

News Update



Water Secure World Free of Poverty and Hunger through Sustainable Rural Development

International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage

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From Secretary General's Desk...



Dear Colleagues,

Unfortunately, this message has to begin with a sad note that our Vice President Hon. Dr. Brane Ivan Maticic is no more among us. However, we can be sure that his tireless contributions to the professional field of irrigation and drainage through ICID over several years will continue to guide us towards a path of sustainable water use in agriculture, a very prominent

overarching theme in the upcoming World Water Forum 8 (WWF8) at Brasilia, Brazil this month.

ICID members and partners are all geared up for an active participation in various technical and thematic sessions of WWF8. Frequent incidences of water scarcity are raising awareness not only about an urgent need for water accounting for better management of this finite and increasingly unpredictable resource in both spatial and temporal dimensions, but also on several other related issues such as role of technology for efficiency, resource conservation, multi-stakeholder dialogues, and so on. Cape Town scare has already rung the alarming bells and just glancing through digital media confirms that Cape Town may not be alone. Let us hope WWF8 raises the pitch and results in more action at the ground globally.

I would again like to highlight the special WWC-ICID session on Water Systems Heritage in which the three recognized systems will be given Citation Plaques and Certificates. Such systems reflect ancient water wisdom around us and there are uncountable examples around the world that we would like to recognize and share among all the stakeholders. So, I urge all the NCs to look around and nominate these hidden treasures of water knowledge.

On a parting note, all I would like to say is that both ICID President and myself eagerly look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Brazil.

Best Wishes

Ashwin B. Pandya
Secretary General

ICID at 8th World Water Forum 2018, 18-23 March 2018, Brasilia, Brazil

At the forthcoming 8th World Water Forum to be held in Brasilia, Brazil from 18-23 March 2018, ICID will be represented by President Felix B. Reinders and Secretary General A.B. Pandya. The world's biggest water-related event, organized by the World Water Council (WWC), will witness participation from all stakeholders including water sector experts, decision makers, businesses, and civil society to collectively determine future actions in the quest to raise awareness and catalyze change for the world's most critical water challenges. Held in the southern hemisphere for the first time, the over-arching theme of "Sharing Water" will inform thematic, regional and political processes, underscored by sustainability and citizen's participation.

The Thematic Process that organizes discussions and debates on a variety

of themes relating to water security challenges and lessons will witness ICID's involvement in various sessions linked to "Water for Food Security" under the theme 'Development-Water for Sustainable Development'. Presented in a nutshell are some of the sessions wherein ICID will participate. All are invited to attend these important sessions along with other side events.

- ❖ **Session 3.a.1:** Soil and Water Conservation Practices for Improved Food Production
- ❖ **Session 3.d.3:** Water-Use Efficiency and Sustainable Withdrawals: Coping with Water Scarcity
- ❖ **Session 3.e.3:** Universalization of Environmental Sanitation and Urban Drainage Master Plans
- ❖ **Special Session:** Multi-stakeholder Dialogue: Water-Energy-Food Nexus and SDGs Implementation

- ❖ **Session 5.C.2:** Farming and Ecosystem Services: Can farmers save rivers and still make a profit?

FAO has invited ICID President to be a panelist in a side event on Water Accounting during the Forum. At the event a White Paper will be presented on "Water accounting for water governance and sustainable development". The publication is the outcome of the WWC member initiative on Water Accounting to which ICID also contributed significantly.

WWC organizes the Forum, every three years, together with the respective host country and city. Till date, there have been seven editions of the World Water Forum, in different countries, on four different continents. For more info, kindly visit: <http://www.worldwaterforum8.org/en>



World Water System Heritage (WSH) Program

An exclusive event organized by ICID jointly with WWC is the World Water System Heritage (WSH) Program wherein selected Water Management Systems nominated under the program will be presented a Citation Plaque and Certificate on the opening day of the 8th World Water Forum on 19 March 2018 at WWC Pavilion. The International Committee (IC), based on the recommendations of an International Panel of six judges has approved to confer recognition

to the following three (out of a total of 8 nominations) as the World Water System Heritage:

- ❖ A Partnered Management and Restoration System of the Genbegawa Irrigation Canal (Japan)
- ❖ Sekikawa Suikei Land Improvement District and the Levy Reduction/Exemption System Applied to Kyakusui Area (Japan)

- ❖ Sheikh- Bahaei Water Allocation Scroll 1571-1629 (Iran)

ICID and the World Water Council (WWC) approved the World Water System Heritage (WSH) Program that aims at identifying and preserving the people-centred water management systems, organizations, regimes and rules as intangible water heritage considered to be of outstanding value to humanity and giving them recognition.



5th Kyoto World Water Grand Prize winner announced



The Japan Water Forum (JWF) and the World Water Council (WWC) are pleased to announce Charité Chrétienne pour Personnes en Détresse (CCPD - Christian Charity for People in Distress) from Togo as the winner of the 5th Kyoto World Water Grand Prize 2018.

Presented during the World Water Forum since 2003 and organized by

the JWF in association with the WWC, the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize honours grass-roots organizations of developing countries for their outstanding accomplishment in solving water issues which serve as a model for other grass-roots organizations.

The 5th edition received 144 applications from 46 countries. CCPD's winning initiative will be awarded a prize of 2,000,000 JPY (approx. USD 18,000) at the closing ceremony

of the 8th World Water Forum in Brazil. The organization based in Togo will be recognized for the work it has accomplished in empowering individuals and community groups to improve access to safe drinking water and sanitation through construction and refurbishment of drinking water and sanitation facilities, clean-up of sites, and the organization of awareness and educational campaigns and workshops.



NENCID gears up for 8th Asian Regional Conference 2018

The host Nepal National Committee of ICID (NENCID) is prepping hard for the forthcoming **8th Asian Regional Conference (ARC) to be held from 2-4 May 2018 in Kathmandu, Nepal**. The main theme of the conference is "Irrigation in Support of an Evergreen Revolution".

To feed the ever-increasing population, there is an urgent need to find ways to increase the productivity of irrigation to produce adequate food, fibre, and fuel to satiate the needs of tomorrow's population. The answer lies in "Evergreen Revolution." Since the majority of the population in Asia still lives in rural areas, it is likely that access to irrigation and drainage will continue to play a significant role to enable more resilient household income for farmers, especially the small holders and to find solutions for ensuring food security for the present and the future population in the Asian region.

The three-day conference will cover the following sub-themes:

- ❖ Enabling small holders' capacity to obviate farmers' distress
- ❖ Coping with recurring droughts and floods in the context of climate change
- ❖ Modernizing irrigation systems for better services
- ❖ Enabling Water Users Institutions (WUIs) for sustainability of irrigation systems
- ❖ Irrigation, ecosystem services, and aquatic biodiversity

The topics covered would address the challenges to increase agriculture productivity. Experts participating in the event from the region and beyond would be provided an opportunity to discuss and contribute to a new evergreen revolution. The conference will have 14 technical sessions with two plenaries, opening and closing sessions. Five symposiums related to sub-themes will be hosted by USAID, IWMI, ICIMOD, ICEWaRM, FMIST and

World Bank. Additionally, papers will be presented and discussions will be held on various aspects of the themes.

NENCID is also organizing a one-day training program on 1 May 2018 for young professionals working in irrigation sector to provide them an opportunity to engage, network and share experiences with the irrigation and drainage professionals during the event. The training program will cover two key areas- Basin Plan and Micro-Irrigation for improved land and water productivity.

The host National Committee website is now fully functional covering all aspects of the event. The second announcement can be downloaded from the official website.

For more info, kindly visit: <http://nencid.org.np/> or Contact Er. Bashu Dev Lohane, General Secretary, NENCID; Email: lohanibasua@yahoo.com



Bilateral India-Quebec Workshop on Climate Change

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and Government of Quebec, Canada recently organized a 'Bilateral India-Quebec workshop on Climate Change' on 15 February 2018 in New Delhi with the main objective to develop a bilateral research agreement between Quebec and India. The bilateral research agreement would cover an exchange of professors between the two countries for forging future collaborations and signing of a MoU.

The workshop was a closed group event with Scientists from Quebec inclusive of Government of Quebec Emissary on Climatic Change, CEO of Ouranos Consortium and Canada Research Chair in Regional Climate Modeling among others. A similar number of Indian Scientists also participated in the event. The idea was to invoke debate and conduct deliberations in the area of climate change and environment. The workshop also aimed to bring out the actions required for fulfilling the commitment for the creation and sustenance of a sustainable global society.

The Inaugural Session began with a formal welcome of all participants by Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute. It was followed by an overview of the workshop by Dr.



Maryse Lassonde, Scientific Director, FRQNT, Government of Quebec Research Agency in Natural Sciences and Engineering. The session was succeeded by several presentations from both India and Quebec.

President (Hon.) Prof. Chandra Madramootoo (McGill University, Canada) gave a presentation on 'Water Savings Technologies to Achieve Food Security' and an overview of agricultural water management in the context of climate change. He mentioned about his long involvement with ICID and emphasized on the widespread concerns regarding water scarcity and its impact on future food security. PH Chandra Madramootoo highlighted that the present focus has shifted on water saving technologies in

the agriculture sector that uses more than 70% of the available freshwater and using technologies coupled with better water management are part of the approaches to climate-smart agriculture.

Dr. Sahdev Singh, Director (Knowledge Management) represented ICID and spoke about the activities of the organization as a professional network spread over 70 countries to address wide-ranging issues related to water-food-energy nexus from both policy and technology perspectives. He later invited the participants to be a part of the 69th International Executive Council (IEC) Meeting and International Conference to be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada in August 2018.



Dr. Monika Weber-Fahr appointed as New Executive Secretary, GWP



The Global Water Partnership (GWP) Steering Committee announced the appointment of Dr. Monika Weber-Fahr as the new GWP Executive Secretary w.e.f 7 May 2018. Dr. Weber-Fahr joins GWP after more than 20 years in the development field, with diverse experiences in creating and sharing

knowledge across global networks and communities.

With a background as an economist, Dr. Weber-Fahr began working in development in 1994 with the World Bank. Building communities and partnerships around knowledge and collaboration became a passion that she pursued across multiple projects in areas related to sustainable development and the field of education. Most recently, Dr. Weber-Fahr worked as Chief Operating Officer at Sustainable Energy for ALL (SEforALL), an international NGO promoting access to clean, affordable, and modern energy, where she built organizational management structures

and supported day-to-day operations serving a broad network of public-private partnerships.

Dr. Weber-Fahr is passionate about GWP's unique local to global reach, noting the network's credible platform for changing the way water is managed. She holds the belief that there is an urgent need to bring new knowledge, data, and technologies to this critical task, with the centrality of water allowing everyone to connect with partners across all SDGs and the climate agreements. Dr. Weber-Fahr succeeds Dr. Rudolph Cleveringa, who is retiring.



Visitors to ICID Central Office

Visit by IACID delegation



Mr. Momir Vranes, Chair, Australian National Committee (IACID) visited the Central Office on 19 Feb 2018 and met Secretary General A.B Pandya and other ICID officials to discuss possible areas of cooperation between IACID and ICID. IACID expressed its willingness in establishing a Task Team (TT) to lead the activities of the Working Group (WG) on Rainwater Harvesting in Australia as part of ICID Vision 2030. The meeting discussed the steps involved in establishing the WG and finalizing the TT composition with cooperation from other NCs and later put it up for approval to the Management Board. The TT will then present the report to Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (PCTA) in the forthcoming 69th IEC meeting in Canada. IACID apprised about the preparations for the 24th ICID Congress to be held in Sydney, Australia in 2020 and the ongoing abstract review process for papers. IACID indicated their interest in nominating internationally renowned experts for young professionals' training in Nepal and China in the domain of Water Accounting and Performance Assessment of Irrigation Systems.

Meeting with Nebraska Water Center officials

Dr. Chittaranjan Ray, Director, Nebraska Water Center (U.S) visited the Central Office on 20 February 2018 along with Dr. Daniel D. Snow, Director of Laboratory Services, Nebraska Water Center, Mr. Jesse Stanta, University of Nebraska and Dr. Paromita Chakraborty, Associate Professor, SRM University, India. They had a

brief discussion with SG Pandya and other ICID officers seeking cooperation in areas of mutual interest that address water scarcity and food security. Wide-ranging discussions were held on Center-pivot irrigation (also called water-wheel and circle irrigation) and its popularity in Nebraska, which is the fifth largest irrigator in the world. Daugherty Water for Food Institute - University of Nebraska is keen to promote this technology in other countries where it may have potential benefits for higher water productivity. SG Pandya briefed the delegation about



ICID's ongoing activities including young professionals training, forthcoming regional and international ICID events and the upcoming 69th IEC meeting in Canada.



Meeting with President (Hon.) Dr. Chandra Madramootoo

PH Prof. Dr. Chandra Madramootoo was welcomed by Central Office staff on 21 Feb 2018. A staff meeting was held wherein former Secretary General Avinash C. Tyagi, Executive Director H.K Varma, Dr, Sahdev Singh, Director (Knowledge Management) and Dr. Vijay Labhsetwar,



Director (Technical) also participated. PH Madramootoo was informed about the ongoing activities pertaining to various working groups and latest initiatives taken by Central Office. A detailed discussion was held on intensifying the active participation of young professionals during e-discussions. PH Madramootoo suggested exploring possible areas of cooperation to facilitate Canadian young professionals' participation in the upcoming 69th IEC meeting in Canada and assured of his possible cooperation for organizing a successful meeting. Former SG Tyagi intimated regarding the ongoing preparations for the upcoming ICID events and possible opportunities to raise the profile of ICID during the events. In addition, views were exchanged on making agricultural water management a more viable option for the young professionals and generating their interest in the domain through various activities.



Stakeholder Consultation on Improving Irrigation Service Delivery in India

The World Bank in partnership with the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), Centre for Policy Research (CPR) and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) recently convened a multi-stakeholder consultation under the aegis of the National Hydrology Project on

'Improving Irrigation Services Delivery in India: Current state of affairs and potential interventions' on 15 February 2018 in New Delhi.

The aim of the workshop was to further sharpen the focus on what factors positively or adversely impact service delivery in India and generate a

widely shared approach to the problem through multi-stakeholder discussions with relevant members/institutions representing academia, civil society, government, engineers, industry, policy institutes and think-tanks.

The workshop was well-attended with numerous participants from State governments, research organizations and think tanks, academia, leading global independent consultants, etc. Secretary General A.B Pandya and Executive Director Harish Varma represented ICID in the workshop and pitched in as a panelist and session moderator respectively.

The workshop opened with introductions by Vivek Srivastava, Lead Public Sector Development Specialist, World Bank and Arunabha Ghosh, Chief Executive Officer, CEEW. The proceedings were organized in four sessions, namely (i) Measuring System

Performance (ii) O&M Financing in India (iii) Irrigation Institutions and (iv) Irrigation service delivery: Resilience or Inertia along with a panel discussion.

Each session began with a power point presentation explaining the context, prevalent low-level equilibriums and discussing the key questions stemming from the presentations. The participants shared their rich experiences and strategic inputs from across states and sectors to support their arguments. Additionally, they analyzed and examined international examples of successful service delivery arrangements and identified reform options that are technically and politically feasible in the Indian context.

The first session delved into systems performance by steering the conversation on boundaries where performance should be assessed and the indicators needed for doing so in

the context of major irrigation systems. This was followed by second session moderated by Er. Harish Varma that covered cost recovery, tariffs and ways to incentivise funding for O&M as well as management of WUAs. The third session focused on identifying key interventions required and associated needs for financing. SG Pandya as a panelist put forth his views on the advantages and disadvantages of separating construction and O&M agencies, need for independent regulation and dwelled on the role of WUAs' in irrigation service delivery. The final session addressed linkages between irrigation, power, agriculture and other sectors that impact service delivery. It deliberated the need and space for a change and identifying feasible solutions to the issues.



Virtual Meeting

The first virtual meeting (1/2018) of the Special Task Force to explore the feasibility of establishing an Independent Business Unit related to ICID Mission (STF-IBU) was held on 26 February 2018. The meeting was organized as a follow up to the decision during the 68th IEC meeting held in Mexico City on 14 October 2017. PH Dr. Saeed Nairizi chaired the meeting and was attended by VP Brian Wahlin and SG A.B Pandya as Member Secretary. Er. H. K. Varma (Executive Director) and Dr. Sahdev Singh (Dir-KM) participated as invitees. Chairman Nairizi welcomed and greeted all those present in the meeting. SG Pandya briefed about the



proposed ICID Business Unit (IBU), its feasibility, legal issues, seed capital and operating funds, and possible areas of its activities. The meeting aimed to take into consideration the need for resource mobilization in order to implement strategies, programs, and activities

as per the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030. It was decided that ICID needs to adopt more entrepreneurial routes to generate income by establishing business so as to maintain and augment its present level of activities and engagements for the benefit of irrigation and drainage professionals. It was suggested that the proposed IBU should be accommodated at the Central Office as much of the work will be done using ICTs and online meetings. The meeting concluded with the view that next step is legal vetting which should be followed by documentation of a general business plan.



Nexus 2018: Water, Food, Energy and Climate

The Water Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, US is hosting the Nexus conference addressing 'Water- Energy- Food and Climate through an Urban lens' from 16-18 April 2018. This will be the second Nexus Conference organized by the Water Institute. The "Nexus" approach is the one that focuses on overlaps across sectors while respecting sectoral expertise in order to make better plans by understanding interactions (Stockholm

Environment Institute, 2017). The first in 2014 made a significant input to the negotiations for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), through the Chapel Hill Declaration. A book from the main input to the conference is available online titled "The Water, Food, Energy and Climate Nexus: Challenges and an Agenda for Action."

The 2018 Nexus Conference will aim to provide inputs to the Ministerial

Declaration for the High-Level Political Forum and early inputs to the Heads of State review of the SDGs in 2019. It will offer a great place for governments, the UN and stakeholders to discuss the interlinkage agenda through wide-ranging sessions.

Registration is now open- <http://bit.ly/2oHNd8G>



IYPeF 2nd e-discussion: On-farm irrigation efficiency for small-scale farming

ICID Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF) has been taking the lead in organizing five e-discussions during the period Jan-May 2018 (mentioned below) with a specific focus on the theme "Innovative and Sustainable Agri-water Management: Adapting to a Variable and Changing Climate" for the forthcoming 69th IEC Meeting in Canada 2018.

Continuing the series of e-discussions, the second e-discussion was successfully held from 15 Feb-2 March 2018 on the topic "On-farm efficiency for small-scale farming" led by Mr. Rafat Nael (Iraq) as discussion coordinator. The objective of the discussion was to (a) Bring young professionals (YPs) in contact with the experts in the field;

(b) Expose YPs to new accounting terms and allow a clearer definition of the issues and options faced in irrigated agriculture; (c) Highlight the views of YPs in Irrigation and Drainage regarding on-farm irrigation systems and their efficiency in use; and (d) Discuss the issues of water productivity and water saving.

IYPeF E-discussions Schedule — January to May 2018			
No	Topic	IYPeF Coordinator	Schedule
1	On-farm efficiency for small scale farming	Mr. Rafat Nael	15 th February 2018
2	Policy Options for Enhancing Food Security	Ms. Adey Mersha	15 th March 2018
3	Climate Change Impacts on Irrigation & Drainage	Mr. M. Shoaib Saboory	15 th April 2018
4	Farmer led Innovation for water efficiency, shared global success stories	Ms. Kathleen Heuvel	15 th May 2018

To encourage the young professionals, President Felix Reinders contributed as a mentor with his vast experience on the subject matter. This supported and facilitated knowledge and information exchange amongst the young professionals on what constitutes "water use" or what is "Water-Use

Efficiency" as they actively participated with great interest and expressed their views on various aspects of the topic.

The detailed discussion can be accessed at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6990321>. The next e-discussion, the third in the series,

is on "Policy Options for Enhancing Food Security" scheduled from 15-31 March 2018 and will be led by Ms. Adey Mersha as discussion coordinator. YPs are requested to actively participate in these discussions and voice their views on the open online forum.



ICID invites Nominations for

WatSave Awards 2018

Nominations are invited for the 'WatSave Awards 2018' 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 must be aware of his/her work.

The awards will be presented during the 69th ICID Executive Council Meeting and International Conference from

12–17 August 2018 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. The deadline for receipt of the entries from the National Committees along with a completed 'Nomination Form' and related details to the ICID Central Office, New Delhi is 31 May 2018.

For more info, kindly visit - http://www.icid.org/awards_ws.html or <http://www.icid.org/>

Heritage Irrigation Structures (HIS) 2018

Nominations are invited from ICID National Committees for inclusion of "Heritage Irrigation Structures" (HIS) in the ICID Register that includes both old operational irrigation structures as well as those having an archival value. National Committee can also nominate more than one structure, using separate

nomination form for each. Associated Members and non-member countries can nominate their structures through the neighboring active national committees or by submitting directly to the ICID Central Office.

The fourth batch of the Heritage Irrigation Structures will be included in the ICID Register of Heritage Structures and will be presented a "Plaque", citing the salient features of the HIS during the 69th IEC meeting from 12–17 August 2018 in Saskatoon, Canada.

The last date for receipt of nomination to the ICID Central Office is 31 May 2018.

For more information about the criterion for selection procedure please visit: http://www.icid.org/his_award.html



Enroll Now!! – Short course on Water Security: Summer 2018

The School of International Development and Water Security Research Centre located at University of East Anglia (UEA), Norwich, UK is organizing a short summer course on Water Security to be held from 25-29 June 2018. The week-long course will critically reflect on the practical and theoretical facets of water security to develop a better foundation upon which to achieve developmental and environmental objectives.

The course is specially designed to introduce international development professionals to explore different interpretations of water security in an international and developing economy context. Professionals during the course duration will acquire a wide variety of tools and analytical frameworks from a variety of disciplines and an extended understanding of the key national and global issue i.e., Water. The course will

enable the professionals to critically assess and address current water security issues and policies and to gain an appreciation of the relations between water security and development, health, climate, food, and national security. The course will be delivered by a range of different academics currently researching in their related fields.

Find out more @ <http://bit.ly/1ltTTa0>

World Water Day 2018: Seeking solutions in Nature

World Water Day observed every year on 22 March is about focusing attention on the importance of water and taking action to tackle the impending water crisis. Today, 2.1 billion people live without safe drinking water at home; affecting their health, education, and livelihoods. The lack of clean water around the world, alongside the damaging effects of global warming, water pollution, and damaged water tables, is more important than ever to understand. The pinch is already being felt with Cape Town (South Africa) in severe grip of a drought widely regarded as the worst in recorded history – one that could see it become the first city in the world to run out of water and edge closer to “Day Zero” – when city taps will run dry.

This year’s theme – Nature for Water – explores nature-based solutions (NbS), i.e., how we can use nature to overcome the water challenges we face in the 21st century. Environmental damage, together with climate change, is driving the water-related crises we see around the world. When we

neglect our ecosystems, we make it harder to provide everyone with the water we need to survive and thrive. NbS have the potential to solve many of our water challenges. The central message is that NbS, such as planting trees to replenish forests, reconnecting rivers to floodplains, and restoring wetlands, is a sustainable and cost-effective way to help rebalance the water cycle, mitigate the effects of climate change and improve human health and livelihoods.

The World Water Day is coordinated by UN-Water in collaboration with governments and partners. Using the day as a basis for longer-term action, the UN aims to ensure that everyone in the world has access to safe water by 2030, while not harming the environment.

Water Facts: Do You Know?

- By 2050, the world’s population will have grown by an estimated 2 billion people and global water demand could be up to 30% higher than today.
- An estimated 1.8 billion people use

untreated source of drinking water with no protection against contamination from human faeces.

- Globally, over 80% of the wastewater generated by society flows back into the environment without being treated or reused.
- An estimated 64-71% of natural wetlands have been lost since 1900 as a result of human activity.

Want to Contribute?

Wherever you are and whatever you do on March 22, make it about nature and water.

Get inspired: Dive into great stories and immerse yourself in knowledge about water and nature

Make waves: Disseminate thought-provoking ideas to help get the message out there

Hold an event: Join the global community of people informing and inspiring those around them.

Full details and access to resources available @ <http://worldwaterday.org/>

Special Issue – Irrigation and Drainage, Volume 67.1

The ICID journal, Irrigation and Drainage is now available online with its latest Volume 67.1. The new volume published in February 2018 is a special issue with selected papers of the 2nd World Irrigation Forum and is FREE via Wiley online library for all ICID Office Bearers, Workbody members and subscribers.

Newly added features include:

- Papers available in easy to read PDF format
- Access to full text of all the articles as well as Tables of Contents and Abstracts published in Irrigation and Drainage since 2001
- Early View service display papers online as soon as they are accepted

for publication that are several months earlier than the papers published in print

- Sign up for FREE Wiley Alerts & receive the Table of Contents via email when published online.

For 2018 Wiley has provided each ICID Office Bearer, workbody member and subscriber a unique membership registration number. Your e-mail address is your username and you can choose your own password.

Click for direct access to the page with the papers of the current issue of Irrigation and Drainage @ [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1531-0361](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1531-0361)

HURRY!! Avail Early Bird Registration – Irrigation Australia Conference 2018

Early Bird Registrations are now open for Australia's premier irrigation event- Irrigation Australia International Conference and Exhibition (IAICE) to be held from 13-15 June 2018 at the International Convention Centre, Sydney. Take advantage of the Early Bird Rate

and save up to \$200 on conference passes. "Addressing the Big Issues" is the theme for the 2018 conference. The exhibition is free, however, registration is still required.

REGISTER NOW and be a part of the

3,500+ trade visitors and 300+ conference delegates who will gather to get a glimpse of the future of irrigation.

For Registration, kindly visit: <http://iaice.com.au/register/>



News Buzz: ICID National Committees

INCSW (India)

The Indian National Committee of ICID (INCSW) has kick-started its preparations for the upcoming 9th International Micro Irrigation Conference (IMIC) to be held from 16-18 January 2019 in Aurangabad, Maharashtra, India on the theme 'Micro Irrigation in Modern Agriculture.' INCSW website is now fully functional covering all aspects related to the event- registration, hotel accommodation, and program itinerary - at a glance. Abstracts are invited for online submission from all NCs and members. 9IMIC is excited to bring interesting and thought-provoking topics and speakers at the conference. All are requested to visit the link below to get a glimpse of the conference program, speakers and adjacent networking events giving you an opportunity to meet with

the entire value chain all under one roof, at one event.

For more info, kindly visit: www.micro-irrigation2019.com

IACID (Australia)

Irrigation Australia (IAL) welcomed a delegation of senior government irrigation officials from Nepal for a study tour in



February 2018. The tour, commencing in Sydney incorporated activities including discussions at the Western Sydney (Hawkesbury Campus) University and with Australian Water Partnerships in Canberra. In addition, the tour included a visit to the water recycling plant, center pivots, and water harvesting system, Snowy Hydro scheme and farms in the Bega Region. IAL has been taking the lead to offer and facilitate irrigation related study tours in Australia and also personalize the experience to suit the visiting country's main focus of interest.

IAL organizes irrigation conferences and exhibitions, training programs, etc. as part of their activities. All NCs are encouraged to avail this opportunity and participate in these activities.



OBITUARY

Late Vice President
Hon. Prof. Dr. Brane
Ivan Maticic, Slovenia
(1994-1997)



It is with deep regret we inform the sad demise of Vice President Hon. Dr. Brane Ivan Maticic on 5 February 2018. He was the Chairman of Slovenia National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (SLCID)/ Slovensko drustvo za namakanje in odvodnjo (SDNO). Prof. Dr. Brane Maticic was widely recognized by the international community for his contribution and dedication to ICID activities. ICID family offers its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and he will be deeply remembered by all of us. May his soul rest in eternal peace!

Events Corner

ICID Events

8th Asian Regional Conference on the theme 'Irrigation in Support of an Evergreen Revolution', 2-4 May 2018, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Contact: Mr. Bashu Dev Lohane, Secretary, Nepal National Committee, ICID (NENCID), Deputy Director General, Department of Irrigation; For more details- Email: lohanibasu@yahoo.com, irrigation@wlink.com.np or visit website: <http://nencid.org.np/>

69th International Executive Council Meeting & International Conference, 12-17 August 2018, Saskatoon, Canada. For more details visit: <http://www.icid2018.org/>; Brochure available at http://www.icid.org/brochure_69iec.pdf

9th International Micro Irrigation Conference (IMIC), 16-18 January 2019, Aurangabad, Maharashtra, India. For more info contact: Mr. Anuj Kanwal, Member Secretary, Indian National Committee on Surface Water (INCSW); Email: incswcw@gov.in; Website: www.micro-irrigation2019.com

70th IEC Meeting & 3rd World Irrigation Forum (WIF3), 1-7 September 2019, Bali, Indonesia.

Contact: Ir. Mohamad Hasan, President, Indonesian National Committee of ICID (INACID), Director General of Research and Development, Email: inacid_indonesia@gmail.com, secretariat@icid2019.org; Website: <http://www.icid2019.org>

71st IEC Meeting & 24th ICID Congress, 22-24 September 2020, Sydney, Australia.

Contact: Mr. Bryan Ward, Chief Executive Officer, Irrigation's Australia Limited (IAL) (Incorporating IACID), Email: Bryan.ward@irrigation.org.au; info@irrigation.org.au or visit website: <http://www.icid2020.com.au>

Other Events

Irrigation Australia International Conference and Exhibition, 13-15 June 2018 in Sydney, Australia. For details, visit <http://iaice.com.au/conference>

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