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From Secretary General's Desk...

Dear Friends,

PFC Chairman VPH. Chandra graced the Central Office by paying a visit during the month; the visit facilitated discussions on various matters concerning PFC, forthcoming ICID events, particularly the Lahore Congress and the 10th Drainage workshop in Helsinki and Tallinn. Prof. Chandra's own missions aimed to promote joint research between McGill and Indian academic Institutions and this took him to IIT Roorkee and Tamilnadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Central Office also had the pleasure to welcome IRNCID representative, Mr. Ehsani subsequently and discuss matters of mutual interest. As you would recall, Iran's proposal to hold the 21st Congress in Tehran together with 62nd IEC was approved in the last IEC in Sacramento on 5 October 2007. Er. Ehsani took pains to explain Iran's preparatory actions for the next congress, right from now on. He demonstrated the web site under design by their National Committee with multilingual accessibility and sought suggestions. You would be keen to know more of it; please join the WG Congress meeting in Lahore so that you could contribute to enhance their website quality.

Some of you were anxious to know about Lahore Congress preparations and had sent communications to me in the recent past. By a special communication to all the National Committees last week, I had conveyed that the Congress schedule stands revised as a 'six day' programme (13-18 October 2008); this is to enable participants to pick up their work back home on the following Monday, spending 19th, a Sunday for travel. I hope that this will be more convenient and will be welcome. Please visit Congress website for more details on the revised programme. Please also effect suitable changes in the event dates in your own national web sites.



May I also suggest that the National Committees firm up their 'participants list' and communicate it to VP Dr. I.B. Shaikh; this action could enable PANCID to issue individual invitation for visa purposes, where required. I urge you to take timely steps as this would, in case of necessity, give an ample time for follow up visa support actions with PANCID. In case some special assistance is needed in individual cases, please contact our colleagues in the Pakistan National Committee as soon as you can. Suffice to say, it is time to plan your trip to Lahore for the Congress.

May I remind you of the call for submission to claim the Best Performing National Committee (BPNC) award and the Best Performing Working Group (BPWG) award. These are processed every Congress year. We encourage you to work on timely submissions.

I have the pleasure to indicate that the credit for sponsoring this year's 'WATSave' awards goes to PANCID. For details, please see page 4 of this News Update.

Best regards

Secretary General
M. Gopalakrishnan

News from National Committees

INCID (India)

Mr. Ravinder Singh, Chief Engineer, Performance Overview / Management Improvement Organization (POMIO) at Central Water Commission (CWC) has assumed the office of the Member Secretary, Indian National Committee of ICID (INCID) effective from 1 March 2008. The contact coordinates are as below :

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ICID extends a warm welcome to Mr. Ravinder Singh. It also extends its gratitude to Mr. C.D. Khoche, who relinquished as Member Secretary, INCID, for his contributions to ICID activities (*Source : INCID*)

IRNCID (Iran)

• Dr. Karim Shiati visits Turkey

Vice President Dr. Karim Shiati (Iran) has been liaising with Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq and Kyrgyzstan to get familiar with their activities and enhance the regional cooperation. During his recent visit to Turkey, he presented the activities and organization of IRNCID to them which resulted in consensus to sign a MoU between the two National Committees during Lahore Congress in October (2008).

• Impact of Climate Change on Water Resources Management Workshop : A Report

The Iranian National Committee of ICID (IRNCID) organized a workshop "Impact

of *Climate Change on Water Resources Management* (ICCWRM) on 13 February 2008 in Tehran, Iran.

Dr. Rasoul Zargar, Deputy Minister for Water and Waste-Water Affairs & Chairman, IRNCID presented the inaugural speech, which focused on the importance of climate change and its negative impacts on the water resources of the arid & semi-arid countries. He emphasized on the need to conduct comprehensive research on ICCWRM of I.R.Iran.

Fourteen papers were presented in this workshop. The workshop resulted in following scientific achievements:

- The climate change throughout Iran will result in about 10 percent decrease in precipitation, mostly in the western provinces of Iran & south-eastern coast of the Caspian Sea.
- Case studies in Iran reveal that water demand for agricultural products will increase by 6 to 10 percent. Fulfilling such demand will require abundant water resources.
- Water scarcity is now the most important bottleneck in Iran. Climate change, aridity, increase in water requirements of crops, evaporation & potable water consumption will intensify the issue of water resources in Iran. (Source: IRNCID)

CERYD (Spain)

• CERYD Members Honoured

The Spanish Society of Dams and Reservoirs (SEPREM) held a Session on 26 February 2008 at the Ministry of the Environment in Madrid to honor a very select group of senior civil engineers in recognition of their outstanding works in their long professional lives in the field of hydraulics (designing and building big hydraulic structures), investigating the improvement of performance and design of such works, writing and publishing technical books, creating simulation models for canal operation, teaching activities at high technical schools etc.

The ICID Spanish National Committee

(CERYD) had the great honor of felicitating VPH Dr. José María Martín Mendiluce, President and Prof. José Liria Montañés, Secretary General of CERYD. After presenting the bio data and main achievements of the guests of honors, the SEPREM organizers handed out silver plaques to them as an expression of gratitude for their long contributions to the hydraulic works in Spain and in many other countries of the world. CERYD congratulates the organizers for the public recognition of their merits and feels proud to have them as its members.

• 26th Irrigation National Congress, June 2008

The ICID Spanish National Committee (CERYD) and the Spanish Association on Irrigation and Drainage (AERYD), jointly with the High Technical School of Huesca (EPSH), University Saragossa, the General Directorate of Rural Development, Government of Aragón, and a number of other national and regional institutions directly involved in irrigation activities, are organizing the 26th Irrigation National Congress, to be held on the premises of EPSH, in Huesca, Spain, from 24 to 26 June 2008. This annual national event will gather a considerable number of top scientists, researchers, engineers, farmers, manufacturers of irrigation equipments, as well as many other persons interested in agricultural irrigation.

During the Congress, subjects like hydrology of field irrigation; crop water requirements, water quality, deficit irrigation, drought and water scarcity; engineering, legislation, water rights, and modernization of irrigation systems; and irrigators communities etc will be discussed in parallel Technical Sessions. Accepted papers must bring out outcomes of research programmes, results of most innovative technology application, outstanding real case studies, new irrigation products, etc. A 'Round Table' will also be held on the subject "Institutional and Technical Modernization of Irrigator's Community Management as a Key for Improving Environment". At the time of the Congress an Exhibition will also be organized to give the manufacturers and sellers of irrigation materials and equipments, the opportunity to show the latest products and

technologies to the participants, users and designers of irrigation systems. For more information please visit CERYD-AERYD website: <http://www.aeryd.es>. [Source: CERYD-AERYD]

Visitors to ICID Central Office

Mr. Anthony Oaks (Australia)

Mr. Anthony Oaks, Director, Rubicon Systems Australia Pty Ltd, together with Mr. Haroon Mohamed, Business Manager, Rubicon visited ICID Central Office on 20 February 2008 and held discussions with Secretary General M. Gopalakrishnan and other professionals.

Mr. Oaks made a presentation on '*Total Channel Control*' as envisaged by Rubicon. Representatives from Indian National Committee of ICID (INCID), Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) and Indian Water Resources Society (IWRS) and other experts attended the session and participated in lively discussions that followed.

VPH Chandra Madramootoo (Canada)

Vice President Hon. Chandra Mandramootoo, Dean of Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at McGill University visited ICID Central Office on 5 March 2008. At the onset, Secretary General M. Gopalakrishnan welcomed Dr. Chandra Madramootoo and discussions with professionals followed.



VPH Chandra with INCID members discussing CERIC activities

Issues related to Permanent Finance Committee (PFC) and Lahore Congress (2008) were discussed extensively. He made concrete suggestions to promote Lahore Congress. Later, he made a presentation on '*Water Resources in*

Canada' as a guest speaker in a Brainstorming session of the New Delhi Center of World Water Council (NDC-WWC), when representatives from ICID joined.

Mr. M. Ehsani (Iran)

Mr. Mehrzad Ehsani, Secretary, Iranian National Committee of ICID (IRNCID) visited ICID Central Office on 7 March 2008. Mr. M. Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General welcomed Mr. Ehsani and the business meeting followed.



Issues like hosting 21st ICID Congress by IRNCID, MoUs with Indonesia and Germany, translating Multilingual Technical Dictionary (MTD) in Farsi, etc. were discussed. Mr. Ehsani also made an excellent presentation on functioning and development of IRNCID.

World Water Day Celebrations 2008

This year, the World Water Day will be celebrated by the UN on 20 March 2008. The day will highlight issues on sanitation in accordance with the International Year of sanitation 2008.

All National Committees/Committee of ICID are invited to celebrate the day as

Obituary

Mr. Prabhu Dayal passed away on 18 January 2008. He was in-charge of all sanitation related matter in ICID Central Office since April 1974. He received the 'Best Worker Prize' for his excellent services in 1992.

ICID fraternity offers its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Mr. Prabhu Dayal. May his soul rest in eternal peace!

appropriate. Activities such as the promotion of public awareness through the publication of public awareness documentaries and the organization of conferences, round tables, seminars and expositions related to the conservation and development of water resources and the implementations of Agenda 21 may be organized. News Update would be happy to provide coverage to the activities undertaken by NCs, if briefs are provided in 1st week of April 2008.

Please visit the recently launched World Water Day website at www.unwater.org/worldwaterday for more information.

ICE WaRM visits and Exchange announcement

The International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management (ICE WaRM) invites applications for the next round of the International Visits and Exchanges Programme in 2008.

The International Visits and Exchanges Programme is offered through ICE WaRM's International Liaison Programme. The Programme allows candidates the opportunity to increase their engagement at an international level with industry, vocational education and training, tertiary education sectors, and research communities, in the area of water resources management.

Further information and details on application dates is available from the International Liaison section (under Programmes) at www.icewarm.com.au. Contact : Amber Welk, Project Coordinator, e-mail : awelk@icewarm.com.au

2008 Integrated Water Resources Management Advanced International Training Programme

The objective of the training programme is to support and stimulate the development of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in the participants' home countries, and to

20th Congress of ICID – Updates

Program: The Lahore Congress Program has been consolidated into 6-day program (**13-18 October 2008**) as against previous 7-day program, still keeping all events intact. This would allow delegates to head home on Sunday the 19 October 2008 (except those joining the study tours). The revised 6-day program is available on the Congress website <<http://www.icid2008.org>>.

Deadlines for papers: As a matter of fact all deadlines have elapsed. Full length papers were due in ICID Central Office in New Delhi by **1 March 2008**. All authors are requested to submit their full papers at least by **31 March 2008**, positively. PANCID has proposed to accept more 'Summary and Conclusions' for the Congress till 31 March 2008 to accommodate more participation. So, hurry up, and submit your 'Summary and Conclusions' as well by **31 March 2008**. We will try to accommodate as many papers as possible. Papers received and cleared by our review committee before 15 April 2008 will find place in pre-congress proceedings, whereas remaining papers will be published along with post congress proceedings.

encourage the participants to involve in and contribute to networking on IWRM.

The programme consists of 5.5 weeks of scheduled training distributed in two different phases, 3.5 weeks training in Stockholm, Sweden, from August 11–September 2, 2008, and 2 weeks training in Lao PDR, from November 17–28, 2008.

Please visit their website : www.siw.org or www.rambollnatura.se for application form and details of the programme.

Thiess Riverprize

Internationally renowned for recognizing and rewarding best practices in the restoration and management of river systems around the world, the Thiess Riverprize is the most coveted award of

river basin and watershed management groups.

First established in 1999, the Thiess Riverprize, now valued at AU \$500,000, offers the highest monetary award of river management prizes, and global recognition at the annual International Riversymposium in September.

Information and nomination guidelines for the 2008 International and National Thiess Riverprizes can be downloaded from www.riversymposium.com.

ICID WatSave Awards 2008: Invitation for Nominations

ICID instituted 'WatSave Awards' in 1997 to recognise 'outstanding contribution to water saving in agriculture' across the world. Entries for the nominations are now open.

Awards are given in three categories viz. (i) Technology, (ii) Innovative Water Management, and (iii) Young Professionals. Each award carries prize money of US\$ 2000 and a Citation. The ICID WatSave Awards for the year 2008 are sponsored by Pakistan National Committee (PANCID) and will be presented at the 59th meeting of the IEC scheduled to be held in October 2008 at Lahore, Pakistan. The Awards are only made in respect of **actual realised savings** and not for promising research results, plans and/or good ideas/intentions to save water.

Nominations are invited for the 'WatSave Awards 2008' from individuals/ team through National Committees/ Committee. The entries are open to all professionals/ teams from ICID member countries as well as non-member countries. In case of an entry from a 'non-member' country, the nomination has to be routed through and validated by an active National Committee of ICID, who should be in touch with the nominee and aware of his work'.

The contact coordinates of the ICID National Committees/ Committee, the 'Nomination Form', 'Conditions and Criteria', 'Check list' of the documents to be submitted and 'Evaluation Proforma' are available for download at www.icid.org/awards.html. The deadline for receipt of the entries from the National Committees along with a completed 'Nomination Form' to the Central Office ICID, New Delhi is **30 June 2008**. The entries should be submitted electronically to respective National Committees well in advance of the deadline. The nominations sent directly to the Central Office, ICID will not be entertained.

The selection of the winners from amongst the nominations received will be made by an International Panel of Judges. National Committees are urged to give a wide publicity to these awards in their country among actual farming communities and persons actively engaged in water savings/conservation practices. For further information, please contact Secretary General, ICID at icid@icid.org.

The 10th International Drainage Workshop, July 2008 in Finland and Estonia

The National Committees of Finland (FINCID) and Estonia (ESTCID) have a great honour to invite all prospective delegates to the ICID's 10th International Drainage Workshop (IDW10) scheduled to be held in Helsinki and Tallinn from 6 to 11 July 2008, during the luminous northern white nights.

The main topics of the workshop are: (i) Agricultural drainage and water quality; (ii) Drainage in the context of environmental river engineering; and (iii) Extreme weather conditions and drainage.

The workshop consists of six separate sessions including over 70 oral /poster presentations from 24 countries. During the workshop several technical and social

New Additions to ICID's TDS Database (February 2008)

The additions during the month to the TDS Database are:

Article Section – 44 additions (Articles / Papers)

- (i) Proc. of the Institution of Civil Engineers – Water Management, December 2007, Vol. 160, No. WM4 (7 nos.)
- (ii) Journal of Indian Association for Environmental Management, October 2007, Vol. 34, No. 3 (3 nos.)
- (iii) Indian Journal of Power and River Valley Development, October-November 2007, Vol. 57, Nos. 11 & 12 (2 nos.)
- (iv) International Rice Commission Newsletter, 2007, Vol. 56 (15 nos.)
- (V) Water Policy, 2007, Vol. 9, Supplement 2 (12 nos.); and 2008, Vol. 10, No. 1 (5 nos.)

Book Section – 12 additions; till date 30928 additions have been made to TDS database. The Text Delivery Service (TDS) has received two requests during the period from India.

The Text Delivery Service (TDS) database can be accessed by visiting ICID website: www.icid.org.

tours have been planned. The keynote speakers, opening the sessions, are world-renowned experts featuring Eiko Lübbe, Chandra Madramootoo, Seppo Rekolainen, Bart Schultz, Wayne Skaggs and W.F. Vlotman.

Contact: For online registration ('Early Bird' registration before 31 March 2008) and more information about the workshop, please visit www.fincid.fi/idw2008. For any practical or other questions regarding the arrangements, please contact FINCID at fincid@fincid.fi.

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