



# News Update

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*From Secretary General's Desk...*

Dear friends,

We had two important events in which ICID joined hands with UN Agencies besides other international organizations during the month that passed by. The first one which I would like to apprise you about is the 'Integration Meeting' for the production of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR3). This was held at the end of April in Perugia, Italy under the auspices of The United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP). The second important event that I would like to record is the CSD 16 meetings held in New York UN headquarters (5-16 May 2008) when several side events took place and ICID took the lead to organize one side event. President Lee himself participated to contribute on our behalf.

Elsewhere in the News Update a brief on the WWDR3 explains in more detail its scope. As members of Technical Advisory Committee of the WWDR3, Prof. Lucio Ubertini (ITAL-ICID) and I participated in the preparatory meetings in Perugia. In a participatory approach, WWAP facilitated the consultation process with an aim to evolve a quality report that goes beyond its usual ambit to cover 'drivers of change' external to the sector. The Report will be titled "Water in a Changing World". The main titles of the Chapters and the Table of Contents were firmed up besides the key messages. ICID inputs generated through the erstwhile Task Forces, CPSP Reports and MTD for Glossary were some of the inputs supplied to address agricultural water use. The draft report contents and chapters are accessible on the website <[www.unesco.org/water/wwap/wwdr](http://www.unesco.org/water/wwap/wwdr)>. The final draft of the Report is likely to be ready by June 2008.

The ICID side event alongside CSD 16 at New York was initiated by the Israeli National Committee and Central Office. This was held on 12 May 2008; we had

earlier circulated the event details for a wider participation. Panel discussions with the participation of experts from the leading International Organisations like FAO, IFAD, WWC, Winrock International formed the core part of the event. ICID took the lead role on the assigned topic of "Advancing Human Development and MDGs role of Water and Food for Ending Poverty and Hunger". President Lee introduced in his inaugural presentation 'the role of water in addressing the challenges of poverty alleviation and food security'. President Lee also participated as a Panelist in the FAO-IFAD side event on the topic "Water and the rural poor – Interventions for improving the livelihoods in Sub Saharan Africa". The Israeli National Committee's supportive role for liaising with UN Water / DESA and funding the side event deserves special acknowledgement. Israeli NC presented the topic "Irrigation with treated waste water for increasing food production in arid regions".

The preparatory actions for holding the 59<sup>th</sup> IEC and 20<sup>th</sup> International Congress are in full swing and the Central Office is in consultation with most of you for firming up the Agenda. Simultaneously, action to contribute effectively on the topics for the World Water Forum 5 is in progress. *Please see the box item detailing the ICID inputs.* I value your responses to the circulars on the subject sent by Central Office.

Before I conclude, it is my duty to remind you to firm up your travel plans for Lahore Congress and seek visas in time. I am sure that you are at it.

Best regards,

M. Gopalakrishnan  
Secretary General

## News from National Committees

### India (INCID)

Mr. A.K. Bajaj has assumed the office of the Chairman, Central Water Commission and Indian National



SG welcomes Chairman INCID in Central Office

Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (INCID) effective from 16 April 2008.

The contact co-ordinates are as below:

The Chairman, Central Water Commission (Govt. of India), Ministry of Water Resources and Chairman, Indian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (INCID), 315, Sewa Bhawan (S), Sector -1, R.K. Puram, New Delhi – 110 066. Tel: +91 11 2610 8855, Fax: +91 11 2610 8614, E-mail: [cwcchairman@netscape.net](mailto:cwcchairman@netscape.net); [cmanoff@cwcdelhi.nic.in](mailto:cmanoff@cwcdelhi.nic.in)

Mr. Bajaj who visited Central Office on 5 May 2008 was felicitated by Secretary General. ICID extends a warm welcome to Mr. A.K. Bajaj. [Source: INCID]

### Korea (KCID)

Dr. Jin Hoon Jo, Professional Civil Engineer, Rural Research Institute, Korea Rural Community and Agricultural Corporation (KRC) has



assumed the office of the Secretary General, Korean National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (KCID). The contact co-ordinates of Dr. Jin Hoon Jo are: Hyundai Apt. 104-303, Inhyun town, 1151, Jukjeon2-dong, Yongin-si,

Kyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea. Tel.: 031-400-1815 (Office), E-mail: jjojinhoon@hanmail.net [Source: KCID]

### Malaysia (MANCID)

#### Ir. Mohd. Azhari bin Ghazalli, Vice President ICID visits Vietnam

Vice President, Ir. Mohd. Azhari bin Ghazalli (MANCID) in his recent visit to Danang, Vietnam, met Dr. Dao Trong Tu (Deputy Secretary General, Vietnam National Mekong Committee) and Mr. Peter S. Lee (President of ICID) to hold discussions. Ir. Mohd. Azhari met the Vietnamese delegates to discuss ICID matters and encouraged them to attend the forthcoming ICID Congress. [Source: MANCID]

### South Africa (SANCID)

The South African National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (SANCID) held its Annual General Meeting in April 2008. Dr. G.R. Backeberg, Chairman, SANCID in his annual report for the year 2007/08 presented the activities of SANCID.

He touched upon the election of Dr. Sizwe Mkhize as Chair of African Regional Working Group, ICID WatSave Award 2007 to Dr. Abraham Singels and the ICID Best Paper Award 2007 to Dr. Gerhard Backeberg (Irrigation and Drainage, Vol. 55 No. 1). The ICID 2<sup>nd</sup> African Regional Conference was organized during 6-9 November 2007 at Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr. Cain Chunda together with Mr Thabo Masike, the representatives of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, presented the annual SANCID Lecture in October 2007.

The Executive Committee of SANCID has established an organizing committee to prepare and organize the SANCID 2008 Symposium during 18-20 November 2008. The theme will be "Agricultural Water Management for Sustainable Livelihoods".

Please contact Dr. G.R. Backeberg, Chairman, SANCID at <gerhardb@wrc.org.za> for more information and activities of SANCID. [Source: SANCID]

### USA (USCID)

Vice President Hon. Larry D. Stephens, also the Executive Vice President of USCID, received the 2007 USCID Service to the Profession Award during the last Sacramento events of IEC in October 2007.



VP Mark Svendsen presenting the award to VPH Larry D Stephens

In a sideline closing banquet event coupled with an impressive cultural programme which was organized by USCID for the visiting delegates and dignitaries, USCID President Mark Svendsen presented the award to Mr. Stephens for his distinguished contributions to ICID.

VPH Stephens services to ICID, began with his attendance during the first International Executive Council Meeting in London in 1971. He has attended every IEC meeting since. Apart from his innings as a Vice President, he served as a Secretary of the Permanent Committee on Technical Activities. VPH Stephens is the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations and Publications, and a member of the ICID Journal Editorial Board.

### United Kingdom (ICID.UK)

#### International Seminar – Towards a political ecology of irrigation & water use efficiency and productivity

The British National Committee of ICID (ICID.UK) is organizing an 'International Seminar – Towards a political ecology of irrigation & water use efficiency and productivity' on 6 November 2008.

This international seminar will unpack irrigation/water use efficiency and productivity as a contested subject. The topic of Irrigation Efficiency and Productivity is of critical significance if developing countries are to better manage water and provide opportunities. Irrigation sits at the heart of this reallocation. Through a series of presentations, participants will explore dimensions of the political ecology of irrigation efficiency and productivity – how competing ideas of water resource management and

### 10<sup>th</sup> International Drainage Workshop

The National Committees of Finland (FINCID) and Estonia (ESTCID) have placed the details of the workshop in their website. There will be over 70 oral/poster presentation from 24 countries during the workshop. For online registration and more information, please access their website at <[www.fincid.fi/idw2008](http://www.fincid.fi/idw2008)>.

performance analysis, sometimes without recognition of or recourse to theory, boundaries and context, are reproduced and contested, potentially dominating policy.

Please contact Bruce Lankford (b.lankford@uea.ac.uk) and /or Tim Fuller (Tim.Fuller@ice.org.uk) for registration, location and feeds. Information is also available at <http://www.icid.org.uk/> or [www.uea.ac.uk/dev/lankford](http://www.uea.ac.uk/dev/lankford) [Source: ICID.UK]

### World Water Day 2008 Celebrations

#### Bangladesh (BANCID)

On the occasion of observing the World Water Day 2008, the Bangladesh National Committee of ICID (BANCID) in association with the Institute of Water Modelling (IWM) organized a half day seminar entitled "Sustainability of the Buriganga River – Augmentation of Dry Season flow" in Dhaka. Mr. Emaduddin Ahmad, Executive Director, IWM presented the keynote address of the seminar. The seminar was chaired by Mr. H. S. Mozaddad Faruque, Director General, Bangladesh Water Development Board. The Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resource was the Chief Guest on the occasion. A number of eminent water experts, Academicians, Scientists and Civil Societies/NGO's representatives and all the BANCID members (a total of 150 participants) attended the seminar. Mr. Ahmad's keynote address touched upon the issues relating to pollution and water quality of Buri Ganga River. Presentation of the Keynote paper was followed by a documentary film on the pollution of the peripheral rivers of the Dakha city and open floor discussions. [Source: BANCID]

## The Netherlands (NETHCID)



Prof. Nick van de Giesen, Chairman, NETHCID

Wageningen, The Netherlands.

NETHCID Symposium "The Water Professional of Tomorrow" was held on the occasion of World Water Day on March 20, 2008 at Wageningen University,

With a group of 10 inspiring national and international speakers from diverse backgrounds (academia, NGO's, water user associations, government) and disciplines (technical, public administration, social, and communication), the needs and challenges of the water professional of tomorrow were discussed. What new challenges will these professionals face in their careers and what are the implications for the required knowledge and skills? The symposium was very successful; about 120 participants were inspired by the lively discussions with this eminent group of speakers. [Source: NETHCID]

## Cyclone 'Nargis' in Myanmar and an Earthquake in China

The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage and its entire community are shocked and saddened by the extent of human tragedy in

## 20<sup>th</sup> ICID Congress of ICID – Updates

PANCID promises a compact and effective Congress in October 2008. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final announcement has been issued. Mr. Syed Raghieb Abbas Shah (Pakistan), Secretary General, Organizing Committee informs that arrangements are being made for 'on-line' registrations. All National Committees are advised to make their reservations for National Committee displays in time. Exhibitors may also contact organizers for their space requirements. For hosting receptions, please let the organizers know before they run out of the limited slots. Please access Congress website <[www.icid2008.org](http://www.icid2008.org)> for more information

Myanmar, in the aftermath of the cyclone 'Nargis' on 3 May 2008. Tropical Cyclone Nargis made a direct hit on Myanmar's largest city, Yangon (Category 4 strength).

ICID fraternity is also shocked by the extent of damages suffered by China after the severe earthquake (7.9 on Richter scale) that hit Chengdu in Sichuan Province on 13 May 2008. Details continue to emerge about the destruction across Myanmar and southern China.

Our heartfelt sympathies for the cyclone impacted people of Myanmar and earthquake affected people of China.

## 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum

The World Water Forum aims to promote awareness of critical water issues at all levels, building political commitment and triggering action. To this end, the World Water Council (of which ICID is a founding member) organizes, every three years, in close collaboration with a host country and a host city, a World Water Forum. The Forum is the largest international 'awareness-raising' event focused on water and development. It provides a platform where multi-stakeholder dialogues take place on critical water issues.

The bidding process for the 6<sup>th</sup> Forum is open to the Government of any country. In order to be considered for the next steps in the bidding procedure, a preliminary expression of interest is required to be sent to the WWC Headquarters.

For more detailed information on the bidding process and the Forum itself, please contact Forum Coordinator, Ms. Dani Gaillard-Picher ([d.gaillard@worldwatercouncil.org](mailto:d.gaillard@worldwatercouncil.org)). [Source: WWC]

## New General Director – WWC

Mr. Ger Bergkamp has been appointed as General Director of the World Water Council, effective 1 June 2008. Mr. Daniel Zimmer, who has served as Executive Director of the Council since November of 2001, will continue as Associate Director in charge of the Preparation of the 5th World Water Forum until June, 2009. [Source: WWC]

## ICID WatSave Awards 2008

Nominations are invited for the 'WatSave Awards 2008' from individuals/ team through National Committees/ Committee. Awards are given in three categories viz. (i) **Technology**, (ii) **Innovative Water Management**, and (iii) **Young Professionals**.

The entries are open to all professionals/ teams from ICID member countries as well as non-member countries. The contact coordinates of the ICID National Committees/ Committee, the 'Nomination Form', 'Conditions and Criteria', 'Check list' of the documents to be submitted and 'Evaluation Proforma' are available for download at <[www.icid.org/awards.html](http://www.icid.org/awards.html)>. The deadline for receipt of the entries from the National Committees along with a completed 'Nomination Form' to the Central Office ICID, New Delhi is **30 June 2008**.

## The World Water Development Report (WWDR)

The triennial World Water Development Report (WWDR) is the United Nations System flagship report on water, a comprehensive review of the state of the world's freshwater resources. The mandate to produce the Reports dates back to decision by the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development at its 6<sup>th</sup> Session in 1998, calling on the United Nations system to compile periodic assessments and analyses of water resources availability (with a focus both on quantity and quality) and present a global picture of the state of freshwater resources and major challenges.

The Reports provide a mechanism for monitoring changes in the resources and its management and tracking progress towards achieving targets, particularly those of the Millennium Development Goals and the World Summit on Sustainable Development. The Reports also offer best practices as well as in-depth theoretical analyses to help stimulate ideas and actions for better stewardship in the water sector.

### New Additions to ICID's TDS Database (April 2008)

The additions during the month to the TDS Database are:

#### Article Section – 42 additions (Articles / Papers)

- (i) Proceedings of the Institutions of Civil Engineers – Water Management, April 2008, Vol. 161, No. WM 2 (6 nos.)
- (ii) Indian Journal of Power & River Valley Development, September 2007, Vol. 57, No. 9 (2 nos.); and December 2007, Vol. 57, No. 12 (1 no.)
- (iii) Journal of the Institution of Engineers (India), March 2008, Vol. 88 (4 nos.)
- (iv) Rural 21 – The International Journal for Rural Development, 2008, Vol. 13, No. 1 (2 nos.)
- (v) WMO Bulletin, January 2008, Vol. 57, No. 1 (5 nos.)
- (vi) Mausam, January 2008, Vol. 59, No. 2 (5 nos.); and April 2008, Vol. 5, No. 2 (5 nos.)
- (vii) ISO Focus, February 2008, Vol. 5, No. 2 (9 nos.)

**Book Section – 21 additions;** till date 31031 additions have been made to TDS database. The Text Delivery Service (TDS) has received four requests during the period from India.

The Text Delivery Service (TDS) database can be accessed by visiting ICID website: [www.icid.org](http://www.icid.org).

Co-coordinated by the World Water Assessment Programme, the development of the WWDR is a joint effort of the 25 UN agencies and entities which make up UN-Water, working in partnership with UN-Water Partners, governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders.

### ICID Inputs to World Water Forum-5

Preparations for the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (WWF5), to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, in March 2009 on the main theme *Bridging Divides for Water* are in full swing. Six Themes have been proposed under each of which about four topics (22 in all) will be discussed through various sessions. The details of Themes and Topics are available on the website <http://www.worldwaterforum5.org/> For each Theme and each Topic one or two coordinators have been identified who have been entrusted the task of preparing and organising sessions at the WWF5 in close cooperation with the World Water Council (WWC) and the host organisers, Turkey.

The coordinators for Theme 2- *Advancing Human Development and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG)* are UN-Water/FAO, represented by Dr. Pasquale Steduto. There are 4 topics under this theme, one of which is Topic 2.3: *Water and Food for Ending Poverty and Hunger*. The Coordinators for this important topic are International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), represented by President Hon. Prof. Bart Schultz. It has been proposed that for each Theme and Topic, a consortium of organizations and other stakeholders will be formed, based upon their relevance to and interest in a Theme or a Topic. These consortia will be expected to prepare the sessions on the Theme or the Topic and play an active role in the conduct of the sessions during WWF5.

WWC/WWF5 have conducted three meetings in Istanbul, Turkey so far – first on 19-20 March 2007 as the kick-off meeting, and then preparatory meetings on 5-6 November, 2007 and 7-8 February, 2008 in which the theme

and topic coordinators participated. In the kick-off meeting, President Peter Lee and Secretary General Gopalakrishnan were present. Vice President Hon. Henri Tardieu represented ICID as Coordinators for Topic 2.3 at the February meeting where VPH Riota Nakamura was also present, while President Lee attended the meeting for Topic 3.2. Vice President Karim Shiati (Chair, ASRWG) participated in the Topic 1.1 meeting. A teleconference with the concerned participating consortium members was also held on 25 April 2008 in order to discuss various modalities with regard to Theme 2 and the Topics under it.

VPH Henri Tardieu and President Hon. Bart Schultz have drafted a detailed discussion note containing proposal for preparations and contents of Topic 2.3 which has been widely circulated to prospective consortium member organizations and interest groups for their comments and modification during the preparation phase. **The topic paper has also been uploaded on the ICID website** [http://www.icid.org/wwf5/wwf5\\_topic2\\_3.pdf](http://www.icid.org/wwf5/wwf5_topic2_3.pdf) for all to peruse and comment on. It will thereafter be transmitted by 26 May 2008 to the Coordinator of Theme 2 for next steps.

In addition to Topic 2.3, ICID also proposes to make its active contribution to the Topic 1.1 on *Adapting to climate change: understanding the impact of climate change, vulnerability assessments and adaptation measures*, Topic 3.2 on *Ensuring Adequate Water Resources and Storage Infrastructure to Meet Agricultural, Energy and Urban Needs*, Topic 2.4 on *Optimizing multiple uses of water systems e.g. water supply and irrigation*, and possibly others.

The first two reports were launched at the World Water Forums in Japan (2003) and Mexico (2006). The third will be presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Turkey in March 2008.

For more information on UN-Water and UN-Water reports, visit: <http://www.unwater.org> [Source: UN Water Reports]

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