

**MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON THEMES, TOPICS AND WORK PLANS OF
FUTURE ICID EVENTS (SC-E-THEMES)**

12 August 2018: 13.30-15.00 Hours
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Terms of Reference (ToR): (i) To deliberate and recommend the Themes, sub-themes of World Irrigation Forums and Theme and Questions of future Congresses, (ii) To set out format and technical contents of the Congress and WIFs, (iii) To review the technical outputs and outcomes and suggest follow ups, (iv) To work out the structure of meetings related to IEC, particularly the WGs at the ICID's Annual Events, to make them more effective and (v) To draw Guidelines to make the WG meetings/sessions technically richer and beneficial to the stakeholders and industries by exploring the ways of combining the meetings of workbodies with areas of common interest or holding webinars, etc.

Members Present: (1) PH Dr. Gao Zhanyi, Chair (China, 2017); (2) VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun, Chair, PCTA (China, 2017); (3) VPH Mr. Franklin E. Dimick, Chair, WG-MWSCD (USA, 2017); (4) VP Mr. Ian W. Makin, Chair, WG-M&R (UK, 2017); (5) VPH Dr. Ragab Ragab, Member, ITAC-WIF2 (UK, 2017); (6) VPH Bong Hoon Lee, Member, ITAC-23rd ICID Congress (Korea, 2017) and (7) Er. Ashwin B. Pandya, Secretary General, ICID.

Observer: Dr. Macro Arcieri (Italy).

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 1: ATR on the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Sub-Committee

1. An Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 4th meeting of Sub-Committee was discussed. All members present agreed to keep monitoring the outputs of Congress Questions and improving the quality of papers. It was suggested that the abstracts of papers should include introduction and conclusion of the papers so as to evaluate papers more effectively.

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 2: To review the membership of the Sub-Committee

2. As per the Notification No.15 of 2017 dated 24 November 2017, re-constituting the SC-E-THEMES, following the decision of 68th IEC meeting at Mexico City on 14 October 2017, the Sub-Committee shall consist of members as follows:

- (a) Technical Experts – one each drawn from ITAC for immediate past and future WIF and Congresses, within the span of six years.
- (b) Two Experts nominated by PCTA.
- (c) Three Experts drawn from Technical Workbodies of ICID
- (d) Chairperson of SC will be nominated from amongst the members, by the President in consultation with Secretary General.
- (e) The membership will be for a maximum of six years and the nominee of ITAC of past Event will be a member for two years after the conclusion of that particular event.
- (f) The membership shall not exceed more than 10 members.

3. The members of SC-E-Themes accepted the above the constitution of the Sub-Committee.

4. Accordingly, SC-E-Themes confirmed that the membership of VPH Dr. Ragab Ragab, Member, ITAC-WIF2 (UK) is replaced with Dr. K. Yella Reddy, Vice President, ICID who is a member of ITAC for WIF3

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 3: To work out the structure of meetings related to IEC, particularly the WGs at the ICID's Annual Events, to make them more effective

5. The Sub-Committee deliberated on the additional mandated tasks as per Resolution IEC-2/68 of 68th Council meeting, to work out the structure of the meetings related to IEC, particularly the WGs during ICID's annual events in order to make them more effective, at its first virtual meeting on 30 January 2018, and adopted the following recommendations:

- (a) Organise online WebEx meetings prior to the main physical meeting to take care of all routine matters such as attendance, membership issues, publications etc.

- (b) Organise shortened separate physical (face to face) meetings of the WGs for 90 minutes each in place of earlier 180 minutes.
- (c) Organising a series of internal workshops (90 minutes) on the specific items related to the mandate of the working group and combining the outcome of these workshops to produce WG output/Report/Document as appropriate.
- (d) Assign the time bound specific tasks emerging from the mandate of the WG to the members for effective results.
- (e) Restructure the Plenary Session of IEC to allow the chairs/WGs to disseminate the work of their WGs to all stakeholders.

6. The Chair will present these recommendations as part of the Committee's report to PCTA and PCSO for their consideration and appropriate recommendations.

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 4: To draw Guidelines to make the WG meetings/sessions technically richer and beneficial to the stakeholders and industries by exploring the ways of combining the meetings of workbodies with areas of common interest or holding webinars, etc. – To finalize the recommendations

7. The Sub-Committee considered the mandate (v) as listed in the agenda item 4 at its virtual meeting held on 30 January 2018, and made the following recommendations, while exploring ways of combining the meetings of workbodies with areas of common interest and drawing guidelines for making the sessions technically richer and beneficial to the stakeholders and participating industries:

- (a) Organize combined meetings of the WGs for the duration of time saved from shortening the separate WG meetings, say of 180 minutes. This combined meeting could be in the shape of workshop/seminar/panel discussion on the common issues emerging from the mandate of the concerned WGs.
- (b) While ICID has four strategy themes i.e. Basin, Knowledge, On-farm and Schemes; 'On-farm' has only three WGs; namely, WG-PQW, WG-SON-FARM and WG-WATER & CROP; which can perhaps come together in 2018 on trial basis to understand the actual working of the concept and the benefits thereof.
- (c) Webinars (on-line) on the topics/areas of common interest of the concerned WGs could be held during the year.
- (d) A lot of on-line coordination prior to the annual meetings among the Chairs/members would be prerequisite for successful combined meetings (workshop/seminar/panel discussion) at the time of IEC.
- (e) In order to take final decision on the combined meeting of the WGs for strategy theme 'On-Farm', WG Chair of respective WGs may also be invited to join next meeting.

8. At the second virtual meeting held on 10 April 2018 in which the Chairs of workbodies under Strategy Theme – On-Farm as well as the Co-Theme Leaders for ST-ON-FARM were invited to join in order to consider their views, prior to making the recommendations about the idea of combined meeting should be pilot tested during the 69th IEC meeting in Canada meeting in August 2018. The Sub-Committee cautioned that this will need more homework before the meeting to make the idea successful. After the deliberations, the following decisions were taken:

- (a) Strategy theme leaders should guide and coordinate development of modalities of conducting meeting and agenda for the combined meeting of the three WGs (WG-PQW, WG-SON-FARM and WG-WATER & CROP) under the Strategy Theme ON-FARM.
- (b) A web-ex meeting may be organised among Strategy Theme Leaders and WG- Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary with the support of ICID CO to discuss modalities of organising such combined meeting, development of common agenda to channelize commonalities. Strategy theme leaders will indicate tentative date for web-ex meeting for undertaking doodle poll to arrive at most convenient date and time for the web-ex meeting.
- (c) Based on the outcome and suggestions emerging from the web-ex meeting of the theme, ICID CO with the help of Theme Leaders would develop common agenda for the combined meeting of the WGs under the theme.

9. As a follow up of the above decisions, a virtual meeting of the Co-Theme Leaders of ST-ON-FARM and the Chairs, Vice Chairs and Secretaries of the workbodies under ST-ON-FARM was organized on 7 June 2018 to discuss the modalities for holding a combined meeting, development of common agenda, etc.

10. A Joint Session of the WB under the ST-ON-FARM will be organized on 15 August 2018 on a trial basis, with an aim to make the meetings more-lively, reduce number of parallel events in turn increasing the participation of members in the meetings and reducing duration of the ICID events, if possible.

11. The Joint Session will consider a common Agenda for the combined meeting of three Working Groups i.e. Water and Crops (WG-WATER & CROPS); Sustainable On-Farm Irrigation System Development (WG-SON-FARM); and Use of Non-Conventional Water Resources for Irrigation (WG-NCWRI), wheremembers of these WBs and Co-Theme Leaders of ST-ON-FARM will attend.

12. The Committee will be apprised about the outcome of the meeting and how much practical it would be in real terms, while presenting the report of the Committee at PCTA meeting for its consideration and making appropriate recommendations to the Council meeting.

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 5: To consider the Report of ITAC for WIF3, Bali, Indonesia, 2019

13. The Management Board in its sixth meeting (6/17) held on 22 November 2017 approved the constitution of an International Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) for the 3rd World Irrigation Forum (WIF3) to be held at Bali, Indonesia during September 2019. Vide Notification No. 11 of 2018, dated 11 March 2018. Accordingly, the ITAC for WIF3 was constituted under the Chairmanship of PH Dr. Gao Zhanyi. The first virtual meeting of ITAC for WIF3 was held on 28 June 2018. PH Dr. Gao Zhanyi, Chair, ITAC for WIF3, presented the report on the technical aspects of WIF3 at the Sub-Committee for its consideration and suggestions.

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 6: Theme and Topics for 25th ICID Congress, 2023

14. The venue for the 25th ICID Congress is yet to be fixed; however, the Sub-Committee may consider suggesting topics for Theme and Questions for the Congress. The list of topics for Themes and Questions covered/decided up to 24th ICID Congresses can be accessed or downloaded from http://www.icid.org/congress_topics.pdf.

15. Accordingly, the Sub-Committee recommended the following topics for the Theme and Questions 64 and 65 for the 25th ICID Congress in 2023 to PCTA for its consideration and appropriate recommendation to the Council:

Theme: Tackling Water Scarcity in Agriculture

Question 64: What alternative water resources could be tapped for irrigated agriculture?

Question 65: Which on-farm techniques can increase water productivity?

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 7: Theme and Sub-Themes for 4th World Irrigation Forum, 2022

16. The Committee noted that the venue for the 4th World Irrigation Forum is yet to be fixed; however, decided to discuss the Themes and Sub-Themes for WIF4 through virtual meetings and correspondence by 69th IEC meeting. The list of topics for Themes and Sub-Themes covered/decided upto WIF3, together with the Themes for World Water Forums (WWFs) up to 8th WWF can be accessed or downloaded from http://www.icid.org/wwf-wif_topics.pdf. The Central Office will facilitate the development of proposal for the Theme and Sub-Themes.

17. The Sub-Committee suggested the following topics for the Theme and Sub-Themes for WIF4 in 2022 for PCTA's consideration and recommendation thereon:

Theme: Modernization of Irrigation and Drainage Schemes

Sub-Theme 1. Organization, policy and strategy for modernization of irrigation and drainage schemes

Sub-Theme 2. Technology for modernization of irrigation and drainage schemes

Sub-Theme 3. Investment, cost and benefit of modernization of irrigation and drainage schemes

Sub-Theme 4. Performance assessment of irrigation and drainage schemes

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 8: A Review of the Technical Outputs of 23rd Congress Questions

18. The Sub-Committee deliberated upon the outcome of the 23rd ICID Congress and recommended that the paper quality be improved.

19. The Sub-Committee suggested that the abstracts of papers should include introduction and conclusion of the papers so as to evaluate papers more effectively which will result into the improvement of the paper quality.

Sub-Committee Minutes Item 9: Any Other Business

