Dear Colleagues,

Our heart goes to the millions that are suffering from the fury of nature in the Himalayas. The devastation caused by the series of earthquakes in Nepal and parts of India this month has once again put the sustainable development debate at the center stage. It brings forward the need to make resilience the center piece of any development process. The earthquakes emphasize the need to take the debate of climate change away from the blame game in which climate change negotiations process is mired and is preventing future global agreement and actions. It needs to be realized that international cooperation is not only vital to the development process but also saving life, the beautiful, on this planet.

While the existence of such natural hazards cannot be avoided, the devastation they cause and the breaks they put on the development process can definitely be avoided by preventing actions and factoring resilience in all developmental actions. Even after an agreement on climate change that is likely to be reached in Paris later this year, weather will continue to grow more variable and related extreme weather conditions would continue. By choosing a suitable development path, their adverse impacts can definitely be mellowed down.

The adverse impacts of weather variability manifested itself through floods and droughts conditions from time to time around the world. Mankind has adequately tackled them through various preventive measures. For example, through provision of irrigation facilities, particularly during the last two hundred years, mankind has been able to maintain food production surpassing its demand thereby tackling the specter of hunger to a large extent.

To make irrigation systems more resilient, at the 7th World Water Forum, which concluded last week in South Korea, ICID in association with its partners and through various activities deliberated upon the means to continuously modernize the irrigation systems that have been instrumental in stabilizing the food production and generating wealth in many parts of the world. Continuing to emphasize the importance of efficient use of each drop of water, under the increasing stress on this precious natural resource due to its growing scarcity, ICID has planned a number of actions as part of the Implementation Roadmap adopted by the water community at the close of 7th WWF.

It was heartening to note that the Forum was attended by a large number of experts and office bearers associated with ICID as part of their national delegations or individually. Some of the activities where ICID was involved as an institution experts were involved are briefly presented in this issue of News Update.

Sustainable development is at the forefront of our thought process in ICID, as is apparent from a number of events that the National Committees have reported, some of which are briefly presented herein. ICID is committed to formalize this process in irrigation and drainage sector. In order to materialize the objectives of sustainable development debate and taking the concepts to the field, ICID Vision 2030, which is under development will be debated in Montpellier meeting of IEC in October 2015, will take cognizance of these factors.

We have received a very enthusiastic response to the 26th European Regional Conference and a good number of papers have been received. The last date for submitting the full papers is fast approaching. You may like to make use of the same Early Bird Registration before 31 July 2015. The submission of abstracts for some of the international workshops is still open, and you may like to take the opportunity.

I am hopeful that the members of the various technical Working Groups have already started preparations for their WG meetings in Montpellier. To make the physical meeting more beneficial a number of the WGs have already organized virtual meeting through web conferencing among its members. If you also feel that you would like to sort out certain issues before the Montpellier meeting, please let me know.

Central Office will be happy to set up the video-conference for you.

Best regards,

Avinash C. Tyagi
Secretary Genera

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WatSave Awards 2015 – Call for Nominations

Nominees are invited for the WatSave Awards 2015 from individuals/ teams through National Committees/ Committee latest by 15 June 2015. The WatSave Awards are given in four categories: (i) Technology; (ii) Innovative Water Management; (iii) Young Professional; and (iv) Farmers.

The idea of routing the nominations through the NC is to receive only one nomination per category per country after an initial scanning of the nominations for a sequential ordering based on merit and recommending only one nomination. ICID member country can also support one nomination from a non-member country, but every country should present only one candidate per category.

The award(s) is/are presented to an individual or a team for the outstanding contribution to water conservation / water saving for increasing the beneficial and/or efficient use of water to develop and improve the sustainable use of the critical resource.

National Committees can nominate newly developed works of previous WatSave Award winners provided it is for a different innovation, as the purpose of the award is to identify successful water saving technologies and management techniques in practice among the ICID family and disseminate them across the world. The nomination could come on behalf of an individual or a team of named individuals, but not from an organization itself. An entry or innovation once rejected for the WatSave...
Award by ICID should not be re-nominated, even under a different category.

In order for the Jury to adjudicate the awards, which are highly dependent on the actual application of the technology in the field, the nominating National Committee/Committee has to play a crucial role since members of the Jury will often not have detailed first-hand knowledge of the situation in a particular country, and thus would not be in a position to judge the realism of individual submissions. National Committees should undertake initial screening of the nominations, through a broad based National Screening Committee for WatSave Awards against the criterion laid down in this Scheme, and in the process recommending them, authenticating the research, the application cited in the nominated work and ensure that the nomination is for the original work carried out by the authors. The awards will be presented at the 66th International Executive Council (IEC) meeting scheduled to be held during October 2015 at Montpellier, France. The last date for receipt of the entries from the National Committees along with a completed ‘Nomination Form’ etc. to the ICID Central Office, New Delhi is 15 June 2015.

The nominations sent directly to the ICID Central Office cannot be entertained. The selection of the winners from amongst the nominations received will be made by an International Panel of Judges. National Committees are urged to give wide publicity to these awards in their country among persons actively engaged in water savings/conservation practices, particularly farming communities. For more information, please visit <http://www.icid.org/awards_ws.html>.

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**ICID at 7th World Water Forum**

While irrigation is essential for global food security, sustainability and to address climatic challenges, water use for crop production, the largest source of freshwater withdrawals, is often inefficient, can reduce surface water flows, generate water degradation and pollution, deplete groundwater resources, reduce environmentally important wet-lands and cause salinization of agricultural lands in dry climates. As such agriculture’s current water use is often un-sustainable. Many large-scale canal irrigation schemes are under-performing providing unreliable water services. To address these issues and bring perspectives from other stakeholders, ICID together with KCID organized various events including the thematic session 2.3.1 on “Modernization of irrigation schemes”.

At the 7th World Water Forum held in Daegu and Geyongbuk, South Korea from 13-18 April 2015, ICID worked together with FAO and other partners to develop sessions as part of around Theme 2.1, *Water for Food*, the Thematic Process to discuss current and potential progress in six key focus areas. These six key focus areas considered central for improved water use for the sustainable production of crops, livestock, and fish are: Best available technology to make efficient use of water in agriculture; Water quality management for agriculture and environment; Modernization of irrigation schemes; Adaptation to changing environmental circumstances to increase sustainability; Increasing farmers’ capacities in water use for agriculture; and Governance and policies to manage transitions in water use for agriculture*. VPH Dr S. Ota, as convener of the ICID Task force established for participation in WWF7, assisted by INCID, coordinated these activities successfully.

ICID together with KCID organized thematic session 2.1.3 on Modernization of irrigation / drainage schemes for food security, rural prosperity and poverty alleviation. This key focus area relates to the importance of irrigated agriculture for current and future food production. Modernization of irrigation schemes is essential to sustain and enhance productivity of irrigated agriculture under the limited water resource availability.

The thematic session was supported by a side event on “Ensuring Sustainability of Irrigation Structures after Transfer to Water User Organizations (WUOs)” which was organized by TUCID where President ICID delivered the Keynote address. The efforts of various National Committees in this area were demonstrated through a poster session wherein more than 20 NCs showed their efforts in improving their interaction with various stakeholders. The poster session was inaugurated by President Dr. Saeed Nairizi in the presence of more than 15 past and present office bearers of ICID, President Dr Nairizi also participated in a high level panel discussions on “How can we achieve a water and food secure future?” organized by FAO on 14th April 2015. AEID working together with IWHR has developed a compendium on Water Quality standards, which was presented in a session Strategies and Planning for Sustainable Water Infrastructure Development: Laying Down the Foundation for our Future.

As part of the Implementation Roadmap adopted at the 7th WWF, ICID has committed to work to-wards implementing modernization for large scale irrigation schemes by 2030. The focus will be on infrastructure development and upgrading, service provision and improvement with proper water management techniques, institutional arrangements and reform and organizational management, duly factoring the multiple use of water.

ICID has committed that in October 2015, at ICID’s 66th International Executive Council (IEC) meeting in France, a technical Working Group on “Modernization and Revitalization of Irrigation Schemes” would be holding its first meeting and incorporate the elements of the Implementation Roadmap as committed by ICID in their work plan. In November 2016, on the occasion of 2nd World Irrigation Forum (WIF) in Thailand, a symposium on irrigation modernization will be organized in collaboration with other international organisations.

Further in October 2017, on the occasion of ICID 23rd Congress in Mexico, standards and codes of practice associated with irrigation design, installation and evaluation would be reviewed to ensure that these address socio-economic and environmental effects. During the Congress ICID will disseminate a report on Modernization irrigation/drainage for a new Green Revolution. An appeal on needs for modernization of irrigation system to policy-makers and decision-makers in governments, private sectors and international financial institutions will be formulated to be delivered as inputs to the 8th WWF in Brasilia in 2018.

Prior to the WWF7, President Dr Nairizi and Secretary General Er Avinash Tyagi also participated in the 53rd meeting of the Board of Governors of World Water Council on 11th April 2015, in Beyongbuk. President and Secretary General also held bilateral discussions with a number of NC representatives, which were present in fairly good num-ber.
Rainwater Harvesting and Conservation on Croplands

To carry forward the vision of SARIA, Annual Workshop and Steering Committee meeting were held from 17-19 March 2015 in Pretoria, Gauteng Province, South Africa. The main theme of the workshop was ‘Rainwater Harvesting and Conservation on Croplands’. The workshop facilitated exchange of ideas and practices between, researchers, advisors and government officials from Southern Africa. Representatives from Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe participated in the meeting.

At the outset, VPH Dr. Gerhard Backeberg (South Africa) set the tone for the 2015 SARIA capacity building program and explained how the SARIA capacity building workshops have been conducted since 2013. Mr. Jonathan Denison and Ms. Heidi Smulders, both from Umhlabla Consulting Group, presented the (1) technical manual and farmer handouts; and (2) facilitation and assessment guide for the technical manual. Later participants visited Loskop Irrigation Scheme in Limpopo Province where they were briefed on the Loskop Dam Operation & Maintenance and how water was distributed to different farmers from main canal.

Water for a Sustainable World

This year the UN-Water Event “World Water Day 2015” was coordinated by UNDP and was organized in New Delhi, India. On the occasion, the United Nations - World Water Development Report (WWDR 2015) titled ‘Water for a Sustainable World’ was also released by Prof. Sanwar Lal Jat, Hon’ble Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India, who was also the Chief Guest of the ceremony and delivered a keynote Address.

During the ceremony, the Opening Remarks were made by Mr. Michiel Jarraud, Chair, UN-Water and Secretary-General of World Meteorological Organization (WMO); Ms Flavia Schlegel, Assistant Director-General for Natural Science (UNESCO) and Mr. Nicholas Rosellini, Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific and Director, Bangkok Regional Hub (UNDP). Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar, Director represented ICID at the occasion.

The UN World Water Development Report, 2015, prepared under the auspices of UN-Water titled “Facing the Challenges – Case Studies and Indicators” was released during the ceremony. Please access http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/water/wwap/ for more information about the WWDR 2015.

At the end, Torgny Holmgren, Executive Director of Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) announced the Stockholm Water Prize Laureate 2015 to be Mr. Rajendra Singh from India, for his innovative water restoration efforts, improving water security in rural India and for extraordinary determination of his quest to improve the living conditions in rural India. For more information, please visit http://www.siwi.org/swp2015

ICID Scholarship to Young Professionals

Young Professionals (less than 40 years of age) working in irrigation and drainage sector, particularly from the member countries of ICID are being encouraged to attend ICID events/ conferences with the objective of facilitating the involvement of young professionals in ICID’s activities; as today’s young professionals will be tomorrow’s pillars of ICID. In an effort to encourage young professionals to participate in ICID activities, all young professionals attending ICID events as a practice are provided 50% concession in the Registration Fees.

Additional Sponsorship is being offered to Ten Young Professionals for facilitating their attendance in the 26th European Regional Conference (ERC) on the theme “Innovate to improve irrigation performance” and the 66th International Executive Council (IEC) meetings to be held from 11-16 October 2015, Montpellier, France, to enable them to participate in various events. Please access http://icid2015.sciencesconf.org for more information about the Conference.

National Committees/ partner International Organizations are requested to nominate one or two Young Professionals (YP) engaged in irrigation and drainage sector and who are willing to take active part in the upcoming ICID events, by way of contributing papers, becoming rapporteurs and coordinators. The scholarship will consist of full waiver of registration fee and to and fro air travel ticket by economy class by shortest route; and a lump sum out of pocket allowance.

Young professionals (below 40 years) may send their ‘Nomination Forms’ (http://www.icid.org/rom_ypfscholar.pdf) to the concerned National Committee or through partner International Organizations of ICID for validation. The last date for receiving the completed Nomination Form, through Member National Committee/ International Organizations to the ICID Central Office <icid@icid.org>, New Delhi is 15 May 2015.
A Conference on ‘Water and Sustainable Development – Role of Youth’ was organized by the Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform, Government of Pakistan, on 27 March 2015 in Islamabad, Pakistan in collaboration with Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP), International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and other partner organizations during the World Water Day. Pakistan Water Partnership, a member of the Pakistan National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (PANCID), organized the conference as a lead agency. Mr. Naseer Ahmad Gillani, Joint Secretary (Admin), Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan conducted the conference.

The inaugural address was delivered by Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister of Planning, Government of Pakistan, while Mr. Sardar Muhammad Tariq, Chief Executive of Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP), delivered a message of the President of Pakistan highlighting investments in water and sanitation services. The conference aimed at sensitization of key stakeholders on critical water issues and challenges; engaging stakeholders especially youth; advocating with the Government of Pakistan for approval of National Water Policy.

The opening remarks were made by Ms. Vibeke Jensen, representative / Director, UNESCO Islamabad highlighting the 748 million people worldwide who do not have access to drinking water sources and quality water. In addition, Mr. Sher Ali, Ambassador of Tajikistan; Mr. Olivier Huynh-Van, Cooperation Attachée of French Embassy; Dr. Manzoor Hussain Soomro, President of ECOSF; Mr. Mukta Akter, youth representative from Bangladesh addressed the participants. Dr. Gillani also made a comprehensive presentation on current water situation in Pakistan.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the World Youth Parliament for Water and Pakistan Youth Parliament for Water by Mr. Bart Devos, Mr. Muhammad Raza Ali Gandapur and Mr. Muhammad Wasif Bashir Baber, representatives of the organizations. The ‘World Water Day Declaration’ was presented by Mr. Bart Devos, President of World Youth Parliament for Water and adopted by the partners.

In order to amplify the interaction with Universities and Research Institutions in India and explore collaborative opportunities, a delegation from Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Uttarakhand, India (IIT Roorkee) lead by Dr. D.S. Arya, Professor and Head, Department of Hydrology (DoH) and Dr. N.K. Goel, Professor of Stochastic Hydrology, visited ICID Central Office on 20 March 2015. Secretary General Avinash C. Tyagi welcomed the delegation and held a discussion about collaboration between ICID and IITR in the International Courses in Hydrology conducted by Department of Hydrology, IITR and sponsoring of post graduate students to ICID for assisting in research activities related to their mutual interest topics.

Fellowships are offered by Government of India for the following courses conducted by The Department of Hydrology (DoH) at IITR for the academic year 2015-16.

1. Post Graduate Diploma in Hydrology (One Year Course)
2. Master of Technology (M.Tech.) in Hydrology (Two Year Course)

The last date for receipt of the application form in the prescribed format is 15 June 2015 at IITR. Please note, while applying for fellowships offered by Government of India, please route the duly filled in application form (Annexure-2) through Indian Embassy/Legation in your country for onward transmission to IITR. A copy of the submitted application may please be sent to the ICID Central Office for followup.

The University of East Anglia (UEA) will be organizing a Short Course on ‘Water Security for Policy Makers and Practitioners’ during 7-11 September 2015 at Norwich, UK. The course is designed for entry and mid-level water and development policy-makers and professionals in government, donor agencies, NGOs or implementation agencies, environmental journalists, consultations and activists wishing to take their knowledge of climate change further.

The course will provide policy-makers and professionals with comprehensive background knowledge relevant to the increasingly important policy challenge of ‘water security’. The course will explore how the multiple levels of water security – human, community, state, international and global – require broad but considered policy inputs.

Participants are expected to acquire a wide variety of tools and analytical frameworks from a variety of disciplines. Participants can expect that they will leave the course with an ability to critically assess and address current water security policy, gain an appreciation of the relations between water security and energy, climate, food, human or national security and have extended their networks and resource bases. For more information, please access https://www.uea.ac.uk/international-development/dev-co/professional-training/water-security-for-policy-makers-short-course
26th European Regional Conference, 2015

Online Submission of Full Papers

Papers have been invited for the 26th European Regional Conference with the main theme “Innovate to improve irrigation performance” and sub-themes (a) Innovations for smallholders in irrigation; (b) Wastewater use in agriculture and (c) Governance of surface water and groundwater besides the International Workshops. The last date for submission of full papers for all events is 30th June 2015.

The Instructions to authors for Online Paper Submissions, are now available at http://icid2015.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/20 Please visit to Conference website http://icid2015.sciencesconf.org/?lang=en for more information.

Avail Early Bird Registration before 31 July 2015

Call for Papers

International Workshop on ‘Future of drainage under environmental challenges and emerging technologies’

Sustainable drainage management at both resource and system level is not only an important requirement in support of global food production, but also for the livelihood of the rural population and for environment. Excess water control (in both irrigated and rainfed regions), soil salinization and sodic soil control (in both cases of poor irrigation management and in case of fashioned deficit irrigation), soil acidification control (in tropical or Nordic humid regions), flood control, drought control, re-use and multiple use of water, surface and underground water quality, ecosystems preservation, creation or control of biodiversity are the keywords related to drainage water management. All these roles and services are often dramatically neglected. Therefore, a crucial question that need to be answered is what may be the future of drainage under environmental challenges and emerging technologies.

The workshop is scheduled to be held on 13 October 2015. Authors are invited to contribute abstracts / papers on the following sub-topics:

- Assessment and promotion of traditional drainage systems and management;
- Re-use and multiple-use of drainage water;
- Performance evaluation of drainage systems (failures case study and diagnosis encouraged);
- Soil preservation (salinity, sodicity, acidity);
- Drainage, biodiversity, and ecosystems

Schedule for submission of abstracts/full papers

- Submission of abstracts (max. 300 words) — 30 April 2015
- Notification of acceptance — 15 May 2015
- Submission of full papers (8000 words/10 pages only) — 31 July 2015

Coordinators: Mr. Bernard Vincent, Workshop Chairman and Chairman, WG-SDG (E-mail: bernard.vincent@irstea.fr) and Dr. Vijay K. Labhisetwar, Workshop Coordinator and Director, ICID, (E-mail: icid@icid.org).

Heritage Irrigation Structures

A Seminar on ‘Protection and Sustainable Utilization of Heritage Irrigation Structures (HIS)’ was organized by the Chinese National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (CNCID) on 22 March 2015 at Beijing, China as part of the World Water Day celebration.

The seminar was attended by officials from the Ministry of Water Resources of China, administrators of irrigation schemes (newly-selected HIS area) and experts from China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research. During the session, several topics, including the current measures taken by the local governments in protecting and utilizing the HIS in a sustainable way, the policy and financial supports needed from the Central Government and the water wisdom, learnt from these structures so as to assist the development of irrigation schemes and how to raise public awareness of ICID’s Register of Heritage Irrigation Structures in China were discussed.

It may be recalled that the call for nominations for listing of Heritage Irrigation Structures in ICID Register of HIS is open throughout the year. NCs and members can submit nominations in the prescribed forms (http://www.icid.org/his_award.html) at any time of the year.

The complete nomination forms received before 1st July 2015 will be recommended by a panel of judges to be considered by the IEC in its 67th IEC meeting in Montpellier, France for inclusion in the ICID register of HIS.

Climate Change, Water Resources and Food Security in Kazakhstan

A four-day workshop on ‘Climate Change, Water Resources and Food Security in Kazakhstan’ was held from 6-9 February 2015 at Almaty, Kazakhstan with the objective to examine impacts of climate change on water resources and crop production in Kazakhstan, bringing together experts in climate modelling, hydrology and food security in order to establish a multi-disciplinary research community.

Kazakhstan is one of the world’s biggest grain exporters. Agricultural production accounts for approximately 9% of national GDP and provides about 25% of national employment in Kazakhstan. Large-scale production dominates in the northern regions and makes Kazakhstan one of the largest importers of grain in the world. This part of the country is characterized by frequent droughts which remain the single most important determinant of grain yield.

More than forty climate and crop scientists, hydrologists, experts in remote sensing from a range of UK and Kazakh Universities & research institutes, UK and Kazakh Hydrometeorological Service attended the workshop. Scientists’ lectures, presentations, posters, group discussions leading to the development of potential multi-disciplinary research project, demonstration of climate model PRECIS developed by the UK, research papers etc. included in the workshop program. Please access http://www.reading.ac.uk/geographyandenvironmentalscience/Events/GES_Kazakhstan_Conf.aspx for more information about the workshop.
**USCID (USA)**


**Change of Guards**

**BANCID (Bangladesh)**

ICID fraternity extends its warm welcome to Mr. Md. Ismail Hossain from Bangladesh, who assumed the charge as new Director General of the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) and Chairman of the Bangladesh National Committee of ICID (BANCID). Contact coordinates of Mr. Hossain are:

**Mr. GONG Ju**

Mr. GONG Ju has taken over as the new Secretary General of the Korean National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (KCID) in place of Dr. Young D. Kim. The contact coordinates are:

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KCID for his valuable support and contributions to ICID activities.

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**SANCID (South Africa)**

The South African National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (SANCID) has informed that Dr. Joe Stevens, Dr. Sylvester Mpandeli and Ms. P.A. Mofokeng have taken over the charge of new Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the SANCID, respectively. The contact coordinates are as follows:

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**Forthcoming Events**

**ICID Events**

**66th IEC and 26th European Regional Conference, 11-16 October 2015, Montpellier, France.**

Theme: Innovate to improve irrigation performances. Contact: Secrétariat Général, Association Française pour l’Etude des Irrigations et du Drainage (AFEID), 361 rue Jean-François Breton, BP 5095, F - 34196 – MONTPELLIER CEDEX 5, France. Tel: +33 4.67.04.63.16, Fax: +33 4.67.16.64.40, E-mail: icid2015@irstea.fr, Website: [http://icid2015.sciencesconf.org/lang=en](http://icid2015.sciencesconf.org/lang=en)

**2nd World Irrigation Forum (WIF2) and 67th IEC, 6-12 November 2016, Chiang Mai, Thailand.**

Theme: Water management in a changing world: Role of Irrigation for sustainable food production. Contact: Dr. Somkiet Prajamwong, Secretary General of THAICID, (Director of Project Management, Royal Irrigation Department), Thai National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (THAICID), 811 Sansen Road, Thanon-NakornchaiSriDusit Bangkok 10300, Thailand. Tel: +66 243 7883; Fax: +66 243 7883; E-mail: thaicid@hotmail.com; Website: [http://www.worldirrigationforum.net](http://www.worldirrigationforum.net)

**13th International Drainage Workshop (iDW), March 2017, Ahvaz City, Iran.**

Theme: Drainage and Environmental Sustainability. Contact: Dr. S.A. Assadollahi, Secretary General, Iranian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IRNCID), No. 1, Shahrans Alley, Kargozar St., Zafar Ave., Tehran, Postal Code: 19198-34453, Tel: (+9821) 2225 7348 – 22250162, Fax: (+9821) 2227 2285, E-mail: imcidd@gmail.com, Website: [http://www.irncid.org](http://www.irncid.org)

**23rd ICID Congress and 68th IEC, 8-14 October 2017, Mexico City, Mexico.**

Theme of the Congress: Modernizing Irrigation and Drainage for a new Green Revolution. Contact: Dr. Luis Remondo Pimentel, President, Mexican National Committee of International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (MXCID), Gerente de Distritos y Unidades de Riego, Comision Nacional del Agua, Insurgentes Sur 2416 7o Piso, Colonia Coyoacan, C.P. 14300 Mexico D.F. Tel: +52 53 222407, +52 53 222400 Ext. 6672; Fax: +52 53 222409, E-mail: cnm@mxcid.org, luis.rendon@cna.gob.mx, luis.rendon@conagua.gob.mx

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