Dear Colleagues

Post-COVID Agriculture: "Small is Beautiful."

 Millions of migrant workers around the world are returning to their rural homes after losing employment in urban areas as an aftermath of COVID-19 crisis. Many of such workers will be re-engaging in small-scale farming, the livelihood they left behind to chase the urban dreams. In a way, this can significantly minimize overall societal risk if small-scale farms can function as nano-enterprises that use knowledge, technology, optimum mix of inputs and innovative marketing support mechanisms from both the government and the private sectors.

Being capital-challenged, small farms use family labor, less water and fertilizers, and avoid expensive inputs, including chemicals. However, more research is needed to make small-scale farming financially and environmentally sustainable. In addition to the present large farm-centric research, separate dedicated institutes and suitably trained researchers are needed to solve multi-dimensional problems of small farms. The right agro-ecological cropping systems for small farms, out-of-the-box market and research linkages for such farmers and their capacity building are some key requirements.

Large organizational or production systems, generally based on economies of scale, also create concentrated risks, and when they fail, chaos follows for a large number of people dependent on them. With fewer workers for factories in the post-COVID era urban world, increased use of advanced technologies such as automation and robotics to name a few will greatly improve industrial productivity to benefit all consumers financially.

All stakeholders and marketing start-ups have to play their role in this synergy for truly making small beautiful.

Best Wishes,

Ashwin B. Pandya
Secretary General, ICID

President Felix Reinders elected as the new WASAG Chair

WASAG: ICID is a partner in FAO’s initiative on Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) and an elected member of the International Steering Committee of WASAG. The objective of the framework is to benefit farmers and rural communities by making them resilient to increasing water scarcity while simultaneously creating climate benefits. The initiative plans to build partnerships between water stakeholders at the national level, among countries and among key international bodies involved in agricultural water management. ICID has established a High-Level Advisory Group (HLAG) on “Partnerships for Agriculture Water Management” as an action-oriented multi-stakeholder partnership to facilitate improving agricultural water productivity, especially in irrigated areas where the competition for water is intensifying and/or water supplies are becoming less reliable. The two initiatives can be complimentary and ICID as a partner in WASAG has made efforts to bring synergy between the two initiatives. ICID and its office bearers have been actively involved in WASAG activities over the years. ICID is also a member in WASAG WGs on ‘Sustainable Agriculture Water Use’ and ‘Communication Strategy’. Recently, VP Dr. Marco Ancieri from Italy attended WASAG’s steering committee meeting and represented ICID.

Following ICID’s association with WASAG, it is great news that President, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage has been elected as the new Chair of WASAG for 2020-2022. Following WASAG’s second steering committee held on 2 September 2020, he has taken over his new duties. In concluding the speech, he made leading to his election,

Mr. Felix Reinders stated: “WASAG succeeds not because it is big or because it has been long established but because there are people building it, who live it, sleep it, dream it, believe in it and build great future plans for it”

Heartiest congratulations from ICID fraternity for this new endeavor and looking forward towards many enriching associations between ICID and WASAG.
ICID participates in Water Digest Conclave 2020

Water Digest is a premier water magazine that brings the latest technologies and varied opportunities to cope with escalating water troubles to the Indian Market. Started in 2006, Water Digest is a global platform for all water related issues. It promotes and build awareness on critical water issues and trigger actions to facilitate the efficient management and use of water in all its dimensions on an environmentally sustainable basis. Secretary General, Eng. Ashwin B. Pandya mentors and provides support to Water Digest as its Editor in Chief.

Water Digest organized an online Water Digest Conclave 2020 called “Resurrecting Water, Together as One Ocean of Revolution” on July 28, 2020, supported by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti (Ministry of Water), and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, India. ICID and its office bearers participated in the one-day online conclave in different capacities. The conclave received an overwhelming response from the water-sector professionals, government officials and enthusiasts from around the world. The day long conclave included three sessions across various topics affecting the present and future of the water and the world as a whole. With a focus on information dissemination, awareness creation, and technologies for the sustainable management of water resources the full day online conclave was concluded with the pledge to act and to bring a favorable solution for the water scarcity issues.

The first session revolved around the theme of ‘Understand and debate on the role of technology in the access to safe drinking water: to achieve the agenda 2030,’ it began with a short speech by various aspects of water delivery by the chairperson for the session Eng. K.P. Bakshi, Former Chairman, Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority, India. The panel consisted of many senior bureaucrats and civil society members. The second session was on ‘Managing water and wastewater and spearheading technological advancements in developing rivers’. It focused on wastewater; currently, India keeps the potential of treating approximately 37 per cent of its wastewater while there is a huge potential to further treat and reuse the treated wastewater.

The third and final session was on the Importance of enhancing irrigation water use efficiency through promoting efficient technologies and best practices’. It was presided over by SG Eng. AB Pandya and Editor in Chief, Water Digest; VP, Dr. K. Yella Reddy, Dean of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, ANGRAU, Guntur and VP, Dr. Marco Arcieri, Secretary General, Comitato Nazionale Italiano ICID (ITAL-ICID).

SG Pandya asserted that the area of micro-irrigation adaptability is another major issue for India which needs dire attention and action-oriented decisions. Dr. Reddy discussed the challenges and opportunities in water use efficiency for irrigation and also shared the technologies to be used to use water effectively in irrigation. Dr. Arcieri, briefed the audience about Italy’s initiatives in water use efficiency in the irrigation sector and how the farmer associations in Italy play a significant role in about 80 percent of irrigation management in the country. He also insisted that we have to adopt new ways to save more water in agriculture by using the best practices. The session was later concluded with brief discussions on the impact of the pandemic on the irrigation sector in India, the necessary interventions and steps being taken up in the current situation for promoting efficient technologies and best practices for improving irrigation water use efficiency in India.
Introduction

Global water scarcity and increased demand for food are two main drivers for the urgent efforts to improve food productivity in agriculture, the sector that consumes 70-80% of annual freshwater availability. Micro-irrigation Systems (MIS) are fundamentally designed and operated to economize water application in crop fields. As MIS is an evolving technology, the existing curricula on these systems is still not adequately covered in regular academic programs. Also, the professionals who are already working in the area of agricultural water management (AWM) have had limited exposure to MIS concepts and practices thus far. The proposed short duration certification course offers to fill such existing knowledge and skills gaps.

Course Structure

The course, based on a points-system, has an inherent flexibility to suit the learning needs of prospective trainee through 3 main modules on MIS, namely:

(a) Agronomic Aspects: Basic science of soil-water-crop interactions in various agro-climatic regimes; crop-specific cultural requirements; water and nutrient movements in micro-irrigation environment; irrigation scheduling and fertigation cycles; cropping patterns, etc.

(b) Engineering Aspects: MIS principles and practices; types of MIS currently used and their suitability in various scenarios; drip/sprinkler design and related processes; power and energy options for different water sources; and commercially available products and services for MIS in various parts of the world.

(c) Management Aspects: Field implementation challenges and solutions; potential financial support schemes in various countries; operational and maintenance requirements; capacities needed in the communities using MIS.

Course Requirements

Prospective trainees will undergo an intensive learning exercise through 35 online sessions comprising audio-video lectures, webinars, assignments, quizzes, hands-on activities, and face-to-face online interactions with the course faculty to earn an international certificate that will add value to their professional credentials. Exact dates of the course will be announced after the registration process is complete.

Prospective Beneficiaries

The course is intended for those professionals who are working in the area of AWM and the current students in the academic programs oriented towards broader aspects of AWM.

Course URL

https://icid.moodlecourse.com/

Course Fee

This year participation in the course for a limited number of qualified individuals is free. You will have access to course lectures/videos, international webinars, and reference material. If you require the International Certificate of successful completion of the course, you will need to pay a fee of US$100 to cover the cost of your personalized online evaluation through assignments and quizzes. The customized certificate will be mailed to you in PDF file. Instructions for secure online payment of the fee will be mailed to you.

For queries and expression of interest, please write to Dr. Sahdev Singh, Director (Knowledge Management) at sahdevsingh@icid.org and icid@icid.org.
Online Certificate Course on Dam and Network Safety Assurance

International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) in collaboration with the Aqua Foundation Academy is organizing an online certificate course on Dam and Network Safety Assurance. The faculty team includes renowned industry stalwarts who have witnessed situations first hand and provides mentorship for requisite skill sets in view of growing importance of an assured delivery of water to the beneficiaries and continued assurance of performance worthiness of the components involved.

A brief description of the course is given below:

**Course Focus**

The course is meant for the professionals directly engaged in the works of maintaining and managing the irrigation and multipurpose projects having headworks in form of storage structures of various sizes and associated water distribution networks for providing water to the beneficiaries. The course aims at improving the skills of the professional entrusted with the responsibility in directly managing the facilities and ensuring their safety as well as reporting the status to the higher level of management. The works of such nature requires exposure to the basics of the sciences and technologies that go into designing and operationalizing such facilities, deteriorations that can be expected over long years of usage, implications thereof towards continued safety of operators and hazard levels posed to the downstream communities, possible field and laboratory investigations techniques for identification of problems and reporting the observations to the expert personnel in a scientific and lucid manner so that the status at the field level is fully appreciated while planning the remedial measures by them.

Water management projects especially the irrigation projects are long lasting entities with practically indefinite life. Even if the beneficiary land area changes its character in terms of land use, the utility of the head conservation works and the distribution networks remain or improve as they are required to deliver the water for larger economic good in keeping with development in economy of the area. On the other hand, the tenure of a professional employed for managing the project may be limited in keeping with the shortage of personnel and also the aspirations of the individual towards career progression. Many of the developing countries are facing this problem due to a smaller pool of manpower resources not in keeping with the growth in population of the projects. At any point of time, a change of hands is inevitable with concomitant dangers of gaps in knowledge transfer.

Presence of exposure to a course of this nature provides necessary awareness to the incoming professional awareness to the incoming professional about the scope and nature of the assignment at hand and also makes the charged professionals aware of standard protocols and procedures involved. This is a first course in a set of courses of increasing levels of expertise and narrowing of focus for advanced exposure of relevant sub sets of professionals.

**Course Content**

The course content has been designed for fresh and practicing engineers who are involved with the dam operations, surveillance and safety assurance works and dam portfolio managers responsible for setting up dam safety programs.

**Section 1**

This section will expose the participants to the following areas:

- Overview of Dam Safety Aspects
- Legislative Provisions of Dam Safety- Existing and Future
- Overview of Basic Design Philosophy of Dam, Defense Measures Safety Features
- Documentation for Dam and Network for Safety Assessment
- Overview of Basic Design Philosophy for Conveyance Networks and Associated Structures-Canals and Pipelines
- Overview of Flood Risks and Handling them in Real Time, Effect of Flood
- Operations on the Safety and Upkeep of Dams and Networks
- Overview of Seismic Risks, Protocols for Assessment of Safety and Performance
- Instrumentation and Structural Behaviour Analysis
- Durability of Concrete Structures
- Behaviour and Performance Observation Programme
- Specialised Materials and Techniques for Repairs and Rehabilitation- Introduction
- Preparing and Carrying Out On-Site Inspection of a Concrete/ Masonry and Earth/ Rock fill Dams
- Hydromechanical Equipment and Dam Safety
- Evaluation of Different Types of Energy Dissipating Arrangements, and Remedial Measures
- Under Water Inspection Techniques
- Use of Hand-Held Mobiles, GPS and Remote Sensing Techniques for Network Status Assessments and Mapping
- Efficiency Measurement of Conveyance Network
- Network Status Assessment Using Mobile Technologies
- Assessment of Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management Under Normal and
ICID attends National Water Mission’s 15th Water Talk

National Water Mission (NWM), India has initiated a lecture series 'WATER TALK' to promote dialogue and information sharing among participants on variety of water related topics. The aim of 'WATER TALK' is to stimulate awareness, build capacities of stakeholders and encourage people to become active participants to sustain life by saving water on earth. Sharing ideas among participants enhances knowledge, ensures consistent dissemination of information and builds capacities in better water management. The Program is intended to be a platform to transfer knowledge, solve problems, brainstorm and promote teamwork among various participants. The Water talk Program also provides an opportunity of ‘learning something new’ and ‘broadening our perspective through sharing of knowledge and experience. NWM organized the Fifteenth Water Talk virtually on 17th July 2020. ICID officials from the central office attended the session.

Fifteenth Water Talk was conducted digitally due to Covid-19 caused disruptions. The guest speaker was Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Founder, Shivanga Foundation based in Madhya Pradesh, India. Dr. Sharma presented his successful case study “Halma - A JalAndolan: Fighting water crisis through local traditions” and how Shivangya, his organization revived this tradition to work towards community development in different parts of the country. Mr. Harsh Kumar, volunteer at Shivangya, gave a presentation depicting the journey of their campaign from a regional campaign to a national movement. In detail, their efforts in mobilizing the youth, spreading awareness among the local population and involving education institutes were discussed. In 2020, around 20,000 people came together and built 40,000 contour trenches which will enable the production of 3.6 billion litres of water in the next 5 years. So far, more than 1,60,000 contour trenches have been built which in turn have increased the water availability in villages surrounding the area, thereby improving the agricultural and irrigation potential as well as supporting the wildlife.

The seminar was concluded with the realization that community participation is sine qua non for the success of any water intervention program. It is the primary users who with the right support and motivation can bring the behavioral shift in water consumption and preservation patterns. The webinar witnessed participation from across the country ranging from government officials, researchers, students, and international NGOs. With 650 direct participants, the talk engaged more than 39,000 people using social media platforms.

10th International Micro Irrigation Conference: Dates will be announced later

10th International Micro Irrigation Conference (10MIC) to be held in Agadir, Morocco, will be a standalone event in 2021. Dates will be announced later. Micro-irrigation (drip/ trickle or localized irrigation) was introduced...
on a commercial scale in the world sometime in the 1970s. Micro-irrigation is the most efficient method of water application to crops. However, owing to the technicalities involved in its design, operation, and maintenance, the pace of its adoption was rather slow. To promote the use of micro-irrigation on a large scale, the irrigation community worldwide, especially in developed countries, launched the International Micro Irrigation Congress in the year 1971. Subsequently, ICID volunteered to organize the event beginning with the 5th International Micro Irrigation Congress held in South Africa in 2000 to create awareness among its members about the latest developments in micro-irrigation technology to enhance crop production.

Submission of Abstracts and Full Papers for 24th ICID Congress, Symposium and Special Sessions

IAL/ICID/ICID much appreciate the time and efforts of the aspiring participants in submitting their abstracts for the ICID Congress and associated events and participate in the ICID Congress. All abstracts submitted to date stand automatically included for consideration. We are fortunate to have your wholehearted participation with nearly 300 abstracts. Some abstracts have been approved for the submission of full-length papers. We assure you that the submissions will remain valid throughout the period, and you may continue the preparation of your full-length papers and submit them on the portal for further review and inclusion in the proceedings of the Congress. Since the event is delayed, we have extended the dates for the submission of full-length papers substantially. Please visit the portal for the latest deadlines.

However, we request you to not wait until the deadline and continue preparing for the full-length paper and submit the same online. Some of our friends who registered on the portal have not proposed abstracts or papers for the Congress. This postponement offers a golden opportunity to do so now and catch up with your other friends. The window for the submission of the new abstracts stands extended to 30 November 2020. Please note the important deadlines:

- Submission of 'Extended Abstracts' (500-600 words): 30 November 2020
- Notification of Acceptance of Extended Abstracts: 31 December 2020
- Submission of Full Papers: 15 February 2021
- Notification to Authors (oral/poster/presentation): 15 April 2021

In the meantime, should you wish to withdraw or edit your submission, you may do so at the portal https://icidevents.org/techmanagement for 24th Congress, Symposium and Special Sessions.

National Committee News

Indian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (INCID) as one of the founding committees of ICID have played an integral role in fulfilling ICID’s vision of reducing poverty through agricultural water management globally. Over the years, it has supported ICID’s activities here at Central office in New Delhi as well as ICID’s international events like World Irrigation Forum, ICID Congresses, and ICID Awards.

Given the historical relevance and long-term relations with ICID, in order to enhance its contribution towards ICID goals and missions, INCID revamped its structure in August 2020. From last one year with the support of ICID Central Office and Ministry of Water, India INCID has been working to revitalize its presence to promote regional participation, by including multi-disciplinary members from Union Ministries, States, Private sector, NGOs, Professional societies, Research and Academic institutions in order to amplify its periodic activities and events. 6th August 2020 marked the beginning of the reconstituted INCID and its members.

The inaugural meeting of the revamped INCID was held virtually on Thursday, 6th August 2020 at 11 hours Indian Standard Time (IST). While the meeting lasted more than one hour, it witnessed participation from more than twenty-five officers comprising of INCID Secretariat, INCID Central office officials as well as the new members based all over India. Participants from INCID and ICID were: Eng. R.K. Jain, Chairman, INCID and Chairman Central Water Commission (CWC), Mr. H.K. Haldar and Mr. Rishi Srivastava from Central Water CWC. Dr. Yellia Reddy participated as the Vice President, ICID and member of INCID. On behalf of ICID Central Office, the meeting was attended by Secretary-General, Eng. Ashwin B. Pandya, Dr. Sahdev Singh, Director, Knowledge Management, Mr. Madhu Mohanan, Communication Officer, Mr. Keshav Dev Tanwar, Assistant IT Officer and Ms. Shreshta Sharma, Knowledge Management Consultant.

The different state representative participants were Dr Rajendra Poddar, Director, Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), Karnataka, Dr B. Ravi Kumar Pillai, Commissioner Common Area Development and Water Management (CADWM), Mr. Amrendra Kumar Singh, Chief Engineer CWC, Dr. Deepak Khare, Department of Water, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee, Mr. Abhay Barwe, Director and Chief Engineer, Gujarat Engineering Research Institute (GERI), Mr. Kiran from Government of Karnataka, Mr. Deepak Khare, Department of Water, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee, Mr. Abhay Barwe, Director and Chief Engineer, Gujarat Engineering Research Institute (GERI), Mr. S.D.Sharma from Government of Haryana and Mr. Rajesh Kumar Galoria from Government of Rajasthan.

The meeting began with the Inaugural remarks by Eng. R.K. Jain, Chairman, INCID and Chairman Central Water Commission (CWC). He presided over the meeting with two Office Bearers, Mr. H.K. Haldar and Mr. Rishi Srivastava from Central Water Commission, India.

Mr. Jain welcomed all the participants, congratulated the new members and
gave a brief introduction about INCID and its activities. Further, Mr. Haldar gave a detailed presentation on INCID, its history, and current roles and duties. He mentioned about ICID’s and INCID’s collaborative actions on Dam Safety, Flood Planning management, and Flood Forecasting which occurred in the past. While discussing the ICID events hosted by INCID, he talked about INCID’s role in contributing to knowledge dissemination and information sharing through various workshops and conferences. He also highlighted the irrigation and drainage landscape of India and discussed the untapped potential of micro-irrigation and pipe irrigation. Towards the end, he expressed the growing concerns of water scarcity and the need to promote advanced technological developments.

Secretary-General, ICID, Eng. Ashwin B. Pandya, gave the second presentation. It was an introductory presentation about ICID, its vision, mission and activities. He appreciated INCID’s efforts to promote regional cooperation by inviting members from different parts of the country and emphasized on the need to increase INCID’s presence within ICID’s activities, awards and World Heritage Irrigation Structures (WHIS) register. To encourage the new members, he mentioned how India with the second largest drained area in the world after China is home to thousands of dams, irrigation structures, historical architectural marvels which need attention and the right documentation. He further added, INCID can work with all the state level officials to create a repository of the irrigation structures which can be nominated for WHIS register. He concluded by congratulating INCID for being accepted as the host of upcoming ICID Congress 2023 to be held in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, and with best wishes for INCID to fulfill its goal to increase the irrigation footprint of INCID within the ICID fraternity.

The second half of the meeting was dedicated to the new members and their presentations. The state-level officials, regional representatives shared their expertise, opinions, and recommendations on the future activities of INCID and their prospective contributions.

Dr. Yella Reddy, Vice President, ICID and member of INCID shared his views towards the end of the meeting. In the capacity of ICID Vice President, he congratulated INCID and its new mission to invoke regional collaboration. He appreciated the efforts of INCID office bearers and presented his warm wishes for the upcoming ICID Congress 2023 to be held in India. As an INCID member, he mobilized the other members, to work towards enhancing INCID’s global representation at ICID forums as well as to become a guiding body for re-invigorating the cause of efficient irrigation among the AWM community. He discussed India’s immense potential in its institutions like Water Technology Centre which should be promoted and provided support to participate in ICID awards and events like Watsave Awards and World Irrigation Forums.

He took the opportunity to share with all the participants, that above all it is pertinent to train the young minds who are the future responsibility bearers. By providing water education in their syllabus or modules in schools, colleges, and universities as part of their curriculum, from an early age their activities will be oriented towards water-saving and awareness creation. Dr. Reddy played an important role in the current INCID reconstitution and approval of INCID as the host country for ICID Congress 2023. His invaluable contribution and sheer expertise were celebrated among the participants.

The closing remarks of the session were presented by Mr. Jain, Chairman, INCID. He thanked all the participants, ICID Central Office members, INCID members and all the state representatives for making the inaugural meeting a huge success. With the final greetings, he expressed that coordinated efforts and focused attention will be required from all the members for fulfilling the duties of the reconstituted INCID.
Dr. Neelam Patel appointed as the Senior Advisor at NITI AAYOG

Dr. Neelam Patel is ICID’s long term associate and actively participates in ICID’s activities in various capacities, as resource person for webinars, mentor for training Young Professionals, author for many publications, guest speaker at our events and an active participant in ICID forums. It is brought to everyone’s notice that she has recently taken charge as the Senior Advisor in the Agricultural department of NITI AAYOG, Planning Commission of India with the Government of India. She was formerly serving as the Principal Scientist and In-charge, Centre for Protected Cultivation Technology, Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India.

Dr. Neelam Patel served as the Principal Scientist and Incharge, Centre for Protected Cultivation Technology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi since June, 2015 after graduating in Agricultural Engineering from Allahabad University and Master’s degree from Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur and Doctoral degree from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. She has demonstrated her engineering capabilities in various ventures including sensor based automatic irrigation, precision irrigation and waste water treatment technology. She has worked as member of FAD -17 in Bureau of Indian Standards for formulating the different standards of irrigation system. Her research contributions have earned several recognition including Wat Save Best Young Professional (ICID) and outstanding women scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.

International Water Management Institute (IWMI) gets a new Director General

It is brought to your notice that, Dr. Mark Smith has been appointed as IWMI’s new Director General for a special term of two years effective 2020-2022.

Dr Mark Smith has served as Deputy Director General, IWMI and was responsible for IWMI’s research for development programs, design and implementation of IWMI’s new strategy and management structure.

Dr. Mark brings demonstrated success in managing a globally networked water program, research and program management experience in water resources, agriculture, climate and sustainability and advocacy institutions, and an outstanding international reputation. Formerly, he has spent 10 years as Director of the Global Water Programme at (International Union for Conservation of Nature) IUCN. He led the development and implementation of a number of IUCN’s major initiatives working at the interface of water resources, development and conservation, including the BRIDGE, SUSTAIN-Africa and WISE-UP to Climate programmes. He coordinated collaboration on water and climate change, food security, governance and resilience across IUCN offices in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Oceania. Mark also provided strategic leadership for IUCN on water policy in the 2030 Development Agenda. Prior to joining IUCN, Mark was a research scientist at the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology and then CSIRO, with areas of specialisation in agriculture, forestry and hydrology. Email: mark.smith@cgiar.org.

Webinar on Cultural Heritage Solutions for Water Challenges

ICOMOS, an international network of experts works for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places. It is the only global non-government organisation of this kind, which is dedicated to promoting the application of theory, methodology, and scientific techniques to the conservation of the architectural and archaeological heritage. ICOMOS contribute to improve the preservation of heritage, the standards and the techniques for each type of cultural heritage property: buildings, historic cities, cultural landscapes and archaeological sites. ICID and ICOMOS have collaborated for many webinars, activities and events in the past, including “Water and Heritage” side session in India Water Week 2019 held in New Delhi, India. The two organisations worked closely on the cause of rain water harvesting.

Moving ahead ICID has initiated to be part of ICOMOS upcoming webinar series on “Cultural Heritage Solutions for Water Challenges”. Secretary General Eng. Ashwin B. Pandya will represent ICID in the second webinar of the series to be conducted on Wednesday 14 October 2020 from 12.00 to 13.30 CET. The specific objective of the webinar is to inform the participants about the objectives and activities on water related cultural heritage by international water organisations including World Water Heritage Systems programme ICID, the Specialist Group for Water and Waste water in Ancient Civilizations, The Ramsar Culture Network, the Global Water Museums Network, the Global Water Partnership (GWP), and the International Centre for Transdisciplinary Water Research.

For more details and registrations, please visit: https://www.thewaterchannel.tv/ICOMOS

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