Subject: Establishment of Working Group on History of Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control (WG-HIST)

In pursuance of the decision taken by the 68th International Executive Council (IEC) meeting vide its Resolution IEC-2/68, a Working Group on History of Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control (WG-HIST) with the following mandate is hereby established in accordance with Article 6.10 of ICID Constitution and ICID By-laws 3.1 governing the setting up of workbodies.

Mandate:
(a) To motivate ICID National Committees in various countries to set up their National Working Groups on History;
(b) To provide guidance to compile, publish, update and/or translate documents on history of irrigation, drainage, and flood management;
(c) To promote inter-disciplinary exchange of information, knowledge and experience, as well as networking on the topic (agricultural, political, socio-economic, climatologically and geographically related aspects) for proper understanding of the technological developments on the subject;
(d) To organize seminars at ICID Congresses to enhance awareness of Water history;
(e) To prepare a paper on “Historical Water Sustainability” for publication in Irrigation and Drainage (IRD) Journal;
(f) To finalize a book on “Historical Water Sustainability”.
(g) To encourage member countries to produce documentaries on Water History.

The Working Group is initially established for a period of six-year period, shall function under Strategy Theme ‘Knowledge’ of Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (PCTA) and conduct its first meeting at 69th IEC meeting in August 2018 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. WG-HIST will prepare an action plan the WG for roadmap to Vision 2030 and the Chairman of the Working Group shall report on the progress of its activities to IEC through PCTA during the annual Council meetings of ICID.

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