

APPENDIX VII [Under PCSO]

**AGENDA FOR THE VIRTUAL 31ST MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSES/CONFERENCES (C-CONGR)
19 October 2020, 12:30 Hours (IST)**

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 1990

Mandate: The mandate of the Committee is:

- (i) To recommend general improvement in conduct of WIFs, Congresses, Conferences and other ICID events;
- (ii) Representatives/Organizers of the ICID events to present a summary report on preparations made for the said events;
- (iii) Share the lessons learned / difficulties faced in organizing the events; and
- (iv) Make proposals for the smooth conduct of the ICID events.

Members: (1) Mr. Bryan Ward, Chairman (Australia, 2017); (2) Pr EL Houssine BARTALI, Moroccan representative; (3) Mr. Momir Vranes, Australia representative; (4) Ms. Christine Delphin, Australian representative; (5) Mr. M.Z. Fatah, INACID representative; (6) VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun, Chinese representative; (7) Indian representative; (8) Mr. Bashu Dev Lohanee, NENCID representative; and (9) Er. B.A. Chivate, Director (Technical), ICID Central Office.

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C-CONGR Agenda Item 1: Action taken report by Chairman

1. The Chairman may like to present a report on the actions taken on the various decisions / proposals of the Committee since 30th meeting of C-CONGR at Bali, Indonesia in 2019.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 2: Membership of the Committee

2. The Committee is composed of a Chairman, who is a member of the Organizing Committee of the (next) Congress and six other members appointed as follows: One member of each of the Organizing Committees of the previous and next to immediate next Congresses, two members of the two previous Organizing Committees and two future IEC meetings. The basic composition might be completed by addition of one of the member of the Organizing Committee of each of the Regional Conferences held during the past and the future meetings, unless it coincides with an IEC meeting.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 3: Overview of 71st IEC & 5th AfRC, 2-8 December 2020 (tbc) at Marrakech, Morocco - Rescheduled

3. The ICID Central Office and ANAFIDE held a series of virtual consultations to review the preparations for 71st IEC and 5th AfRC keeping in view the prevailing COVID-19 situation. During the 4th virtual consultation meeting held with the officials of Moroccan National Committee of ICID (ANAFIDE) on 09 September 2020, ANAFIDE expressed their inability to organize the 71st IEC meetings & 5th AfRC in December 2020, owing to the travel, social gathering and other restrictions in place due to prevailing COVID-19 situation in their country and elsewhere in the world. Accordingly, 5th AfRC has been postponed and will be organised in early 2021 depending on global COVID-19 pandemic situation. Pr EL Houssine BARTALI, representative from ANAFIDE/ WG Chair will provide further updates during the virtual meeting.

4. In addition, four International Workshops of the Working Groups of ICID such as (i) "Public-Private-Partnership (PPPs) in Irrigation and Drainage Operation and Maintenance towards sustainable Irrigated Agricultural Water Management (Organizer : WG-IOA); (ii) "Modernizing Irrigation Services" (Organizer: WG-M&R); (iii) "Managing, on the Regional, State or Local Level, Water Scarcity Resulting from Conflicting Demands" (Organizer : WG-MWSCD); and (iv) "The Water-Energy-Food-Nexus: Implementation and Examples of Application" (Organizer : WG-WATER & CROP), which were originally scheduled to be conducted in Sydney Australia in September 2020 were moved to Marrakesh, Morocco because of rescheduling 24th ICID Congress to July 2021 due to COVID-19 Pandemic situation. Since physical meetings in Morocco have been cancelled due to COVID-19 situation, international workshops have now been rescheduled further and further plan for the workshop are being finalized.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 4: Feedback from the organizers of the past events

C-CONGR Agenda Item 4.1: Feedback from 3rd WIF & 70th IEC meeting in September 2019 at Bali, Indonesia

5. Mr. M.Z. Fatah, INACID representative may brief the Committee on experience in organizing the 3rd WIF & 70th IEC Meetings with the lessons learned / difficulties faced.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5: Preparations for the future events for the next 3 years

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5.1: 24th ICID Congress & 72nd IEC Meeting, 6-12 July 2021, Sydney, Australia

6. Due to COVID-19 situation, the schedule of the mega event 24th International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage & 72nd International Executive Council (IEC) meetings will be held during 6-12 July 2021, Sydney, Australia, organized by host Irrigation Australia's Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IACID) in cooperation with International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID). While this event was scheduled to be held from 22-28 September 2020 at Sydney, Australia. The main theme of the Congress remains the same "**Innovation and Research in Agricultural Water Management to Achieve Sustainable Developments Goals**".

7. During the 24th ICID Congress, papers / posters addressing two Questions i.e. Q.62: What role can information and communication technology play in travelling the last mile (i.e. the greater adoption of research outputs); and Q.63: What role is played by multi-disciplinary dialogue to achieve sustainable development goals? will be discussed.

8. The third / final announcement of the 24th ICID Congress will be finalized by IACID in consultation with ICID Central Office and will be announced, hopefully, by end of January 2021. The final announcement of the Congress will include all desired information, registration, program, exhibition, accommodation, venue, logistical information, study tours, visa information etc.

9. ICID Central Office has invited the 'Extended Abstracts' from all stakeholders based on the six sub-questions of the main Questions (Q.62 & Q.63) of the Congress through the dedicated Portal <https://icid-events.org/techmanagement/> till 29 February 2020. More than 300 abstracts of the Congress have been received from the Authors. In this regard, 'International Review Committee' has been already established and reviewed by on-line process. Finally, all the reviewed abstracts have also been shared to the respective authors for inviting full length papers through on-line process for submission to the 24th ICID Congress.

10. However, due to COVID-19 situation, the host IACID in consultation with ICID agreed to extend the important deadlines for submission of the 'Extended Abstracts' / papers of the Congress i.e. **30 November 2020** which has also been included in the 'Call for papers' (revised) of the 24th ICID Congress which is available at http://icid-ciid.org/icid_data_web/24cong_callforpapers.pdf and circulated among the stakeholders of ICID.

11. With regard to the 'Student Awards' for paper/poster presentation, the Irrigation Australia's Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IACID) has established 'Student Awards' for submitting their paper / poster presentation during the 24th Congress. More than 37 students have been submitted their paper / poster presentation through registration process. The purpose, the criteria and the process of 'Student Awards' is available at <https://www.icid2021.com.au/student-awards/>

12. **General Reporters and Panel Experts for the Congress:** The General Reporters (one for each Question) and the Panel of Experts (one expert for each sub-questions) is an important Technical Team that technically steers the Congress during the preparation for the meeting and the conduct of the Congress. In this regard, IACID will provide a list of General Reporters and Panel Experts in due course of time.

13. **Symposium and Special Session:** The Symposium, as a part of the Congress, on the theme 'Integrated approaches to irrigation management in the future' will be organized on 8 July 2021 (tbc) during the 24th ICID Congress. ICID CO will share the Concept Note, tentative programme & contents of country papers for the Symposium to its NCs and invited the country papers from them on the topic in the prescribed format latest by 31st March 2021 (tbc). The Symposium is being technically overseen by ICID's Working Group on Irrigation Development and Management (WG-IDM). Ms. Mary Jean M. Gabriel (South Africa), Chairperson of the Technical Working Group on Irrigation and Drainage Management (WG-IDM) is the Coordinator of the Symposium. While ICID President is the Chairman of the Symposium.

14. **Special Session:** As a part of the Congress, Special Session on the theme 'Development the future tools for managing uncertainty in irrigation water supply' will be held on 8 July 2021 (tbc). The Special Session is exclusively being organized by IACID. IACID will name the Chair and Co-Chair for the Special Session in due course of time.

15. Mr. Momir Vranes & Ms. Christine Delphin, representatives from IACID may apprise the members of the Committee.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5.2: 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference in 2021 at Agadir, Morocco

16. The 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference (IMIC) on the theme “Micro irrigation in the era of technology innovation and digital transformation” has been planned to be held in 2021 (*exact dates to be decided*) in the city of Agadir, Morocco. ANAFIDE representative will provide further updates at the meeting. Due to COVID-19 situation, 10th IMIC is likely to be rescheduled to 22.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 5.3: 4th WIF & 73rd IEC Meeting in September 2022 at Beijing, China

17. The 4th World Irrigation Forum (WIF 4) and 73rd International Executive Council (IEC) meetings will be held in September 2022 at Beijing, China. The main theme of the Forum is “**Modernization of Irrigation Schemes**”, with the Sub-themes covering *Policy and strategy for modernization of irrigation schemes; Technology for modernization of irrigation schemes; Investment for modernization of irrigation schemes; Performance Assessment of Irrigation Schemes*. The Forum will be followed by the 73rd Meeting of International Executive Council of ICID.

18. VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun, Deputy Secretary General of Chinese National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (CNCID) may apprise the Committee about the preparations made and detailed planning for the 4th WIF & 73rd IEC meeting.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 6: Proposal for future ICID Conference

C-CONGR Agenda Item 6.1: 25th ICID Congress & 74th IEC Meeting in 2023, Andhra Pradesh, India (*Proposed*)

19. The Indian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (INCID) has offered to host the 25th International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage & 74th International Executive Council (IEC) Meetings in 2023 at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India.

20. INCID may apprise the Committee about the preparations made for the 25th ICID Congress & 74th IEC meeting in 2023.

C-CONGR Agenda Item 7: Any other business



NOTES FOR CHAIRPERSON:

1. Draft minutes of this meeting to be submitted to ICID Secretariat after the meeting.