

**Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
ICID JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD (EB-JOUR)**

12 October 2017, 13.30-15.00 hours (Session-I)  
12 October 2017, 15:30-17:00 hours (Session-II)  
Mexico City, Mexico

**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 Prof. dr. Bart Schultz, Chairman (The Netherlands); (2) Prof. Graziano Ghinassi (Italy), Associate Editor; (3) VPH Laszlo Hayde (Hungary), Associate Editor; (4) by Dr. Graziano Ghinassi represented Prof. Daniele de Wrachien (Italy), Associate Editor; (5) Dr. Takao Masumoto (Japan), Associate Editor; (6) Dr. Yohei Sato (Japan); (7) Prof. Waldo Ojeda-Bustamante (Mexico), Associate Editor; (8) VPH Larry Stephens (USA), and (9) Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar, Director, ICID Central Office.

**Observers:** (i) Dr. Severine Tomas (France); (ii) Mr. Mamoru Watanabe (Japan); (iii) Mr. Takeshi Kikutsuji (Japan); (iv) Prof. Jin-Yong Choi (Korea); (v) Dr. Kwongsik Yoon (Korea); (vi) Mr. Marcos Cerrilab (Mexico); (vii) Dr. Maurrico Carrillo Garcia (Mexico); and (viii) Dr. Abraham Rojano Aguilar (Mexico).

**Website:** [http://www.icid.org/wiley\\_journal.html](http://www.icid.org/wiley_journal.html)

**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 2016 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. It was proposed that the nominations of Prof. Jin-Yong Choi (Korea) and Dr. Severine Tomas (France) as Associate Editors be accepted. Dr. Tomas is expected to assist Bernard Vincent with checking of French resumes/texts.
3. It is proposed that the membership of Prof. Leon van Rensburg (South Africa) be discontinued since he has not been contributing the EB. Further, since, the C-PR&P has come to a closure at Mexico Meetings, the membership of Mr. Larry Stephens (USA), who represented the Committee on EB, also came to an end. The members expressed their gratitude to Mr Stephens for his contributions to the EB since 2001. Membership status is given in **Annex 7 (page 55)**.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.1: Special Issues**

4. Eight Special Issues may be expected, they being:
  - (a) A Special Issue with selected papers of the 2nd World Irrigation Forum (2016). It will be published as Issue 67.1;
  - (b) A Sponsored Special Issue by the Working Group on Sustainable Development of Tidal Areas (WG-SDTA) based on selected papers from the workshops of the Working Group in 2014, 2015 and 2016. The Special Issue is expected to be published by the end of this year. The issue is jointly sponsored by the Japan, Korea and Taiwan committees;
  - (c) A Sponsored Special Issue by the Iranian National Committee (IRNCID) based on selected papers from the 13<sup>th</sup> International Drainage Workshop held in March 2017 at Ahwaz, Iran is expected to be published by the end of this year, or early next year;
  - (d) A Sponsored Special Issue on 'New Developments on Irrigation in Africa', which is based on the results of a European Union supported project with several partners, especially IRSTE (France) and Wageningen University (The Netherlands) is expected to be published in 2018;

- (e) The French National Committee (AFEID) is taking care of a Sponsored Special Issue with selected papers of the European Regional Conference held in Montpellier (2015). The Special Issue is expected to be published in 2018;
- (f) A sponsored Special Issue by the Mexican National Committee (MXCID), based on selected papers of the ICID Congress in Mexico (2017) is expected to be published in 2018;
- (g) A Special Issue with selected papers of the 23rd ICID Congress is expected to be published as a regular issue;
- (h) A Special issue with invited papers based on the road map towards the ICID vision 2030 is expected in 2018.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.2: French resumé**

5. The French resumes have been discussed with representatives of the French National Committee. It has been agreed that the French resumes will be checked within a month of its submission. With the acceptance of Dr. Severine Tomas as a new Associate Editor, this possibly can be effectively implemented.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.3: Recognition to the reviewers**

6. Reviewers are recognised in the first issue of next year. In addition, they can register in PUBLONS, which is a web site for recognising of reviewers. Upon request we can send reviewers a certificate of appreciation.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.4: Review process**

7. Since the Joint Editor, Prof. Jiusheng Li could not join the Mexico Meetings, a presentation prepared by him was screened by the Chairman. The presentation showed his experiences with the review process of some related Journals and his recommendations for improvement of the review process of IRD.

8. During the meeting, a Table was shown with present and proposed periods for the various steps in the review process. Some modifications were made. The modified periods will be used from January 2018 onwards.

9. It was agreed to mention the names of Joint and Associate Editors in a footnote on the first page of the paper, if they agree to it. The chairman will explore as to which names can be included on the first page

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.5: Best Paper Award 2017**

10. The winner of the 'Best Paper Award 2017' was announced during the IEC Plenary meeting on 10 October 2017. The winners were : *Sabine J. Seidel, Stefan Werisch, Klemens Barfus, Michael Wagner, Niels Schütze and Hermann Laber for their paper titled "FIELD EVALUATION OF IRRIGATION SCHEDULING STRATEGIES USING A MECHANISTIC CROP GROWTH MODEL"* The paper was published in Vol 65, Issue 2 in 2016. The Best Paper Award in the form of a citation plaque along with a cash prize of either £ 250 or £ 400 – in the form of Gift Books (Wiley Publications), which the awardees will have an option to choose.

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

11. The contributions of the Editorial Board to the Road Map to the ICID Vision 2030 will be to:

- devote one issue of IRD to the ICID Action Plan with invited papers from high level authors;
- publish at least 72 papers per year;
- publish one or two sponsored special issues per year;
- two working meetings per year with the publisher;
- increase the number of unique visitors to IRD's pages at the web site of Wiley – 2018: 42,000;
- increase the number of downloads of IRD papers – 2018: 25,000
- increase number of institutions with access to IRD via a Wiley License – 2018: 4500;
- increase number of low-cost or free access to current content to developing world institutions – 2018: 5000;
- improvement in the citation index (CI) and in the altimetric scorer (AC) – 2018: CI/0.7; AC 6%;
- to publish high quality papers in the journal *Irrigation and Drainage (IRD)* on new developments in irrigation, drainage and flood management

12. The progress in 2017 has been shown in the Agenda of the meeting. Basically, the progress has been better than the commitments made. However, it is considered to be a little early to raise the standards.

13. The proposed content of the special issue related to the Action Plan has been presented and discussed during the meeting. The Chairman will consult with the Chairman of the group that prepared the Action Plan to come up with the final contents for the special issue as above. Thereafter, the potential authors will be contacted.

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

14. A total of 801 copies were distributed to members in 2017 i.e. 535 “Online-only” subscriptions, 140 subscriptions as “Online + print” and 126 as “print-only” subscriptions. The ‘Direct Members’ and ‘Young Professionals’ (receiving ICID scholarship) have been added to the list receiving ICID Journals.

15. The Chair informed that the ICID individual member subscription prices for 2018 will be *US\$ 48 online only and US\$ 59 online + print*.

16. The present Agreement with Wiley for the period 2014 – 2018 provides for:

- 5 free ‘online’ subscriptions and 5 ‘online + print’ subscriptions to National Committees;
- online access to work body members and office bearers;
- purchase of extra copies by National Committees;
- possibility of open access to papers, but the cost will be charged to the author.

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

17. The following issues related with M/s Wiley-Bakewell were discussed:

- ORCID and POBLONS software have been installed which recognises the authors and the reviewers, respectively
- A guideline for reviewers has been made available;
- Information was provided on agreements on open access that recently have been agreed upon with various countries and organisations;
- M/s. Wiley has submitted a proposal for a new Agreement for the period 2019 – 2025 (7 years), or 2019 – 2023 (5 years). This proposal has been made in consultation with the Chairman and ICID Central Office.

The proposal is based on the same principles as the previous Agreements except the following:

- ICID individual member subscription prices will be in line with the 2018 prices;
- If ICID purchases at least 800 copies, all additional individual member subscriptions would be for free;
- Increase in royalty to ICID when certain thresholds (US\$ 150k) are crossed;
- The annual price increase will be smaller (1%) in case of a 7 year Agreement as compared to a 5 year Agreement (3%).

18. The proposal was presented and discussed during the meeting. The good experiences with the publisher were reviewed and appreciated. The meeting recommended the renewal of the Agreement with M/s Wiley, preferably for a tenure of 7 years.

### **EB-JOUR Minutes Item 5: Any other business**

19. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



