

Minutes of the Twentieth Meeting of the
PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGY PLANNING AND ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS (PCSPOA)
 New Delhi, India
08 December 2009 : 09.30-13.15 hours (Session – I)
08 December 2009 : 14.15-18.00 hours (Session – II)

Mandate: The Committee 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. The Committee will also undertake issues related to strategic planning for ICID. The Committee will coordinate the activities of Vice Presidents in their areas.

Members Present: (1) Vice President Hon. Dr. Gao Zhanyi, Chairman (China, 2005); (2) Vice President Dr. Ing. Eiko Lübbe (Germany, 2006); (3) Vice President Dr. Karim Shiati (Iran, 2006); (4) Vice President Prof. Peter Kovalenko (Ukraine, 2007) (5) Vice President Dr. A. Hafied A. Gany (Indonesia, 2007); (6) Vice President Mr. Shinsuke Ota (Japan, 2008); (7) Vice President Prof. Lucio Ubertini (Italy, 2008); and (8) Er. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, ICID.

Ex-Officio Members Present: (1) Dr. Ing. Eiko Lübbe, Chairman, European Regional Working Group; (2) Dr. Karim Shiati, Chairman, Asian Regional Working Group; (3) Dr. Sanjay Belsare, Vice Chairman, Working Group on Young Irrigation Professionals Forum; and (4) Prof. V.A. Dukhovny, Chairman, Special Work Team on Aral Sea Basin.

Permanent Observers Present: None

Observers: (i) Mr. Kunihiko Naito (Japan); (ii) Mr. Tetsuya Oishi (Japan); (iii) Mr. Tai Cheov Kim (Korea); and (iv) Er. K.N. Sharma, Secretary, ICID (Central Office).

Item 1 : Confirmation of minutes of the 19th meeting of PCSPOA held at Lahore, Pakistan, 15 October 2008

The minutes of the 19th meeting of PCSPOA held in Lahore were confirmed.

A. CONTINUING ITEMS

Item 2 : Membership of PCSPOA and Workbodies

- 2.1 In terms of By-law 3.2.2(e), Vice Presidents Hon. Dr. Gao Zhanyi (China), Dr. Mark Svendsen (USA) and Mr. Felix B. Reinders (South Africa) retired from the membership of the Committee at the conclusion of the New Delhi events on completion of their 4-year tenure. The 3 new Vice Presidents who will be elected at the 60th IEC will join the Committee as members in their place.
- 2.2 As stipulated in By-law 3.2.2(e) : 'The Chairperson of the Committee is nominated by the President, in consultation with the Secretary General from amongst the incumbent Vice Presidents. The Chairperson shall serve the Committee during the tenure of membership of this Committee', Vice President Dr. A. Hafied A. Gany has been nominated as the new Chairman of PCSPOA and he will serve as the Chair, PCSPOA until 2011.
- 2.3 The Committee nominated Vice President Mr. Shinsuke Ota as the Vice Chairman of PCSPOA.
- 2.4 The following memberships were accepted:

Working Group on Young Irrigation Professionals Forum (WG-YPF)

Mr. Piyush Ranjan (India) in place of Dr. Sanjay Belsare;
Mr. Houman Khaledi (Iran) in place of Mr. Ali Reza Salamat;
Dr. Takanori Nagano (Japan) in place of Mr. Hidekazu Tagashira.

Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG)

Mr. Ravinder Singh (India) in place of Mr. C.D. Khoche.

Special Work Team on Aral Sea Basin (ST-ARAL) [renamed as Working Group on Irrigation and Drainage in States under Social-Economic Transformation (WG-IDSST)]

Dr. Kai Wegerich (The Netherlands)

Item 3 : New member countries and Membership Drive

3.1 Two new countries have submitted their applications for membership of ICID. They are Cameroon and Fiji.

Afghanistan's and Jamaica's applications for ICID membership were accepted at the Lahore IEC (2008). Afghanistan has paid its subscription to commence its membership of ICID while the first subscription from Jamaica is still awaited.

3.2 Various countries in different regions that were approached to join ICID membership were noted. The efforts made for the membership of Bhutan, Sweden and UAE were also noted.

Item 4 : Steps emanating from Internal Review Report of PCSPOA presented at 58th IEC

PCSPOA supported the report made by the Convener of the Special Committee to review issues under PCSPOA presented at the 58th IEC meeting in Sacramento. The Special Committee has not supplemented any further information and has decided to drop this item from future agenda.

Item 5 : Active National Committees & reactivation of inactive NCs

Annex 2 of the PCSPOA Agenda shows the updated list of ICID Network of participating countries as on 15 September 2009. The statement below summarizes the membership status, in detail:

Region	Active	Deemed to be Inactive	Admitted but not paid subscription	Withdrawn	Total Network
Africa	08	15	04	-	27
Americas	07	09	01	01	18
Asia and Oceania	25	04	04	01	34
Europe	24	04	-	01	29
Total	64	32	09	03	108

The inactive NCs in all the regions were exhorted to activate themselves. Vice Presidents, to whom the active and non-active NCs are attached, were also requested to use their good offices for reactivation of such NCs. Many have done their best.

The efforts made for reactivation of the inactive countries and membership of non-member countries were noted.

Vice Presidents' reports on their efforts to strengthen regional cooperation and activity of NCs

In the light of the election of three new Vice Presidents at Lahore, a redistribution of the National Committees and regions amongst the newly elected and present Vice Presidents for the year 2009-10 will be done by the Central

Office with the consent of the Office Bearers. Non-member countries in the regions may also be shown as allocated to the Vice Presidents, to facilitate their admission to ICID through their good offices/efforts.

Vice President Dr. Karim Shiati, Vice President Dr. Ing. Eiko Lübbe , Vice President Prof. Peter Kovalenko, Vice President Dr. A. Hafied A. Gany, Vice President Mr. Shinsuke Ota, and Vice President Prof. Lucio Ubertini all reported their efforts to activate the inactive NCs and to strengthen regional cooperation and activities of NCs.

Vice President Dr. Shiati suggested that the Central Office should write to the countries of the VPs to allocate some fund for facilitating their travel. On behalf of the Central Office Mr. Sharma agreed that the CO will be too glad to write such letters. He requested the VPs to provide names and contact details of the concerned officials in their countries.

New Roles to Vice Presidents

As discussed at Lahore, the new roles of Vice Presidents were highlighted that the (i) Vice Presidents should keep close contact with NCs allocated to them, (ii) Vice Presidents should keep in contact with each other to reactivate inactive members during their visits across the regions and allocations and (iii) the Chairmanship of Regional Working Groups should be assigned to a Vice President in the region.

During the last year the Vice Presidents have made efforts to play their new roles.

Item 6 : Priority issues for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Task Forces

The Committee noticed that the TF-LDCsAS report was submitted in 2008 meeting, and TF-LDCsAF report could not be completed until this year. The committee envisaged that it is impossible to finish the TF-LDCsAF report in short time due to low attendance. The committee has advised to close the Task Force for African LDCs.

Item 7 : Strengthening and Broadbasing of NCs, Evolving/Revising Constitution of NCs

The Central Office had in its record the Constitutions of 41 National Committees. The rest of the National Committees have been exhorted to send a copy of their Constitution to the Central Office and inform about modifications, if any. The Committee suggests that the Central Office should provide existing sample Constitutions of National Committees to NCs without a constitution for reference to draft their own constitutions.

B. REVIEW OF TENURES AND ACTIVITIES OF WORKBODIES

Item 8 : African Regional Working Group (AFRWG)

The Nigerian National Committee (NINCID) could not hold the 3rd ARC due to circumstances beyond their control. This information had been communicated to all National Committees/Committee of ICID and also posted on ICID website. The 4th African Regional Conference which was approved at Lahore to be held in Mali in 2011 will now have to be renamed as 3rd African Regional Conference in view of the developments cited above.

Item 9 : European Regional Working Group (ERWG)

During the 2nd International symposium on Water Management in Berlin from 31 March to 3 April 2009, one topic about irrigation issues was held under the umbrella of ICID. Prof. Quast was chairman of the session. The proceedings of this event were asked to be distributed to Finland, Hungary, the Netherlands and Ukraine.

It was noted that the 23rd European Regional Conference on the theme “Progress in Managing Water for Food and Rural Development” was successfully organized in Lviv, Ukraine from 18-21 May 2009. About 70 papers were presented in parallel sessions at the Conference. Nearly 85 Professionals participated to present response papers and poster presentations. The participants included experts from Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, India, Iran, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, UK, and Uzbekistan besides Ukrainians in a sizeable number.

At Lahore IEC, The Netherlands National Committee's proposal to hold the 24th European Regional Conference in 2011 was accepted. The French National Committee proposed an additional European Regional Conference to be held in Orleans, France in December 2010. After discussion, ERWG agreed to host the conference on the topic “Groundwater Resource: an Essential Resource to be Saved and Managed”, and the conference will be named as

the 24th European Regional Conference. The European Regional Conference in 2011 in The Netherlands will therefore be renamed as the 25th European Regional Conference.

Item 10 : Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG)

The TF-LDCsAS report was released during the Lahore events of ICID.

The 5th Asian Regional Conference is being held in New Delhi, India from 6-11 December 2009 on the theme “Improvement in Efficiency of Irrigation Projects through Technology Upgradation and Better Operation and Maintenance”. The 6th Asian Regional Conference will be held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 10-16 October 2010. The main theme of the Conference is “Improvement of Irrigation and Drainage Efficiency through Participatory Irrigation Development and Management under the Small Land Holding Conditions.”

The 3-year rolling plan of the working group was discussed and adopted. In the adopted plan, the Asian Regional Working Group highlighted the new ICID memberships from the region and cooperation amongst the NCs in the region by signing MoUs.

Item 11 : American Regional Working Group (AMRWG)

The Central office may continue to make efforts for nominations for AMRWG membership and ICID membership. Mr. Tollefson offered to assist and cooperate with Central Office in pursuing the membership issue.

The AMRWG intended to organise a workshop on the theme “Food vs Fuel: Implications for Water Resources” in New Delhi, but despite best efforts, only one speaker, i.e. Dr. Srinivas Rao (ICRISAT, India) could join the workshop. In view of thin attendance and to respect the feelings of the speaker, Mr Tollefson facilitated Dr. Srinivas’ presentation on ‘Food and Fuel – Sorghum Program on Biofuel’ in WG–CROP. In future though, it was decided to consolidate the membership first. None of the activities listed in the agenda could be pursued due to non availability of members. The meeting ended with thanks to Dr Srinivas (India), who came to Delhi exclusively for the workshop.

Item 12 : Special Work Team on Aral Sea Basin (ST-ARAL)

VPH Prof. Victor Dukhovny, Chair, ST-ARAL proposed in consultation with VP Prof. Peter Kovalenko and VPH Dr. G.G. Guluyk that the ST-ARAL be renamed as “Working Group on Irrigation and Drainage in States under Social-Economic Transformation”. Prof. Dukhovny stated that VP Prof. Peter Kovalenko had agreed to be the Chair and himself to be his deputy, if the proposal was approved. The proposal was accepted by PCSPOA.

Item 13 : Special Work Team on Lake Chad Basin (ST-LCB)

The tenure of the ST was extended by two years to complete its mandate. An interim meeting of ST-LCB was organized on 17 December 2008 in Sirte, Libya, in the sidelines of the High Level Conference on “Water for Agriculture and Energy in Africa – The Challenges of Climate Change”. A roundtable conference on the background paper circulated by Lake Chad Basin Commission was the agenda. The minutes of the meeting brought out some possible and crucial roles for ICID.

In the absence of the Chair and other members, no business was conducted at the ST meeting during this IEC.

Item 14 : Committee on Congresses/Conferences (C-CONGR)

The preparations for the 61st IEC meeting and 6th Asian Regional Conference to be held from 10-16 October 2010 at Yogyakarta, Indonesia are on the way. The related information can be accessed from the website www.icid2010.org.

The preparations for the 21st ICID Congress and 62nd IEC meeting during 15-23 October 2011 at Tehran, Iran are progressing smoothly. The topics and sub-topics of the 21st ICID Congress have been finalized. General Reporters and Panel Experts were appointed.

The Committee noted that the 24th European Regional Conference proposed to be organized by the French NC in Orleans, France in December 2010 on the theme “*Groundwater resource : An essential resource to be saved and managed*” will not clash with the theme of the now re-designated 25th European Regional Conference on “Integrated

Water Management for Multiple Land Use in Flat Coastal Areas” to be held from 16-20 May 2011 in Groningen, The Netherlands. The Committee also reviewed the preparations for the 25th ERC.

Item 15 : Working Group on Young Irrigation Professionals Forum (WG-YPF)

The Committee noted that the young professionals had been increasingly playing an important role in ICID activities. PCSPOA recommended the extension of tenure of WG-YPF to fulfill its mandate.

Till now 23 National Committees have established their Young Professional Forums. France, India, Japan and South Africa have prepared their own regional directories of Young Professionals. Other NCs, such as Russia, China, Pakistan and Malaysia are also preparing their regional directories. The establishment of a Network of Young Professionals through development of a web-based platform is on the way for sharing knowledge and information.

The Committee also noted that the attendance of YPs in IEC meeting had been decreasing in recent years. NCs should continue to support and encourage YPs to attend ICID events and cheaper accommodations should be identified for them.

C. NEW ITEMS

Item 16 : New Workbodies

At Sacramento, it was recommended to create a new workbody by merging the African and Asian Task Forces on LDCs, with members from Asia, Africa, International Organizations, and LDCs. During this meeting, PCSPOA felt that it was not necessary any more to establish such a workbody now.

Item 17 : Strategy for Communication and Cooperation between ICID and other Organizations/NGOs

(i) Lead International Organizations

It was noted that ICID had been in close cooperation with related International Organizations by attending their meetings and through communication. Some of the organization with which ICID has close cooperation are FAO, The World Bank, World Water Council (WWC), World Water Forum, Global Water Partnership (GWP), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Third World Centre for Water Management (TWCWM), Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF), UN-Water, IPTRID, UN World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), ISO, Global Subsidies Initiative (GSI), etc. ICID continues to host the International Water-related Associations’ Liaison Committee (IWALC) Secretariat in Central Office and the Secretary General renders coordinating support as its Secretary.

ICID should preferably continue, on a reciprocal basis, to invite the related International Organizations as members or observers of ICID while endeavouring to join other International Organizations as member or observer, when invited.

(ii) Farmers and other Water Users

The importance to strengthen communication and cooperation between ICID and farmers and other water users was noted.

Committee endorsed the suggestion that the NCs of ICID translate and distribute the ICID publications (selected based on the likelihood of their potential application) locally and other important messages. Where necessary, the NCs may produce some simplified booklets, by using illustration diagrams to explain appropriate technologies covering such (latest) aspects on irrigation, drainage and flood management techniques. The National Committees could also develop a team of ‘extension workers’ to help the farmers come closer to ICID for exchange of information. The National Committees could also collect information on the irrigation and drainage products in their countries, manufacturers, prices, installation methods, etc. and bring out catalogues for the benefit of farmers. The NCs (as also ICID) could organize technical workshops focused on matters of interest to farmers, such as water rights/law, economic/financial aspects etc. and distribute relevant material in languages considered effective for communication to stakeholders.

The Committee encourages the NCs to translate the ICID publications and technical documents into local languages so that local farmers could understand them better. Extension services should also be strengthened.

(iii) Membership of International Organizations, Private Companies and Manufacturers

The internal review of the Permanent Finance Committee had suggested to involve in ICID activities, directly the international organizations and other private companies and manufacturers who were interested in the irrigation and drainage sector. In addition to bringing in a new knowledge base to ICID, such a move is likely to generate financial support to the ICID revenues, which are falling short of the expenses over the years more and more. The International Organizations could be given the membership of ICID as Associate Members or Corporate Members or Institutional Members or Organizational Members and could be extended the privilege of attending workbody meetings and IEC meeting, though without voting rights. A membership fee can be suggested, if this is acceptable, in principle.

The Committee noted Iranian National Committee of ICID's (IRNCID) request that the issue of inviting private companies and international agencies/organizations to ICID family as members should be taken up.

PCSPOA endorses the involvement of institutions, organizations, companies and manufacturers in ICID activities.

D. FOR INFORMATION

Item 18 : 5th World Water Forum (WWF-5), Istanbul, Turkey, 16-22 March 2009

ICID was the Coordinator for Topic 2.3. The outputs of the Sessions under the Topic have been finalized. The Central Office has printed the finalized report on a CD-ROM and the same is also available on ICID website.

Item 19 : Consultative Group of IPTRID

The Committee noted that President, ICID has taken a renewed interest in revamping IPTRID.

Item 20 : Any other business

Mr. Sharma informed the Committee that the ICID Multilingual Technical Dictionary on Irrigation and Drainage has been revised, updated and released with 5 languages - English, French, Chinese, Japanese and Russian. The new edition has many improvements and facility to make modification to the Dictionary through web. He presented copies of the Dictionary to the members.
