

**AGENDA FOR THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON HISTORY OF IRRIGATION, DRAINAGE AND
FLOOD CONTROL (WG-HIST)**

05 September 2024, 14:00-15:30 hours (Session I) and 16:00-17:30 hours (Session II)
Sydney, Australia

Strategy Theme: Sustainable Development

WG-HIST Agenda Item 1: A brief report on the restructuring of WG by the Chair

1. At the 74th International Executive Council (IEC) meeting in Vizag, India, a proposal for the restructuring of the Working Groups was discussed and approved. Among the existing 18 working groups, 9 working groups completed their mandate in November 2023. The remaining working groups have been structured into 11 new working groups under four themes: (1) Irrigation and Drainage; (2) Natural Resources; (3) Climate Change and Impacts; and (4) Sustainable Development. Under these four themes, the WG-HIST has been included in theme 4 (Sustainable Development). As per the structure approved by IEC, a new group – Working Group on History of Irrigation Drainage, and Flood Control (WG-HIST) has been formed.

2. Dr. Kamran Emami will provide a brief report on the structure of the new WG-HIST.

WG-HIST Agenda Item 2: Discussion on the Scoping Document for new WG

3. The ICID Central Office has contacted the Chair of erstwhile WG-HIST and requested to prepare the draft Scoping Document for the establishment of a new WG-HIST however, a response is still awaited. Members may discuss towards finalization of a draft Scoping Document during the meeting and send the final version to PCTA for approval.

4. The following new nominations have been received for the membership of the new WG-HIST:

- Dr. (Ms.) Ya-wen Chiueh (Chinese Taipei Committee)
- Dr. Watchara Suiadee (Thailand)

5. The membership of the erstwhile WG-HIST is given in **Annex 1** (refer to the electronic version for the latest list). New nominations, if any, for the membership received, will be dealt suitably after the meeting.

WG-HIST Agenda Item 3: Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of restructured new WG

6. The group members will discuss and may like to elect new Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for the new WG during the meeting.

WG-HIST Agenda Item 4: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 - Status of activities on history of irrigation, drainage, and flood control

7. The Action Plan of the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 of the erstwhile WG-HIST is given as **Annex 2**. The group will discuss and prepare the Action Plan for the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 as per the mandate of the new WG-HIST at the meeting.

WG-HIST Agenda Item 5: Review of World Historical Irrigation Structures (WHIS) and WSH Program

8. In the year 2024, 18 nominations have been received from the National Committees of China (4), India (4), Iran (4), Iraq (1), Japan (3), South Africa (1), and Turkey (1) for the World Historical Irrigation Structures (WHIS). All the nominations have been sent to the Panel of Judges for evaluation. Members may take the initiative by encouraging WHIS nominations as it allows them to publicize ICID's name and promote the general public to participate in managing such systems. The ICID Central Office has introduced a dedicated page on the website wherein all the approved structures of WHIS are accessible at – <https://icid-ciid.org/award/his/44>. Chair will provide further updates at the meeting.

WG-HIST Agenda Item 6: Publication of erstwhile WG-HIST - Historical Water Sustainability

9. Under the Chairmanship of VPH Dr. Kamran Emami, the erstwhile WG-HIST brought out the publication titled "Historical Water Sustainability" as an output of the Working Group, which aims to promote the practices and concepts of historical water sustainability. The publication was released during the 25th ICID Congress and 74th IEC

meeting in November 2023. Soft version of the publication is available on the ICID webpage at https://icid-ciid.org/inner_page/125

WG-HIST Agenda Item 7: Any other business (with permission of Chair)

10. **ICID Members' Profile Section:** As a new initiative, ICID has launched a new website (<https://icid-ciid.org>) as part of ICID's 70th Anniversary Celebration to meet the new web technologies. One of the newly added web features provides WG members access to their profile section using their dedicated account. ICID CO vide email dated 9 July 2021 <<https://icid.bmeurl.co/C7D4D2E>> informed all members on how to access their accounts and change their passwords to maintain accuracy. Members are requested to review and update their information using their credentials and help us to maintain accurate information. For more information, please refer to inside back cover page.

11. **World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS):** ICID has taken the initiative to document the development of irrigation and drainage schemes in the world by establishing an online Register on "World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS)". WI&DS will fulfil the need for a much-awaited global repository of information in systematic irrigation and agricultural water management. Irrigation projects having 5000 Hectares and above of Command Area can submit their information for inclusion in the register. The irrigation projects approved by the National Committee/ ICID Central Office for inclusion are entitled to Certification. The chair will encourage members to urge all irrigation and drainage scheme owners, managers, and researchers across the world, especially in their respective countries to contribute to the register. The review process and other details are outlined on the portal <<https://wip.icidevents.org/>> in detail.



NOTES FOR CHAIRPERSON:

1. Draft minutes of this meeting to be submitted to ICID Secretariat at Sydney, Australia after the meeting.
2. Chair to participate and present the WG report to PCTA meeting on 06 September 2024.

A. Membership of erstwhile WG-HIST

| No. | Members | Country | Remarks |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | VPH Dr. Kamran Emami | Iran | Chairman |
| 2. | Mr. Wang Li | China | |
| 3. | Dr. Chen Jing | China | |
| 4. | Dr. Dai Xiaoping – Young Professional | China | |
| 5. | Mr. Gao Lihui – Young Professional | China | |
| 6. | Dr. Sinite Yu | Chinese Taipei Committee | Renominated for new WG |
| 7. | Dr. Tsu-Chuan LEE | Chinese Taipei Committee | Renominated for new WG |
| 8. | Dr. Cheh-Shyh Ting | Chinese Taipei Committee | |
| 9. | VPH Dr. Laszlo Hayde | Hungary | |
| 10. | Dr. Shivaji Sangle, Director Member – MWRRA | India | |
| 11. | VPH A. Hafied A. Gany | Indonesia | |
| 12. | Dr. Masaomi Kimura | Japan | |
| 13. | Dr. Yutaka Matsuno | Japan | |
| 14. | Engr. Sirika Ahmad Abubakar | Nigeria | |
| 15. | Dr. Qazi Tallat Mahmood Siddiqui | Pakistan | |
| 16. | Mr. Ju-Chang Kim | South Korea | |
| 17. | VPH Chaiwat Prechawit | Thailand | |
| 18. | Mr. Hasan Basri Yüksel | Turkey | |
| 19. | Mr. Oğuz Şirin | Turkey | |
| 20. | Mr. Ahmet Emirhan Yolcu | Turkey | |
| Observers/ Permanent Observer | | | |
| 21. | Dr. Yao Jianfeng | China | |
| 22. | Dr. Ing. Klaus Rottcher | Germany | |
| 23. | Dr. (Mrs.) B. Dolfing | The Netherlands | |
| 24. | Dr. Ir. M. Ertsen (IWHA) | | |

B. New nominations received from the National Committee/ Committee

| Sr. No. | Name | Country/ Organization | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1 | Dr. (Ms.) Ya-wen Chiueh | Chinese Taipei Committee | Recommended as a member, subject to her presence else provisional member |
| 2 | Dr. Watchara Suiadee | Thailand | Recommended as a member, subject to his presence else provisional member |



ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF ERSTWHILE WG-HIST

| Goals/ Strategies | Activities | Outcomes/ Outputs | Milestone for 2017 | Milestone for 2018 | Milestone for 2019 | Milestone for 2020 | Milestone for 2021 | Milestone for 2022 | Milestone for 2023 | Responsibility |
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| GOAL C: FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY | | | | | | | | | | |
| C1. Strategy: Providing Knowledge-sharing Platform for AWM Professionals | 1.2 International conference/ workshop/ seminar on History | Workshop Proceedings | Workshop/ seminar on Historical Water Sustainability | | Workshop/ seminar (Bali) | | | Workshop/ seminar | Workshop/ seminar | |
| C3. Strategy: Promoting Regional Cooperation | 3.10 International conference/ workshop/ seminar | Workshop Proceedings | | | | | | | | |
| C4. Strategy: Compile, Collate and Share Knowledge and Experiences | 4.5 Publication on Historical Water Sustainability | Publication | | Compile lessons learned from WHIS/ WSH | | | | Finalize the publication on Historical Water Sustainability | | |
| | 4.6 World Historical Irrigation Structures (WHIS) | Register of WHIS | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | Nomination/ evaluation / update register; Exhibition at WIF3 | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | |
| | 4.7 World Water System Heritage (WSH) Program | Register of WSH | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | Nomination/ evaluation / update register; Exhibition at WIF3 | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | Nomination/ evaluation / update register | |
| C5. Strategy: Dissemination of Data, Information, Tools, Knowledge and Know How | 5.10 Documentaries on Water history | Encouraging the member countries to produce documentaries on water history by presenting the prize on the best documentaries | Encouraging the member countries to produce documentaries on water history by presenting the prize on the best documentaries | Encouraging the member countries to produce documentaries on water history by presenting the prize on the best documentaries | Encouraging the member countries to produce documentaries on water history by presenting the prize on the best documentaries | Encouraging the member countries to produce documentaries on water history by presenting the prize on the best documentaries | Encouraging the member countries to produce documentaries on water history by presenting the prize on the best documentaries | Encouraging the member countries to produce documentaries on water history by presenting the prize on the best documentaries | Encouraging the member countries to produce documentaries on water history by presenting the prize on the best documentaries | Encouraging the member countries to produce documentaries on water history by presenting the prize on the best documentaries |
| | 5.11 Updating the WG-HIST website | Online | Uploading the relevant documents | Uploading the relevant documents | Uploading the relevant documents | Uploading the relevant documents | Uploading the relevant documents | | | |
| GOAL E: ENCOURAGE RESEARCH AND SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF TOOLS TO EXTEND INNOVATION INTO FIELD PRACTICES | | | | | | | | | | |
| E4. Strategy: Research on History of Irrigation and Lessons Learned from the past | | | Preparing the conclusion chapter for the WG publication | Preparing the conclusion chapter for the WG publication | Preparing the conclusion chapter for the WG publication | Preparing the conclusion chapter for the WG publication | Preparing the conclusion chapter for the WG publication | Finalizing the editing process | | |
| E6. Strategy: Dissemination of Useful Research Outputs | 6.1 Prepare a paper on combination of old methods and new technologies | | Presenting the first paper in the WG workshop and other seminars | Presenting the second paper in the WG workshop and other seminars | Presenting a paper for the journal of Irrigation and drainage | | | Presenting a paper for the journal of Irrigation and drainage | | |

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

