

**MINUTES FOR THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON EVENTS (C-EVENTS)**

5 September 2024, 08:30-10:00 Hours (Session-I)  
5 September 2024, 10:30-12:00 Hours (Session-II)  
Sydney, Australia

**Presented by the Chairman**

**Members / Representatives Present:** (1) President Hon. Dr. Gao Zhanyi (China); (2) Dr. Bahrom Gaforzoda (Tajikistan); (3) VPH Dr. Rafat Nael (Iraqi representative); (4) Mr. David Cameron (Australian representative); (5) Ms. Li Ruoxi (Chinese representative); (6) Dr. Sani Bala (Nigerian representative); and (7) VPH Dr. K. Yella Reddy (Indian representative).

**Observers:** (i) Dato Ir Mohd Azmi Ismail (Malaysia); (ii) Engr. Nor Azazi Zakaria (Malaysia); (iii) VPH Ir. Mochammad Amron (Indonesia); (iv) Dr. Goh Hui Weng (Malaysia); (v) Ir. Thayalam Sekaran (Malaysia); (vi) Engr. Matia Rompei (Italy); (vii) Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar (India); (viii) VPH Prof. Tsugihiko Watanabe (Japan); (ix) Dr. Sharif Mahmudov (Tajikistan); (x) Engr. Dhamson Polus Masundang (Malaysia); (xi) Ir. SV Mr. Kalaiselvam Velayudan (Malaysia); and (xii) Engr. Hammad Muhammad Siddiqui (Nigeria).

**Website:** [http://icid-ciid.org/inner\\_page/107](http://icid-ciid.org/inner_page/107)

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 1: Action Taken Report by Chairman**

1. The Chair of the Committee presented the report on the actions taken on the decisions and proposals of the Committee at its last meeting held on 6 November 2023 at Vizag, Andhra Pradesh, India.

2. PH Dr. Gao Zhanyi, the Chair of the erstwhile SC-E-THEMES reported that the actions have been taken following the Resolution IEC-2/74 approved in the 74th IEC meeting held in November 2024 at Vizag, Andhra Pradesh, India by the amalgamation of Sub-Committee on Themes, Topics, and Work Plans of future ICID Events (SC-E-THEMES) and Committee on Congresses/Conferences (C-CONGR) and created a single Committee on Events (C-EVENTS). Accordingly, ICID Central Office issued Notification No.1 of 2024 dated 15 January 2024 (Annex 1) notifying the amalgamation of SC-E-THEMES and C-CONGR with new mandate to all members of the Committees and NCs.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 2: New Mandate and Membership Composition of the Committees**

The new mandate of C-EVENTS was discussed and approved as follows:

- (a) To encourage NCs to organize ICID events and suggest right event;
- (b) To review proposals from the National Committees wishing to hold a future Congress/WIF/Regional Conference/ Conferences that must make a report to the C-EVENTS outlining their plans including location, dates, expected attendance, financial budget, registration fees etc. Committee will consider these reports and make a recommendation to PCSO on whether to grant the event to the NC.
- (c) To deliberate and recommend the Themes, Sub-themes of World Irrigation Forums, Questions of future Congresses; and Topics for Regional Conferences, Drainage Workshops, Micro Irrigation Conferences
- (d) To set out a format and technical contents of the Congresses, WIFs, Regional Conferences, Conferences, etc.;
- (e) To draw guidelines to make the WG meetings/sessions technically richer and beneficial to the stakeholders and industries in terms of technical output, Organizing Webinars, virtual meetings, etc.
- (f) To work out the structure of meetings related to IEC, particularly the WGs at the ICID's Annual Events, to make them more effective;
- (g) To review the technical outputs and outcomes and suggest follow-ups
- (h) To help in drafting of Statements/ Declarations during the events; and
- (i) To review the summary report presented by the representatives from previous events, which includes attendance, financial performance, and recommendations for future events;

**Current Membership Composition of the Committees are as follows:**

(1) Australian National Committee; (2) Chinese National Committee; (3) French National Committee; (4) Indian National Committee; (5) Iraqi National Committee; (6) Malaysian National Committee; (7) Nigerian National Committee; (8) Tajikistan National Committee; (9) Saudi Arabian National Committee; and (10) Secretary General, ICID. The membership will be updated according to the organization of ICID events.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 3: Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Committee**

3. Vice President Hon. Dr. Kaluvai Yella Reddy (India), Ms. Celine Papin (France) and Dr. Lihui Gao (China) elected as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of C-EVENTS.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 4: Overview of 75<sup>th</sup> IEC & 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference, 1-7 September 2024 at Sydney, Australia - Updates**

4. Mr. David Cameron, a representative from Irrigation Australia Limited (IAL) apprised the Committee on the preparations & conceptions made for the 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference and the 75<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting of ICID at Sydney from 1-7 September 2024 at Sydney, Australia. It is reported that the 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference and the 75<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting are conducted by IAL without support from the Australian Government. Generally, the meetings have been conducted successfully. The following difficulties were identified and summarized:

- (a) International participation is very low with only about 250 international participants;
- (b) High number of cancellations of participants before the event;
- (c) Less income reduces the financial problem of organizing the meetings;
- (d) Low attendance for women participation events;
- (e) Less participants of Young Professionals.

5. It is summarized that now governments pay more attention to environmental and cultural issues rather than irrigation issues, so it is very important to maintain good communication with government departments to get support for organizing ICID events.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 5: Feedback from the organizer of the past events****C-EVENTS Minutes Item 5.1: Feedback from 25<sup>th</sup> ICID Congress & 74<sup>th</sup> IEC, 1-8 November 2023 at Vizag., Andhra Pradesh, India – Updates**

6. VPH Kaluvai Yella Reddy represented the Indian National Committee (INCID) to make a report to the committee on the organization of the 25<sup>th</sup> ICID Congress & 74<sup>th</sup> IEC, 1-8 November 2023 at Vizag, Andhra Pradesh, India. The event was well conducted with more than 600 international participants and financial support from the Indian Government. According to the experiences of the Indian National Committee, it is suggested that better service, such as no additional charges for the welcome reception and farewell dinner, should be provided to attract more participants. More Young Professionals should be invited and arranged to attend the ICID events.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 5.2: First Middle East Regional Conference, 26-28 February 2024 at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

7. No representative from the Saudi Arabia Committee (SANCID) attended the meeting and presented a report on the First Middle East Regional Conference.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 5.3: 14<sup>th</sup> International Drainage Workshop, 30 May – 01 June 2024, Dushanbe, Tajikistan**

8. Dr. Bahrom Gaforzoda representative of the Tajikistan National Committee (TajCID) made a profound summary for successfully organising the 14<sup>th</sup> International Drainage Workshop from 30 May to 01 June 2024 at Dushanbe, Tajikistan. He pointed out that getting financial support from related international organizations is very important for Tajikistan conducting the 14<sup>th</sup> International Drainage Workshop.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 6: Preparations and discussions for the future events for the next 3 years****C-EVENTS Minutes Item 6.1: 11<sup>th</sup> International Micro Irrigation Conference in April 2025, Baghdad, Iraq**

9. Engr. Rafat Nael Abdel Ghani (Iraq) made an inclusive report on the preparation of 11<sup>th</sup> International Micro Irrigation Conference in April 2025, Baghdad, Iraq. The preparation work conducted very well for the selection of venue, hotels and study tours, transport etc. A video introduction was displayed during the meeting and it will be upload on the C-Event website.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 6.2: 6<sup>th</sup> African Regional Conference, 14-18 April 2025, Abuja, Nigeria**

10. Er. Multammas Sanibala (Nigeria) made presentation on the preparation of 6<sup>th</sup> African Regional Conference, 14-18 April 2025 at Abuja, Nigeria. The preparation work conducted very well for the selection of venue, hotels and study tours, transport etc. A video introduction was also displayed during the meeting and it will be upload on the C-Event website. It was noticed that by Nigeria National Committee that both 6<sup>th</sup> African Regional Conference and

11th International Micro Irrigation Conference will be conducted in April, 2025. There might be impact for the attendance for these two events. It is suggested that we should consider the impact and solutions.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 6.3: 76<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting & 4<sup>th</sup> World Irrigation Forum (WIF-4), 7-13 September 2025, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

11. Representative from Malaysian National Committee made a presentation on the preparation of the 76<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting & 4<sup>th</sup> World Irrigation Forum (WIF-4), 7-13 September 2025, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 6.4: 77<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting and 26<sup>th</sup> ICID Congress, 12-18 October 2026, Marseille, France**

12. No representative from the French National Committee attended the meeting and made a updated the preparation of the 77th IEC meeting and 26th ICID Congress, 12-18 October 2026 at Marseille, France.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 6.5: 78<sup>th</sup> IEC meeting and 5<sup>th</sup> World Irrigation Forum (WIF-5), Beijing, China in September 2027**

13. Ms. Li Ruoxi represented the China National Committee and made a presentation on the preparation of the 78th IEC meeting and 5th World Irrigation Forum (WIF-5) at Beijing, China in September 2027. The venue of the 5th WIF has been selected. The themes and topics, as well as the date for conducting the 78th IEC meeting and 5th World Irrigation Forum (WIF-5) needed to be confirmed. The three routes for post conference tours have been identified. The Chair of the meeting encouraged the Chinese National Committee to upload and update the related information on the C-Events website.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 7: Website of the C-EVENTS**

14. The Chair encourages all National Committees who have organized and will organize the ICID events to upload and update the related information on the webpage of the C-EVENTS.

**C-EVENTS Minutes Item 8: Any other business**

15. **ICID Members' Profile Section:** Members were requested to update their information in the ICID Members' Profile Section.

16. **Register on World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS):** All NCs were requested to update their available information in the online Register on "World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS)" made available through ICID website.



