carry out programs of activities according to the WG mandate, and the priorities agreed with PCTA;
- to commission individuals and selected teams of individuals to carry out tasks in these programs, and receive and approve their output;
- to identify matters requiring liaison/coordination with the activities of other WGs and, if necessary, propose adjustments in the WG mandate for consideration by PCTA.

Reporting to PCTA at the Committee's meeting would be the responsibility of the WG Chairperson. It will be the responsibility of the Chair of the WB to see that the items of work are properly shared by different members of the WB and the output is progressively prepared within the timeframe.

ICID By-law 3.3 incorporates functioning of the WGs/WTs (as temporary workbodies) as follows:

“3.3 Temporary Work Bodies

- (a) *Temporary work bodies may be created by the Executive Council as stipulated in By-law (3.1.1) and in pursuance of Article (5.7) of the Constitution. Their scope of work and composition shall be defined and modified as necessary by the Council.*
- (b) *The Council will determine the duration of their functioning and specify to which Permanent Committee the work body so created is to be linked. The duration of such functioning may be shortened or lengthened by the Council keeping in view the results accomplished by the work body in terms of the products such as study reports, publications, workshops, seminars as may be arranged by the work body, after considering the recommendations of the concerned permanent committee. As the duration of the membership of a work body is expected to be six years or less, the duration of the work to be undertaken by a temporary work body should not exceed period of six years.*
- (c) *The Committee, to which the temporary body is linked, may propose at the Council meeting a list of members to serve on the body on the basis of the nominations on request by the President in agreement with the Secretary-General.*
- (d) *The members of the temporary work bodies by themselves designate their Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Secretaries.*
- (e) *At the meetings of the permanent committees, the Chairpersons of the temporary work bodies may submit reports on the activities of their work bodies including, if relevant, proposals for holding Workshops/Seminars to present their Group’s findings, once a year. The Chairpersons of the Permanent Committees to which work bodies are linked may present recommendations from these reports at the Council meeting.*
- (f) *The Chairpersons of the temporary work bodies will, in principle, be invited as ex-officio members at the meeting of the Committee or the Permanent Committee to which the work body is linked.*
- (g) *The temporary Special Committee set up in pursuance of Articles 11.1 and 11.3 of the Constitution to recommend on the amendments of the Constitution and By-laws shall continue as an advisory link to the Office-Bearers Committee for a duration as deemed necessary by the Council.”*

From the above, it is seen that –

- Maximum tenure of a WG is expected to be six years (but preferably less). However, within this period, the duration of workbodies may be shortened or lengthened by the Council keeping in view the results accomplished by the workbodies in terms of products like publications, workshops, seminars, etc.
- Special Teams (STs) and Task Forces (TFs) are temporary workbodies of more focused nature and are required to accomplish a specific task within a short period of 2-3 years at the maximum.

Closing of a Working Group

On completion of all the mandated tasks or at the end of the granted tenure, a WG will recommend its closure. As mentioned above, a WG should complete its work within the timeframe of maximum six years. Only in exceptional circumstances when some important items of work may be in pipeline necessitating continuation of the WG for some more time, can an extension in the tenure of the WG be sought. In other circumstances, if it is required to continue a WG, it should be under a new proposal/mandate, workplan and tenure.

The outputs of an existing or closing workbodies are to be published in accordance with the ICID By-law 6.5 reproduced below:

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C. “6.5 Copyrights and use of ICID Logo

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(End Note: During the internal review of PCTA, the Theme Leaders had also made some recommendations, which are included in the Annex to the PCTA Agenda of 58th IEC Meeting, Sacramento, 2007. Prior to that, the erstwhile ICID Work Team on Objectives and Strategies, headed by VPH Henri Tardieu, in its reports of 1994 and 1995 had also made recommendations for re-structuring the technical activities of ICID. ICID By-laws also incorporate the fundamental objective of the Permanent Committees and Workbodies and the role of Strategy Theme Leaders.)
