



NEWS UPDATE

From Secretary General's Desk...

Dear Colleagues,

The theme of the World Water Day 2016 "Water and Jobs" aptly defines the role that Irrigation and Drainage sector plays an important role in providing not only jobs but also livelihoods.



More than 95 percent of jobs in agriculture sector are dependent on water. Irrigation and drainage by increased productivity, generating surplus drives, more jobs indirectly than directly. Further the irrigation systems supply water for not only irrigating crops but also for industries, domestic purposes and other amenities.

Contribution of irrigation and drainage in providing jobs and livelihood has often been undervalued. Irrigation and Drainage facing the investment crunch has to seize upon the opportunity to bring forward these indirect benefits that are often ignored in any economic benefit cost assessment. I appeal to the National Committees to start this campaign of bringing awareness about the livelihood opportunities provided by irrigation and drainage systems, among all stakeholders, planners and policy makers during the year starting with the World Water Day on 22nd March 2016.

The process of bringing forth the role of irrigation and drainage in addressing the challenges of sustainable food production in a world with increasing population and limited natural resources would continue to be taken up in the run up to and at the 2nd World Irrigation Forum (WIF2) scheduled from 6-8 November 2016 in Chiang Mai,

Thailand. International Steering Committee for the WIF2 took a review of the preparation for the Forum which are well on their way. The Call for Papers on various sub-themes is closing by the end of this month. I encourage our patrons to share their experiences by contributing papers to the Forum. Apart from discussions on theme and sub-themes, stakeholders will have the opportunity to showcase their activities through Side Events. FAO, ADB, IWMI, UNESCO-IHE, The Water for Food Institute, and many other International partners are taking keen interest in the Forum and are expected to organize these side events and presenting various perspectives on irrigation and drainage. We expect more than 1500 participants for WIF2.

A ministerial Roundtable is also scheduled wherein ministers associated with agriculture water management from more than 20 countries are expected to participate and deliberate on the mechanism to support member countries in meeting the related targets under various SDGs. National Committees have been invited to seek participation of their policy makers and Ministers in the Forum and Ministers Roundtable.

International Exhibition organized along with WIF2 in the sprawling Chiang Mai International Convention and Exhibition Center (CMICE) in the beautiful city of Chiang Mai is slated to be the most technologically advanced show of Irrigation and Drainage technology. At the same time it is expected to showcase lessons in sustainable irrigation development by revisiting the history of irrigation from around the world. Soon National Committees would be invited to join this poster display of History of Irrigation and Drainage in their respective countries.

Capacity development activities are in full swing and the Training on "On-farm Water Use and Management" is well on its way to be organized in Cairo from April 17-25, 2016. Twenty Young Professionals from Africa have been selected for scholarship to attend not only the Workshop but also the 4th African Regional Conference that will follow. The Workshop is being hosted by Regional Centre for Training and Water Studies, Egypt. Efforts are on to develop partnerships with other regional institutions of repute such as Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT-R), India and others to collaborate in future training activities.

To engage Young Professionals in ICID activities an ICID Young Professional e-Forum (IYPeF) is being started as a separate LinkedIn Group. Budding professionals who have been associated with ICID activities recently would be sent an invitation shortly to join IYPeF soon. IYPeF will be open to all professionals below the age of 40 years interested in agriculture water management. More information covered in this issue at page 5.

I hope that the NEWS Updates, we are bringing out to you every month are useful to you in your professional activities. Please let us know how you would like us to serve you better. Your feedback will help us to improve the quality.

With best regards,

Avinash C. Tyagi
Secretary General

Water and Jobs



Irrigated agriculture is one of the major contributors of Jobs in rural settings. Irrigation systems play an important role in generating jobs not only in agriculture but also in industries based on multiple use of water supplied through Irrigation Systems. World Water Day held annually on 22 March is one of UN-Water's campaign which aims to inform, engage and inspire

actions. World Water Day serves as a means to focus attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

This year, the theme of the World Water Day 2016 is "Water and Jobs". World Water Day shows how enough quantity and quality of water can change workers lives and livelihoods and even transform societies and economies. The United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR) 2016 titled "Water and Jobs" will be launched during the World Water Day celebrations on 22 March. The report will contain the latest findings, facts and

figures. For more information, please visit at <http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday>

All National Committees are requested to promote this activity at their end by organizing seminars/workshops and send a brief write up with a good quality photograph to ICID Central Office. It provides an opportunity for the Irrigation sector to highlight the often overlooked aspect of creation of jobs through irrigation systems. The activities will be given due coverage in subsequent News Updates and also included in the Annual Report of ICID.

Call for Papers
HURRY!! The last dates are
fast approaching

The last date for submission of Extended Abstracts for 2nd World Irrigation Forum (WIF2) is fast approaching. WE solicit all stakeholders to submit papers and participate in this unique event. **SPECIAL attention of Young Professionals** is drawn to the fact that the Scholarships provided by ICID to attend the WIF2 will be given to only those professionals below 40 years whose papers would be accepted for inclusion in the Forum.

WIF2, together with 67th International Executive Council (IEC) Meeting will be held during 6-12 November 2016 at the beautiful Chiang Mai, Thailand, hosted by Thai National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (THAICID). The main theme and sub-themes of WIF2 are as follows:

Theme: Water management in a changing World: Role of Irrigation in Sustainable Food Production

Sub-theme 1. Key issues of irrigation and drainage in balancing water, food, energy and ecology

Sub-theme 2. Management of climatic extremes with focus on floods and droughts

Sub-theme 3. Key and smart actions to alleviate hunger and poverty through irrigation and drainage

Schedule for submission of abstracts/full papers:

- i. Submission of extended abstracts (max. 500 words) — **28 February 2016**
- ii Notification of acceptance — **15 April 2016**
- iii Submission of paper — **15 June 2016**
- iv Notification to author, as regards oral/poster presentation — **15 August 2016**

Schedule for submission for the Short Communications:

- i. Submission of the 4-page long short communication(s) — **15 April 2016**
- ii Notification of acceptance — **15 June 2016**
- iii Notification to author, as regards oral / poster presentation — **15 August 2016**

Guidelines for online paper submission

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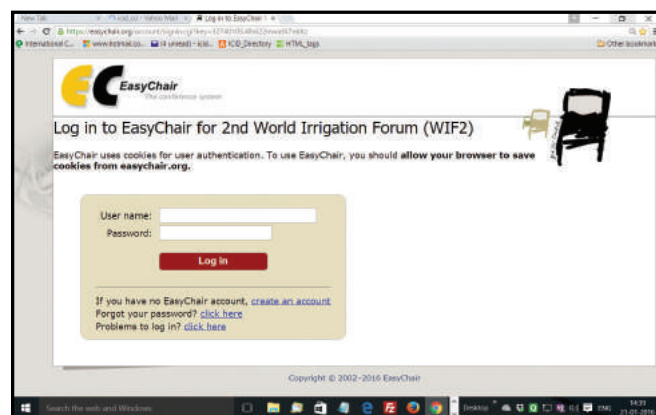
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- Step 1:** Prepare 'Extended Abstracts'
- Step 2:** Log in to the EasyChair account (<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=fwif2016>)
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Step 5: Account created, screen appears with a link to 'WIF2'

Online Extended Abstract submission is now open at: <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=fwif2016>

Please note that only the **Extended Abstracts** of the papers are required in first stage of submission to enable peer review by an international review team. **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT THE FULL PAPERS AT THIS STAGE** as they would not be reviewed.

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International Exhibition

An International Exhibition will be an important part of the 2nd World Irrigation Forum. It will provide opportunity to manufacturers of various equipment and contractors in displaying their capabilities and reaching out to various stakeholders including more than 1000 delegates to WIF2. Hundreds of Thai farmers and students from all the major universities will be visiting the Exhibition.

An area of more than 5000 sq m would be made available. Apart from showcasing the modern technology and equipment's, the Exhibition will also have the Theme "Learning from the History of Irrigation and Drainage" where the Royal Initiative Projects from Thailand along with the historical developments and lessons from Iran, China, India and Egypt would be displayed. For Government, Academic, NGO & Institutes from within Thailand and abroad will be invited. More than

50 booths will be made available for Companies, Entrepreneurs, Contractors and Consultants In addition there will be booths that would display the agricultural products from the region. In addition, there will be Stage Activities where the exhibitors would have the opportunity to **"Have Your Say"**.

The **"Invitation for International Exhibition"** will be issued shortly.

Ministerial Roundtable

A Ministerial Roundtable is being organized during the Second World Irrigation Forum in the backdrop of strategic importance of agriculture for food security and sustainable development and the recognition of rural transformation as a powerful engine for sustainable development in all aspects.

National Committees are requested to impress upon their concerned ministers to participate in this important meeting. Separate communication is being addressed to the National Committees in this regard.

The main objective of the Ministerial

Roundtable is to “set up a mechanism for supporting countries in achieving the SDGs and the targets associated with rural transformation through sound agriculture water management” and explore the possibility of setting up ‘Partnership for Agriculture Water Management (AWM)’ of policy makers from ICID member countries which would give access to the sustainable development fund and other financial resources available through various mechanisms to support SDGs implementation.

The Roundtable will deliberate upon the Targets that are expected to be finalized in March 2016’ to achieve

the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on 25 September 2015. The policy makers of ICID member countries who are invited to the Ministerial Roundtable will also deliberate upon the Ministerial Statement to be adopted by the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2016 which is mandated to conduct national reviews and thematic reviews of the implementation of the Agenda, with inputs from other intergovernmental bodies and forums, relevant UN entities, regional processes, major groups and other stakeholders.



2nd Meeting of the International Steering Committee (ISC)

The 2nd Meeting of the International Steering Committee (ISC) established for 2nd World Irrigation Forum (WF2) held its meetings at Chiang Mai - Bangkok, Thailand, 11-12 February 2016. The meetings were attended by Dr. Saeed Nairizi, President, ICID (Co-Chair); Mr. Suthep Noipairoj, Chairman, THAICID (Co-Chair); among others. ISC members visited the Chiang Mai International Exhibition and Convention Centre (CMECC), Chiang Mai, Thailand, to see the available facilities at the venue and decide on the required features for WIF2.

SG shared the background and objectives of WIF and shared experiences from

organization of WIF1 in order to bring all the members of the National Organizing Committee (NOC) NC at the same level of understanding for the smooth and successful organization of WIF2. Various Working Groups established by the Host National Committee such as Technical Matters, Security, Reception and Transportation, Information Technology etc. made brief presentations on the facilities available and the arrangements already made. The points included for discussion were: Logistic arrangements including venue, transportation, hotel accommodation; Update on technical matters; Coordination with international partners; Ministerial Roundtable;



Members of ISC for WIF2

Technical tours; Involvement of young professionals; International Exhibition; Publicity and Public Relations, etc.



2nd World Irrigation and Drainage Prize 2016

Call for Nominations

ICID invites nominations for the 2nd ‘World Irrigation and Drainage Prize 2016’ (WID Prize) instituted to recognize the contributions made by an individual or an institution promoting sustainable irrigation and enhanced agriculture production around the world.

The World Irrigation Drainage Prize, a unique award instituted by ICID, is awarded to recognize the work of dedicated professionals and institutions who have actively contributed to the development of irrigation and drainage during the past 15 years. The award is conferred upon an individual, a group of individuals or an institution without any discrimination whatsoever on the

grounds of nationality, religion, race, gender, age or political belief. The Prize that includes a cash award of US\$10,000 and a ‘Citation Plaque’ will be awarded during the 2nd World Irrigation Forum (WIF2) scheduled from 6-8 November 2016 at Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Nominations are invited for the 2nd WID Prize from National Committees of ICID; Governments of ICID Member countries; International organizations and Nongovernmental organizations / institution maintaining formal relations with ICID, especially those concerned with Irrigation and Drainage. Nominations must be submitted latest by 30 June 2016. The candidates nominated for this prize shall have made exceptionally significant contribution through innovations in

the field of irrigation and drainage by way of (a) research, (b) management, (c) technical services, (d) advocacy, (e) operationalization of innovations and (f) sensitization of decision makers and public; resulting in increased agriculture production, at national, regional and/or international level.

The prize winner(s) would be encouraged to give an acceptance speech/lecture on the subject relevant to the work for which the Prize is awarded. More information, including the detailed procedure for nomination and other conditions and criterion for awarding the Prize can be accessed at http://www.icid.org/wid_sel_proc_n_criteria.pdf



Capacity Development and Awareness Raising in Agriculture Water Management: Developing partnerships

Lack of adequate capacity and right skills are recognized as one of major issue facing the water resources sector. As a sequel of establishing the Working Group on Capacity Development Training and Education, ICID is exploring the partnership with various regional institutions engaged in agriculture water management in different parts of the world. While the first Training Workshop for professionals from Africa is being organized in partnership with the Regional Secretary General visited the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok and Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT-R) during the preceding month.



Secretary General Er. Avinash Tyagi with President Dr Worsok Kanok-Nukulchai and Dr Mukand Babel

Secretary General Avinash Tyagi and Executive Director Harish Kumar Varma, visited Indian Institute of Roorkee (IITR), Roorkee, India on 13 January 2016 and held discussions with the officials of National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Department of Water Resource Development & Management (DWRDM) and Department of Hydrology (DoH) of IITR. The discussions centered on opportunities for organizing training courses for middle-level professionals and need for raising awareness of public at large regarding challenges and issues related to water resources sector. Secretary General Anivash Tyagi also delivered a lecture on “Sustainable Development Goals – Role of Irrigation and Drainage” under the aegis of Indian Water Resources Society (IWRS) and shared his views with the participants.

DWRDM and DoH offered their services to support ICID’s

capacity development initiative of middle-level professionals working in the fields related to agriculture water management as IITR has adequate expertise and facilities for organizing courses even for international participants. Both DWRDM and DoH also agreed to consider taking up studies and research in the topics of interest to ICID through their students pursuing masters and doctorate level program.

In addition to lack of capacity development, it also emerged during discussions with NIH, DWRDM and DoH that public awareness on water related issues are missing and ICID, as an international organization, should take a lead to address these issues and development of simple e-learning modules were identified as one of the options.

Secretary General also visited the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok and met the President Dr Worsok Kanok-Nukulchai along with Dr Mukand Babel, Professor Water Engineering and Management. AIT agreed to be one of the Technical Partners in WIF2 and Dr Mukand Babel is member of the International Technical Advisory Committee. The possibility of AIT organizing certain courses jointly with ICID was discussed. AIT was encouraged to encourage their students to present papers for WIF2 and encourage them to participate in the Forum. The possibility of organizing a side event presenting the climate change impact studies in Thailand was also decided to be explored.

Collaborations between ICID and RIMES

Secretary General visited the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES) office while paying a visit to Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). The Mission of the RIMES is to enhance the capacity building and providing actionable warning information towards forearmed, forewarned and resilient communities.

RIMES, an international and intergovernmental institution, owned and managed by its Member States, provides regional early warning services based on climate prediction and builds capacity in its Member States (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Comoros, India, La PDR, Maldives, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste) in the end-to-end early warning of tsunami and hydro-meteorological hazards such as floods



Secretary General Er. Avinash Tyagi with Dr. A.R. Subbiah, Director, and Dr. G. Srinivasan, Chief Scientist

and droughts. It works closely with the farmers in the countries to make early warnings of floods and drought hazards and help them take preventive actions and reduce the risk to their crops. RIMES operates from its regional early warning center located at the campus of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand.

Secretary General Avinash Tyagi met the RIMES team members during his visit to Thailand on 10 February 2016 and discussed the potential areas of cooperation between the two organizations. After detailed discussion, it was decided to organize a special Side Event during the 2nd World Irrigation Forum (WIF2) to help farmers in understand the early warning system and its advantages. For more information, please access www.rimes.int



Regional Conference Drainage (ARCID) will be hosted by Egyptian Ministry of Irrigation and Drainage from **26-28 April 2016** in Egypt. The main theme of the Conference is "Agricultural Land and Water Management for Sustainability under Climate Variability".

Three keynote speeches by eminent experts will be delivered, which includes His Excellency Eng. Wassfi Hassan El-Sreihin, Secretary General, African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO). A tailor made training program on "**On-Farm water use and management**" is also arranged for participants in association with Regional Center for Training and Water Studies (RCTWS), Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt.

The Second announcement (http://www.encid.org.eg/arcid/e2nd_ann.pdf) of the 4th ARCID has been already been issued and widely circulated amongst ICID National Committees and International Organizations.

Avail the '**Early Bird**' registration for the 4th African Regional Conference is now open up to **1st March 2016**. Please register www.encid.org.eg/arcid/registration_form.docx for the Conference.

ICID is organizing a Training on "On-farm Water Use and Management" just prior to the 4th ARC from 17-25 April in Cairo and providing sponsorship to 20 young professionals from African countries in cooperation with Asia Africa Rural Development Organization (AARDO), the Korean National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (KCID) and



the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of China.

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WatSave Awards 2016

Call for Nominations

Nominations are invited for the 'WatSave Awards 2016' from individuals/team through National Committees/Committee latest by **30 June 2016**. The WatSave Awards are given in four categories: (i) Technology; (ii) Innovative Water Management; (iii) Young Professional; and (iv) Farmers.

The award(s) is/are presented to an individual or a team for an innovation that contributes to water conservation / water saving for increasing the beneficial and/ or efficient use of water to develop and improve the sustainable use of the critical resource.

The nominations are routed through the National Committee (NC) in order to receive only one nomination per category per country after an initial scanning of the nominations for a sequential ordering based on merit and recommending only one. ICID member country can also support one nomination from a non-member country.

NC can nominate newly developed works of previous WatSave Award winners provided it is for a different innovation. The nomination could come on behalf of an individual or a team of named individuals, but not from an organization itself. An entry or innovation once rejected for the WatSave award by ICID should not be re-nominated, even

under a different category.

In order for the Jury to adjudicate the awards, which are highly dependent on the actual application of the technology in the field, the nominating National Committee/ Committee has to play a crucial role since members of the Jury will often not have detailed firsthand knowledge of the situation in a particular country, and thus would not be in a position to judge the realism of individual submissions.

NCs should undertake initial screening of the nominations, through a broad based National Screening Committee for WatSave Awards against the criterion laid down in this Scheme, and in the process recommending them, authenticating the research, the application cited in the nominated work and ensure that the nomination is for the original work carried out by the authors.

The awards will be presented at the 67th International Executive Council (IEC) meeting scheduled to be held during November 2016 at Chiang Mai, Thailand. The last date for receipt of the entries from NCs along with a completed 'Nomination Form' etc. to the ICID Central Office, New Delhi is **30 June 2016**. For more information, please visit http://www.icid.org/ws_scheme.pdf



ICID Young Professionals e-Forum

In order to throw open ICID platform to all the Young Professionals interested in Agriculture Water Management issues, an ICID Young Professional e-Forum (**IYPeF**) as a new LinkedIn group (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6990321>) has been established.

IYPeF will link you to the young irrigation and drainage professionals around the world for a meaning full and coordinated discussions on issues of interest to Young Professionals. It will also serve as a platform for all information related to young professionals, the training opportunities, selected openings, availability of scholarships not only from ICID but also from its partner institutions. Active Members of the Group will compete and avail such opportunities.

IYPeF will not only be virtual meeting place but also a platform that would serve as a stepping stone into annual events of ICID that would provide opportunities to the budding professionals for interacting with the best professionals in irrigation and drainage sector, present papers, avail latest information and join technical working groups.

All past members of the Young Professional Forum are cordially invited to join **IYPeF**. Of course the e-Forum is open to all but the entry is monitored by the administrator. More details would be made available on ICID website soon.

Sustainable Management of Water Resources for Agriculture and Food Security

India-Africa Agribusiness Forum

A three-day Asia Pacific Agricultural Policy (APAP) Roundtable meeting on the theme “Sustainable Management of Water Resources for Agriculture and Food Security” will be held during 20-22 April 2016 at Renmin University of China, Beijing, China.

The objective of the Roundtable is to discuss the critical water issues related to agriculture and food production and identify appropriate modalities to ensure that the regional policymakers:

- (i) Recognize the complexity and diversity of water resource management in agriculture, in the context of varying regional and national water resource supply and demand balances;
- (ii) Strengthen institutions and property rights for water management in agriculture;
- (iii) Ensure charges for water supplied to agriculture at least reflect full supply costs;
- (iv) Improve policy integration and coherence between agriculture,

water, energy and forest policies within the framework for comprehensive environmental policies to face climate change in agriculture;

- (v) Enhance water resource management and adaptation to face climate change impact on agriculture; and
- (vi) Address knowledge and information deficiencies to better guide participatory integrated management and promotion of public private partnership for sustainable management of water resources for agriculture.

In addition, FAO-KRC Regional Inter-Sectoral Policy Dialogue on Forests for Water, Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security will also be held on 21 April 2016. For further details please contact Ms. Hanna (Hyun Jeong) Kim, Assistant Manager, Deptt of International Cooperation, Korea FAO Association, E-mail: hjkim@fao.or.kr and Website : www.fao.or.kr

To tap the tremendous business opportunities between Asia and Africa in the agriculture, agribusiness and food-processing sectors, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Government of India joined hands to organize an ‘India-Africa Agribusiness Forum’ from 10-11 February 2016 at New Delhi, India.



The Forum witnessed participation of industry leaders, decision makers, Agriculture Ministers’ and important stakeholders from India & Africa across the entire spectrum of agriculture and related sectors including inputs, farm machinery, processing, packaging etc. to promote trade, investment and technology transfers. This Forum was a follow up to the Third India-Africa Forum Summit held in New Delhi earlier from 26-29 October 2015 which brought 41 African heads of state and government and representatives to India.

The 2 day international business forum had the sector experts and business leaders from across Africa and India for an action oriented agenda to unlock the potential that both India and Africa have for engaging in this sector. Countries participated includes: Benin, Togo, Seychelles, Malawi, Gabon, Togo, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda, Liberia, Cote d’Ivoire, DRC, Mauritania, Swaziland, Rwanda, Benin, Namibia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, & Senegal.

Key Themes included Commercial farming: Logistical infrastructure development & management, role of mechanization, transforming extension services, Innovative financing for catalyzing and sustaining growth, Resource use efficiency and Research and Development, among others.

Short Course on Water Security

The University of East Anglia (UEA) will be organizing a Short Course on ‘Water Security for Policy Makers and Practitioners’ during 20-24 June 2016 at Norwich, UK. The Course is designed for entry and mid-level water and development policy-makers and professionals in government, donor agencies, NGOs or implementation agencies, environmental journalists, consultations and activists wishing to take their knowledge of climate change further.

The course will provide policy-makers and professionals with comprehensive background knowledge relevant to the increasingly important policy challenge of ‘water security’. The course will explore how the multiple levels of water security – human, community, state, international and global – require broad but considered policy inputs.

Participants are expected to acquire a wide variety of tools and analytical framework from a variety of disciplines. Participants can expect that they will leave the course with an ability to critically assess and address current water security policy, gain an appreciation of the relations between water security and energy, climate, food, human or national security and have extended their networks and resource bases. Please access <https://www.uea.ac.uk/international-development/dev-co/professional-training/water-security> for more information.

Data and Sustainability

The 16th Irish National Hydrology Conference on the theme “Data and Sustainability” was jointly organized by Irish National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IRCID) and the International Hydro-logical Program (IHP) on 17 November 2015 at Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone. Co. Westmeath, Ireland. The theme of the Conference covered a wide range of issues related to hydrology such as, (a) Hydrological Data Acquisition, (b) Flood Risk Management, (c) Statistical Hydrology; and (d) Hydrology and Environmental Sustainability. More than 130 participants attended the conference.

The ‘Opening Ceremony’ was made by Dr. Oliver Nicholson, Chairman of Irish National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IRCID). Dr. Nicholson launched the IHP/ICID Ireland PhD Travel Grant Scheme, assisted the PhD Students to travel abroad and present their research on an international platform.

A total number of 9 papers from Ireland, Portugal, Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom, were presented for oral presentation, in which 8 papers were also presented for poster presentation. Please access www.opw.ie/hydrology for more information.

Vice President Ian Makin visits PANCID

Vice President Ian Makin and Chair of ICID's Working Group on Modernization and Revitalization of Irrigation Schemes (WG-M&R) and European Regional Working Group (ERWG) visited Pakistan from 29th November to 04th December 2015 and met the Pakistan National Committee of ICID (PANCID) officials. PANCID team consists of Mr. Javeed Bokhary, President/Chairman and Mr. Asjad Imtiaz Ali, Secretary of PANCID and they discussed various issues related to PANCID including membership of WG-M&R, active participation of PANCID in 2nd World Irrigation Forum (WIF2), Young Professional's Forum (YPF) and ICID Vision 2030.



Mr. Ali briefed VP Ian Makin on the status and vision for water in general and irrigation in particular in Pakistan. He highlighted the critical importance of irrigated agriculture to the national economy and the drive to eradicate

poverty. He also briefed about the 4th National Flood Plan finalized for seeking financial support to address the challenges of repeated flood events and climate change. Mr. Imtiaz Ali suggested that Pakistan would establish a shared "big picture" plan for the future of management of water management to guide investment decisions in the face of increasing scarcity and variability. VP Ian Makin and PANCID officials discussed the active participation of PANCID in the WG-M&R and agreed to strengthen with contributions at large scale in water management.

News from ICID National Committees

IACID (Australia)

A three-day Irrigation 2016 Irrigation Australia International Conference and Exhibition will be held from **24-26 May 2016** at the Melbourne Convention &



Exhibition Centre, Victoria, Australia. The main theme of the Conference is "Irrigation - For prosperity and wellbeing" and six sub-themes are: (i) Urban, (ii) Irrigation Scheme; (iii) Fishways; (iv) New Technology; (v) Supply Channels; and (vi) Water Sources are covered in the conference. The Conference will address the latest issues in irrigation and water management including, Agricultural irrigation, green walls, sports turfs and ovals/golf, intensive Horticulture, turf farms, irrigation technology, soil management, climate issues etc. Please visit Conference website <http://irrigationaustralia.com.au/conference/> for more information.

BANCID (Bangladesh)

Mr. Md. Masud Ahmed (Bangladesh) has taken over as new Director-General of Bangladesh Water Development Board

(BWDB) and Chairman of Bangladesh National Committee of ICID (BANCID). His contact coordinates are:

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ICID fraternity extends its warm welcome to Mr. Md. Masud Ahmed and expresses its appreciation to Mr. Md. Abdul Latif Mia, former Director-General of BWDB and Chairman of BANCID for his valuable contributions to ICID.

AFEID (France)

New President

Mr. Jean-Yves Grosclaude (France) has taken over as new President of French National Committee/ Association Française pour l'Etude des Irrigations et du Drainage (AFEID). His contact coordinates are:

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ICID fraternity extends a warm welcome to Mr. Jean-Yves Grosclaude and expresses its appreciation to outgoing President of Mr. François BRELLE for his valuable contributions to ICID.

INCSW (India)

Er. G.S. Jha (India) has taken over as new Chairman of Indian National Committee on Surface Water (INCSW) and Central Water Commission (CWC) under the Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India. Contact details of Er. Jha are:

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ICID fraternity extends its warm welcome to the new team and expresses its thanks to former President and Secretary of CH-AGRAM for their valuable contributions to ICID.

Forthcoming Events

ICID Events

4th African Regional Conference, 26 to 28 April 2016 at Cairo, Aswan City, Egypt. The main theme of the Conference is "Agricultural Land and Water Management for Sustainability under Climate Variability". Please access Conference website www.encid.org.eg for more information.

2nd World Irrigation Forum (WIF2) and 67th IEC, 6-12 November 2016, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Theme: Water management in a changing world: Role of Irrigation for sustainable food production. Contact: Dr. Somkiat Prajamwong, Secretary General of THAICID, (Director of Project Management, Royal Irrigation Department), Thai National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (THAICID), E-mail: thaicid@hotmail.com; Website: <http://www.worldirrigationforum.net>

13th International Drainage Workshop (IDW), 4-7 March 2017, Ahwaz City, Iran. Theme: Drainage and Environmental Sustainability. Contact: Dr. S.A. Assadollahi, Secretary General,

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23rd ICID Congress and 68th IEC, 8-14 October 2017, Mexico City, Mexico. Theme of the Congress: Modernizing Irrigation and Drainage for a new Green Revolution. Contact: Dr. Luis Rendón Pimentel, President, Mexican National Committee of International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (MXCID), E-mail: info@icid2017.org; info@mxcid.org; Website: www.icid2017.org

Other Events

International Workshop on Multiple Use Water Systems (MUS) for Climate Resilience: A Socio - Technical Approach for Improved Community Water Governance, 23-26 February 2016 at Kathmandu, Nepal. For details, visit <http://www.irwash.org/>

ASIA 2016: Water Resources and Hydropower Development in Asia, 1-6 March 2016, Vientiane, Lao

PDR. For details, visit http://www.hydropower-dams.com/ASIA%202016.php?c_id=303

International Convention on Agricultural Engineering 2016, 22-25 March 2015, Las Dunas Hotel, Santa Maria Key, Villa Clara Province, Cuba. Please contact: Dr. C. Aymara Garcia Lópaz, Email: directorainvest@iagric.cu

India Water Week (IWW), 4-8 April 2016 on the theme "Water for all: Striving together" at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India. For details, visit <http://www.indiawaterweek.in/>

2016 Water for Food Global Conference titled "Catalytic Collaborations: Public Private Partnerships and Food Security", 24-26 April 2016 at Nebraska Innovation Campus, Lincoln, Nebraska. For details, visit <http://waterforfood.nebraska.edu/wff2016/>

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