



## ICID's World Irrigation and Drainage Prize

### PROCEDURE, CONDITIONS AND CRITERION

#### 1. Objective and Scope

- 1.1 With the objective to promote sustainable irrigation and enhanced agriculture production to achieve food security around the world ICID has instituted the **World Irrigation and Drainage Prize** (WID Prize) and recognize the contributions made by an individual or an institution in the field of Irrigation and Drainage that have far reaching and wide impacts.
- 1.2 WID Prize is intended 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 ensuring increased agricultural production at national, regional and international level. The award will be 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.

#### 2. Amount and Periodicity of the Prize

- 2.1 The Prize which includes a cash award of US \$10,000 and a 'Citation Plaque' citing the meritorious achievements of the winner shall be awarded every three years during the triennial World Irrigation Forum starting from 2013. The Prize amount may be shared in exceptional circumstances between more than one winner, each of whom is considered to merit the Prize, and divided equally.
- 2.2 The Prize consisting of a sum of US \$10,000 and all expenses related thereto shall be funded by ICID from the contributions received from the Sponsors into a Trust Fund. The Sponsors may include National Committees of ICID, Direct Members, International Organisations, Research Institutions, Industries and the country hosting the WIF. The operation of this fund, deposited in a special interest bearing account, shall be in conformity with the prevailing Financial Regulations. The interest on the sum deposited in the special account shall be utilized for all expenses related to the Prize in subsequent years.
- 2.3 The staff support and operating / management costs of the Prize, including all costs related to the meeting of the international jury, creation of trophies, award ceremony and public information activities shall be fully covered from the Trust Fund for the Prize. To this end, the Secretary-General of ICID will determine a mandatory overhead cost amount to be applied and charged against the funds in the special account.

#### 3. Qualifications of candidates

- 3.1 Candidates nominated for this prize shall have made exceptionally significant contribution through innovations in the field of irrigation and drainage to the promotion 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 fulfilling the following criteria.
  - (a) The significant contribution must be shown to have resulted in a demonstrable improvement in the availability of agricultural water in a large area for large number of farmers, thereby increasing food production.
  - (b) The impact of the achievement must be measurable and quantifiable - demonstrated either in terms of (a) increased area under irrigation and drainage; (b) increased productivity; (c) increased efficiency in use of irrigation water; and or (d) enhanced net income; thereby improving food security and/or agricultural water security.
  - (c) It must be clearly shown that this increase was the direct result of the specific actions, activities and work of the nominee (i.e., without his or her specific accomplishment, change would not have occurred).
  - (d) The area affected and the extent of the change the farmers / rural population experienced in terms of quality of life and economic condition of the people of that region will be a major factor in evaluating the relative significance of the work.
  - (e) In weighing the merits of the work, consideration may be given to attaining a balance among all segments of the irrigated agricultural production.
  - (f) Weightage shall also be given to the complexity of the problem tackled, multi-disciplinary approaches adopted, and inter-institutional cooperation affected in achieving success.



- (g) Consideration will also be given to the degree of ingenuity and determination involved in attaining this change or advancement.
- (h) The prize is intended to be awarded to one person or one institution. In exceptional circumstances where an individual person (or persons) has collaborated in an indispensable way, more than one person may be included in the nomination.

#### **4. Nomination of candidates**

- 4.1 The Secretary-General of ICID shall officially invite the submission of nominations in the prescribed format (**Annexure**) and take all necessary steps to provide wide publicity to the WID Prize through all possible means to encourage an increased number of nominations.
- 4.2 The nominations shall be called from:
  - a. National Committees of ICID,
  - b. Governments of ICID Member countries,
  - c. International organizations, and
  - d. Non-governmental organizations/institution maintaining formal consultative relations with ICID, especially those concerned with Irrigation and Drainage.
- 4.3 A self-nomination shall not be considered. The closing date of receipt of nominations, as fixed by the Secretary General in the given year, shall be about five months before the forthcoming WIF.
- 4.4 Nominations shall be submitted in English or in French, to the Secretary-General along with all supporting documents in electronic form and in hard copy, duly signed under intimation to the National Committees or International Organizations, where they exist, or the Government of the country where the nominee has implemented its work proposed to be considered for the Prize.
- 4.5 The Central Office of ICID shall act as the Secretariat for the Jury and be authorized to bring to the Jury's attention any nominations failing to meet all the criteria set forth herein above. Proposals received for the award of the Prize shall be treated confidentially and may not be divulged.

#### **5. Adjudication of the prize**

- 5.1 The Jury shall consist of five eminent persons of different nationalities and gender, appointed by the President of ICID for a period of three years. Members of the Jury should have wide knowledge of current irrigation and drainage practices. Jurors involved in a real or potential conflict of interest shall recuse themselves from further deliberations or be asked by the President of ICID to do so. The President of ICID may replace members of the Jury for reason.
- 5.2 Members of Jury shall work on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration for their work, but will receive allowances for travel and accommodation, where required. A quorum of three jurors present will be required for jury deliberations to proceed. The working languages for deliberations by the Jury shall be English and French.
- 5.3 The Jury shall conduct its business and deliberations in conformity with these Statutes and shall be assisted in the performance of its task by the Secretariat of the Central Office in New Delhi. Decisions shall be taken by consensus to the extent possible and otherwise by secret ballot until a simple majority is obtained. A member shall not take part in a vote concerning a nomination from his or her country.
- 5.4 The Jury shall meet at least once after the closing date for the submission of nominations, to make its recommendations to the President of ICID for the selection of that year's prize winner and an alternate. The Jury shall send an assessment on nominations and accompanying recommendations to the President of ICID no later than at least 75 days before the scheduled award ceremony at the WIF.

#### **6. Procedure for award of the Prize**

- 6.1 For each edition of the Prize, the exact date and place of the award ceremony will be decided by the Secretary-General in consultation with the President of ICID. ICID shall officially announce the name/names of the prize winner/prize winners at least two months before the date of award giving ceremony. The Prize should be awarded by the President of ICID at an official ceremony to be held for that purpose in the presence of the participants of the World Irrigation Forum.



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- 6.2 The Selection Committee after reviewing the nominations recommends the winner and the first alternate; it deems most worthy for the award. If the Selection Committee observes that this accomplishment was simultaneously attained by two or more individuals working separately, the Selection Committee may recommend that the prize be shared and jointly awarded
- 6.3 Names of the members of the Jury will remain anonymous except for the Chairman. The minutes of the Committee's meeting and the views expressed by its members will not be made public. The decision of the Jury and the President shall be final and no appeals shall be allowed against the decision with regard to the award of the Prize.
- 6.4 The prize winner(s) would be encouraged to give an acceptance speech/lecture on the subject relevant to the work for which the Prize has been awarded. Such a lecture shall be organized during the Prize giving ceremony.
- 6.5 The nominee for the Prize should be alive and in sound health to attend the award giving ceremony. If, however, a prize winner dies before he has received the Prize, then the Prize may be presented posthumously (awarded to relatives or institution). Should a prize winner decline the Prize, the Jury shall submit a new proposal to the President of ICID.

## 7. **Sunset clause**

- 7.1 After a period of six years, the President of ICID together with the Secretary General undertake a review of all aspects of the Prize and decide about its continuation or termination by presenting an Agenda Item on the subject at the following IEC meeting. In case of termination of the Prize, the use of any unspent balance of funds shall be determined by the IEC, in accordance with the Financial Regulations.







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