

Minutes of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the  
**PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATION (PCSO)**  
 Tehran, Iran

**18 October 2011 : 09.00-12.30 hours (Session – I)**

**18 October 2011 : 13.30-17.00 hours (Session – II)**

**Members Present:** (1) Vice President Hon. Dr. A. Hafied A. Gany, Chairman (Indonesia, 2007); (2) Vice President Mr. Shinsuke Ota, Vice Chairman (Japan, 2008); (3) Vice President Prof. Lucio Ubertini (Italy, 2008); (4) Vice President Dr. Willem F. Vlotman (Australia, 2009); (5) Vice President Dr. László G. Hayde (Hungary, 2009); (6) Vice President Engr. Husnain Ahmad (Pakistan, 2010); (7) Vice President Mr. Chaiwat Prechawit (Thailand, 2010); (8) Vice President Hon. Prof. Peter Kovalenko (Ukraine, 2007).

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** (1) VPH Dr. Karim Shiati, Chair, ASRWG; (2) Dr. Adama Sangare, Chair, AFRWG, (3) VP Dr. László G. Hayde, Chair, ERWG, (4) Chair, AMRWG, (5) VPH Prof. Peter Kovalenko, Chair, WG-IDSST, (6) Mr. M.K. Siahi, Chair, C-CONGR represented by VP Dr. Willem Vlotman, and (7) Mr. Fabian Priandani, Vice Chair, WG-YPF representing Mr. Yaser Barghi, Interim Chair, WG-YPF.

**Observers Present:** (1) Prof. dr. Bart Schultz (The Netherlands); (2) Prof. Tai Cheol Kim (Korea), (3) Mr. Ezzatollah Farhadi (Iran), (4) Mr. Jin Hoon Jo (Korea), (5) Mr. Shahram Khorasani Zade (Iran), and (6) Dr. S. Hoda Rahmati (Iran) acted as Secretary of the meeting.

**Item 1 : Confirmation of minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of PCSO held at Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 13 October 2010**

There were no comments from members on the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of PCSO held at Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 13 October 2010. The minutes therefore were confirmed.

**A. CONTINUING ITEMS**

**Item 2 : Membership of PCSO and Workbodies**

- 2.1 In terms of By-law 3.2.2(e), Vice Presidents Hon. Dr. Hafied A. Gany (Indonesia), Prof. Peter Kovalenko (Ukraine) and Dr. Illahi B. Shaikh (Pakistan) retired from the membership of the Committee at the conclusion of the Tehran events owing to completion of their tenure as Vice President.
- 2.2 As stipulated in By-law 3.2.2(e): 'The Chairperson of the Committee is nominated by the President, in consultation with the Secretary General from amongst the incumbent Vice Presidents. The Chairperson shall serve the Committee during the tenure of his/her membership of this Committee'. Accordingly, Vice President Dr. Ragab Ragab has been nominated as the new Chairman of PCSO and he will serve as the Chair, PCSO until 2014.
- 2.3 The following memberships of workbodies were accepted.

**African Regional Working Group (AFRWG)**

- Engr Aliou Bamba (Mali)
- Engr Raphael L. Daluti (Tanzania)

The Group selected Dr Andrew Sanewe (South Africa) as the Chairman of AFRWG to replace Mr. Adama Sangare (Mali). Engr. Raphael L. Daluti was selected as the new Secretary of the AFRWG.

**Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG)**

- Dr. Mohammad Amin in place of Mr. Mohd. Abdul Nassir bin Bidin (Malaysia)
- Mr. Uttam Raj Timilsina in place of Mr. Khem Raj Sharma (Nepal)

### **European Regional Working Group (ERWG)**

- Ms. Sabine Walsler (Germany)
- Mr. Olli-Matti Verta (Finland)
- PH Peter S. Lee (UK)

ERWG elected Mr. Olli-Matti Verta (Finland) as new Secretary.

### **Working Group on Irrigation and Drainage in States under Social-Economic Transformation (WG-IDSST)**

- Mr. Vladimir B. Kundius (Russia)

### **Committee on Congresses/Conferences (C-CONGR)**

- Mr. Ian Atkinson (Australia) in place of Dr. Chris Bennett
- Dr. Sami Bouarfa (France)
- Mr. Syaiful Mahdi in place of VPH Dr. A. Hafied A. Gany (Indonesia)
- Dr. Jin-Hoon Jo (Korea)
- Dr. Adama Sangare (Mali)
- Mr. Bert Pijpers (The Netherlands)
- Dr. K. Yella Reddy (India)

### **Working Group on Young Irrigation Professionals Forum (WG-YPF)**

- Mr. Gao Lihui in place of Ms. Jianxin Mu (China)
- Dr. Sung Hee Lee (Korea)

### **Item 3 : New Member Countries and Membership Drive**

Noted.

### **Item 4 : Active National Committees and Reactivation of Inactive National Committees (NCs)**

VPH Dr. Karim Shiati (Iran) informed that Tanzanian National Committee has been reactivated and their delegation was present at the Tehran Congress.

VP Prof. Lucio Ubertini stated that Greek National Committee (GRCID) has become inactive due to financial crisis in the country. However, the Committee is endeavoring to generate revenue by organizing and hosting a workshop at Athens on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The workshop is likely to be attended by participants from 10 countries. Vice President Vlotman added that New Zealand did not have enough finance to join ICID, and so they remained inactive/ withdrawn on their own status.

VP Dr. Hayde (Hungary) informed that Armenia was interested to join ICID and asked Russian National Committee to help them to prepare their application/ statement in Russian or French for getting its approval through their official process, and after that, they will translate it into English for submission to ICID.

VP Dr. Hayde (Hungary) also added that he had spoken with high ranking Officers of Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia and offered them to provide assistance towards application for the ICID membership.

VP Dr. Hayde (Hungary) was also endeavoring to activate Macedonia for ICID membership.

### **Item 5 : Task Forces**

#### **5.1 Task Force to Guide ICID Inputs to WWF-6 (TF-WWF-6)**

Chairman PH Bart Shultz presented an overview of the state of the preparations for WWF6, while Ms. Anna Dupont (WWC) made presentations on *Organizational aspects and set-up of sessions during the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum*.

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Targets under Theme 2.2 have been finalized. From ICID, Mr. Jacques Plantey and PH Prof. Bart Schultz became the Coordinators of Target III; ICID President Chandra Madramootoo would coordinate Target V jointly with ICOLD President.

On behalf of the Arab Water Council, VPH Dr. Safwat Abdel Dayem is the Coordinator of Target VI.

On behalf of AFEID François Brelle is the Co-coordinator of Theme 2.1 “Balance Multiple Uses through Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)”.

Each Target Group as well as the Core Group is expected to prepare three documents, viz. 500 words summary, a Target Action Plan and a Target and Solutions Group Report. The summaries of the most of the Action Plans were available. The Targets and Solutions Group reports are expected to be ready by the end of the year.

A “Special Session on Water for Food Security” with FAO was held on the afternoon following the TF meeting in Tehran.

### **5.2 Task Force on Water for Bio-Energy and Food (TF-BIO-ENERGY)**

The progress report was not presented due to absence of the TF representative.

### **5.3 Task Force on Sedimentation of Reservoirs (TF-SEDIMENTATION)**

The progress report was not presented due to absence of the TF representative.

### **5.4 Task Force on Financing Water for Agriculture (TF-FIN)**

The progress report was not presented due to absence of the TF representative.

### **Item 6 : Strengthening and Broad-basing of National Committees, Evolving/Revising Constitution of National Committees**

No comment was added.

## **B. REVIEW OF TENURES AND ACTIVITIES OF WORKBODIES**

### **Item 7 : African Regional Working Group (AFRWG)**

There are 7 active member countries in Africa (including recently joined Tanzania).

The members of the AFRWG agreed that there is an urgent need to reactivate /revitalize the National Committees in Africa. It was reported that AgWA has planned to organize its first General Assembly at the time of the 3<sup>rd</sup> African Regional Conference to be held in Bamako in November / December 2011 at Bamako, Mali.

### **Item 8 : European Regional Working Group (ERWG)**

New nominations of Ms. Sabine Walser and Mr. Olli-Matti Verta were received from GECID, Germany and FINCID, Finland and were accepted.

Mr. Olli Verta was also accepted as Secretary of the European Regional Working Group.

Dr Irina G. Bondarik (Russia) made a presentation on the preparations for 12<sup>th</sup> IDW to be held at Saint Petersburg in June 2014 and invited all to attend the event.

It was reported that Prof. Bruce Lankford, Professor of Water & Irrigation Policy, University of East Anglia is the new Chairman of ICID.UK.

### **Item 9 : Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG)**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference will be held in Adelaide, Australia during 63<sup>rd</sup> IEC meeting in June 2012.

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**Item 10 : American Regional Working Group (AMRWG)**

Vice President Prof. Ubertini (Italy) has shown his keen interest in the activities of the AMRWG. Prof. Ubertini (Italy) volunteered to contact the Chilean Embassy in Rome to bring back Chile in to ICID fold. VPH Dr. Ortiz (Spain) had 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.

PCSO thanked Prof. Ubertini for his efforts to encourage the Latin American countries to join ICID.

**Item 11 : Working Group on Irrigation and Drainage in States under Socio-Economic Transformation (WG-IDSST)**

Russian National Committee (RUCID) nominated Mr. Vladimir Kindius for the membership of WG.

The Central Office circular about the announcement of the program of Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) on the topic "Integrated Water Resources Management in the context of Developing and Transition countries" to all members of the WG was noted.

**Item 12 : Special Work Team on Lake Chad Basin (ST-LCB)**

The progress report was not presented due to absence of the ST representative.

**Item 13 : Committee on Congresses/Conferences (C-CONGR)**

VP Dr. Vlotman from Australia National Committee (IACID) presented a brief review of the various preparations towards hosting of the 63<sup>rd</sup> IEC meeting and 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference in Adelaide, Australia. He highlighted the following:

- Main Theme of 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference: "*Regional Cooperation for Water and Food Security*"
- Technical and sightseeing tours
- Key dates for submission of papers

Dr. Vlotman , Chair apprised about the reports presented by the representatives of Iran, Indonesia, Australia, Mali, Egypt and Korea about the ICID events held/ to be held in their countries. No reports were available of the events (Regional Conferences) held in France and the Netherlands in 2011 and that planned in Turkey in 2013.

It was proposed to upload all relevant information related to the above events on ICID website. All National Committees were requested to provide their announcements/ updates on their ICID events planned to be held in coming future.

**Item 14 : Working Group on Young Irrigation Professionals Forum (WG-YPF)**

Dr. Sung Hee Lee (Korea) and Mr. Gao Lihui (China) were accepted as new members of WG.

Activities of YPF-IRNCID were noted and appreciated by the WG. All other national committees were requested to encourage more young professionals to participate in ICID events.

It was proposed that YPF may establish a page on Facebook to keep in touch with each other freely. Mr. Fabian also brought to the attention that the registration fees paid by the YPF need a relook. During the meeting the progress made by the NCs in establishing Young Professionals Forum in their countries was reviewed. The main issues deliberated are recapitulated as follows:

- Lunching of a special webpage of YPF on Facebook so as to enhance connectivity; with other young professionals in the field of irrigation and drainage;
  - Waiving/ reducing the registration fee of future ICID events for YPs; and
  - Providing sponsorships and inexpensive accommodation to WG-YPF members by the host country.
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**Item 15 : New Workbodies**

Dr. Vlotman announced that the first meeting of the proposed working group on MDGs was held back to back with WG-POVERTY.

**Item 16 : Strategy for Communication and Cooperation between ICID and other Organizations**

- (i) **Lead International Organizations**
- (ii) **Farmers and other Water Users**
- (iii) **Membership of International Organizations, Private Companies and Manufacturers**

As regards the membership of international organizations, private companies and manufacturers of ICID, VP Dr Hayde said that each National Committee may prepare a sort of inventory of private organizations in their country and forward the feedback to Central Office to make appropriate decision for their membership and the fee to be charged.

Dr. Hayde suggested to form a special committee at the Central Office for making appropriate decisions for deciding the membership of the private organizations. This proposal may also be brought to the attention of the IEC.

**C. FOR INFORMATION**

**Item 17 : Best Performing Workbody Award (BPWA)**

No Comment was added to this Item.

**Item 18 : Best Performing National Committee Award (BPNCA)**

No Comment was added to this Item.

**Item 19 : N.D. Gulhati Memorial International Lecture**

No Comment was added to this Item.

**Item 20 : Any other business**

The following issues were discussed.

***Issue 1: Proposal for a Task Team on "ICID Engagement with the Rio+20 Process"***

As may be recalled, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 adopted 'Rio Declaration' that set the agenda for the sustainable development. Subsequently, in 2002, the World Summit on Sustainable Development adopted Agenda 21 that included Chapter 18 dealing with freshwater.

Through General Assembly resolution 64/236 dated December 2009, Member States called for a United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be organized "at the highest possible level" scheduled to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 4-6 June 2012 (Rio+20), with three objectives:

- Securing renewed political commitment for sustainable development.
- Assessing the progress to date and remaining gaps in implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development.
- Addressing new and emerging challenges.

The proposal is for making a submission to the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. The contribution has to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee established by UN General Assembly, through its Secretariat, in response to the open invitation by the Committee to all relevant stakeholders to submit their inputs by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 for preparing the draft outcome document for the UNCSD. It was therefore, proposed to establish a Task Team with the following terms of reference:

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1. Make a submission to the Preparatory Committee on behalf of ICID;
2. Explore the possibility of participation of ICID in the conference;
3. Appraise the National Committees of the progress from time to time;

Considering the uncertainty on the follow up of the Rio+20, suggest further engagement and follow up action to the process.

In response, the following professionals volunteered to serve on the Team.

- Dr. Willem F. Vlotman from Australian National Committee (IACID)
- Dr. Laszlo G. Hayde from Hungarian National Committee (HUCID)

***Issue 2: Financial Support to Young Professionals***

ICID should take necessary measures to enhance participation of young professionals by way of reduction in registration fee, and offering discounts on accommodation during ICID events.

***Issue 3: To make Office Bearer/Working Groups/Task Forces more active/productive***

The PCSO took note that non-availability of any financial assistance to Office Bearers, members of Working Groups/Task Forces was impeding the progress/output desired from them. It was therefore suggested that ICID should find out ways and means to extend financial support to Office Bearers and members of working groups/Task forces who are in need of such a support.

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