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From Secretary General's Desk...



An invitation letter of our PANCID colleagues for Congress is placed below in full for your kind attention. See you in Lahore.

Welcome to 20th ICID Congress at Lahore, Pakistan

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to 59th IEC Meetings and 20th Congress of ICID at Lahore – Pakistan during 13-18 October 2008. We welcome you with open hearts to a land of rich culture, vast history and with our traditional hospitality.

Pakistan has one of the world's largest integrated irrigation systems. The Indus Basin Irrigation System comprises of three major reservoirs, 19 barrages and head-works, 2 siphons across major rivers, 12 inter-river link canals, 44 canal systems, 24 in Punjab, 15 in Sindh & Balochistan and 5 in NWFP and more than 144,000 watercourses. The aggregate length of the canals is about 64,500 km. In addition, watercourses, farm channels and field ditches cover another 1.6 million km, typical watercourse command ranges between 80 and 325 ha.

Pakistan – a land of diverse civilizations, terrains, history and immense natural beauty, covers 796,095 sq km with a population of 160 million. The country comprises of a vast area that was the great center of ancient civilizations of the world. Its historical sites beginning with stone-age to Twenty first Century are a mirror of the life of its people who are by nature simple, virile, hospitable and hard working. Ancient sites excavated in Taxila, Harappa, and Moenjodaro speak volumes for Pakistan rich cultural background dating back to 3,000 B.C. Pakistan comprises of four provinces: Sindh, Punjab, North West Frontier Province and Balochistan. It consists of such physical regions as the western offshoots of Himalayas which

cover its northern and north western parts of which the highest peak K-2 rises to 8611 meters above sea level, the Balochistan plateau, the Potohar Plateau and salt range, and the Indus plain, the most fertile and densely populated area of the country getting its sustenance from the Indus River and its tributaries. The country has an agricultural economy with a network of canals irrigating a major part of its cultivated land. Wheat, cotton, rice, millet and sugar cane are the major crops. Among fruits: mangos, oranges, bananas, dates, grapes and apples etc are grown in abundance in different parts of the country. The main natural resources are natural gas, coal, salt and iron. Urdu is the national language whereas, English is the official language of the country.

Lahore – the heart of Pakistan, has the honour of being the host city for this event. Lahore is a cultural centre of Pakistan with its bustling streets and bazaars & variety of food. The majestic Lahore is a city which constitutes the kernel of Pakistan for its rich art and architecture, glorious heritage and cordial people and personalities. Lahore is often called the Garden of the Mughals or the City of Gardens because of the heritage of the Mughal Empire. It is located near the Ravi River and Wagah, close to the Pakistan-India border. According to a legend, Lahore was founded by Lao, son of Lord Rama of the Hindu epic Ramayana.

Pakistan enjoys a considerable variation in climate. North and north western high mountainous ranges are extremely cold in winter while the summer months of April to September are very pleasant. The month of October is very pleasant in Lahore – with the departure of summer and winter somewhere around the corner, the weather of Lahore enchants its visitors with all its glory.

Pakistan joined ICID in the year 1953 and has been actively participating in all ICID events since then. Pakistan hosted the 37th IEC meeting (1986) and 5th International Drainage Workshop (1992)

at Lahore. Presently, Pakistan National Committee is actively represented by a Vice President and 9 members in 14 Workbodies of ICID and 1 member in ICID Permanent Finance Committee. Pakistan National Committee (PANCID) and the Organizing Committee of the Congress in close collaboration with the senior Government Officials are putting their full efforts to make the event successful. The venue of the conference is Aiwan-e- Iqbal Complex. Mr. Peter S. Lee, President ICID, during his visit to Pakistan in January, 2008 remarked that this is the second best venue he had ever visited after the Cairo (Egypt Conference). We are expecting a large number of participants including about 300 from foreign countries. So far more than 200 foreign delegates have confirmed their participation.

All the necessary arrangements have been made to hold this Conference in a befitting manner. We have made arrangements with management of following hotels in the vicinity to offer rooms at subsidized rates to all participants: (i) Pearl Continental Hotel; (ii) Avari Hotel; (iii) Holiday Inn; (iii) Leaders Inn; (iv) Ambassador Hotel; (v) National Hotel; (vi) Sunfort Hotel; (vi) Best Westen Shalimar Hotel; and (vii) Bakhtawar Hotel.

Many have made reservations in the hotels, while further requests are being poured in daily. We are in contact with our delegates to intimate their travel schedule including tours/field visits etc.

Recent changes in the Government will have positive impact on the conference. We assure full security to our esteemed delegates during their stay in Pakistan.

The arrangements so far made have been beefed up and are now under rehearsal. Please visit our website www.icid2008.org for all the updates and information. For any help like invitation letter for visa purpose, accommodation etc please feels free to write to us at our e-mail: icid@icid2008.org.

We invite you all to be a part of this event and look forward to seeing you in Lahore.

PANCID Secretariat

**Online Registration Payment Option is now available on
<<http://www.icid2008.org>>. Don't miss this opportunity to join this mega event.**

PROGRAM

59th IEC Meeting and 20th Congress of ICID

13-18 October, 2008, Lahore, Pakistan

Monday, October 13, 2008

09.00 - 17:00	Registration
09:00 - 12:30	Opening Ceremony
	N.D. Gulhati Memorial Lecture
13:30 - 17:00	Special Session : Implication of Global Changes on Irrigation and Drainage System Development and Management
	Workbody meetings (Details in Congress Website)

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

09.00 - 17:00	Registration
	Start of National Committee Displays
09:00 - 12:30	Seminar : Lessons to Learn from the History of Water Management in Large River Basins and Drought (Session-I)
	Workbody meetings (Details in Congress Website)
13:30 - 17:00	Seminar : Lessons to Learn from the History of Water Management in Large River Basins and Drought (Session-II)
	Workbody meetings (Details in Congress Website)

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

08:00 - 09:00	Meeting of National Committees with Officer Bearers
09.00 - 17:00	Registration
	Exhibition Opening
	Task Force (TF1) to Guide ICID Inputs to 5 th Forum (WWF-5)
09.00 - 12:30	Symposium – Integrated Water Management in the River Basin Context
	Workbody meetings (Details in Congress Website)
	PC on Strategy Planning and Organizational Affairs (PCSPOA) – Session I
13:30 - 17:00	PC Strategy Planning and Organizational Affairs (PCSPOA) – Session-II
13:30 - 14:00	Presentation of General Report by the General Reporter for Question 54
15:45 - 16:15	Presentation of General Report by the General Reporter for Question 55

Thursday, October 16, 2008

09.00 - 17:00	National Committee Displays - Closing
09:00 - 12:30	Question 54 - Sustainable Integrated Water Resources Management
	Q. 54.1 Knowledge base, information management and dissemination of research in developing countries (Session – I)
	Q. 54.2 Design and operation of irrigation systems for use of treated and partially treated wastewater, saline water or soils – Limitations and opportunities (Session – I)
	Q. 54.3, Q.54.4 and Q.54.5 (Combined Session - I)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conjunctive operation of storage reservoirs for multi-purposes ▪ Experiences on impacts of climate changes on water resources ▪ Mineral tolerant plants in waterlogged and saline lands
09:00 - 12:30	Question 55 – Role of Public and Private Sectors in Water Resources Development and Management
	Q.55.1 Performance of irrigation and drainage systems after modernization /privatization (Session – I)
	Q.55.2 and Q.55.3 (Combined Session-I)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Socio-economic aspects of agricultural production in developing countries ▪ Technical, technological, economic and legal aspects of development, management and use of water resources of tranboundary (interstate) rivers

09:00 - 12:30	Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (PCTA) – Session I	
13:30 - 17:00	Question 54 - Sustainable Integrated Water Resources Management	
	Q. 54.1	Knowledge base, information management and dissemination of research in developing countries (Session – II)
	Q. 54.2	Design and operation of irrigation systems for use of treated and partially treated wastewater, saline water or soils – Limitations and opportunities (Session – II)
	Q. 54.3, Q.54.4 and Q.54.5 (Combined Session - II)	
	▪	Conjunctive operation of storage reservoirs for multi-purposes
	▪	Experiences on impacts of climate changes on water resources
13:30 - 17:00	Question 55 – Role of Public and Private Sectors in Water Resources Development and Management	
	Q.55.1	Performance of irrigation and drainage systems after modernization /privatization (Session – II)
	Q.55.2 and Q.55.3 (Combined Session-II)	
	▪	Socio-economic aspects of agricultural production in developing countries
	▪	Technical, technological, economic and legal aspects of development, management and use of water resources of tranboundary (interstate) rivers
	Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (PCTA) – Session II	
Office Bearers Committee (OBC)		
Friday, October 17, 2008		
09:00 - 17:00	Closing of Exhibition	
09:00 - 12:30	International Executive Council (IEC) meeting – Session I	
	Session on 'Service Oriented Irrigation Management: Key to Modernization' (ICID-FAO)	
13:30 - 17:00	International Executive Council (IEC) meeting – Session II	
	Workshop of WG-YPF (Session-I)	
Saturday, October 18, 2008		
09:00 - 12:30	Q.54 Plenary Session (Concluding)	
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	Workshop of WG-YPF, (Session-II)	
	Consultative Group on IPTRID (CG-IPTRID)	
13:30 - 17:00	Closing Ceremony	
	Presentation of Conclusions and Recommendations of 20 th Congress by Secretary General	
	Presentation of Lahore Declaration	
	Presentation of Awards, Plaques and Recognitions	
	Address by President, ICID	
	Address by President-elect	
Address by Executive Chairman of National Organizing Committee		
18:30 – 22:00	Farewell Dinner and Cultural Show	
Sunday, October 19, 2008		
	Departure for Study tours	
	Breaks and Receptions:	
11:00 - 11:30	Tea/Coffee	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	
15:15 - 18:45	Tea / Coffee	
19:00 - 21:00	Receptions	
		

Lahore Welcomes you!

News from National Committees

Indonesia (INACID)

61st IEC and 6th Asian Regional Conference

The 61st International Executive Council (IEC) and 6th Asian Regional Conference (ARC) was previously proposed to be held during 5-12 September 2010 at Yogyakarta in Indonesia. The dates, however, has been revised by INACID in view of religious celebrations of Idul-Fietri. The new dates are 10-16 October 2010. [Source : INACID]

Iran (IRNCID)

Following the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Iranian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IRNCID) and Indonesian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (INACID), a group of 8 delegates from IRNCID had the opportunity of visiting agricultural and water structures in cities of Jakarta, West Java, Bali and Palembang during 18-27 August, 2008. During the visit, the delegates closely observed noticeable advances in Indonesia in water resources management.

IRNCID expressed its interest to expand bilateral cooperation not only at the level of National Committees of Irrigation and Drainage but also at the level of Indonesian Ministry of Public works, and Iranian Ministry of Energy to execute widespread bilateral national projects, increase balance of engineering trade, and also to enhance socio-economic affairs. [Source : IRNCID]

Japan (JNC-ICID)

Mr. Mitsukuni Watanabe, Director, Overseas Land Improvement Cooperation Office, Tokyo has assumed the charge as the new Secretary General of Japanese National Committee of ICID (JNC-ICID) in place of Mr. Taizou Hanma.

20th ICID Congress - Updates

Pakistan National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (PANCID) has now enabled e-payment for registration fee at the Congress website <www.icid2008.org/registration.html> PANCID has extended the early bird registration discount upto **26 Sept.2008**.

As you are aware, the Iranian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IRNCID) is the winner of 3rd Best Performing National Committee Award (BPNCA-3) this year. IRNCID will make a presentation on IEC day (17 October 2008) during lunch hour to project their achievements.

To facilitate processing of visas, PANCID has also requested the delegates to send their (a) copy of passport; (b) filled registration form; (c) registration fee; (d) arrival/departure details; (e) Hotel stay plan; and (f) recent photograph. Please hurry and send all above immediately to organizers to make your stay comfortable in Lahore. Contact: <[pncid@icid2008.org](mailto:pancid@icid2008.org)> and <gmcwater@wapda.gov.pk>

We congratulate and welcome Mr. Watanabe on assuming the office of the Secretary General of JNC-ICID and look forward to his active participation in the ICID activities. Our profound gratefulness are due to Mr. Hanma for his contributions to activities of ICID. [Source: JNC-ICID]

Nigeria (NINCID)

Engr. M.N. Gundiri has assumed the charge as the new Chairman of the Nigerian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (NINCID). Engr. Musa, Vice President Hon. ICID, has become the new Head of National Integrated Water Resources Management Commission.

We congratulate and welcome Engr. Gundiri on assuming the chairmanship of NINCID and look forward to his stewardship in organizing forthcoming IEC meetings in Abuja in 2009. Vice President Hon. Musa's contributions to ICID were immense and we look forward to his continued association. [Source: NINCID]

2ND Award for the Best Performing Workbody 2008

It is a great pleasure to convey that the Panel of Judges for the 2nd Award for the Best Performing Workbody 2008 (BPWA-2) has selected the ICID Journal Editorial Board (EB-JOUR) for the Best Performing Workbody Award (2005-2008). The performance of the EB-JOUR was adjudged the best based upon a set of criteria. The award reflects that the EB-JOUR's contribution towards the mandate and mission of ICID was outstanding and impressive.

EB-JOUR is one of the active ICID workbodies which was set up in the year 1994. Under the mandated supervision of EB-JOUR, "Irrigation and Drainage", the official Journal of the ICID, is being published. It is pertinent to mention here that the rapid strides made by ICID Journal in accomplishing ICID objectives by way of publishing original papers on scientific, engineering and socio-economic issues associated with irrigation and drainage in a clear, concise and uniform style, easily understood by an international audience, played a pivotal role in securing this prestigious Award for EB-JOUR.

ICID Journal acts as a mouthpiece to communicate to the international water community ICID's sixty years of experience in the promotion and transfer of water and land management technology and related issues. ICID Journal was granted Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) starting with Vol.49, Issue No.1 of 2000 which was the first issue of the quarterly Journal printed and distributed under ISSN 0971-7412. ICID Journal was also selected for coverage in Current Contents/Agriculture, Biology and Environmental Sciences (CC/AB&ES).

Since March 2001 the Journal has been renamed as "IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE - Managing Water for Sustainable Agriculture - The Journal of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage" and is published by M/s. John Wiley & Sons Ltd under full editorial responsibility of ICID which is performed through EB-JOUR. Presently, the Journal is available through online and print media. EB-JOUR has been contributing to the new initiatives of ICID by organizing technical meetings and publishing special issues containing select papers presented at ICID Congresses/Conferences. The members of EB-JOUR also contribute to various international programs like European Geosciences Union, IAHS, America Geophysical Union, etc.

Congratulation to all members of the ICID Journal Editorial Board (EB-JOUR). The award will be an individual citation plaque and publications of decided value.

Since we will be in Congress Sessions during mid October 2008, our next News Update will be a combined one with that of November 2008 issue. *Editor*

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