

**Report of the 28th Meeting of the
PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATION (PCSO)
12 October 2017, 13.30-17.00 hours
Mexico City, Mexico**

Members Present: (1) Vice President Bong Hoon Lee, Chairman (Korea, 2014); (2) Vice President Hon. Er A.B. Pandya (India, 2013); (3) Vice President Dr. Mohamed Abd-El-Moneim Wahba (Egypt, 2014); (4) Vice President Dr. Ding Kunlun (China, 2014); (5) Vice President Prof. Dr. Charlotte de Fraiture (The Netherlands, 2015); (6) Vice President Mr. Ian William Makin (UK, 2015); (7) Vice President Dr. (Mrs.) Irena G. Bondarik (Russia, 2016); (8) Vice President Mr. Waseem Nazir (Pakistan, 2016); (9) Vice President Er. Madhav Belbase (Nepal, 2016) and (10) 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) and Vice-Chair, PCSO; (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 27th Meeting of PCSO

1. The Committee noted the Action Taken Report and approved the same.

PCSO Minutes Item 2: Membership of PCSO and its Workbodies

2. The Committee recalled that IEC in its 67th Meeting had nominated Ms. Kathleen Heuvel (Coordinator, IYPeF) as Vice Chair of PCSO. Presently, there is no such provision in of Article 3.9.5 (c) of the By-laws. The Committee therefore recommended that appropriate changes in the Article 3.9.5 (c) of the By-laws may be made as below:

“The Permanent Committee on Strategy and Organization will be composed of the incumbent Vice-Presidents, the Secretary-General, the Coordinator of IYPEF and three immediate past Vice-Presidents”.

[Later IEC, on the advice of the Sub-Committee on Constitutional Changes, however, advised that the proposed amendment may be taken up next time and till that period, the Vice Chair may be included as Observer to the Committee.]

3. Based on the recommendations of the various workbodies associated with it, PCSO reviewed the membership and recommended for acceptance by the Council. 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 7 (Page 55) of 68th IEC minutes.

PCSO Minutes Item 3: Membership of ICID

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

4. The Committee noted with regret that as many as 4 NCs would attract provisions of Bye-law 13.2 and would be relegated to associate membership with effect from January 2018. The Committee also took note of the status of the direct membership.

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

5. The Committee noted the efforts made by the Vice Presidents in strengthening the regional cooperation and activities of National Committees allocated to them. The Committee appreciated the efforts of President Dr. Nairizi, VP Bong Hoon Lee, VP Dr. Irene Bondarik for their efforts in furthering the membership of ICID.

6. The Committee noted the new membership applications for ICID from Azerbaijan, Georgia and Vietnam. The Committee recommended to the Council that Azerbaijan, Georgia and Vietnam may be admitted as ICID members with effect from 01 January 2018 subject to their payment of the subscription fee for the year 2018 before 31 December 2017. Georgia may also be requested to submit an endorsement from the government, as their present application is submitted by a public sector undertaking.

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

7. The Committee noted and supported the proposal for granting Direct Membership to five new applicants, as per the recommendations of DMA Sub-Committee, while the fifth applicant Prof. Deepak Khare's admittance as a Direct Member, is subject to no objection from Indian NC.

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

8. The Committee considered the suggestion made by SG on behalf of the Chair of the TF, VPH Dr. Huseyin Gundogdu to close the TF-REV. It recommended that the progress of further work of Task Force is dependent entirely on ERWG, and accordingly it may be requested to undertake further analysis in respect of European NCs and submit their report to PCSO. The Committee appreciated the work done by the TF-REV and recommended that the TF may be closed.

PCSO Minutes Item 4: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030: The Monitoring Mechanism

9. The Committee deliberated upon the "Road Map to ICID Vision 2030", which provides new vision, mission, organizational goals, and strategies to put Vision into Action. The Committee considered the Action Plan for 2017-21 where the activities identified by the various WGs, RWGs, NCs and Central Office to implement the identified strategies, have been provided.

10. The Committee felt the need for a mechanism in order to monitor the Action Plan. It recommended that the WGs may be requested to monitor the progress of activities and report it to their respective Permanent Committees vis-à-vis the activities identified in the Action Plan. It also recommended that the Co-Theme Leaders should also take stock of the progress of WGs under the Action Plan in their synthesis report to PCTA.

PCSO Minutes Item 5: Knowledge Management Strategy (KMS)

11. The Committee acknowledged the need for a more integrated approach of Knowledge Management within ICID, being a knowledge based network, and particularly in view of the 'Road Map for ICID Vision 2030'. It appreciated SG for presenting a Draft Knowledge Management Strategy to deal with the new requirements. The Committee considered the "Concept note on the Knowledge Management Strategy (KMS)" placed at Annex 4 (of WG-CDTE), page 133 of 68th IEC Agenda Notes. The Committee broadly agreed to the approach adopted in the strategy and hoped that the Central Office will be able to provide more support to the WGs to be able to contribute to the implementation of the strategy and appreciated the fact that a dedicated team has been established in the Central Office for the purpose. The Committee desired that the draft strategy may be firmed up during the next year in consultation with various stakeholders and a final version of the strategy may be brought forward to the next meeting of PCSO during 69th IEC in Saskatoon in 2018.

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 2016-17.

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

13. VP Dr. Mohamed Wahba, Chair of AFRWG presented its report. The Committee noted with appreciation the offer of Morocco to host the 5th African Regional Conference and suggested that the ANAFIDE may submit their proposal by providing relevant information in 'Form A', duly considering the schedule of other ICID events. The members noted that the paper on 'Green Revolution in Africa' is pending for quite some time and decided that the Chair and Ex-Chair would come out with a draft soon for circulation among NCs for their inputs so that it could be completed by the next IEC in Saskatoon, Canada in 2018. The Group also decided to develop a training needs assessment document and organize two virtual meetings during the intervening period.

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

14. VP Ian Makin, Chair of ERWG presented its report. The Committee noted with concern the decreasing interest in the countries in the region. It noted the efforts being made for increasing the membership in the region and the increasing involvement of the Young Professionals.

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

15. VPH Dr. Karim Shiati, Chair of ASRWG presented its report. The Committee noted the linkages being developed among various NCs to promote cooperation among themselves as well as with regional and transnational organizations, e.g. Chinese Taipei (CTCID), Indonesia (INACID) and Malaysia (MANCID); and proposed cooperation between Iran (IRNCID) and Italy (ITAL-CID) and Korea (KCID) and Nepal (NENCID). The WG reported that ASRWG-Report titled “Contribution of Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia” is planned to be published in 2017 and eventually ready for distribution at WWF8 in Brasilia, Brazil in March 2018.

PCSO Minutes Item 7.4: American Regional Working Group (AMRWG)

16. SG briefly presented the efforts that have been made in reviving the American Regional Working Group. He also presented the requests originating from the special meeting of the Countries from Latin America, organized by MXCID, particularly regarding grant of regional membership, in place of individual country membership. PCSO recommends that a Special Task Team may be constituted by the Council which after interaction with the Latin American countries and considering the organizational and financial aspects of the proposal may submit its report at the earliest.

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

17. The extended tenure of the WG was up to 2017. VPH Prof. Peter Kovalenko, Chair presented its report and the revised mandate based on the scoping document approved by the WG. Based on the report, the Committee recommended establishing a WG on Irrigation and Drainage in States under Socio-Economic Transformation (WG-IDSST) with revised mandate.

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

18. Mr. Sean Cazares (MXCID), on behalf of the Chair presented its report. The Committee appreciated the efforts made by MXCID in organizing a successful event despite the challenges posed by the devastating earthquake. The Committee noted that the SG has submitted a proposal in the form of Draft Letter of Agreement (LoA) between the Central Office and the Host National Committees of ICID events. The Committee recommended that a TT may be constituted to review the Draft LoA which may be submitted for consideration of IEC through the relevant work bodies at its next meeting.

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

19. Ms. Kathleen Heuvel, Coordinator of IYPeF presented her report. Committee noted with satisfaction that the Forum is being organized successfully and has generated interest of YPs in ICID activities. The YPs are actively interacting among themselves throughout the year. However, YPs are lacking support from the expert members of ICID. PCSO urged ICID experts to come forward and help in mentoring the YPs.

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)**

20. SG informed that the SC-E-THEMES is looking closely at the quality of response papers to the Questions dealt within the Congress. PCSO noted that a team is likely to look into the overall organization of the events from technical perspective to ensure that the outputs from Congress and WIFs are of good quality. It also noted that the Sub-Committee is monitoring the follow up actions on the major recommendations coming from the declarations of the Congress and WIFs.

21. The Committee endorsed the recommendation of the Sub-Committee that the technical outputs of congress questions should be improved and monitored continually for which there is a need to increase the paper quality with the focus on to answer the designated Questions, including encouraging the NCs and workbodies to organize and recommend authors to write and submit papers. Farmers are the end user of technologies and, therefore, techniques and measures to have them involved in discussions and communications are important. The Committee also endorsed the recommendation of the Sub-Committee that a Farmers' Roundtable should be organized in future WIF by cooperating with other organizations and sponsorship should be mobilized to support farmers' participation at WIF3.

