

**AGENDA FOR THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON YOUNG IRRIGATION PROFESSIONALS FORUM (WG-YPF)
New Delhi, India
07 December 2009: 09.30-13.15 hours**

Year of Establishment: 1993

Members : (1) Mr. Ali Reza Salamat, Chairman, 2003 (Iran, 2000); (2) Dr. Sanjay Belsare, Vice Chairman, 2005 (India, 2003); (3) Ms. Nepveu de Villemarceau Audrey, Secretary (France, 2002); (4) Dr. Maurits Ertzen (The Netherlands, 2002); (5) Dr. Nariman Shamsutdinov (Russia, 2003); (6) Ms. Jianxin Mu (China, 2003); (7) Mr. Bennie Grové (South Africa, 2003); (8) Mr. Hidekazu Tagashira (Japan, 2006); (9) Engr. Qazi Tallat Mahmood Siddiqui (Pakistan, 2006); (10) Mr. Velayudan, SV. Kalaiselvam (Malaysia, 2006); and (11) Dr. Kwang-Ya, Lee (Korea, 2007).

Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 14th meeting of the WG-YPF

The minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group held on 13 October 2008 at Lahore (Pakistan) will be confirmed.

Item 2 : Review of the membership of the Working Group

2.1 Membership of the Group

(a) Past nominations

The following nominations were deferred during the 14th meeting of WG-YPF due to their absence in the meeting –

- Mr. Pavel Svirkin (Russia) in place of Dr. Nariman Shamsutdinov
- Ms. Kartabayeva Irina Anatolyevna (Kazakhstan)
- Dr. Takanori Nagano (Japan) in place of Mr. Hidekazu Tagashira

The Central Office (CO) has contacted (30 January 2009) the above National Committees (NCs) to confirm their nomination or nominate an alternate member with an assurance that the new nominee would either attend the meeting or be represented by a member from the concerned NC. In response, JNC-ICID vide its e-mail of 14 April 2009 has confirmed the nomination of Dr. Takanori Nagano for the membership of the Working Group. The Central Office vide its e-mail of 22 July 2009 has once again requested other two NCs viz. Russia and Kazakhstan to confirm their nominations. Response is awaited.

(b) New nominations

During the Sacramento meeting (2007), it was decided to make a fresh request to those NCs who have not yet made any nominations for WG-YPF membership. Accordingly, the Central Office has contacted NCs in May 2009 and requested to nominate a young professional (less than 40 years) for the membership of the WG-YPF. In response, Israeli National Committee (ISCID) vide its e-mail of 22 July 2009 has informed the Central Office that they will consider the matter in their meeting and will inform accordingly. Pakistan National Committees (PANCID) has nominated Engr. Muhammad Ejaz Tanveer (Pakistan) in place of Engr. Qazi Tallat Mahmood Siddiqui for the membership of the WG. Responses from other NCs are awaited.

(c) Non-attendance/ contribution

From the attendance and contribution record at Central Office, it was noticed that Mr. Bannie Grove (South Africa), Ms. Jianxin Mu (China), and Ms. Nepveu de Villemarceau Audrey (France) have neither attended the meetings of the Working Group nor contributed to the activities through correspondence for the last two consecutive years (2007 and 2008). The Central Office has contacted these National Committees in January and July 2009 to confirm

their participation in the New Delhi meeting or alternatively nominate a new member with an assurance that the new nominee would contribute to the activities of the WG. Responses from them are still awaited.

Attendance/contribution record of the members of the WG-YPF during 2007 and 2008 will be made available during the meeting.

It may be noted that representation of a member of the working group by any other representative of the concerned national committee is not deemed to be a contribution by a member. Refer to Annex 1 of PCSPOA of Agenda (page A-9) and ICID By-law 3.1.7 which stipulates that members not contributing to the activities by attendance or correspondence for two consecutive years shall be replaced in consultation with their National Committees.

2.2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

While reviewing the agenda and past records, it was observed that some members have exceeded the age limit prescribed for being a member of WG-YPF i.e. less than 40 years. In view of above, the Central Office thanked (13 May 2009) Mr. Ali Reza Salamat, Chair (Iran) and Dr. S.M. Belsare, Vice Chair (India) for their support and contributions to the activities of the WG. They would however, continue to officiate till New Delhi meeting.

Mr. Salamat thanked (29 June 2009) Vice Chair, Secretary and all other members for their continuous support towards the activities of the YPF and desired to contribute to the YPF indirectly (as a non-member i.e. 'Observer') in future. Similarly, Dr. Belsare thanked (13 May 2009) all the members for their support and encouragement.

A new Chair and Vice Chair will be elected in place of Mr. Salamat and Dr. Belsare. The WG may like to deliberate and elect a new Chair and Vice Chair during the meeting.

A. CONTINUING ITEMS

Item 3 : Review of the progress made by the National Committees in establishing Young Professionals Forum (YPF)

At the 14th meeting held at Lahore in October 2008, the matter regarding establishment of YPF was discussed. The Chair stated that 23 National Committees have established their Young Professional Fora. The Central Office pursued (31 March 2009 and 22 July 2009) the matter with other NCs to establish a Young Professionals Forum (YPF) in their respective NCs. In response, NETHCID has informed the Central Office that they will continue to encourage the involvement and participation of young professionals in ICID activities but were not inclined to establish an YPF. Responses from other NCs are awaited.

During the Lahore meeting, Mr. Qazi Tallat Siddiqui (Pakistan) mentioned that attempts have been made to establish the young professional forum of Pakistan National Committee (PANCID). They have so far drafted the by-laws of the YPF-Pakistan and has circulated it among different universities for comments. So far five Universities have provided their comments on the by-laws. YPF-Pakistan is waiting for more comments. YPF-Pakistan will finalize the by-laws and will send it to the Central Office in due course. The Central Office has requested Mr. Siddiqui (31 March 2009 and 22 July 2009) to expedite the formation of YPF-Pakistan. Response is still awaited.

Chair will apprise the WG about further progress during the meeting.

Item 4 : Review of the progress on preparation of a directory of Young Professionals

At the Lahore meeting, the WG observed that so far France, India, Japan and South Africa have prepared their own regional directory of Young Professionals. Actions from other NCs such as Russia, China, Pakistan and Malaysia are awaited. It was requested that a format for preparing the directories could be provided by the CO.

Accordingly, the Central Office in March 2009 has forwarded a sample format of the questionnaire to those NCs who have not yet prepared their directory of Young Professionals with a request to prepare it and forward the same to the Central Office.

Chair will apprise the WG about further progress during the meeting.

Item 5 : Establishment of a Network of Young Professionals through development of a web-based platform

During the 14th meeting held at Lahore, Mr. Ali Reza Salamat, Chair, WG-YPF demonstrated the updated WG website <www.wg-ypf.icidonline.org>. To move further, the Central Office requested (5 May 2009) all members to review the WG's updated webpage and send their suggestions/ comments. It was further requested to send their contact details (*those who have not yet provided*) to Chair for inclusion in the webpage. Responses are awaited.

During the Lahore meeting, Dr. Maurits Ertsen (The Netherlands) demonstrated the online web-based platform and agreed to send invitation letters to those who are interested in sharing the knowledge and information via this facility. This facility will provide an opportunity to gather the information on the latest events to be held for the young professionals and also exchange information with other members. This platform operates under the supervision of the Dutch Organization of Higher Education. The Central Office vide its e-mail of 5 May 2009 has requested the members to get in touch with Dr. Ertsen <m.w.ertsen@tudelft.nl> in this regard.

Dr. Ertsen will apprise the WG about further progress during the meeting.

Item 6 : How to activate Young Professionals

During the 14th meeting of the WG-YPF held at Lahore, Pakistan in 2008 the matter regarding how to activate young professionals in ICID activities was deliberated. In the meeting, the following points were highlighted:

- Nomination of a young professional from each National Committee as an additional member in each Working Group of ICID;
- Contribution of papers by young professionals for publication in ICID Journal; and
- Participation of young professionals in WatSave Awards.

In this regard, the Central Office vide its e-mails of 31 March 2009 and 22 July 2009 has requested all the National Committees to consider the above mentioned action points and provide adequate support to young professionals of their NC. The NCs were also requested to report the action taken in this connection to the Chairman, WG-YPF with copy to Central Office. Responses are awaited.

Chair will apprise the WG about further progress during the meeting.

Item 7 : Further activities of the WG

Members of the WG were invited (5 May 2009) to provide the Chair with their new proposals/ activities for consideration. Responses are awaited.

Chair will apprise the WG about further progress during the meeting.

Item 8 : Current activities of YPF members

At Lahore, all YPF members were asked to send a copy of their new publications to the CO for keeping them in its archive.

The Central Office requested (5 May 2009) the members to send a brief of current activities carried out by them to the Chair for its coverage in the yearly Newsletter of the WG-YPF with a copy to CO.

Chair will apprise the WG about further progress during the meeting.

Item 9 : Papers for Publication in the ICID Journal and Newsletter

ICID Newsletter is published every three months. The CO will consider a page summary of those papers of the young professionals which are approved by the Scientific Committee. The ICID Journal publishes five issues in a year besides special (sponsored) issues, time to time. The procedure for preparing papers for the ICID Journal is fully explained in the ICID website <www.icid.org>. Members are requested to prepare and send their papers for publication in the ICID Journal (published by M/s Wiley Blackwell).

Chair will apprise the WG further progress during the meeting.

Item 10 : YPF Newsletter

The WG noted that the YPF Newsletter was disseminated among the members of the WG as well as observers. The electronic version of the Newsletter was posted on the WG-YPF website for its easy access. All members of the Working Group are invited to provide information related to the activities of their National Committee's YPF, so as to incorporate the same in the forthcoming issue of the YPF Newsletter 2008-09. The Malaysian, Indian and the Netherlands National Committees have been active in sending relevant news in recent times.

The Central Office has requested (31 March 2009) all National Committees to support organizing the activities of young professionals in their NCs and provide a brief description of the same (with some interesting pictures) to the Central Office. Responses are awaited.

Chair will apprise the WG about further progress during the meeting.

Item 11 : Encouragement for participation of Young Professionals in WatSave Awards

At Lahore, the Chairman, WG-YPF stated that WatSave awards are being presented in 3 categories since 1998. One of the awards is allocated to the best work carried out by the young professionals in the field of water saving techniques. Chairman requested all members to compete in WatSave awards 2009 by sending their best works or performance in water savings through their National NCs to ICID Central Office.

Item 12 : Any other business