

**MINUTES OF THE 25TH MEETING OF THE
ICID JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD (EB-JOUR)**

15 August 2018, 13.30-15.00 hours (Session-I)
15 August 2018, 15:30-17:00 hours (Session-II)
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Strategy Theme: Knowledge

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 1994

Mandate: (i) To ensure with the (Joint) Editor(s) that the Journal is published in accordance with editorial policies; (ii) To select and recommend to IEC, through PCTA, the appointment of (Joint) Editor(s), Associate Editors and Members; (iii) To review and update editorial policies when required, to conform with the developing ICID objectives; (iv) To address and resolve issues pertaining to the Journal; and (v) To review guidelines for authors, manuscript reviewers and book reviewers and liaise and coordinate with ICID workbodies.

Members Present : (1) PH Bart Schultz, Chairman (The Netherlands); (2) Dr. Li Jiusheng, Joint Editor (China); (3) Mr. Bernard Vincent, Associate Editor (France); (3) Dr. Henk Ritzema, Associate Editor (Chinese Taipei); (4) Prof. Graziano Ghinassi, Associate Editor (Italy); (5) VPH Laszlo Hayde, Associate Editor (Hungary); (6) VPH Larry D. Stephens (USA); (7) Dr. Yohei Sato (Japan); (8) Mr. Brent Paterson (Canada); (9) Dr. Poolad Karimi (Iran); (10) Dr. Severine Tomas, Associate Editor (France) represented by Bernard Vincent; (11) Prof. Jin-Young Choi, Associate Editor (Korea); and (12) Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar, ICID Central Office.

Observers: (i) Dr. Takanori Nagano (Japan) and (ii) Ir. Luis Garcia (USA) represented by Larry D. Stephens.

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EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1: Action Taken Report by Chair (from Editor, Chairman)

1. The Chairman PH Bart Schultz informed that the report of the Chairman for 2017 had been disseminated to the members of the Editorial Board before the meeting. Various points emerging from the report were discussed during the meeting.
2. The following new nominations for the membership were accepted:

SI. No.	Name of the Members/Associate Editors	Country	Accepted as
01.	VPH Prof. Dr. Dia El Din Ahmed El Quosy	Egypt	Member
02.	Dr. Takanori Nagano	Japan	Associate Editor
03.	Dr. Luis Garcia	USA	Member

3. Mr. Larry D. Stephens (USA) and Dr. Marcel Kuper (France) will continue as members of the EB-JOUR. In view of new membership from Japan as above, Prof Takao Masumoto (Japan) will step down.
4. The Chairman presented his report and the Joint Editor, Jiusheng Li presented his ideas on improving the review process. Several items were discussed and will be followed-up in due course of time, such as:
 - (a) Authors will be informed when their paper has been, in principle, approved;
 - (b) The Joint Editors do a preliminary screening and check for overlaps with previous works before they forward a received paper to the Associate Editors or directly to the reviewers. Associate Editors, who may be more familiar with the topics of the papers, will be invited to do a preliminary screening of the papers for their in-principle acceptance before forwarding the papers to reviewers.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.1: Special Issues

5. Six new Special Issues may be expected in 2018-19, they being:
 - (a) A Sponsored Special Issue on New Developments on Irrigation in Africa. This special issue is based on the results of a European Union supported project with several partners, especially IRSTEA

(France) and Wageningen University (The Netherlands). It is expected to be published at the time of the last issue of this year (December 2018), or the first issue of next year (February 2019);

- (b) The French National Committee (AFEID) is taking care of the sponsored Special Issue with selected papers of the Regional European Conference in Montpellier (2015). The Special Issue is expected to be published in 2019;
- (c) A Special Issue with selected papers from the 23rd ICID Congress in Mexico City (2017) will most probably be published as the first issue of next year, Issue 68.1;
- (d) A Special Issue with invited papers related to the ICID Vision 2030 and Action Plan will most probably be published in the first half of next year;
- (e) The Chinese National Committee will prepare a sponsored Special Issue on '*Recent development on Water Management in China*';
- (f) The WG-SDTA will prepare a third sponsored Special Issue based on the papers presented during its meetings and workshops. To be published in 2021.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.2: French resumés

6. The check of the French texts has been transferred from Bernard Vincent to Severine Tomas. The EB thanks Bernard Vincent for his careful work on the checks of the French texts over the years.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.3: Recognition to the reviewers

7. In the forthcoming issues of the Journal, the Joint Editors and Associate Editors that handled the review process will be mentioned at an appropriate place.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.4: Review process

8. Based on the Table as was presented and discussed in the Mexico City meeting (2017), the periods for the various steps in the review process have been reduced since May 2018. This will significantly speed up the review process.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.5: Best Paper Award 2018

9. The winners of the 'Best Paper Award 2018' were announced during the IEC Plenary Session on 13 August 2018. The winners were:

- (a). Abdullah Darzi-Naftchali, Fatemeh Karandish and Ahmad Asgari (Iran) for their paper titled "*Diagnosing Drainage Problems in Coastal Areas Using Machine-Learning and Geostatistical Models*" published in Volume 66, Issue 3 in July 2017;
- (b). R.E. Abdelraouf (Egypt) and R. Ragab (UK) for their paper titled "*The Benefit of using Drainage Water of Fish Farms for Irrigation: Field and Modelling Study Using the Saltmed Model*" published in Volume 66, Issue 5 in November 2017.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 2: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030: Action Points of Editorial Board

10. The milestones set for the Editorial Board in relation to the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 have been reported in the Agenda of the EB. In general, the progress has been better than envisaged. A Special Issue with invited papers is under preparation and is expected to be published in the first half of next year.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 3: Distribution of the Journal among the ICID membership

11. A total of 832 copies were distributed to members in 2018 i.e. 565 "Online-only" subscriptions, 155 subscriptions as "Online + print" and 112 as "print-only" subscriptions. The 'Direct Members' (DM) and Young Professionals (receiving ICID scholarship) have been added to the list receiving ICID Journal.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 4: Issues related with M/s. Wiley-Blackwell

12. The regular contacts with M/s. Wiley-Blackwell have been very effective and the publisher is very well catching up with the new developments in the publishing world.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 5: New Agreement between ICID & M/s. Wiley-Blackwell (2019-2025)

13. The new Agreement between ICID and M/s. Wiley-Blackwell (2019-2025) has been signed and was placed for post-facto approval in the PCTA/IEC meetings during the 69th IEC Meetings (2018). The highlights of the Agreement were:

- (a). A renewal of contract for calendar year 2019 and a publishing scenario for a seven-year period (2019-2025), based on an annual price increase of 1% for the online subscriptions and 3% for the printed versions;
- (b). ICID shall remain the sole and exclusive owner of the Journal, including the copyright, name (and any new name or title agreed by the parties);
- (c). M/s Wiley will provide approximately 800 copies per volume to ICID members eligible to receive access to the Journal from Volume 68 (2019) onwards, of which a maximum of 300 members may receive the Journal in both print and online versions;
- (d). In addition, ICID will get a greater flexibility in choosing how many individuals can access the Journal online, and incentives for greater uptake and online usage of the journal by National Committees and their members, based on a fixed fee for online only access to the Journal to as many members as ICID may wish, in addition to continuing the current arrangement for print member subscriptions charged per subscription;
- (e). A prize of US\$ 500 per annum to the best paper award winner;
- (f). M/s Wiley's global sales penetration and marketing expertise will ensure an increasing and stable return in subscription revenues for IRD.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 6: “Privacy Policy” of Irrigation and Drainage Journal

14. The Chairman presented the proposed “Privacy Policy” of Irrigation and Drainage Journal as could be seen in Annex 3 of the Agenda of EB-JOUR. It is proposed that the formal policy as attached to these minutes in **Annex** will be post-facto approved by PCTA/IEC.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 7: Any other business

15. This was the last EB-JOUR meeting of Prof. Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar from ICID Central Office as he has retired from the services of ICID in March 2018. He has been handling the various matters in relation to *Irrigation and Drainage* since 2005. The EB expressed its sincere thanks for the excellent work that he has done for *Irrigation and Drainage*.



**PRIVACY POLICY OF
IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE JOURNAL**

The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) with its Central Office based in New Delhi, India publishes its scientific Journal Irrigation and Drainage based on an Agreement with the publisher M/s John Wiley & Sons, Inc (UK).

The publisher has developed a privacy policy for its activities that recognizes the importance of protecting the personal information collected from users in the operation of its services and taking reasonable steps to maintain the security, integrity and privacy of the collected information (see: <https://www.wiley.com/enus/privacy>). ICID submits on an annual basis information on members of its National Committees or direct members to M/s Wiley in relation to the special ICID member subscriptions that have been agreed upon with M/s Wiley. With respect to this, ICID consents to the practices described in the privacy policy of M/s Wiley. In addition, although it was not yet formulated in a formal policy, it has always been ICID's own practice, as it will be in future as well, not to use the data of members of its National Committees and of direct members for other purposes than where the data are intended for. In case of its Journal Irrigation and Drainage, this is just to enable M/s Wiley to provide the ICID members with access to the Journal, either by online access and/or by provision of printed copies. The information that is collected concerns only the contact data of the individuals and institutions that are entitled to receive Irrigation and Drainage, either by online access, or in print. ICID's Central Office collects these data by sending, on an annual basis, the draft lists of the potential subscribers to the secretariats of its National Committees with an invitation to check them and to inform ICID's Central Office on any corrections that are required. The revised list is then submitted to M/s Wiley.

The existing practice has been formalized in a policy during the International Executive Council (IEC) meeting August 12-17, 2018 in Saskatoon, Canada.

