Workshop on Benchmarking and Quality Control of Services Provided by Irrigation and Drainage Systems, September 2003, Montpellier

ICID’s Working Group on Development and Management of Irrigation Systems (WG-DMIS) in collaboration with the Benchmarking initiative and the French National Committee (AFEID) will organize an International Workshop on ‘Benchmarking and Quality Control of Services Provided by Irrigation and Drainage Systems’ on 16 September 2003 at Montpellier, France on the occasion of the 54th IEC. The purpose of the workshop is to update information about the progress of organisations, methods and operational facilities used for the management of the quality of the service to the users and of environment. The workshop aims to answer questions such as - How to ensure the compliance of the actual services provided with that of commitments? How to deal with the identified failures? How to maintain a virtuous circle of continuous improvement designed to match the needs of each user? Is there a possibility of application of ISO 9001 & 14001 to irrigation and drainage services?

Please submit one page summary of proposed paper(s) by end of April 2003 to Mr. Jacques Plantey, Vice Chairman, WG-DMIS (France), Société du Canal de Provence, Le Tholonet, BP 100, 13603 Aix-en-Provence Cx1, France. Tel: +33 4 42 66 70 17, Fax: +33 4 42 66 70 80, E-mail: jacques.plante@canal-de-provence.com, Website: http://afeid.montpellier.cemagref.fr/conf2003.htm.

Country Policy Support Programme: Basin Level Consultations

As a part of Phase I of ICID’s Country Policy Support Programme (CPSP), two river basins viz. Sabarmati (21,674 km²) on the West Coast and Brahmani (39,268 km²) on the East Coast of India were selected by INCID as sample basins for assessment of water needs and drawing lessons for application to all the country basins. The CNCID similarly selected two river basins viz. Qiantangjiang (55,558 km²) and Jiaodong Peninsula (20,008 km²). The objective of this assessment was to work out present water uses, find out past uses and make projections to achieve integration of needs for future (2025) for all three sectors, namely, water for food (agriculture), for people (municipal, industrial and energy) and for nature (eco-system). This step was considered essential to draw lessons for water policy support programme. The Central Office, ICID in close association with Indian National Committee (INCID) of India and with Chinese National Committee (CNCID) of China is coordinating the work of CPSP. Various apex National, State/Province level organisations/ agencies and NGOs related to three water sectors are being consulted in the assessment process.

After the Preparatory Workshop in October 2002, the CPSP picked up speed. In order to present the preliminary findings of the water need assessment in the two selected basins of India, basin level consultations viz. Brahmani Basin at Bhubaneswar (Orissa State) and Sabarmati Basin at Ahmedabad (Gujarat State) were held on 16-17 January 2003 and 23-24 January 2003, respectively. Key presentations on Integrated Water Resources Development and Management (IWRDM), Rainfed Agriculture, Treatment and Reuse of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater, and Water Needs of Forestry and Mangroves, besides presentation of past, present and future water availability/need scenario were made and suggestions for policy interventions ascertained at each consultation. More than fifty-five professionals from Govt. Departments, prominent Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Consultants, and representatives of Contributing Organizations (COs) and Dialogue Participating Organizations (POs) participated in each of the consultations. The comments/suggestions received from the participants are being used by the study teams for reforming/ refining the assessments and framing policy support interventions. Papers based upon these developments will be presented on 19 March 2003 at the ICID Session in 3rd World Water Forum, Kyoto, Japan.

The CNCID organized a CPSP Preparatory Workshop (PW) on 11-12 November 2002 at Beijing. More than fifty professionals from Government departments, academic and research institutions participated in the PW and launched sample basin studies. Now CNCID proposes to hold basin level consultations after completion of preliminary assessments in the selected basins.
New Assignments

Dr. Alain Vidal, Chairman, ICID’s Working Group on Integrated Land and Water Resources Management (WG-ILWRM) has become the Head of the European and International Affairs Office of Cemagref, with effect from 1 February 2003. He may be contacted on following address - Service des Relations Européennes et Internationales, European and International Affairs Office, CEMAGREF, 361, rue Jean-François Breton - BP 5095, 34033 Montpellier Cedex 1, France. Tel: +33 4 67 04 63 38, +33 1 40 96 61 80, Fax: +33 4 67 63 57 95, E-mail: alain.vidal@cemagref.fr, Website: www.cemagref.fr, e-card : http://noel.lyon.cemagref.fr/ecard/ecard.php?id=1096361099. News Update congratulates Dr. Vidal for the honour.

Mr. Paul J.M. van Hofwegen, Joint Editor of ICID Journal has joined the head office of the World Water Council (WWC) from 1 February 2003 as Senior Water Expert. He may be contacted on following address – World Water Council, ‘Les Docks de la Jolliette’ Atrium 10.3, 10, Place de la Jolliette, 13304 Marseille Cedex 2, France. Tel: +33 04 91 99 4100/ 4118, Fax: +33 04 91 99 4101, E-mail: p.vanhofwegen@worldwatercouncil.org.

New Office Bearers of National Committees

The new Office Bearers of the South African National Committee (SANCID) with effect from 1 January 2003 are : Dr. G.R. Backeberg, Chairman (backeberg@wrc.org.za), Mr. F.B. Reinders, Vice Chairman (felixr@ing1.agric.za), Dr. S.S. Mkhize, Secretary (sizwe@wrc.org.za), and Mr. F.P.J. van der Merwe, Treasurer (francois@dwaf.gov.za). The contact address of the SANCID is - ARC-Institute for Agricultural Engineering, Private Bag X519, Silverton 0127, Republic of South Africa. Tel: (2712) 842 4000, Fax: (2712) 804 0753.

Mr. R. Jeyaseelan is the new Chairman of the Indian National Committee (INCID) with effect from 1 November 2002. He took over as Chairman of the Central Water Commission (CWC) after retirement of Mr. Suresh Chandra on 31 October 2002. He also automatically becomes a member of the ICID Staff Committee. Mr. Jeyaseelan may be contacted on following address: Room No. 315, South Wing, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi 110 066, India. Tel: +91 11 2610 8855, Fax: +91 11 2610 8614, E-mail: cwchairman@netscape.net.

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Visitors to Central Office, ICID

Mr. Tom Franks, Member of British National Committee (BNC-ICID) and Secretary of ICID’s Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (PCTA) and Member of Working Group on Capacity Building, Training and Education (WG-CBTE) visited the Central Office, New Delhi on 5 February 2003. Mr. Franks was apprised of the preparations for the 3rd WWF, proposed programme of 54th IEC, progress of various Task Forces etc. He informed that the WG-CBTE would organize a Workshop on Capacity Building at the 54th IEC scheduled to be held at Montpellier. He discussed the composition of Working Groups and offered suggestions for improvement so as to get better outputs from them. Mr. Franks visited the technical library and computer centre and also saw the ongoing additional construction at the Central Office.

Dr. Daniel Zimmer (France), Executive Director, World Water Council (WWC) and member of ICID’s Working Group on Drainage (WG-DRG) visited the Central Office on 14 February 2003. He was apprised on the ICID’s ongoing Country Policy Support Program (CPSP), Text Delivery Service (TDS), WWC meetings and various sessions to be held at 3rd WWF, Kyoto. Earlier, Dr. Zimmer met members of the Governing Council, New Delhi Centre of WWC (NDC-WWC) and also attended a brainstorming session on Interlinking of Indian Rivers organised by the NDC-WWC on 11 February 2003.

Water Centre Inaugurated in Syria

The Syrian Minister of Irrigation and the Japanese Ambassador to Damascus inaugurated the US$1 million ‘Water Information Centre’ in Thawra, Tishrin, Syria. The Centre, established with the assistance of the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), will be the source for statistics on the seven water basins in Syria. As the first step in creating a network for integrated water resources, a branch office will be established in every basin to handle water shortage and pollution issues based on accurate information. The Syrian Government expects to obtain an additional US$10 million Japanese grant to supply to the Centre additional necessary equipments in the future. [Source: Hydropower and Dams, Issue Six, 2002]

For details of the events, please contact Ms. Leanna Principe, Team Leader, Bureau of Reclamation, International Affairs – Denver, PO Box 25007, Denver CO 80225-5007, USA. Tel: (303) 445 2127; Fax: (303) 445 6322; E-mail: Lprincipe@do.usbr.gov.

2nd International Course on Diagnosing Irrigation and Drainage Practices with Satellite Remote Sensing, 28 April to 16 May 2003, ITC, Enschede, The Netherlands. Information related to technical aspects of the course can be obtained from Wim Bastiaansen (bastiaansen@itc.nl). Queries related to organisational aspects of the course can be obtained through Ms. Ineke Theussing (theussing@itc.nl).

Workshop on The Alternative Water Forum, 1-2 May 2003, UK.


ICID, TDS Database Corner

January 2003


Professionals and students are encouraged to access TDS database by visiting ICID website and send request for desired literature.
New Delhi, 15 February 2003

**Third World Water Forum (WWF3), Kyoto, March 2003**

Readers are most cordially invited to attend these plenary sessions.

The subject of DAMS continues to engage attention of the world community, in spite of the strong protests made by the developing world about need for dams for their societies. In reality, only about a dozen countries need to build dams for meeting with their basic future needs.

**People of those countries often wonder why they are not left alone to decide their own strategy for dam building** by the majority, who has completed dam building and who want to indulge into arm twisting for these countries!

UNEP is leading an attack on such countries, through DDP hosted by them, which is clearly interested in propagating the impracticable WCD report. At the same time it ostensibly is going to help with co-ordination of all the dams related sessions with the blessings of vested interests. You very well know that ICID and ICOLD have not joined the DDP and hence they have protested to WWC that they don’t accept co-ordination by UNEP.

These sessions therefore are again expected to provide **fireworks** during the WWF3. Do witness it.

ICID is also hosting the History session; the JNC-ICID will organise another session on ‘Multi-functional Roles of Paddy Irrigation’. ICID will also be participating in the Dialogue session organised by IWMI and present the findings of the pathbreaking work conducted through CPSP. All of you are welcome to attend and participate.

Yours sincerely,

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