

Agenda for the Sixteenth Meeting of the
WORKING GROUP ON USE OF POOR QUALITY WATER FOR IRRIGATION (WG-PQW)
 Tehran, Iran
 18 October 2011: 09.00-12.30 hours
Strategy Theme: On-Farm

Year of Establishment: 1995

Completion of the Mandate: 2013

Mandate: To promote a safe and good management of poor quality water for irrigation, to minimize the negative impact on human health and the environment, to promote the multiple use of poor quality water, and to give consideration to the institutional and legislation aspects with regard to the use of poor quality waters.

Members: (1) VP Dr. Ragab Ragab, Chairman (UK, 1997); (2) Dr. Frans Huibers, Secretary (Netherlands, 1999); (3) VPH Dr. Karim Shiati (Iran, 1997); (4) Dr. Jan Salek (Czech Rep., 1998); (5) Dr. N.K. Tyagi (India, 1998); (6) Mr. Jose Manuel Arango Maldonado (Mexico, 1998); (7) Dr. Wen-Lin Chang (Chinese Taipei, 1998); (8) VPH Dr. Gao Zhanyi (China, 1998); (9) VP Dr. Samia El- Guindy (Egypt, 1999); (10) Dr. Ramzan Choudhry (Pakistan, 2000); (11) Mr. Martin Roche (USA, 2002); (12) Ms. Esther O. Ogunniyi (Nigeria, 2002); (13) Mr. Ghannami Mohamed (Morocco, 2003); (14) Mr. Bernard Vincent (France, 2003); (15) Dr. Jorge Tarchitsky (Israel, 2004); (16) Dr. Makoto Yokozawa (Japan, 2009); (17) Dr. Leon van Rensburg (South Africa, 2010); and (18) Secretary General, ICID.

Permanent observer: (i) FAO Representative; and (ii) ICBA Representative (UAE).

Website: <<http://www.wg-pqw.icidonline.org>>

Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group

The minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group held at Yogyakarta on 13 October 2010 will be confirmed.

Item 2 : Review of the membership of the Working Group

2.1 New nominations

The Indian National Committee (INCID) has nominated Dr. D.K. Sharma in place of Dr. N.K. Tyagi for the membership of the group. CV of Dr. Sharma will be made available during the meeting. Similarly, the Italian National Committee (ITAL-ICID) has nominated Dott. Anna Tedeschi for the membership of the group. CV of Dott. Anna Tedeschi will be tabled at the meeting. The group may like to consider/ approve these nominations.

2.2 Past nominations

At the Yogyakarta meeting, the following nominations were deferred due to their non-attendance:

- Dr. Tapas Kumar Biswas (Australia)
- Dr. Jinzhong Yang to replace Dr. Gao Zhanyi (China)
- Mr. Bekbayev Ussen (Kazakhstan)
- Mr. M. Sidhu to replace Mr. Maghmoom Muhammad Iqbal/ Dr. Ramzan Choudhry (Pakistan)

In consultation with the Chair, the Central Office had informed (7 March 2011) the WG's decision to the respective National Committees (copied to the nominees) to advise their nominees to attend the 16th meeting of the WG at Tehran for consideration of their membership. Responses are awaited. CVs of the above nominees will be tabled at the meeting.

Attendance of members at the meetings held in 2009 and 2010 will be circulated at the meeting.

A. CONTINUING ITEMS

Item 3 : Cooperation with other Workbodies and International Organizations

3.1 Cooperation with ICID workbodies

Chairman VP Dr. Ragab is also a member of the WG-DROUGHT and regularly participates in the WG-CLIMATE meetings. He had contributed a chapter in a book compiled by the WG-DROUGHT. VP Dr. Ragab may like to inform about any other liaising/ active participation in other ICID workbodies.

3.2 Cooperation with International Organizations

The WG has been liaising with many international organizations on topics of common interest. Chairman may like to apprise about such cooperative activities carried out since the Yogyakarta meeting.

Item 4 : Work Plan of the Group

At Yogyakarta meeting, the Working Group agreed to focus on the following activities:

- Workshop during 63rd IEC meeting in 2012 in Australia
- Presentations at the WG meeting in 2011 in Tehran, Iran
- Continue various ongoing activities

The group may like to discuss and decide the work plan/ activities of the group until 2013.

Item 5 : Presentations by members

At the Yogyakarta meeting, the following presentations were proposed during the Tehran meeting:

- "Use of brackish water for agriculture" – Dr. Gao Zhanyi (China)
- "Management for water quality improvement" – Dr. Bernard Vincent (France)
- "Use of saline water for irrigation" – Dr. Leon van Rensburg (South Africa)

The Central Office has contacted the above professionals and requested their confirmation for making presentation. In response, VPH Dr. Gao Zhanyi has agreed to make a presentation. Similarly, the Central Office has requested all members of the group to make a presentation on their topic of interest related to the activities of the group. Responses are awaited.

Item 6 : Website of the working group

During the Yogyakarta meeting, members were encouraged to add and benefit from the WG website <<http://www.wg-pqw.icidonline.org/>> which is fully functional. A power point presentation prepared by Dr. Huibers for the UN-Water Dialogue meeting held at Stockholm in September 2010 has been uploaded at WG website.

Central Office has requested all members to visit the website and provide additional information viz. books, manuals, technical papers, proceedings of the national workshops, interesting pictures, new software, useful links etc. to the Chair/ Central Office for posting on the website.

Item 7 : Workshop of the working group

The Working Group had proposed to organize a Special Session on "*Water Quality and Irrigation*" on the sidelines of the 21st ICID Congress/ 62nd IEC meeting in Tehran. However, it was agreed that the relevant papers may be submitted under Congress Question 56.3 "*Productivity of Low Quality Waters for Irrigation Uses*".

The WG has also proposed to request the Australian National Committee (ICID NCA) to allocate a slot in the program of the 63rd IEC to be held in June 2012 in Adelaide, Australia.

Chairman will apprise the members about further progress at the meeting.

Item 8 : Nomination of the Group for the Best Performing Workbody Award

At Yogyakarta meeting, the group suggested to explore the possibility of submitting its candidature for the Best Performing Workbody Award (BPWA) to be presented on the occasion of Tehran Congress in October 2011. The Central Office however did not receive such a proposal from the Chairman.

Dr. Ragab, Chairman may like to apprise the group.

B. NEW ITEM

Item 9 : Impact of agrochemicals on irrigation water quality

At Yogyakarta meeting, VP Dr. Samia El-Guindy (Egypt) suggested the group to add a new item "Impact of Agrochemicals on irrigation water quality" in the agenda of the Tehran meeting.

VP Dr. El-Guindy/ Chairman will apprise further progress on the above at the meeting.

Item 10 : Any other business

• **New publication with contribution of MXCID**

Dr. Jaime Collado, Vice President, Water Governance (Mexico) participated in the Stockholm event in September 2010 on behalf of Mexican National Committee (MXCID) wherein the FAO Water Report 35 "The wealth of waste: The economics of wastewater use in agriculture" was released by FAO. Dr. Collado is one of the contributors of the document.

In November 2010, the Central Office has disseminated the Report to all ICID National Committees and members of the WG. All those professionals who are interested to get the reports may please access the website <<http://www.fao.org/docrep/012/i1629e/i1629e.pdf>> .

• **SALTMED 2011**

VP Dr. Ragab made a presentation in the Green Week held in Brussels on 25 May 2011. He has forwarded the SALTMED 2011 (v.3.02.30) link and his presentation's link to all for download.

• **Gerald Lacey Memorial Lecture, July 2011**

In July 2011, VP Dr. Ragab has informed the Central Office that the Gerald Lacey Memorial lecture on "Water Security – A Global Challenge" delivered by Prof. David Grey on 25 July 2011 at ICE London is available at the following link together with his introduction to the lecture <<http://www.ice.org.uk/Information-resources/Document-Library/Water-Security-A-Global-Challenge>>.
