

Minutes of the Seventeenth Meeting of the
WORKING GROUP ON YOUNG IRRIGATION PROFESSIONALS FORUM (WG-YPF)
 Tehran, Iran
 16 October 2011: 09.00-12.30 hours

Year of Establishment: 1993

Mandate:

- To provide an international platform for young irrigation and drainage professionals and to encourage and promote a high standard of professional development in the subjects of irrigation, drainage and environment.
- To facilitate the development, acquisition and wider dissemination of knowledge and information about irrigation, drainage, flood management and environment amongst the young professionals.
- To maintain and enhance links with national and international youth having interests in the related subjects or the activities relevant to ICID objectives.
- To educate young professionals about ICID's role, objectives, activities, structure, constitution and By-laws.

Members Present: (1) Mr. Alireza Salamat represented Mr. Yaser Barghi, Chairman (Iran, 2010); (2) Ir. Fabian Priandani, Vice Chairman (Indonesia, 2010); (3) Ms. Hayati Zainal, Secretary (Malaysia, 2010); (4) Mr. Atsushi Marui represented Dr. Katsuyuki Shimizu (Japan, 2010) (5) Mr. Ankur K.Desai represented Mr. Piyush Ranjan (India, 2009).

Observers: (1) Mr. Puleng Mofokeng (South Africa); (2) Mr. Dadang Ridwan (Indonesia); (3) Eunmi Hong (Korea); (4) Dr. Sung Hee Lee (Korea); (5) Mr. Dong Koun Yun (Korea); (6) Mr. Gilchoi Shin (Korea); (7) Mr. Gao Lihui (China); (8) Ms. Hsiao Wen Wang (Taiwan); (9) Mr. Jano Anter (Germany); (10) Ms. Parvaneh Kazemi (Iran); (11) Mr. Zulfan (Indonesia); (12) Mr. Sahar Malekzadeh (Iran); (13) Mr. Mohammad Salman Sabahi (Iran); (14) Mr. Ibrahim El. Bapaudy (Eqypt); (15) Mr. Magdi T. Abdelhamid (Egypt); (16) Ms. S.Hoda Rahmati (Iran); (17) Mr. Chaudhry Foad Hussain (Pakistan); (18) Dr. Vijay Labhsetwar, ICID Central Office.

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In absence of Mr. Yaser Barghi, Chairman (Iran), Vice Chairman, Ir. Fabian Priandani chaired and conducted the meeting.

Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 16th meeting of the WG-YPF

The minutes of the 16th meeting of the working group held in October 2010 at Yogyakarta, Indonesia were confirmed.

Item 2 : Review of the membership of the Working Group

2.1 Membership of the Group

(a) Past nominations

The following nominees were neither present during the Meeting at New Delhi (2009) nor at Yogyakarta (2010). They were once again not present at Tehran (2011), hence their nominations were deferred;

- Ms. Kartabayeva Irina Anatolyevna (Kazakhstan)
- Mr. Nikolay Akhmatovich (Russia)
- Engr. Muhammad Ejaz Tanveer (Pakistan)

The Central Office may request the concerned National Committee for fresh nomination.

The following nominees were nominated by the Egyptian National Committee (ENCID) but neither were present/ represented during the meeting hence their nominations were deferred till the next meeting in 2012;

- Dr. Ibrahim El-Baroudy
- Eng. Emad Mohamed Mahmoud Khalil

The Central Office may request the ENCID to nominate only one nominee as two persons from one country are not allowed as per ICID by-laws.

(b) New nominations

New nominations for the membership of the group:

- Dr. Sung Hee Lee (Korea): He was present and he had introduced himself and his background to the members and observers – there were no objections. Nomination was approved.
- Mr. Gao Lihui (China): He was present and he had introduced himself and his background to the members and observers – there were no objections. Nomination was approved.

Chairman then formally welcomed new members to the Working Group meeting.

(c) Non-attendance/ contribution

From the attendance and contribution record of Central Office, the attendance of Members in 2009 and 2010 meetings were noted. It was noted that Ms. Nepveu de Villemarceau (France) neither attended the past two meetings nor contributed to the activities of WG. The Central Office may request the French National Committee (AFEID) for fresh nomination.

A. CONTINUING ITEMS

Item 3 : Review of the progress made by the National Committees in establishing Young Professionals Forum (YPF)

During the meeting, Mr. Alireza Salamat (Iran) highlighted the previous arrangement and progress made during his tenure to attract more YPF members by the National Committees. Earlier the Pakistan National Committee had started pursuing this issue within the NC. The Chairman may follow up the latest progress with Pakistan YPF.

The Canadian and Nigerian NCs were contacted for establishing YPF but responses from these National Committees were awaited. Taiwan showed keen interest to become an active member in this working group. The Chairman may follow up with these NCs.

At Tehran meeting, representatives from South Africa also informed their activities and progress to the members present at the meeting.

The Chair encouraged the NCs to establish Young Professional Forum in their NCs.

Item 4 : Review of the progress on preparation of a directory of Young Professionals

The Chairman requested all NCs to develop such directories or expand and update their previously-made directories.

The Japan, South Africa and other countries which have submitted their directories need to update them more often.

The group requested all members (Iran, Indonesia, Malaysia, South Africa, India, Korea, Japan, Pakistan, Russia and China) to present their updated YPF directories in the next meeting in June 2012 at Adelaide, Australia.

Item 5 : Establishment of a Network of Young Professionals through development of a web-based platform

Chairman informed that Mr. Yaser Barghi has been preparing and developing a page for YPF on 'FACEBOOK' at www.facebook.com/igid.ypf. Mr. Yaser has created some accounts for ICID-YPF and other social networking platforms like 'TWITTER' and 'SLIDESHARE' to facilitate networking between young professionals.

In May 2011, Mr. Yaser Barghi sent the designed webpage for YPF to Central Office for review. With his initiative, a page titled "ICID-YPF on FACEBOOK" has been created.

All members are welcomed to contribute information to this new networking platform.

At Yogyakarta meeting (2010), the Working Group requested Chairman Mr. Yaser Barghi to follow up with Dr. Maurits Ertsen for establishing a network of young professionals through development of a web-based platform. The chairman sent some emails to Dr. Ertsen but could not contact him. The Chairman may continue his efforts to strengthen the networking.

Item 6 : "How to activate Young Professionals"

The initiatives that were highlighted during Yogyakarta meeting (2010) to motivate young professionals in ICID activities may continue to be considered by each NC -

- Nomination of a young professional from each National Committee as an additional member in each Working Group of ICID;
- Contribution of papers by young professionals for publication in ICID Journal; and
- Participation/ Nomination of young professionals in WatSave Awards.

In order to motivate Young Professionals, it was also decided to take some concrete measures to rejuvenate this group as today's young professionals will be tomorrow's pillars in ICID. Some of other initiatives were as follows:

- Selection of one university in each country by the concerned NC to have close cooperation with Young Professionals (where appropriate).
- Permitting NCs to nominate an additional young member in each Working Group of ICID.
- NCs to ensure the participation of young professional member in their delegation to ICID events.
- Providing sponsorship and inexpensive accommodation to WG-YPF members, if feasible.
- To waive the Young Professional Registration Fee to attend the ICID Event.
- To request the host country to sponsor the attendance of the YPF in ICID Event.

During the meeting, it was decided to take up the matter with PCSO and follow up with NCs to encourage young professionals' participation in ICID events.

Item 7 : Current activities of YPF members

Ms. Hayati Zainal (Malaysia) provided (11 August 2011) the report of the 16th MANCID Annual Conference (MANCO) held from 26-27 February 2011 in Penang, Malaysia to the ICID Central Office. The Central Office circulated (16 August 2011) the report of the conference to all members of the WG-YPF.

Mr. Barghi informed (16 June 2011) the Central Office that YPF-IRNCID has been actively pursuing its goals and held its meetings in presence of IRNCID members. The significant outcomes are as follows:

1. Preparation and publication of seasonal newsletter of IRNCID
 2. Preparation and publication the Annual newsletter of ICID-YPF for distribution in the ICID 2010 annual meeting
 3. Preparing a DVD including an archive of all past events, publications and documents of IRNCID in the field of irrigation and drainage
 4. Collaboration with other working groups of IRNCID
 5. Collaboration with WG-YPF of ICID
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6. Preparation of publication titled "Water and Irrigation in the Contemporary era of Iran"
7. Arranging one seminar at Shahrekord University
8. Arranging scientific/technical contest for young professionals in the water sector
9. Translation and edition of a book titled "Irrigation Systems"
10. Cooperation in organizing the 21st ICID congress
11. Presentation of papers in ICID Asian regional conference, Indonesia
12. Preparing three papers for Tehran Congress, October 2011
13. Organizing a side event for Young Professionals during Tehran congress, October 2011
14. Cooperation with Water History Association of Germany and hosting the German delegates to visit water structures and irrigation projects in Iran
15. Translating FAO-IWMI publication (summary) on "Water for Food, Water for Life"
16. Conducting an opinion poll to find out the effectiveness of IRNCID activities
17. Updating IRNCID website
18. Preparation of the performance report of the past year and work plan for the next year

The WG members congratulated the YPF-IRNCID for taking lead in activities as above. The YPF-IRNCID may brief the WG on further achievements/initiatives taken in 2012.

Further activities and information from each NC will be discussed during the Special Side Event on 17 October 2011. (This side event has since been successfully held and discussed under Item 11)

Item 8 : Papers for Publication in the ICID Journal and ICID News

During the meeting, the Chair requested the members to prepare and submit their papers for publication in the ICID Journal and News.

Details for paper submission in ICID Journal can be accessed at <[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1531-0361](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1531-0361)>.

Item 9 : YPF Newsletter

Members were requested to prepare and submit briefs on YPF activities in their country/NC to the Chair/ Central Office so that it can be incorporated in the forthcoming issue of the YPF Newsletter.

Item 10 : Encouraging Young Professionals for WatSave Awards

Dr. Vijay Labhsetwar (Director, ICID) regretfully informed that no nominations were received for young professionals WatSave Awards in 2011. Chairman requested members to compete in WatSave Awards 2012 by sending their best works or performance to ICID Central Office. The application deadline has been set at 30 March 2012.

B. NEW ITEM

Item 11 : Young professional's Session at Tehran Congress

The Chairman welcomed all members to the Special Side event hosted by IRNCID on 17 October 2011 from 15:00 to 18:00 hour.

The Special Session gave a golden opportunity for young professionals to engage, network, exchange ideas and share experiences in a warm and friendly session during the magnificent ICID 2011 events.

Mr. A. Assadollahi, Secretary General, IRNCID (Iran) made opening remarks in the YPF special session which was followed by presentations as below:

- Mr. A.R Salamat – IRNCID
 - Mr. Ir. Fabian Priandani – INACID
 - Ms. Hayati Zainal – MANCID
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- Dr. Yacob Beletse – SANCID
- Mr. Atsushi Marui – JNC-ICID
- Ms. Hsiao Wen Wang - Taiwan

The outcomes of the event were as below:

- i. All members and participants shared their experiences and problems and noted that efforts need to be made in order to support the establishment of YPF in every country.
- ii. Financial support from each National Committee is very important in order to be active and successful.
- iii. The impact of the Young Professional activities and involvement should be highlighted in order to promote and encourage more members to participate in ICID events.
- iv. Talented young people should be given an opportunity to show and develop their creativity. Aspirations for ICID's great future needs to be groomed.

Members thanked IRNCID for providing such a platform to boost their activities.

Item 12 : Any other business

At the end, Dr. Sung Hee Lee (Korea) disseminated the information for the 22nd International Congress and 65th IEC Meeting on Irrigation and Drainage scheduled to be held in 2014 at Seoul, Korea.
