

**MINUTES OF THE VIRUTAL 27<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
ICID JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD (EB-JOUR)**

29 October 2020, 17:30 Hours (IST)

**Strategy Theme: Knowledge**

**Presented by the Chairman**

**Year of Establishment: 1994**

**Mandate:** (i) To ensure with the (Joint) Editor(s) that the Journal is published in accordance with editorial policies; (ii) To select and recommend to IEC, through PCTA, the appointment of (Joint) Editor(s), Associate Editors and Members; (iii) To review and update editorial policies when required, to conform with the developing ICID objectives; (iv) To address and resolve issues pertaining to the Journal; and (v) To review guidelines for authors, manuscript reviewers and book reviewers and liaise and coordinate with ICID workbodies.

**Members Present:** (1) President Hon. Dr. Bart Schultz, Chairman (The Netherlands); (2) Prof. Jiusheng Li (China), Joint Editor; (3) Prof. Daniele de Wrachien (Italy), Associate Editor represented by Prof. Graziano Ghinassi; (4) Prof. Saleh Taghvaeian (USA) Associate Editor; (5) Dr. Henk Ritzema (The Netherlands), Associate Editor; (6) VPH Laszlo Hayde (Hungary), Associate Editor; (7) Dr. Mohammad Javad Monem (Iran); (8) Prof. Dr.-Ing. Klaus Rottcher (Germany); (9) Prof. dr. Joong Dae, Choi (Korea); (10) Ir. Simon Howarth (UK); (11) Prof. Jin-Young Choi (Korea); (12) Dr. Severine Tomas (France); (12) Dr. Takanori Nagano (Japan); (13) Dr. Luis Garcia (USA); (14) Dr. Ray-Sham Wu (Chinese Taipei Committee); (15) Dr. Mohsin Hafeez (IWMI); (16) Mr. Brent Paterson (Canada); (17) Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar (India); (18) Dr. Sahdev Singh, Director (KM); and (19) Secretary General, ICID represented by Er. B.A. Chivate, Director (Technical), ICID Central Office.

**Observer:** Prof. Anna Dalla Marta (Italy).

**Apologies:** (i) Prof. Dr. Nick C.van de Giesen (The Netherlands); (ii) VPH Larry D. Stephens (USA); and (iii) Asst Prof. Keigo Noda (Japan).

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**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1: Action Taken Report by Chair (from Editor, Chairman)**

1. The outgoing Chairman PH Bart Schultz (The Netherlands) informed that the report of the Chairman for 2019 had been disseminated to the members of the Editorial Board before the meeting. Various points emerging from the report were presented and discussed during the meeting.

2. The incoming Chairman Prof. Jiusheng Li (China), Joint Editor, on behalf of the editorial board, expressed highly gratitude to Prof Bart Schultz for providing the unparalleled leadership to the journal for past 18 years. Prof. Li also presented his observations and recommendations with respect to important points of the review process and our position with respect to related scientific journals in our sector.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.1: Special Issues**

3. Three Special Issues will be published this year. These are:

- (a) Invited papers based on the ICID Vision 2030 and Action Plan 2017 – 2021. Issue 69.2, published April 2020. Guest editors Huseyin Gundogdu and Bart Schultz;
- (b) Innovations in irrigation systems in Africa. Issue 69.S1, published April 2020. This issue has been sponsored by Wageningen Environmental Research (WENR) and Association Française pour l'Eau, l'Irrigation et le Drainage (AFEID). The guest editors are Jochen Froebrich, Sami Bouarfa, Dominique Rollin, Caroline Coulon and Gilles Belaud;
- (c) New development on Irrigation and Drainage in China. Issue 69.S2. This issue has been sponsored by the Chinese National ICID Committee (CNCID). Editor Bart Schultz. The guest editors are Zhanyi Gao, Kunlun Ding and Chandra Madramootoo. To be published in November 2020.

4. Three new Special Issues may be expected to be published in the coming period. These are:
- A special issue with selected papers of the Third World Irrigation Forum. It is expected to be published as the first issue of next year.
  - The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) is preparing a sponsored Special Issue with invited papers based on their projects in irrigation. It is expected to be published in April / May 2021.
  - The WG-SDTA is preparing a third sponsored Special Issue based on the papers presented during its meetings and workshops. To be published in 2021.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.2: Virtual Issues**

5. M/s. Wiley-Blackwell has started with the publication of Virtual Issues. These issues are published online only. In these issues papers on a certain topic that have already been published, are published together:
- The first Virtual Issue was published in May this year. It has been prepared in consultation with the key researcher and lead author, Dr. Ragab Ragab. The 17 papers in this Issue are based on the SALTMED model that has been developed by him.
  - A second Virtual Issue with selected papers by the outgoing Chairman is expected to be published in December 2020.
  - Dr. Javad Monem recommended a Virtual issue on Modernization of Irrigation Systems. It will be tried to give follow-up to his proposal.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.3: French resumés**

6. The check of the French texts in the papers by Severine Tomas is going very well without delay.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.4: Recognition to the reviewers**

7. The Guest Editors and Reviewers of 2019 have been recognized in the First Issue of 2020. Since the end of 2018, Joint and Associate Editors that handled the review process are mentioned at an appropriate place of the published paper. Reviews are also listed in PUBLONS when reviewers would wish so.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.5: Review process**

8. For certain papers there are still significant delays before a final decision on publication can be taken. Regular checks by the Chairman and the Joint Editors are being done to prevent this as much as possible. The rapid changes in the publishing world require that the time for the review process be kept as short as possible.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.6: Best Paper Award 2020**

9. In 2019, five regular issues and one sponsored special issue were published resulting in a total of 98 papers. The 'Best Paper Award 2020' was selected by the Chairman in cooperation with the Joint and the Associate Editors of the Journal. The winners of the 'Best Paper Award 2020' were announced during the virtual 71<sup>st</sup> IEC meeting on 08 December 2020 at 18:00-20:00 hours (IST). The winner paper titled "Adaptation to climate change: Impact of Capacity Building, India" by Krishna Reddy Kakumanu, Yella Reddy Kaluvai, M. Balasubramanian, Udaya Sekhar Nagothu, Gurava Reddy Kotapati and Sunitha Karanam, published in **Volume 68.1** ([http://www.icid-ciid.org/icid\\_data\\_web/bestpaper2020.pdf](http://www.icid-ciid.org/icid_data_web/bestpaper2020.pdf)). The Best Paper Award in the form of a citation plaque along with a cash prize of US\$ 500 has been awarded.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.7: Membership**

10. Prof. dr. Joong Dae, Choi (Korea), Prof. Yohei Sato (Japan) and Dr. Henk Ritzema (The Netherlands) will step down from the Editorial Board. The meeting expressed its appreciation for the good work that they have done with respect to the Journal.
11. Japanese National Committee of ICID (JNC-ICID) and Italian National Committee of ICID (ITAL-ICID) had nominated Ass. Prof. Keigo Noda (Japan) and Prof. Anna Dalla Marta (Italy) as 'Associate Editors' for the Editorial Board (EB). EB recommended their nomination for acceptance during the virtual meeting.

12. At the 26<sup>th</sup> EB-JOUR meeting in Bali, Indonesia, 2019, it was proposed that Prof. em. Bart Schultz (The Netherlands) will step down and that Joint Editor Prof. Jiusheng Li (China) will become Chairman at the 27<sup>th</sup> EB-JOUR meeting in Sydney 2020. This proposal was accepted by PCTA and IEC. In addition, it was proposed to use the coming year to arrange a smooth transition and to prepare the related proposals to be made and formalized during the meeting in Sydney. Due to COVID-19 situation the Sydney meetings have been postponed to 2021 and have been replaced by the present virtual meetings. In line with this, it is now proposed that:

- (a) the proposal that Prof. em. Bart Schultz (The Netherlands) will step down as chairman and the Prof. Jiusheng Li (China) will become the new Chairman of the Editorial Board of Irrigation and Drainage will be confirmed;
  - (i) Prof. Graziano Ghinassi (Italy) becomes Joint Editor;
  - (ii) Prof. Hector Malano (Australia) will step down as Editor Emeritus;
  - (iii) Prof. em. Bart Schultz (the Netherlands) becomes Editor Emeritus.

13. Membership status is given in **Annex 3 (page 43)**.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 2: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030: Action Points of Editorial Board**

14. The Editorial Board discussed and reviewed the Action Plan (Road Map to ICID Vision 2030) and recommends to PCTA to approve the updated Action Plan for 2018-2022 as it was attached as Annex-II to the Agenda and is now attached as **Annex 1** to the minutes of EB.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 3: Distribution of the Journal among the ICID membership**

15. This year is the second year under the 5<sup>th</sup> Agreement with M/s. Wiley Blackwell (2019-2025). A total number of 1667 copies were distributed to members in 2020 i.e. 1479 'Online-only' subscriptions, 105 subscriptions as "Online + print" and 83 as "print-only" subscriptions. The 'Direct Members' (DM) and Young Professionals (receiving ICID scholarship) have been added to the list receiving ICID Journal.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 4: Issues related with M/s Wiley-Blackwell**

16. The relevant issues with M/s. Wiley-Blackwell have been listed in the agenda. The publisher has been constantly keeping up with the new developments such as (i). better information related to the submission of papers; (ii) provision of a list of names of potential reviewers to the Joint or Associate Editors when they handle a certain paper; (iii) possibility to make a video clip to promote a submitted paper; (iv) better information at the Wiley web page of the Journal to handle the review process, to record the progress on the submission of papers and to record the downloading of papers by readers.

**EB-JOUR Minutes Item 5: Any other business**

17. Meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks to Chair and all members and participants.



**Annex 2 [Item 2]**

**ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTION POINTS OF EDITORIAL BOARD**

Strategy	Activity	Outcomes/ Outputs	Realised for 2017	Realised for 2018	Realised for 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021	Milestone for Year 2022
<b>Goal B: Be a catalyst for change in policies and practices</b>								
<b>B1 : Supporting Development of Appropriate Policies</b>	1.6 To devote one issue of IRD to the ICID Action Plan with invited papers of high-level authors	IRD Special Issue	Invitation of authors	Publication in one of the regular issues		Published as Issue 69.2		
<b>Goal C: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology</b>								
<b>C4 : Compile, Collate and Share Knowledge and Experiences</b>	4.1 To publish high quality papers in the journal Irrigation and Drainage (IRD) on new developments in irrigation, drainage and flood management	About 70 papers per year published in five issues.	5 Issues of IRD	5 Issues of IRD	5 Issues of IRD	5 Issues of IRD	5 Issues of IRD	5 Issues of IRD
			72 papers published	78 papers published	86 papers published	Significantly more papers		
						2 virtual issues		
	4.2 In addition to the regular issues to publish sponsored special issues on an ad hoc basis		No sponsored special issue	SITIDAL	SIDRAIN	SIAFRICA + SIMONTPPELLIER	One or two sponsored special issues	One or two sponsored special issues
						SICHINA		
	4.3 To maintain good working relations with a professional publisher. At present John Wiley & Sons		Two working meetings	Two working meetings. Renewal of the Publishing Agreement, with John Wiley & Sons	Two working meetings	Two working meetings	Two working meetings	Two working meetings
One by Microsoft Teams. The other still to be decided								
<b>Goal C: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology</b>								
<b>C5: Dissemination of Data, Information, Tools,</b>	5.3 Increase the outreach of IRD Journal							

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<b>Knowledge and Know How</b>	5.4 Increase number of unique visitors to IRD's pages at Wiley	On-line	62,231	58,769	58,918	46,000	48,000	50,000
	5.5 Increase number of downloads of IRD papers		55,715	52,219	42,408	28,000	30,000	32,000
	5.6 Increase number of institutions with access to IRD via a Wiley License		5,533	6,373	7,073	4,600	4,700	4,800
	5.7 Increase number of low-cost or free access to current content to developing world institutions		7,669	7,911	6,193	4,900	5,000	5,100
	5.15 Improvement in the citation index (CI) and in the altimetric scorer (AC)		CI:0.707	CI:1.027	CI:1.202	CI:0.8	CI:0.9	CI:1.0
			AC:3%	AC 49.7%	AC:23.8%	AC:8%	AC:9%	AC:10%
<b>Goal E: Encourage research and support development of tools</b>								
<b>E6: Dissemination of Useful Research Outputs</b>	6.3 To publish high quality papers in the journal Irrigation and Drainage (IRD) on new developments in irrigation, drainage and flood management	Publication of IRD Journals	Publication of IRD Journals	Publication of IRD Journals	Publication of IRD Journals	SIACTIONPLAN	Publication of IRD Journals	Publication

(Source: Consultative Group (CG) Report: A Water Secure World Free of Poverty & Hunger: A Road Map to ICID Vision 2030)