

Report of the 27th Meeting of the
PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATION (PCSO)
 10 November 2016, 13.30-17.00 hours
 Chiang Mai, Thailand

Mandate: The Permanent Committee on Strategy and Organization (PCSO) shall be concerned with increasing the number of member countries and assisting the National Committees to become more active in their own countries to achieve the goals set for them from time to time by the Council. The Committee will also coordinate the activities of Vice Presidents (Resolution IEC-3/66)

Members Present: (1) Vice President Hon. Dr. Hüseyin Gündoğdu, Chairman (Turkey, 2012); (2) Vice President Hon. Mr. Laurie C. Tollefson (Canada, 2012); (3) Vice President Hon. Mr. François Brelle (France, 2012); (4) Vice President Dr. Ir. Basuki Hadimoeljono (Indonesia, 2013); (5) Vice President Mr. Kadhim Mohsin Ahmed (Iraq, 2013); (6) Vice President Er A.B. Pandya (India, 2013); (7) Vice President Dr. Mohamed Abd-El-Moneim Wahba (Egypt, 2014); (8) Vice President Dr. Ding Kunlun (China, 2014); (9) Vice President Bong Hoon Lee (Korea, 2014); (10) Vice President Prof. Dr. Charlotte de Fraiture (The Netherlands, 2015); (11) Vice President Mr. Ian William Makin (UK, 2015); (12) Vice President Prof. Dr. Abdelhafid Debbarh (Morocco, 2015) and (13) Er. Avinash C. Tyagi, Secretary General, ICID.

Ex-Officio Members Present: (1) Chairman, African Regional Working Group (AFRWG); (2) Chairman, European Regional Working Group (ERWG); (3) Chairman, Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG); (4) Convener, ICID Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF); (5) Chairman, Committee on Congresses/Conferences (C-CONGR) and (6) Chairman, Working Group on Irrigation and Drainage in States under Socio-Economic Transformation (WG-IDSST).

PCSO Minutes Item 1: ATR on the Minutes of the 26th Meeting of PCSO

1. The Committee noted the Action Taken Report.

PCSO Minutes Item 2: Membership of PCSO and its Workbodies

2. Based on the recommendations of the various workbodies associated with it, PCSO reviewed the membership and recommended for acceptance by IEC. Consequent upon the acceptance by the Council, an updated consolidated membership of all workbodies, including those of PCSO and its workbodies, is given in **Annex 5 (page 33)**.
3. In terms of ICID By-law 3.9.5 (c), the Committee was informed that VP Bong Hoon Lee (Korea) had been designated as the Chairperson of PCSO, which was subsequently approved by IEC. The Chairperson shall serve the Committee during his tenure of membership of the Committee.
4. In order to give fillip to the increasing involvement of Young Professionals in ICID activities, the PCSO nominated Ms. Kathleen Heuval, the Coordinator of IYPeF (Ref: Item 8.2) as Vice Chairman for the Committee.

PCSO Minutes Item 3: Membership of ICID

PCSO Minutes Item 3.1: Status of ICID Memberships and Reactivation of Associate Members

5. The Committee recommended that membership application of Somalia be accepted for membership of ICID, as supported by PFC. The Committee recorded its special appreciation to FAO for promoting ICID in African countries, which resulted in the membership of Somalia. The Committee noted that the Czech NC is likely to become 'Associate Member' with effect from 01 January 2017, if they do not pay their subscription arrears by then.

PCSO Minutes Item 3.2: Vice Presidents' reports: Strengthening regional cooperation and activities of National Committees

6. The Committee noted the role of Vice Presidents in strengthening the regional cooperation and activities of National Committees allocated to them and expressed its satisfaction. The Committee appreciated the efforts of Royal Irrigation Department of THAICID, INACID, KCID and CNCID for their efforts in furthering the membership of ICID through their government contacts.

PCSO Minutes Item 3.3: Recommendations of the Direct Membership Administering (DMA) – Sub Committee

7. The Committee noted the recommendations of DMA Sub-Committee of PFC's recommendation for the Direct membership of five new members, particularly the Asian Development Bank and recommended that more financial institutions and regional banks may be approached soliciting their membership in ICID as direct members.

PCSO Minutes Item 3.4: Task Force on Revitalization of ICID Network (TF-REV)

8. It was recalled that the report had already been presented informally at the Presidents Get-together on 7th November and formal and informal discussions had been held at various fora. The Committee considered the report presented by the Chair of TF-REV, VPH Dr. Huseyin Gundogdu and re-emphasized that NCs are the backbone of ICID. It was recalled that as part of the work of CG for drawing up an Action Plan 2030, a questionnaire had been circulated to all the NCs to get their inputs in order to analyze the role being played by the NCs within the water sector in the country, the administrative, legal and financial set up of the NCs and the networking and dissemination being used by the NCs. It was pointed out that only 22 NCs had provided the requisite information.

9. Based on this limited inputs TF had prepared certain recommendations. However, the TF during its meeting just before the commencement of WIF2 had reviewed the situation and had recommended that more time may have to be given to the NCs for providing their inputs. Broad recommendations of the TF-REV which have been reviewed are presented in **Annex 6 (page 40)** and are recommended by PCSO for Council's approval (and subsequently approved by IEC). PCSO reiterated that implementation of the applicable recommendations will assist the NCs to fulfil their respective mandates in light of SDGs and the new ICID vision. PCSO, based on the request of members and reported by TF-REV, recommended extension of the term of the TF for another year (later approved by the IEC).

PCSO Minutes Item 4: ICID Vision 2030 – ICID Action Plan 2030

10. The Committee was informed that Consultative Group, established to chalk out a Vision and subsequently requested to draw up an Action Plan had invited inputs from the NCs and WGs for the Action Plan. It was also informed that very limited inputs were received from NCs (as reported in Item 3 above) as well as Working Groups. It was recalled that the actions to convert vision to actions and meeting the requirements of the NCs have to be essentially undertaken by the WGs. Considering the limited inputs (from 4 WGs), an item for discussion was included in the Agenda of all WGs. The Draft Action Plan 2030 developed by CG and presented at the meeting was therefore limited in scope. Expecting inputs from various WGs and inputs from NCs the Committee decided not to present the Action Plan to IEC in its present form. At the same time members were of the view that the exercise for developing the Action Plan should not be allowed to linger on. PCSO therefore, agreed to recommend the following way forward with the time schedule as indicated below (which was subsequently approved by the IEC).

- (a) 15 January 2017 New inputs from NC and WGs
- (b) 1 March 2017 CG to finalize 2nd draft of the Action Plan 2030 and send for MB approval
- (c) 15 March 2017 Approval by MB of 2nd draft Action Plan
- (d) 1 April 2017 Send approved 2nd draft of the Action Plan to all NCs for their comments and suggestion, if any within 45 days
- (e) 15 May 2017 Finalization and approval of revised Action Plan 2030 incorporating suggestions and comments of NCs and its
- (f) June 2017 Approval of the Action Plan 2030 by the Management Board

PCSO Minutes Item 5: International Research Program for Irrigation and Drainage (IRPID) Scheme

11. President Dr. Saeed Nairizi, intervening on behalf of VPH Felix Reinders, Chair of the Advisory Committee on IRPID, emphasized the need for ICID and its NCs to be more pro-active in terms of the direction of research in the field of Irrigation and Drainage. He emphasized the need for the network of Regional Nodes (RNs) under IRPID to be expanded and pointed out that, in accordance with the original concept, these RNs can be covering geographical regions as well as also be thematic topics. He also pointed out that as first step the member NCs of the RNs should help collect information about the research institutions engaged in AWM within their countries as the first step. In the second step, information on the research projects they are engaged, need to be listed. This information could be shared on a web page of ICID. There were no objection to the IRPID Scheme approved by MB which was presented to IEC's for its consideration subsequently. IEC after discussion approved the scheme.

PCSO Minutes Item 6: Collaboration and Cooperation between ICID and other International Organizations

12. The Committee appreciated the increasing cooperation with International Organizations and collaborative activities undertaken during the year 2015-16 benefitting a number of ICID member countries in Africa, Asia and European regions.

13. The Committee appreciated ICID for the initiation of World Water Systems Heritage (WSH) program in collaboration with the World Water Council, which will be launched in November 2016 at Marseille, France during WWC's 20th anniversary celebrations and 60th Board of Governors (BoG) meeting.

14. The Committee noted the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between ICID and IWA for cooperation at NC level in Iran in September 2016 on the use of wastewater for agriculture and encouraged the concerned Working Groups for cooperation with IWA.

15. PCSO also noted the renewed interest of the World Bank to work with ICID and its NCs, particularly for their enhanced participation in the 23rd Congress. It also advised to continue cooperation initiated with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), Australia and also recommended to initiate cooperation with the Australian Council of Agriculture Research. The Committee appreciated the efforts of the Secretary General and the President for their efforts to broaden the cooperation with international and regional organizations. However, it cautioned that whenever inviting the partner organizations to ICID meetings, they be informed of the sensitive relationship and understanding regarding the Chinese National Committee and the Chinese Taipei Committee.

PCSO Minutes Item 7: Review of reports of Regional Working Groups (RWGs)**PCSO Minutes Item 7.1: African Regional Working Group (AFRWG)**

16. Dr. Mohammad Wahba, Chair-elect of AFRWG presented the report of the Group. The Committee noted efforts of the AFRWG in the direction of capacity building of professionals from Africa, expansion of membership of the group through Southern African Regional Irrigation Association (SARIA) and other regional associations etc.

PCSO Minutes Item 7.2: European Regional Working Group (ERWG)

17. VP Ian Makin, Chair of ERWG presented its report and based on the report, the Committee recommended that the term for the TF- REV may be extended by one year, which was later approved by IEC, in order to collect additional information from NCs and that the report of the TF to be presented at 67th IEC be considered as an interim-report.

PCSO Minutes Item 7.3: Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG)

~~18.~~ VPH Dr. Karim Shiati, Chair of ASRWG presented his report of ASRWG and highlighted the regional cooperation among the CTCID, INACID and MANCID, collaboration with PAWEES and contribution to special issue of the Journal of the African – Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO). The WG will bring out its technical report in 2017 as well. The Nepal National Committee will be hosting the 8th Asian regional Conference in 2018. The PCSO appreciated the activities of the WG and accepted the memberships of Mr. Jaraev (Uzbekistan) and Prof Wang Aiguo in place of Mr. Wang Xiadong (China).

PCSO Minutes Item 8: Review of reports of Working Groups/Committees**PCSO Agenda Item 8.1: Working Group on Irrigation and Drainage in States Under Socio-Economic Transformation (WG-IDSST)**

19. Presenting the report on behalf of the Chair, SG informed that the Group has decided that every year each country prepare/compile/ share information about existing situation in respect of development of irrigation and drainage which should be published through ICID web pages and other available web site such as SIC-ICWC. The Group requested Central Office to provide financial support for e-publication and translation in English. The WG also proposed organization of a regional workshop and training in 2017. The Group also presented the "Scoping Document" with a new mandate for period 2016 – 2021. The Committee has recommended the new mandate and tenure as above after due process of circulating it to the concerned NCs to ascertain their interest.

PCSO Agenda Item 8.2: Committee on Congresses/Conferences (C-CONGR)

20. Presenting the report on behalf of Mr. Luis Pimentel, Dr. Luis Felipe Alcocer (Mexico) presented its report highlighting the successful organization of the WIF2 at Chaing Mai and the past events such as 22nd Congress in Korea and 26th ERC in France. Dr. Alcocer informed that Iran (2017), Mexico (2017), Canada (2018) and India (2019) have made impressive preparations for their respective events. Iran and Indonesia, both wanted to host the WIF3 in 2019 (Indonesia has since bagged the honor of hosting WIF3 in 2019). The Australian National Committee wanted to host the 24th Congress and has since bagged the honor of hosting the 24th Congress at Sydney in Australia in 2020. The Committee recommended Dr. Luis Felipe Alcocer (Mexico) to be the new Chair of C-CONGR in place of Mr. Luis Pimentel till 2017 when a new Chair from Australia will be in place.

PCSO Agenda Item 8.3: ICID Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF)

21. Secretary General reporting on IYPeF activities, informed that presently there are more than 160 members in the LinkedIn based network of IYPeF (the Forum) with about 20 observers who can also volunteer as mentors. Secretary General expressed his appreciation to PH Prof Bart Schultz, VP Dr. Charlotte de Fraiture and VPH Dr. Huseyin Gundogdu for participating in the e-discussions which took place during the four months preceding WIF2 on four different topics and mentoring the YPs in the Forum.

22. Secretary General also informed that 6 most active members on the Forum have been elected as Coordinator/Joint coordinator by the members of IYPeF through electronic voting who form the Core-group that will be active during the next one year. There will be replacement of the two joint-coordinators every year by new coordinators elected through e-voting.

23. IYPeF has offered to continue their e-discussions and have proposed to organize one e-discussion every quarter. They have also decided to organize two Webinars for which tentative topics have been proposed. Secretary General urged the members to join the IYPeF discussion forums as mentors for which SG will send a request depending on the expression of interest and expertise. SG also urged the NCs to connect the YPs in their countries to the Forum by providing their e-mail addresses to the Central Office. The potential participants will be eventually sent an invitation to join the Forum.

PCSO Minutes Item 9: Organizational issues related to IEC, Congresses, Forums and Conferences**PCSO Minutes Item 9.1: Report of the Sub-Committee on Themes, Topics and Work Plans of future ICID Events (SC-E-THEMES)**

24. PH Bart Schultz, Chair of the Sub-Committee, presented his report where he informed that the sub-committee will only address the themes of the Congresses and Forums. With respect to the International Drainage Workshop (IDW) and International Micro-Irrigation Conference, the WG-SDRG and WG-SON-FARM respectively will take a decision on the Themes. In respect of the Regional Technical Conferences, the respective Regional Working Groups would take the lead and deliberate and decide on the topics for the Conferences. He appreciated the efforts of the CO in laying down the procedures. The Committee recommended that Guidelines for the organization of World Irrigation Forum be prepared as has been developed for ICID Congress.

25. The mechanism suggested by the Committee is placed at **Annex R2.1, Page 19**).

