

**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the  
SUB-COMMITTEE ON THEMES, TOPICS AND WORK PLANS OF  
FUTURE ICID EVENTS (SC-E-THEMES)**  
09 November 2016: 08.00 – 09.00 Hours  
Chiang Mai, Thailand

**Year of Establishment: 2014**

**Terms of Reference (ToR):** (i) To deliberate and recommend the Themes, Topics and Workplans of future ICID events including Congresses and World Irrigation Forums; (ii) To set out format and technical contents of the Congress and WIFs; (iii) To recommend optimal programme for the Congress to PCTA; (iv) To recommend to PCTA the topics of the two Questions; (v) To review the technical outputs and outcomes and suggest follow ups and (vi) To suggest changes in the composition and ToRs of the sub-committee.

**Members Present:** (1) PH Prof. Dr. Bart Schultz (The Netherlands), Chair; (2) VPH Gerhard Backeberg (South Africa) and (3) ) Er. Avinash C Tyagi, Secretary General, ICID (Resource Person).

**Observers Present:** (i) Mr. Ian Makin (IWMI) and (2) Mr. Kamran Emami (Iran).

**Sub-Committee Minutes Item 1: ATR on the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Sub-Committee**

1. Sub-Committee has taken note of the suggestions to make use of the video conferencing facilities made available by the Central Office for monitoring of the actions taken on the decision of the SC-E-THEMES.
2. Sub-Committee has taken note of the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 2nd meeting of Sub-Committee is placed at Annex 1 and found that each item has been covered.

**Sub-Committee Minutes Item 2: Review of the Name, ToR and Membership of the Sub-Committee**

3. Sub-Committee has reviewed its name, ToR and membership as it has been mandated to look after the technical aspects of only the World Irrigation Fora and International Congresses on Irrigation and Drainage. No change in the name is considered to be required. In light of the change in mandate Secretary General had prepared a note that was attached as Annex 2 to the Agenda. The note was accepted by the meeting and is recommended to PCTA for its consideration and adoption. It is attached as **Annex** to the minutes.
4. Because of the change in the mandate, it is recommended that the membership of VPH Laurie Tollefson be terminated, while the technical aspects of the forthcoming Regional Conference in Canada will be presented and discussed in the Regional American Working Group. The proposal to replace Dr. Luis Pimentel, by Lic. Roberto Ramírez de la Parra, the new President of MXCID to represent the host NC of 23<sup>rd</sup> ICID Congress is recommended for acceptance by PCTA.

**Sub-Committee Minutes Item 3: Theme and Topics for future Congresses**

**Sub-Committee Minutes Item 3.1: 23<sup>rd</sup> ICID Congress, Mexico City, 8-14 October 2017**

5. There was no representative of the Mexican Committee in the meeting. A sheet with the Theme, and the topics for the Questions, Special Session and Symposium as proposed by ITAC has been disseminated in the meeting by Secretary General. In the meeting also a brochure as prepared by the Mexican Committee was shown. It was observed that there are differences between the two documents. The Chairman and Secretary General will contact at the shortest notice the Mexican National Committee and the Chairman of ITAC to sort this out, preferably before the meeting of PCTA. While the call for papers will have to be disseminated within a few months, also a detailed description of the theme and the topics is required at the shortest notice.

**Sub-Committee Minutes Item 3.2: 24<sup>th</sup> ICID Congress, 2020**

6. Sub-Committee has taken note of the information provided and as the venue of the 24<sup>th</sup> ICID Congress would be decided at the 67<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting, the further steps would be taken in consultation with the host NC and ITAC for 24<sup>th</sup> ICID Congress to be constituted for this purpose. In light of the more focused scope as it has been accepted for future congresses, it is requested that the organizers and the ITAC take note of the draft main theme and the two Questions that were already formulated by SC-E-THEMES in its meeting in Montpellier in October 2015:

- (a) **Main Theme:** *Innovation and research in agricultural water management to achieve sustainable development goals;*

- (b) **Question 62:** *What role can information and communication technology play in travelling the last mile;*
- (c) **Question 63:** *What role is played by multi-disciplinary dialogue to achieve sustainable development goals.*

#### **Sub-Committee Minutes Item 4: Theme and Sub-Themes for the 3rd World Irrigation Forum, 2019**

7. The Sub-Committee has taken note of the information provided and as the venue for WIF3 would be finalized at the 67<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting, the preparation of the detailed descriptions/scope would be done in consultation with the host National Committee and ITAC to be constituted for this purpose. In light of the more focused scope as it has been accepted for future World Irrigation Fora it is requested that the organizers and the ITAC take note of the draft themes and the sub-themes that were already formulated by SC-E-THEMES in its meeting in Montpellier in October 2015:

- (a) **Main Theme:** *Development for water, food and nutrition security in a competitive environment;*
- (b) **Sub-Theme 1:** *Enabling policy environment for water, food and energy;*
- (c) **Sub-Theme 2:** *Role of civil society and NGOs with focus on farmers and extension facilities;*
- (d) **Sub-Theme 3:** *Improving agricultural water productivity with focus on rural transformation.*

#### **Sub-Committee Minutes Item 5: Review of formats and technical contents of future ICID Congresses and WIFs**

##### **Sub-Committee Minutes Item 5.1: Format and Technical Contents for future Congresses**

8. The Sub-Committee considered the format and contents for future Congresses approved by PCTA in its meeting in Montpellier (2015) and recommended that the same may be revisited on the basis of experiences at 23<sup>rd</sup> ICID Congress in Mexico in 2017.

##### **Sub-Committee Minutes Item 5.2: Format and Technical Contents for future WIFs**

9. The Sub-Committee considered the format and contents for future WIFs approved by PCTA in its meeting in Montpellier (2015) and based on the experiences with the WIF2, recommends to PCTA that:

- (a) The name 'Short Communications' is confusing. It is therefore recommended that the name be changed to *Innovative Products and Services*. In addition it is proposed that submissions will not be handled through the review process for the papers and the EasyChair software, but that a separate track for mailing, review and acceptance/rejection will be followed, with different groups of invitees and reviewers, more focused on products and services. The timeframe can in principle remain the same as it is at present for the Short Communications;
- (b) It is felt that the name '*Side Events*' doesn't give sufficient credit to the events that are closely linked with the main theme of the event. It is therefore provisionally recommended that these events be renamed as *Supporting Events*. However, an even better name would be welcome;
- (c) A few *Side Events*, which are not directly linked to the main theme could still be organized under this name; and
- (d) With respect to these events it is also recommended that proposals will be clustered as far as reasonably possible and that due recognition will be given to the organizers in the publications, the displays at the venue and the media.

#### **Sub-Committee Minutes Item 6: Any Other Business**



## REPORT OF SC-E-THEMES TO PCTA

Third Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Themes, Topics and Work Plans of Future ICID Events (SC-E-THEMES) held on 09 November 2016 at Chiang Mai, Thailand makes the following recommendations in order to evolve a Permanent Mechanism to formulate the Themes and Topics for Congresses, World Irrigation Fora, International Micro Irrigation Conference, International Drainage Workshops and Regional Conferences of ICID, in view of the revised mandate adopted for C-CONGR at Montpellier, France during 66<sup>th</sup> IEC on 15 October 2015.

### Recommendation 1

The membership composition and mandate be adopted as:

#### *Composition of Membership:*

1. Technical Experts – one each drawn from ITAC for immediate past and future WIF and Congresses, within a span of six years.
2. Two Experts nominated by PCTA.
3. Three Experts drawn from Technical Workbodies of ICID
4. Chairperson of SC will be nominated from amongst the members, by the President in consultation with Secretary General.
5. 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.
6. The membership shall not exceed more than 10 members.

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4. To review the technical outputs and outcomes and suggest follow ups

### Recommendation 2

The 'Guiding Principles for choosing the Themes for ICID Congresses and World Irrigation Forums' and also the guidelines for distinguishing the two triennial events - Congress and WIF in all its technical aspects and conduct, are as approved in 65<sup>th</sup> IEC in Gwangju.

### Recommendation 3

The following procedure for deciding the themes and topics for future international micro irrigation conferences, international drainage workshops and regional conferences be adopted and the mandate of the concerned work body may be appropriately incorporated:

- (1) **International Micro Irrigation Conference:** Working Group on Water and Crops (WG-CROP) reporting to PCTA
- (2) **International Drainage Workshops:** Working Group on Sustainable Drainage (WG-SDRG) reporting to PCTA.
- (3) **Regional Conferences:** The Asian Regional Conference, African Regional Conference, European Regional Conference and American Regional Conference may be formulated by the respective Regional Working Groups and the proposal may be routed through PCTA for Council's approval. The membership composition and terms of references for RTACs may be formulated by the respective RWGs.



