

**MINUTES OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR ESTABLISHING
AMERICAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (AMRWG)**

15 August 2018, 09.00-10.30 hours (Session-I)

15 August 2018, 11.00-12.30 hours (Session-II)

Saskatoon, Canada

Presented by the Chairman

Summary of the Proceedings of the Meeting:

1. The Working Group had informal discussion on possible barriers for South American countries to join ICID. Observers Ir. Pilar Gil (Chile) suggested that informal networks of professionals who are interested in irrigation and drainage could be used as a 'grassroots' approach to building interest and potential membership in ICID.
2. PH Peter S. Lee (UK) advised on direct membership options. WG members were encouraged to explore existing contacts / networks with South American countries as a mechanism to develop interest in ICID. WG discussed the possibility of asking a VP to write introduction letters and send to WG member contacts, and provide ICID promotional material to be presented at the conferences / meetings.
3. WG appointed Dr. Warren Helgason (CANCID) as Interim Chair for this WG to lead the promotional activities during 2018-19 and provide a report during Bali meetings in September 2019.

Observations:

(i) Feedback from 'Special Session of Latin Americas' held on 14 August 2018 at Saskatoon, Canada

It was noted that the Special Session of Latin Americas could not be held due to lack of attendance during the event.

(ii) Regional Membership of ICID

PH Peter S. Lee, Chair of TT-RO apprised the members and provided updates on direct member options for individuals and associations in South American countries as an option to develop ICID interest / capacity where national committees do not exist.



