



ICID-CID

Permanent Committee on Strategies and organization, PCSO Report

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Reactivation of Inactive National Committees (NCs)

- The Committee noted with concern the decreasing trend in the active national committees, which is lowest as of date in last 30 years.
- PCSO discussed the issue of activation of deemed inactive National Committees at length. The members were concerned that it is important to bring in the NCs of Africa within the ICID family.



Region	Active	Deemed to be Inactive	Admitted but not paid subscription	Withdrawn	Total Network
Africa	06	17	05	-	28
Americas	05	11	01	01	18
Asia and Oceania	22	08	04	01	35
Europe	22	06	-	01	29
Total	55	42	10	03	110



Unprecedented problems require unprecedented solutions: think the unthinkable!

The Committee therefore recommended that in order to increase the membership of ICID, IEC may consider :

- waiving off all the outstanding arrears of all the inactive NCs,
- introducing free trial subscription membership for two years, and



- generating funds for participation of the LDCs,
- revisiting the membership fee structure through a small sub-committee jointly with PFC.
- The Committee also suggested that ICID should encourage participation of the regional members



- PCSO supports the 3-years cycle concept and the concept of organizing such a Forum and recommends keeping its name as “World Irrigation Forum”.
- The Committee recommended that WIF should be started during 2013 with the aim to achieve a minimum attendance of 800.
- The Committee taking note that the means of travel to Mardin, where the 64th IEC is proposed to be organized, suggested that TUCID should kindly reconsider the venue to a more accessible place like Istanbul.
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Collaboration and Cooperation between ICID and other International Organizations

The Committee noted that any collaboration and coordination activity consumes substantial resources, both financial as well as human, and therefore it is essential to optimize the resources by investing them in joint activities (collaborative, coordinated and cooperative) that gives the maximum mileage in fulfilling the objectives of ICID.



- PCSO recommended that the International Organizations should be invited to collaborate with ICID based on an agreed Memorandum of Understanding, clearly defining the objectives, the duties and responsibility of the two organizations, including their financial arrangements.
- The Committee also advised that the International Organizations should be invited to join ICID as direct members once the proposal before IEC is approved.
- In view of the above the Committee, through IEC advised the Central Office to relinquish the secretariat functions of IWALC and withdraw from the membership of WWC and revisit its relation in the light of the above recommendation.



Review of the Regional Working Groups

- African Regional Working Group (AFRWG): frustration at the lack of interest from the members.
- American Regional Working Group (AMRWG): should be terminated or placed on inactive status.
- Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG): satisfaction at the way the Group had collaborated in the past and confidence that the collaboration will continue in future.
- European Regional Working Group (ERWG): reasonable cooperation, Henry Tardeau Award is now established.



- The PCSO decided to keep AMWRG active and revive it. However, it recommends that in future the meetings of Regional workbodies should be organized only on request of the chair of the workbodies.
- Before finalizing the Program for the meetings, the Secretary General may consult the chairs of WGs which do not have activities during the year or are not meeting regularly to ascertain whether they would like to organize the meetings of the workbody or not.
- In this respect, it was agreed that only one extra meeting room (not five as used to be) for ad-hoc meeting will be allocated should any of the regional work group decide to meet.

Review of Working Groups/Committee

- PCSO recommends that ICID should initiate a mentoring of young professionals program in collaboration with universities. The Committee decided to establish a subgroup to work out the details of ICID mentoring program.

Summary

- PCSO expressing its concern at the diminishing membership of ICID, rising registration cost of participation in IEC meetings, poor attendance at the work body meetings,

Recommends the following:

1. The membership of the various working groups as presented in the Annex 1 to these recommendations may be approved;

2. ICID as charitable caring and sharing organization, in order to increase the membership (especially, LDC) of ICID, IEC may consider:

- waiving off all the outstanding arrears of all the inactive NCs,
- introducing free trial subscription membership for two years, and
- generating funds for participation of the LDCs,
- revisiting the membership fee structure through a small sub-committee jointly with PFC.

3. IEC while considering the proposals for holding the ICID events and meetings may:
- adopt a bidding process right from the beginning with main emphasis on the registration cost, declaring the registration cost for the different categories of the ICID members (YP, locals, etc.)
 - should duly take into account the accessibility of the venues to avoid additional travel time and cost of extra days
 - adopt the proposed guidelines given in the annex of PCSO Agenda (duly revised) as directives which in parts could form part of the abiding agreement with the host.

4. Strongly supports organization of World Irrigation Forum as part of the triennial meetings in the year preceding the Congress year.
5. The collaborative activities with International Organizations should be based on an agreed Memorandum of Understanding clearly stating the roles and obligation of the two parties, with clear indication of financial obligations.

Requests:

- The NCs to update their Constitutions duly taking into account the various suggestions made on this subject during various discussions within IEC, and provide the updated version to CO as this will form a crucial document in administering the direct membership.
- The NCs who have not submitted their constitutions or do not have a constitution are encouraged to prepare one and submit it to CO at the earliest. Example is available at CO.
- The Secretary General to circulate the note prepared by PH Peter Lee on the broad basing the NCs to all the NCs.
- The chairs of the various working groups to clearly assess the likely attendance of the workbody and inform the CO the requirement of space for its meeting at least six months in advance.