

Agenda for the Fourth Meeting of the  
**WORKING GROUP ON TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH UPTAKE AND EXCHANGE (WG-TRUE)**  
 Tehran, Iran  
 16 October 2011: 13.30-17.00 hours  
*Strategy Theme: Knowledge*

**Year of Establishment: 2007**

**Completion of the Mandate: 2011**

**Mandate:** To support research and development of technology and innovation processes for improved irrigation and drainage

**Members:** (1) Prof. L. Vincent, Chairperson, 2007 (The Netherlands, 1995); (2) Dr. (Mrs.) Shaden Abdel-Gawad, Vice Chairperson, 2007 (Egypt, 2001); (3) Dr. John A. Replogle, Secretary, 2007 (USA, 1999); (4) VP Prof. L. Ubertini (Italy, 1989); (5) Mr. A. Delacourt (France, 1995); (6) Mr. J. Lelkes (Hungary, 1998); (7) Mr. Sietan Chieng (Canada, 2001); (8) Dr. (Mrs.) Irene Bondarik (Russia, 2001); (9) Prof. Jiasheng Huang (China, 2003); (10) Prof. J.G. Annandale (South Africa, 2003); (11) Prof. Yuanhua Li (China, 2003); (12) Mr. Geoff Pearce (UK, 2003); (13) Mr. Ezzatollah Farhadi (Iran, 2005); (14) Dr. K. Palanisami (India, 2005); (15) Dr. Mohammad Che Husain (Malaysia, 2005); (16) Mr. Stephens Mills (Australia, 2005); (17) Mr. Ian William Makin (UK, 2006); (18) Dr. Enrique Playan (Spain, 2006); (19) Dr. Kazumi Yamaoka (Japan, 2009); (20) Mr. Indra Raj (India, 2009); (21) Dr. Moch Basuki Hadimuljono (Indonesia, 2010); (22) Mexican representative (MXCID); (23) Nigerian representative (NINCID); and (24) Secretary General, ICID.

**Permanent Observers/Observers:** (i) IPTRID Representative; (ii) FAO Representative; (iii) World Bank Representative; (iv) IWMI Representative; (v) PH Peter Lee, CG-IPTRID, UK; (vi) Mr. Campoare Moussa Laurent, (ARID-Burkina Faso); (vii) VPH Dr. Hussein El-Atfy (Egypt); and (viii) Dr. H. Fahmy (Egypt).

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

*Vide e-mail of 1 September 2011, Chairperson Prof. Linden Vincent informed that she will not be attending the Tehran meeting due to broken arm/surgery and requested that somebody may chair the WG meeting.*

*Vide e-mail of 12 August 2011, Dr. John Replogle, Secretary, WG-TRUE has informed the Chair Prof. Linden Vincent that he will not be attending the Tehran meeting and requested that a replacement Secretary be nominated and elected in his place. He also assured that he is always available to assist in other ways with the functioning of the WG.*

**Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group**

The minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group held at Yogyakarta in October 2010 will be confirmed.

**Item 2 : Review of membership, including new nominations**

The Indian National Committee (INCID) has nominated Dr. N.S. Raghuvanshi in place of Dr. K. Palanisami and Mr. Indra Raj for the membership of the Working Group. CV of Dr. Raghuvanshi will be tabled at the meeting. The group may like to consider/ approve the nomination.

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

**Item 3 : Mandate of the Working Group**

During the Yogyakarta meeting, the group discussed about the current mandate and tenure of the working group and decided that the current mandate should remain unchanged and the Group should endeavor to complete the ongoing activities by 2011.

It was resolved to renew efforts as regards:

1. Reporting on what has been achieved;
2. While the research in Asian countries has been well documented, that in the African countries has been less covered to date and should be addressed; and
3. WG should look to progress provision of information regarding outcomes and adoption processes.

It was agreed that case studies regarding the impact of research should be provided, dealing with the question "To what extent has research driven the uptake and adoption process?"

Prof. Vincent may apprise the members about further updates.

#### **Item 4 : Tenure of the Working Group**

WG has resolved that the tenure of the WG-TRUE (up to 2011) be remain unchanged. However, the WG may like to discuss about the extension of its tenure, especially in light of the recent and forthcoming developments in respect of technology research in irrigation and drainage, following a different strategy from that of 'donor supported' earlier IPTRID.

In due cognizance of the MoU between ICID and IRNCID/ Ministry of Energy in IR of Iran, IRPID-ICID in Iran would be opened to function as a Research Centre on Irrigation and Drainage in Tehran. Other developments in initiating Research and Training Centre in Beijing and a knowledge sharing workshop are detailed in 5.2, more elaborately.

Given the above, WG-TRUE may wish to consider a tenure extension to provide necessary support and guidance in shaping the '*technology research, uptake and exchange*' so as to ensure that it meets the demands and aspirations of ICID National Committee.

#### **Item 5 : Activities of the WG-TRUE**

The group discussed and decided at Yogyakarta that no new activities be taken and the efforts as outlined in Item 3 to complete the agreed tasks under the mandate would be the priorities for the year (2011).

##### **5.1 Questionnaire for the Working Group**

At Yogyakarta meeting, it was resolved that the four major response categories from the questionnaire would form a guide for the development of case studies. These categories were:

- (i) Reducing associated costs;
- (ii) Improving crop yields and water savings by way of adopting appropriate cropping patterns/irrigation methods/practices;
- (iii) Implementing better operation and management; and
- (iv) Formulating policies and framing-up of institutional/organizational set up.

##### **5.2 Intensification Programme on Technology Research on Irrigation and Drainage (IPTRID)**

WG-TRUE is informed that a special meeting on 'IPTRID-Way Forward' was organized at Yogyakarta on 13 October 2010. The meeting was attended by President Prof. Dr. Chandra Madramootoo, Dr. Pasquale Steduto of FAO and other Office-Bearers (present and past) and NC Chairs. President Madramootoo made an elaborate presentation on the ICID's initiative to revamp the IPTRID and its new organizational structure. Earlier, Secretary General Gopalakrishnan circulated a concept paper "Intensification of Irrigation and Drainage Research to Achieve Global Food Security" among all national committees, Chairs of workbodies, and Office Bearers for their views. At the Council meeting, President said that he had the counsel from all, favouring the new proposals and a desire for moving on to next steps formulating agreements. President indicated that FAO and ICID would agree jointly on the termination of the existing obligations of FAO / IPTRID which has no staff support any more and little funding.

While terminating IPTRID in its earlier form of existence, an Intensification Programme as envisaged in the SG's proposal with the ownership and governance entirely in ICID offered brighter prospects. The proposal was

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discussed in ICID Management Board. It was felt that a smaller Advisory Committee should work with the various NCs and develop (i) a work program (ii) develop a functional support structure and (iii) develop regional research networks that will define the shape and format of the program. It has been proposed and agreed between ICID and FAO that FAO would lend FAO's convening power. As ICID initiate a work program with the NCs and build the future structure, and show 'on ground' such programmes with the participation of NCs with own resources, it is likely that donors would be enthused to step in, in due course of time.

In this context, members of the working group will be delighted to note that ICID has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the –

- (i) Iranian National Committee (IRNCID),
- (ii) Chinese National Committee (CNCID), and also with the
- (iii) Regional Association on Irrigation and Drainage in West and Central Africa (RAID-ARID) and French National Committee (AFEID).

Subsequent to the above a "China Research and Training Center of International Programme for Technology and Research in Irrigation and Drainage" was launched at the hands of ICID President Chandra Madramootoo on 12 July 2011 in Beijing. The impressive inaugural function was graced by the presence of PH Aly Shady, Secretary General M. Gopalakrishnan, VP Willem Vlotman (Australia), VP AK Bajaj (India), VPH Karim Shiati Iran), VPH Cai Lingen, VPH Gao Zhanyi (China), Prof. Wang Aiguo, Chairman CNCID, Prof. Li Yangbin, DG of China Irrigation and Drainage Development Center and its staff, Thierry Facon (FAO), representatives of National Committees of Canada, Malaysia, Mali, Niger, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, and Uzbekistan. The launch ceremony was held on the occasion of the CNCID-ICID 'International Workshop on Water Saving Irrigation and Food Security' organized during 11- 14 July 2011 with the support of the Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of China.

The above Workshop is a maiden effort following the engagement under ICID's renewed efforts to invigorate the IPTRID, in tune with the Yogyakarta IEC decisions of ICID when a MoU was signed with CNCID for the purpose. The workshop was opened by the Vice minister, Ministry of Water Resources, China Mr. Jiao Yong in the presence of Prof. Jia Jinsheng, President ICOLD. In his keynote speech, ICID President Madramootoo urged on the need for Global Food Security and the importance for water savings in agriculture which shall drive the future technology and research in the sphere.

In a high level meeting held with His Excellency Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Dr. Chen Li, expressed his strong commitment in supporting the ICID and in promoting its mission across the globe. The summary of the workshop can be downloaded by accessing the website at [http://www.icid.org/summary\\_beijing2011.pdf](http://www.icid.org/summary_beijing2011.pdf).

Fulfilling the obligations of the MoU signed by AFEID, RAID-ARID and ICID in Yogyakarta in October 2010, the French National Committee sponsored a few African delegates for the 24<sup>th</sup> European Regional Conference held between 14 and 16 March 2011 in Orleans to facilitate knowledge sharing on various aspects of Ground Water Usage in Agriculture benefitting researchers, basin managers of irrigation schemes and users.

**Item 6 : Website of the workbody**

At Yogyakarta meeting, the group discussed and suggested that Central Office will post the relevant papers/ documents on the website of the WG as and when received from Chair Prof. Vincent. The Chair may like to provide further updates.

**Item 7 : Any other business (with the permission of the Chair)**