

Minutes of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the
COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSES/CONFERENCES (C-CONGR)
 Tehran, Iran
 16 October 2011: 13:30-17:00 hours

Year of Establishment: 1990

Mandate: To recommend general improvement in conduct of Congresses/Conferences sessions; to recommend tasks and duties for General Reporters and Panel of Experts for Congress Questions and Special Session; to study and establish, if needed, the basic guidelines for recommending the tasks and responsibilities of National Organizing Committees; to establish appropriate procedures for selection of Congress Questions, Special Sessions and Symposia; to establish procedures for scheduling of most appropriate workshops, seminars, etc. to be held at the time of Congress; to make recommendations on the number and type of simultaneous meetings at Congresses/Conferences in order to improve effectiveness and attendance; to study and accord advice to the National Committees, for methods to adopted in each case for an effective follow-up of the Conclusions and Recommendations of Congresses/Conferences; and to make recommendations on printing the proceedings for distribution of abstracts in advance.

Members present: (1) Mr. Mohammad Kazem Siahi (Iran,2009), Convener; (2) Mr. Syaiful Mahdi (Indonesia); (3) Vice President Dr. Willem F. Vlotman (Australia); (4) Dr. Jin Hoon JO, Korean representative; (5) Dr. Adama Sangare (Mali); (6) Vice President Hon. Dr. M.H. Amer (Egypt) and (7) Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar, ICID Central Office.

Observers: (i) Mr. A.R. Salamat (Iran); (ii) Mr. Sh. Khorasanizadeh (Iran); (iii) Mr. Mousa Amadou (Niger); (iv) Dr. Suhas P. Wani (India); and (v) Mr. Hun Sun Lee (Korea).

Website: <<http://www.c-congr.icidonline.org>>

Item 1 : Confirmation of minutes of the 21st meeting of the C-CONGR

The minutes of the 21st meeting of the C-CONGR held in Yogyakarta, 2010 were approved by the members.

Item 2 : Review the membership of the Committee

The membership was reviewed as follows:

- AFEID's (France), NETHCID's (The Netherlands) and INCID's (India) representatives were not present in the meeting.
- Other nominees present were : Australian, Indonesian, Korean and Mali National Committees.

Item 3 : 'Yogyakarta' Events - 2010

3.1 Feedback by INACID from 61st IEC Meetings and 6th Asian Regional Conference during 11-15 October 2010 at Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Mr. Syaiful Mahdi as the Indonesian National Committee representative briefed the participants on the 61st IEC and 6th ARC held in Yogyakarta. The highlights were as follows:

- Conference theme: "Improvement of Irrigation and Drainage Efficiency under Small Land Holding Conditions"
- Fund Raising: Government, Registration, and Sponsorships
- Number of participants : 513

- Number of abstracts received : 260
- Accepted papers : 84

Challenges: (1) Earthquake in 2008 and the rehabilitation required for the facilities; (2) Merapi eruption just a week after closing ceremony of the Conference.

Item 4 : Feedback from European Regional Conferences

4.1 Feedback from the 24th European Regional Conference during 14-16 March 2011 at Orleans, France

The representative from AFEID was not present. Dr Labhsetwar from the Central Office appraised the meeting by mentioning that the website of this event has been launched with fruitful information.

4.2 Feedback from the 25th European Regional Conference during 16-20 May 2011 at Groningen, The Netherlands

The representative from NETHCID was not present. Dr Labhsetwar from the Central Office appraised the meeting by mentioning that the website of this event has been equipped with relevant information from this event.

Item 5 : 'Tehran' Events - 2011

5.1 Review and observe the preparations made by IRNCID for the 62nd IEC Meetings, 21st ICID Congress and 8th IMIC during 15-23 October, 2011 at Tehran, Iran

Mr. A.R. Salamat as the Iranian National Committee representative briefed the participants on the actions carried out in concern with the 21st ICID Congress, 62nd IEC and 8th Micro Irrigation Congress being held in Tehran, Iran, 15-23 October 2011. The highlights were as follows:

- Conference theme: "Water Productivity Towards Food Security "
- Fund Raising: Government, Registration, and Sponsorships
- No. of Participants: 1081 including 350 foreign delegates
- No. of abstracts: 443
- No. of full Papers received: 340
- No. of papers to be presented orally: 190
- No. of posters: 90
- No. of participating countries:54
- Website: www.icid2011.org

Challenges: Several requests for registration waiver, financial issues, irrelevant visa requests

Item 6 : 3rd African Regional Conference - 2011

6.1 Review and discuss the preparations for the 3rd African Regional Conference during 29 November to 05 December 2011 at Bamako, Mali

Dr. Adama Sangare as the Malian representative briefed the participants on the 3rd African Regional Conference planned to be held in Bamako, Nov. - Dec. 2011. The highlights were as follows:

- Conference theme: "Food Security in Africa and climate change: Improving the contribution of irrigation"
 - Expected No. of Participants: 200
 - No. of abstracts: 33
 - Problems and Solutions were mentioned
 - Website: <http://www.craf-2011.net>
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Item 7 : 'Adelaide' Events - 2012

7.1 Review and discuss the preparations for the 63rd IEC meetings and 7th Asian Regional Conference during 24-30 June 2012 at Adelaide, Australia

Vice President Dr. W. F. Vlotman from Australian National Committee presented a brief review on the measures carried out for holding the 63rd IEC meeting and 7th Asian Regional Conference to be held during 24-30 June, 2012 at Adelaide, Australia. The important issues were as follows:

- Main theme of the Asian Regional Conference: Drought, Floods, Environment: Managing Consumptive Water Needs Sustainable
- Technical and sightseeing tours
- Key dates for submitting papers - Abstracts submissions opens in December 2011 and closes in January 2012
- Website: www.irrigation.org.au/2012

Item 8 : 11th International Drainage Workshop - 2012

8.1 Review and discuss the preparations for the 11th International Drainage Workshop during 23-27 September 2012 at Cairo, Egypt

Vice President Hon. Dr. M. H. Amer as the Chairman of Egyptian National Committee presented a short report on the arrangements made in concern with the 11th International Drainage Workshop planned to be held during 23-27 September 2012, Egypt. The highlights were:

- Theme: Agricultural Drainage Needs and Future priorities
- Sub-themes:
 1. Planning and Design of Drainage Systems
 2. Improvement of Drainage Technology and Techniques
 3. Drainage Management
 4. Environmental Aspects and Climatic Change
 5. Research Development and Capacity Building
- Simultaneous translation in English-French for opening and closing sessions

Item 9 : 'Turkey' Events - 2013

9.1 Review and discuss the preparations for 64th IEC Meeting in Turkey

The Turkish representative was not available.

Item 10 : 'Seoul Congress' - 2014

10.1 Review and discuss the preparations for the 65th IEC meetings and 22nd ICID Congress (2014) in Seoul, South Korea

Dr. Jin-Hoon JO as the representative of the Korean National Committee made a short PowerPoint presentation on the measures carried out so far, for hosting the 65th IEC meeting and 22nd ICID Congress in 2014. The important point were as follows:

- Theme: Security of Rural Water and Community in Relation to Climate Change
 - Question 58: Irrigation and Flood Control to Policy : Adaptation to Climate Change
 - Question 59: Security of Food and Rural Community through Irrigation and Drainage
 - Special Session: New Partnership for Rural Development
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- Symposium: Non-point Sources Pollution and Best Management Practices
- Governmental funds: 50 percent of the costs
- An exhibition at the time of the events

Item 11 : Website of C-CONGR

National committees were requested to upload all conference related information on C-Congress website. Alternately, ICID Central Office can assist, if it receives the same.

Item 12 : Any other business

The meeting closed with thanks to the Chair.
