

**MINUTES OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSES/CONFERENCES (C-CONGR)**

04 September 2019, 11:15-13:15 hours (Session-I)
04 September 2019, 14:00-16:00 hours (Session-II)
Bali, Indonesia

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 1990

Mandate: The mandate of the Committee is:

- (i) To recommend general improvement in conduct of WIFs, Congresses, Conferences and other ICID events;
- (ii) Representatives/Organizers of the ICID events to present a summary report on preparations made for the said events;
- (iii) Share the lessons learned / difficulties faced in organizing the events; and
- (iv) Make proposals for the smooth conduct of the ICID events.

Members Present: (1) Mr. Bryan Ward, Chairman (Australia, 2017); (2) Dr. Warren Helgason (CANCID) represented by VPH Laurie C. Tollefson; (3) VPH Ding Kunlun, Chinese representative; (4) Pr El Houssine Bartali, Moroccan representative; (5) Er. B.A. Chivate, Director (Tech.), ICID Central Office; and (6) Dr. Vijay K Labhsetwar, ICID CO.

Observers: (i) Ms. Chris Delphin (Australia); (ii) Dr. Park, Eunseo (Korea); (iii) Ir. Sidik Permana (Indonesia); (iv) Mr. K.P. Bakshi (MWRRA, India); (v) Dr. Lihui Gao (China); (vi) Dr. Ruoxi Li (China); and (vii) Ir. Jang Liu (China).

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C-CONGR Minutes Item 1: Action taken report by Chairman

1. Mr. Bryan Ward (Australia), Chairman of the C-CONGR presented a report on actions taken on the decisions made since the last meeting of the Committee at Saskatoon (201 8), Canada. No interim meetings were held since Canada meeting.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 2: Membership of the Committee

2. The Chairman observed that there were no representatives from Mexico, India, Indonesia and Nepal. VPH Laurie C. Tollefson, representative from CANCID; VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun, representative and Deputy Secretary General of CNCID; Pr. El Houssine Bartali, representative from ANAFIDE; and Mr. M.Z. Fatah, representative from INACID were present. Membership status is given in **Annex 4 (page 27)**.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 3: Overview of 3rd WIF & 70th IEC meeting, 1-7 September 2019 at Bali, Indonesia

3. Mr. M.Z. Fatah, INACID representative reported on the following lessons learned:

- (a) He acknowledged that some website security issues were an issue affecting the registration process experienced by some delegates.
- (b) Bank account – Swift Code issues with the bank to be resolved for further events.
- (c) Shortfall in providing seminar packs due to understating the numbers attending.
- (d) Preparation 3 years in advance a recommendation for future events.

4. Mr. Fatah in summary said that they were pleased to announce the numbers attending at 1600, with 690 international delegates which was more than they expected.

5. Mr. Bryan Ward congratulated Mr. Fatah and the INACID Committee on the excellence of the event overall. The Chairman advised that Indonesia would be invited to make a full report at the C-CONGR meeting in Sydney in September 2020, including the financial outcomes from WIF3.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 4: Feedback from the organizers**C-CONGR Minutes Item 4.1: Feedback from International Conference and 69th IEC in August 2018 at Saskatoon, Canada**

6. VPH Laurie Tollefson provided feedback from the Canadian event with his observations including:

- (a) Ensuring visa registration issues were resolved early – delegates need to start the process at least three months in advance, especially from countries like Iran, Afghanistan etc.
- (b) Registrations not taken through to payment were significant possibly due to visa issues
- (c) Preparations for the event to commence three or more years prior utilising the services of an event's organiser.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 4.2: Feedback from 23rd ICID Congress and 68th IEC, Mexico City, Mexico in October 2017

7. There was no representative to apprise the meeting of the Mexican event, however, it was noted that this had been reported on in the Minutes of the 69th IEC Meeting - C-CONGR on 14 August 2018. The key point noted was that Mexico did not meet the 35% ICID level and made a special contribution instead.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 4.3: Feedback from 8th Asian Regional Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal in May 2018

8. There were no representative present to apprise the meeting of the event in Nepal, however, it was noted that this event had been reported on the Minutes of the 69th IEC Meeting - C-CONGR on 14 August 2018. The key point taken was that the event was very successful with positive feedback.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 4.4: Feedback from 9th International Micro Irrigation Conference, 16-18 January 2019, Aurangabad, Maharashtra State, India

9. There were no representative present to apprise the meeting of the event.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 5: Preparations for the future events for the next 3 years**C-CONGR Minutes Item 5.1: 5th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage, 16-19 March 2020 at Marrakesh, Morocco**

10. Pr El Houssine Bartali, representative from Moroccan National Committee (ANAFIDE) updated the Committee on the upcoming 5th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage on the theme 'Sustainable Management of Irrigation for Improved Resilience of Agriculture in Africa' and subtopics of the Conference to be held from 16-19 March 2020 at Marrakesh, Morocco. The second announcement of the Conference has been circulated to all stakeholders of the ICID. The website of the Conference is available at Website: <http://www.anafide.net/> and <http://5arcid.ma>

C-CONGR Minutes Item 5.2: 24th ICID Congress and 71st IEC Meeting, 22-28 September 2020, Sydney, Australia

11. Mr. Bryan Ward presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Committee's preparations for the 24th ICID Congress and 71st IEC Meeting to be held from 22-28 September 2020 at Sydney, Australia. He provided a summary of the actions taken by the committee and advised that registrations were open immediately after the Bali event and the 'Call for Papers' website would be available when a link to the software was made available from ICID Central office.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 5.3: 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference (MIC) and 72nd IEC Meeting, 26th September to 2nd October 2021 at Agadir, Morocco

12. Pr El Houssine Bartali, representative from Moroccan National Committee (ANAFIDE) presented a video showcasing the conference centre, accommodations and sights of Morocco for the delegates.

13. Pr Bartali confirmed that the ANAFIDE had contacted the Organizing Committee for the 9th International Micro Irrigation Conference in India to discuss lessons learned and suggestions to improve the next event.

14. The presentation included estimated attendance and registration fees. Pr Bartali confirmed their acceptance of the Letter of Agreement and the payment of 15% of registrations to ICID as per the LoA.

15. The Chairman thanked Pr Bartali for his excellent presentation.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 5.4: Proposal for Future Event: 4th World Irrigation Forum (WIF4) and 73rd IEC Meeting in 2022, Being China

16. VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun, Deputy Secretary General Chinese National Committee of ICID (CNCID) and his colleague presented a video and PowerPoint presentation on the CNCID Committee's proposal to host the 4th World Irrigation Forum (WIF4) and 73rd IEC Meeting in 2022. VPH Ding Kunlun's colleague provided a summary of the excellent facilities, sightseeing and activities available for delegates in Beijing. The following key points were included :

- (a) The CNCID committee had budgeted for 1000 delegates and Dr. Vijay K Labhsetwar from ICID CO suggested this number was quite conservative in his view and a more likely number, he suggested could be around 1400.
- (b) A question on the price variance for international delegates compared to local delegates was raised and VPH Ding Kunlun advised this was quite a preliminary budget and that the pricing structure can be reviewed.
- (c) He also confirmed that countries on the least developed countries (LDC) list could also be offered a discount either on the registration fee or offer of financial support and this was still to be decided.
- (d) VPH Dr Ding confirmed the acceptance of the LoA and the payment of 35% of registrations to ICID as per the LoA.

17. The Committee supported the CNCID's committee proposal to host the 4th World Irrigation Forum (WIF4) and 73rd IEC meeting in 2022 in Beijing, China.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 6: Letter of Agreement (LoA) for Hosting Congresses/ WIFs/ Regional Conferences

18. Mr. Bryan Ward, Chairman of the C-CONGR raised the subject of the structure of the C-CONG Committee and suggested that it was not working as effectively as it might due to the non-attendance by previous event holders and in attracting sufficient interest for countries to hold future events.

19. He stressed it was important that host countries have 3 years but a minimum of 2 years to organise events and he was concerned that no host for the 25th Congress had yet emerged.

20. The Committee agreed that this matter be referred for further discussion at the PCSO meeting.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 6.1: Establishment of a Task Team to look into Financial Aspects of Special Contribution to ICID Budget from ICID Events (TT-FASCIB)

21. Mr. Bryan Ward advised that although he was listed on the Task Team (TT-FASCIB) he had not received any communication about its establishment or its meeting arrangements on this subject and therefore was not party to the discussion or outcome. He did however, outline the reason for the establishment of the committee which arose from his suggestion at the Canadian event that the 35% contribution to ICID for hosting congresses could be a deterrent to hold future congresses/WIFs and the reason why countries are not offering to hold an event.

22. VPH Laurie Tollefson, Chair of the Task Team spoke to a presentation, which included the outcomes, prepared by the Task Team following their meeting to discuss this matter. The following key points from this meeting were included.

- (a) The Task Team had considered the history of the fee structure which had been reviewed several times over the past few years
- (b) The 35% contribution by national committees had been reduced from 50%
- (c) The ICID central office had considerable overheads and provided an excellent level of support and assistance to countries hosting events
- (d) The outcome from the Task Team was to support the current fee structure set out in the LoA.

23. Chair Mr. Bryan Ward thanked VPH Laurie Tollefson for his summary and presentation and advised he would take this up again in the PCSO meeting.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 7: Any other business**C-CONGR Minutes Item 7.1: Discount for Individual Members**

24. The subject of offering a discount to individual members was raised. The Committee did not support a discount for individual members.



