

Agenda for the Seventeenth Meeting of the
WORKING GROUP ON YOUNG IRRIGATION PROFESSIONALS FORUM (WG-YPF)
 Tehran, Iran
 16 October 2011: 09.00-12.30 hours

Year of Establishment: 1993

Mandate:

- To provide an international platform for young irrigation and drainage professionals and to encourage and promote a high standard of professional development in the subjects of irrigation, drainage and environment.
- To facilitate the development, acquisition and wider dissemination of knowledge and information about irrigation, drainage, flood management and environment amongst the young professionals.
- To maintain and enhance links with national and international youth having interests in the related subjects or the activities relevant to ICID objectives.
- To educate young professionals about ICID's role, objectives, activities, structure, constitution and By-laws.

Members: (1) Mr. Yaser Barghi, Chairman (Iran, 2010); (2) Ir. Fabian Priandani, Vice Chairman (Indonesia, 2010); (3) Ms. Hayati binti Zainal, Secretary (Malaysia, 2010); (4) Ms. Nepveu de Villemarceau au Audrey (France, 2002); (5) Mr. Piyush Ranjan (India, 2009); (6) Mr. Homan Khaledi (Iran, 2009); (7) Dr. Yacob Beletse (South Africa, 2010); and (8) Dr. Katsuyuki Shimizu (Japan, 2010).

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Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 16th meeting of the WG-YPF

The minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group held at Yogyakarta in October 2010 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 16th meeting of the WG-YPF due to their non-availability during the meeting –

- Ms. Kartabayeva Irina Anatolyevna (Kazakhstan)
- Mr. Nikolay Akhmatovich (Russia) in place of Dr. Nariman Shamsutdinov
- Engr. Muhammad Ejaz Tanveer (Pakistan) in place of Engr. Qazi Tallat Mahmood Siddiqui

The Central Office (CO) contacted (28 January 2011) the above National Committees (NCs) and requested to confirm their nomination or nominate a fresh member with an assurance that the new nominee would either attend the meeting or be represented by a member from the concerned NC. Responses are awaited.

CVs of the above nominees will be tabled at the meeting for consideration.

(b) New nominations

The Egyptian National Committee (ENCID) has forwarded the following two nominations for consideration of the membership of the Group.

- Dr. Ibrahim El-Baroudy
- Eng. Emad Mohamed Mahmoud Khalil

The Central Office requested (13 May 2011) the ENCID to nominate only one professional in WG and another professional in some other workbody and also requested to mention the date of birth of Dr. El-Baroudy. Response is awaited.

During the Yogyakarta meeting, the Working Group observed that Ms. Jianxin Mu (China) has neither attended the meetings of the Working Group nor contributed to the activities through correspondence for the last three consecutive years (2008 - 2010). During the meeting, it was decided that fresh nominations may be invited from the National Committee with an assurance that the new nominee would contribute to the activities of the WG.

The Central Office contacted (13 May 2011) the CNCID and requested to send the new nomination for consideration at Tehran meeting. In response, CNCID has nominated Mr. Gao Lihui in place of Ms. Jianxin Mu (China) for the membership of the group.

CVs of the above nominees will be made available at the meeting. The group may like to consider the nomination at the meeting.

(c) Non-attendance/ contribution

During the Yogyakarta meeting, the Working Group observed that Ms. Nepveu de Villemarceau Audrey (France) had neither attended the meetings of the Working Group nor contributed to the activities through correspondence for the last three consecutive years (2008 - 2010). During the meeting, it was decided that fresh nomination may be invited from AFEID with an assurance that the new nominee would contribute to the activities of the WG. Contribution through correspondence is considered as active participation, in case nominees are unable to attend meetings for want of funds.

The Central Office contacted AFEID in January 2011 to confirm the participation of their nominee in the Tehran meeting or alternatively nominate a new member. Response is awaited.

Attendance/contribution record of the members of the WG-YPF during 2009 and 2010 will be made available during the meeting.

A. CONTINUING ITEMS

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

At Yogyakarta meeting, representatives from Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia and Iran informed their activities and progress to the members present at the meeting. The Chair encouraged the NCs to establish Young Professional Fora in their NCs.

The Central Office requested (26 April 2011) all the National Committees to establish an YPF within their countries and inform the same to the Chair. Response is awaited.

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

The group noted that Ms. Hayati (Malaysia) had prepared and forwarded their directory to the Central Office. During the Yogyakarta meeting, the Chair requested all NCs to develop such directories or expand and update their previously-made directories.

The Central Office in April 2011 requested the National Committees of China, Pakistan and Russia to prepare a directory of young professionals and forward the same to the Central Office/ Chair. Response is awaited.

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

During the 14th meeting, Dr. Maurits Ertzen (The Netherlands) had demonstrated an online web-based platform and agreed to send letters to those who would be interested in sharing the knowledge and information via this facility. This facility will provide an opportunity to gather the information on the latest events for the young professionals and exchange information with each other. The platform operates under the supervision of the Dutch Organization of Higher Education.

At Yogyakarta meeting, the Working Group requested Chairman Mr. Yaser Barghi to follow up with Dr. Maurits Ertzen for establishing a network of young professionals through development of a web-based platform. The chairman has sent some emails to Dr. Ertzen but could not contact him.

Chairman informed the Central Office (29 April 2011) that he has been preparing and developing a page for YPF on 'FACEBOOK' at www.facebook.com/icid.ypf. He also informed that he has created some accounts for ICID-YPF in other social networking platforms like tweeter and slideshare to facilitate networking between young professionals

In May 2011, the Chairman sent the designed page for YPF to Central Office for review. With the initiative of the Chairman, a page titled "ICID-YPF on FACEBOOK" has been created which consists of following parts:

- Basic information on ICID
- Links
- Events
- Photos
- Wall
- Discussions
- Videos
- Notes

Chairman may apprise further contribution of members and progress to the members at the meeting.

Item 6 : "How to activate Young Professionals"

At Yogyakarta, the Chair discussed various initiatives taken so far to motivate young professionals in ICID activities as given below:

- 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/ Nomination of young professionals in WatSave Awards.

In order to motivate Young Professionals, it was also decided to take some concrete measures to rejuvenate this group as today's young professionals will be tomorrow's pillars in ICID. Some of the other initiatives were as follows:

- Selection of one university in each country by the concerned NC to have close cooperation with Young Professionals (where appropriate).
- Using media like FACEBOOK.
- Permitting NCs to nominate an additional young member in each Working Group of ICID.
- NCs to ensure the participation of young professional member in their delegation to ICID events.
- Providing sponsorship and inexpensive accommodation to WG-YPF members, if feasible.

During the meeting, it was decided to take up the matter with PCSO and follow up with NCs to encourage young professionals' participation in ICID events.

The Central Office has contacted (26 April 2011) all National Committees and requested to nominate an additional young member in each Working Group of ICID according to their relevant expertise and ensure their participation in ICID events. Response is awaited.

Item 7 : Current activities of YPF members

During the 61st IEC held in Yogyakarta, YPF-INACID hosted an International Seminar for Young Professionals on 15 October 2010 where 14 speakers, one from Japan and rest from Indonesia, participated. Although only one speaker was from Japan, the above seminar was considered as a benchmark step and the foundation for the next ICID international forum in Iran, where speakers from YPFs are expected to participate.

The 16th MANCID Annual Conference (MANCO) was held from 26-27 February 2011 in Penang, Malaysia on the theme "Droughts, floods, environment: Managing consumptive water needs sustainably". The Central Office requested (26 April 2011) Secretary Ms. Hayati binti Zainal to provide a brief summary/ outcome of the conference for wider dissemination among NCs. Response from Ms. Hayati is awaited.

In April 2011, the Central Office informed the Indonesian National Committee (INACID) that YPF – IRNCID is preparing to organize a similar workshop/seminar based on contributions from various ICID YPFs and requested them to participate in it. Response is awaited.

The Chairman informed (29 April 2011) the Central Office that he participated in the IRNCID-YPF annual meeting held in April 2011.

Chairman Mr. Barghi informed (16 June 2011) the Central Office that YPF-IRNCID has been actively pursuing its goals and held its meetings in presence of IRNCID members. The significant outcomes are as follows:

1. Preparation and publication of seasonal newsletter of IRNCID
2. Preparation and publication the Annual newsletter of ICID-YPF for distribution in the ICID 2010 annual meeting
3. Preparing a DVD including an archive of all past events, publications and documents of IRNCID in the field of irrigation and drainage
4. Collaboration with other working groups of IRNCID
5. Collaboration with WG-YPF of ICID
6. Preparation of publication titled "Water and Irrigation in the Contemporary era of Iran"
7. Arranging one seminar at Shahrekord University.
8. Arranging scientific/technical contest for young professionals in the water sector
9. Translation and edition of a book titled "Irrigation Systems"
10. Cooperation in organizing the 21st ICID congress
11. Presentation of papers in ICID Asian regional conference, Indonesia
12. Preparing three papers for Tehran Congress, October 2011.
13. Organizing a side event for Young Professionals during Tehran congress, October 2011.
14. Cooperation with Water History Association of Germany and hosting the German delegates to visit water structures and irrigation projects in Iran
15. Translating FAO-IWMI publication (summary) on "Water for Food, Water for Life"
16. Conducting an opinion poll to find out the effectiveness of IRNCID activities
17. Updating IRNCID website
18. Preparation of the performance report of the past year and work plan for the next year

The Chairman may apprise further progress to the members at the meeting.

Item 8 : Papers for Publication in the ICID Journal and ICID News

At Yogyakarta meeting, the group discussed about the preparation and dissemination of the YPF Newsletter among WG members. During the meeting, the Chair requested the members to prepare and submit their papers for publication in the ICID Journal and News.

The Central Office requested (26 April 2011) all National Committees to prepare a brief and submit it to the Chair / Central Office. The young Professionals were also requested to submit their papers for publication in ICID Journal.

Details for paper submission can be accessed at <[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1531-0361](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1531-0361)>. Response is awaited.

Item 9 : YPF Newsletter

During the 16th meeting, hard copies of the YPF Newsletter were disseminated among the members of the WG as well as observers. The group proposed to post the electronic version of the Newsletter on WG-YPF website for its easy access. The Central Office provided (20 January 2011) the IP address, the user name and password to Chairman for updating the WG website and has also uploaded the 'Message from the Chairman' on the WG website <<http://www.wg-ypf.icidonline.org>>.

In April 2011, the Central Office requested all National Committees to prepare and submit briefs on YPF activities in their country/NC to the Chair/ Central Office so that it can be incorporated in the forthcoming issue of the YPF Newsletter. Response is awaited.

Item 10 : Encouraging Young Professionals for WatSave Awards

During the Yogyakarta meeting, the Chairman informed that one of the WatSave Awards is allocated to the best work carried out by young professionals in the field of water saving techniques. Chairman requested members to compete in WatSave Awards 2011 by sending their best works or performance to ICID Central Office.

The Central Office requested (26 April 2011) all members/ National Committees to send the best works or performance of Young Professional in their country/NC in water savings to ICID Central Office. No nominations were received for WatSave Awards – Young Professional category this year.

B. NEW ITEM

Item 11 : Young professional's Session at Tehran Congress

As per the decision of the 5th Executive Committee meeting of the 21st ICID Congress held in Iran, IRNCID has decided to allocate a 2-3 hours time slot in one of the afternoons for a gathering of all the young professionals attending Tehran Congress. The aim of this gathering would be to promote networking between the young professionals of various NCs by presenting their experiences, activities, achievements etc.

Following above, the ICID Working Group on Young Irrigation Professionals Forum (WG-YPF) will organize a Special Session on the sidelines of ICID Tehran events on 17 October 2011, from 15:00 to 18:00 hours. The Special Session will give a golden opportunity for young professionals to engage, network, exchange ideas and share experiences in a warm and friendly session during the magnificent ICID 2011 events. Young professionals attending this event on behalf of their National Committees (NCs) will be making brief presentations on the activities and achievements.

The Chairman circulated (11 July 2011) the announcement of organizing a Special Session of 'Young Professionals Forum' as above among all members and requested them to make a brief presentation (10-15 minutes) on their activities and achievements during the Session. In response, Dr. Katsuyuki Shimizu (Japan) informed the Central Office that Dr. Atsushi Marui will make a presentation on his behalf. Dr. Yacob Beletse (South Africa) informed (17 July 2011) that he will make a presentation on the progress in SANCID-YPF in South Africa at Tehran meeting. Ms. Hayati Zainal (Malaysia) has informed (10 August 2011) the Chairman that she will make presentation on the topic related to irrigation and drainage or agro transformation in Malaysia during the YPF Session. Responses from others are awaited.

Chairman may apprise further progress at the meeting.

Item 12 : Any other business
