

Report of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the  
**PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATION (PCSO)**  
**(No Virtual / Physical Meeting held during 71<sup>st</sup> IEC 2020 (Virtual))**  
**as per the decision of MB-5/20 Meeting)**

**Mandate:** The Permanent Committee on Strategy and Organization (PCSO) shall be concerned with increasing the number of member countries and assisting the National Committees to become more active in their own countries to achieve the goals set for them from time to time by the Council. The Committee will also coordinate the activities of Vice Presidents (Resolution IEC-3/66)

**Members:** (1) Vice President Dr. Brian T. Wahlin, Chairman (USA, 2017); (2) Mr. Amali Abraham Amali, Coordinator, IYPeF, Vice Chair (Nigeria, 2019); (3) Vice President Hon. Dr. (Mrs.) Irena G. Bondarik (Russia, 2016); (4) Vice President Hon. Mr. Waseem Nazir (Pakistan, 2016); (5) Vice President Hon. Er. Madhav Belbase (Nepal, 2016); (6) Vice President Er. Naoki Hayashida (Japan, 2017); (7) Vice President Dr. K. Yella Reddy (India, 2017); (8) Vice President Dr. Marco Arcieri (Italy, 2018); (9) Vice President Dr. Kamran Emami (Iran, 2018); (10) Vice President Mr. Ahmed El Bouari (Morocco, 2018); (11) Vice President Dr. Mochammad Amron (Indonesia, 2019); (12) Vice President Dr. Hesham Mostafa Mohamed Ali (Egypt, 2019); (13) Vice President H.E. Dr. Shavkat Rakhimovich Khamraev (Uzbekistan, 2019) and (14) Er. Ashwin B. Pandya, Secretary General, ICID.

**Permanent Observers:** (i) FAO representative; (ii) World Bank representative; (iii) GWP representative; and (iv) WWC representative.

**Ex-Officio Members:** Chairpersons of all Regional Working Groups and Working Groups/Committees.

1. VP Dr. Brian T. Wahlin, Chair, PCSO presented the report of PCSO, restricting mainly to the membership of workbodies, extension/ closure of existing workbodies, establishment of new workbodies, and any other important issues associated with PCSO, as per the decision of the fifth virtual meeting of the Management Board (MB-5/20) held on 17 September 2020 at IST 1830 hours. He informed that the report of PCSO was based on the summary reports received from the chairs of the workbodies affiliated to PCSO, viz. African Regional Working Group (AFRWG), Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG), European Regional Working Group (ERWG) and Committee on Congresses/Conferences (C-CONGR), which had held their virtual meetings in October-November 2020.

2. Based on the recommendations of the various workbodies associated with it, PCSO reviewed the membership and recommended for acceptance by IEC. Consequent upon the acceptance by the Council, an updated consolidated membership of all workbodies, including those of PCSO and its workbodies, is given in **Annex 3 (Page 39)** of 71<sup>st</sup> IEC minutes.

3. VPH Dr. Mohamed Wahba, Chair, AFRWG in his summary report indicated that the Kenya would become a member of ICID w.e.f. 01 July 2021. Further, Eng. Ismael Elhassanoui (Morocco) has been elected as the new Secretary of the WG for 3 years.

4. VPH Dr. Karim Shiati, Chair, ASRWG, in his summary report presented that the cooperation of the ASRWG with PAWEES (International Society of Paddy and Water Environment Engineering) and INWEPF (International Network for Water and Ecosystem in Paddy Fields) to continue in future with a renewed vigour. The new Office Bearers of ASRWG elected during their meeting are: Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan), Chair; Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar, Vice-Chair and Dr. (Ms) Aynur Fayrap (Turkey), Secretary.

5. VPH Ian W. Makin, Chair of ERWG in his summary report of the WG informed about the intention of the Spanish National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (CERYD) to become a full member of ICID from 1 January 2021. With a view to revive the membership of ICID among European countries, the ERWG has identified three-pronged strategies to create a stronger and more compelling case by (i) attracting new members and (ii) communicating with potential funding sources in government and industry the value of ICID as well as to Europe based professionals and organizations and (iii) developing an ICID Europe identify and communications strategy. Thus, the focus areas for ERWG remain under the three goals are to (i) disseminate the policy paper within ICID; (ii) prepare ICID Europe –brochures -- one for Ministries and other institutions and another to attract Young Professionals and others to take part in ICID activities; and (iii) share online NC's work programmes and activities.

6. The Chair of C-CONGR, Mr. Bryan Ward, in his summary report presented the rescheduling of ICID events agreed to be hosted by the NCs of Morocco, Australia and China, in addition to the proposal by the Indian NC to host 25<sup>th</sup> ICID Congress and IEC in 2023.

7. The Chair of PCSO recommended for acceptance by the Council the activities of workbodies as presented above and concluded his report by thanking the Chairs of workbodies for organizing the virtual meetings successfully and providing with him with timely summary reports, which enabled him to present PCSO report to the Council, with appropriate recommendations.

