

Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the
AMERICAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (AMRWG)
Tehran, Iran
17 October 2011: 13:30-17:00 hours

Year of Establishment: 2003

Mandate: (1) To assist in the development of ICID National Committees in Americas; (2) To obtain and disseminate information on irrigation and drainage in Americas; (3) To organize national and international discussions / meetings on relevant scientific and technical issues; and (4) To act as catalyst for promoting better contact with the ICID and other relevant international organizations.

Members present: No members were present except Secretary General, ICID represented by Dr. Vijay Labhsetwar.

Observers: (i) Vice President Hon. José A. Ortiz Fdz.-Urrutia (Spain) and (ii) Vice President Prof. Lucio Ubertini (Italy).

In absence of Chairman, Vice Chairman or any other members, the discussion on agenda was differed to next meeting in June 2010 at Adelaide, Australia (2012).

However, a brief discussion was held among Vice President Prof. Lucio Ubertini (Italy), Vice President Hon. Dr. José A. Ortiz Fdz.-Urrutia (Spain) and Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar, who were present.

Vice President Prof. Ubertini (Italy) has shown his keen interest in the activities of the AMRWG. Dr. Labhsetwar brought to attention that recently Chile has withdrawn on its own from the ICID membership. Prof. Ubertini (Italy) volunteered to contact the Chilean Embassy in Rome to bring back Chile in to ICID fold. VPH Dr. Ortiz (Spain) informed that he also contacted the former Secretary General of Chilean National Committee to attempt reactivate Chilean membership. The Central Office will continue its efforts in reviving Chilean membership.

The Italian Institute of Latin America (IILA) will be organizing a meeting during 16-18 November 2011 at St. Domingo in Dominican Republic. Prof Ubertini will be attending that meeting and try to encourage the Latin American countries present in that meeting to join ICID. The efforts of Prof Ubertini were praise worthy.