

**AGENDA FOR THE 31<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE  
ICID JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD (EB-JOUR)**

5 September 2024, 08:30-10:00 Hours (Session-I)

5 September 2024, 10:30-12:00 Hours (Session-II)

**Sydney, Australia**

**Strategy Theme: Natural Resources**

**Presented by the Chairman**

**Year of Establishment: 1994**

**Mandate:** (i) To ensure with the (Joint) Editor(s) that the Journal is published in accordance with editorial policies; (ii) To select and recommend to IEC, through PCTA, the appointment of (Joint) Editor(s), Associate Editors and Members; (iii) To review and update editorial policies when required, to conform with the developing ICID objectives; (iv) To address and resolve issues pertaining to the Journal; and (v) To review guidelines for authors, manuscript reviewers and book reviewers and liaise and coordinate with ICID workbodies.

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**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 1: Action Taken Report by Chair (from Editor, Chairman)**

1. The Chairman's Report for 2023 has been disseminated to the members of the EB-JOUR before the meeting. Various points emerging from the report will be presented at the beginning of the meeting and will be discussed during the meeting.
2. Chairman in consultation with Central Office have updated the membership of the WG as given at **Annex 1** (refer electronic version for latest list). New nominations, if any, for the membership will be dealt with suitably after the meeting.
3. The 2022 Journal Impact Factor was released by Clarivate's Web of Science in June, 2023. The 2022 Impact Factor for our journal IRD has increased to 1.9, a 33.4% increase from 2021 (1.424). Notably, the total number of citations increased by 17%, from 2126 in 2020 to 2490 in 2021.

**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 1.1: Special Issues**

4. In 2023, a regular special issue, 72.5, for selected papers of the 24th ICID Congress on the theme 'Innovation and research in agriculture water management to achieve sustainable development goals' was published. The guest editors were Jiusheng Li, Bart Schultz and B.A. Chivate.
5. The following special issues are in preparation or are being planned:
  - (a) Sponsored Special Issue with papers presented in the workshops of the Working Group on Sustainable Development of Tidal Areas. A proposal prepared by Dr. Ruey-Chy Kao, who is the Chair, WG-SDTA, ICID, has been submitted to the Chairman. The proposed guest editors are Hsiao-Wen Wang, Bart Schultz, and Ruey-Chy Kao.
  - (b) Regular Special Issue with selected papers of the ICID Visakhapatnam Congress. Fourteen papers have been finally accepted and approximately 10 papers are in preparation. Prof. em. Bart Schultz is the leading guest editor. It is expected that this special issue could be released as the final issue in 2024 or the first issue in 2025.

**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 1.2: Virtual Issues**

6. M/s. Wiley-Blackwell started with the publication of Virtual Issues (VIs). These are published only online, in which papers on a certain topic that have already been published are published together. The first virtual issue was published in May 2020. The 17 papers in this issue are based on the SALTMED model that was developed by Prof. Dr. Ragab Ragab.
7. A second virtual issue with selected papers by Prof. em. Bart Schultz was published in December 2020.
8. Two virtual issues with selected papers focusing on the modernization of irrigation systems and climate change were published in 2022.

9. The VIs are published much later than the papers themselves. During the business meeting with Wiley, the VI issue was discussed. One concern is that too frequent a VI might interfere with readers' attention to recently published articles. Wiley Journals Publishing Manager explained how VIs are not essential; however, they can be good marketing tools. Therefore, we do not need to force them, but if we get a good topic, it can be good to create a VI.

**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 1.3: French resumés**

10. All articles in Irrigation and Drainage are published in English, with simultaneous French abstracts. This is a unique feature of our journal. Since 8th December 2021, the French text translation has been transferred to the ICID CO. Up to 26 May 2024 when the Agenda is being prepared, 269 papers have been sent to the ICID CO, and 265 papers have been returned to the Chairman with the complete translation of French texts. On average, this takes 26 days. On behalf of the Chairman, the efforts of ICID CO are highly appreciated.

**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 1.4: Recognition to the reviewers**

11. As a convention, 321 guest editors and reviewers during 2023 were recognized in the First Issue of 2024. Some of the referees reviewed more than two manuscripts; some of them reviewed both the original and several revised versions of a manuscript. Reviews are also listed in PUBLONS when reviewers wish to do so.

**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 1.5: Review process**

12. The submission for 2023 was 400. In general, the submission for our journal shows an increasing trend. This is mainly caused by the greater interest of authors in publishing their papers in our journal.

13. As of 26 May 2024, when the agenda was being prepared, 165 manuscripts were received this year. In 2023, 147 patients were in the same stage. A 10% increase in submission may be expected in 2024 compared to that in 2023.

14. In general, the review process proceeds normally. The goal is to control the duration from submission to the first decision within three months. This goal has been achieved with quite a few exceptions.

15. The review of the manuscripts that were submitted until 2022 has been completed. For the 2023 submissions, 25 manuscripts are still in process. Seventeen of these manuscripts are under first-round review. For the 165 submissions in 2024, 26 manuscripts have been accepted (in principle), 75 manuscripts have been rejected and 64 manuscripts are in process.

**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 1.6: Best Paper Award 2024**

16. The Best Paper is selected by the Chairman in cooperation with the Joint Editor, Associate Editors, and Editor Emeritus of the Journal. In 2023, four regular issues and one regular special issue were published, resulting in a total of 104 papers. The regular special issue, 72.5, was an issue for selected papers of the 24th ICID Congress on the theme 'Innovation and research in agriculture water management to achieve sustainable development goals.' One paper was preselected for each issue. During preselection, the severity of the critical comments from referees and the research topics of the papers were considered comprehensively. Academic quality is the main factor, while the distribution of research topics for the papers selected is a secondary factor considered. This resulted in 5 shortlisted papers. Among these 5 papers, the judgments of the referees showed that this year, one paper was clearly better than the other 4 papers. Therefore, it was selected as the best. The Best Paper Award is in the form of a citation plaque along with a cash prize of US\$ 500 or US\$ 800 in the form of Gift Books (Wiley Publications), which the awardees will have an option to choose. The winner of the 'Best Paper Award 2023' will be announced during the 2024 IEC Plenary Meeting on 3 September 2024.

**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 1.7: Membership**

17. Currently, there are 37 people on the Editorial Board: one Chairman (Chief Editor), two Joint Editors, one Editor Emeritus, 18 Associate Editors and 15 members.

18. Er. B. A. Chivate, Director (Technical) has left the ICID Central Office. Therefore, he has withdrawn from membership of EB-JOUR. Er. Chivate has served as the coordinator between the Editorial Board and the ICID Central Office for several years. The EB expressed its appreciation for all the good work that he had done. The EB requests that the ICID Central Office nominates a new coordinator if available.

19. After consulting with the PCTA, the following two issues were identified:
- (a) Starting in 2024, the NCs only nominate members, and the Editorial Board determines the role of the nominee.
  - (b) Associate editors/members who have been silent for more than two years will have their membership automatically terminated in consultation with the PCTA.
20. No new nominations have received for the membership of EB-JOUR for 2024, so far.

**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 2: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030: Action Points of Editorial Board**

21. The implementation of the Action Points of the Editorial Board with respect to the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 was presented (refer to Annex 1) of the Agenda during the Adelaide meeting of the EB-JOUR. In general, progress is better than commitment. Further, the milestone of the EB-JOUR for the years 2024 & 2025 to be updated as **Annex 2**. Chair may like to discuss this item with the members of the EB Journal during the meeting.

**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 3: Distribution of the Journal among the ICID membership**

22. This year is the sixth year under the 4th Agreement with Wiley (2019-2025) with M/s. Wiley-Blackwell, UK. Under this agreement, the major change compared to the previous Agreements is that all individual members of National Committees are entitled to receive 'Online accesses to the Journal'.

23. The number of subscriptions for 2024 is 911 'online only', 78 'online + print' and 78 'print' only, which makes the total as 1067. The 'Direct Members' and 'Young Professionals' (receiving ICID scholarship) have been added to the list receiving the ICID Journal.

**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 4: Issues related with M/s Wiley-Blackwell**

**EB-Jour Agenda Item 4.1: Agreement with Wiley**

24. The year 2024 is the sixth year under the 4th Agreement with Wiley (2019-2025), with M/s. Wiley-Blackwell, UK. To ensure seamless connection, the Chairman has requested that M/s. Wiley will prepare the 5th Agreement (draft) for review and approval by the IEC/PCTA. The present agreement with M/s. Wiley will come to end by June 2025. In this regard, M/s Wiley will share a proposal for renew this agreement at short notice. In order to prevent problems in the decision making, it has to be put on the Agenda of EB-JOUR, MT-JOUR and PCTA of the meeting in September 2024 at Sydney.

**EB-Jour Agenda Item 4.2: Promotions from Wiley**

25. The publisher is constantly keeping up with the new developments. This implies, for example:
- (a) provide better information related to the submission of papers;
  - (b) provision of a list of names of potential reviewers to the Joint or Associate Editors when they handle a certain paper;
  - (c) possibility to make a video clip to promote a submitted paper;
  - (d) better information on the Wiley web page of the Journal to handle the review process, to record progress on the submission of papers and to record the downloading of papers by readers.

**EB-JOUR Agenda Item 5: Any other business**

**5.1. ICID Members' Profile Section:** At the Vizag. meeting (2023), Chair informed the members about the new initiative of ICID providing WG members to access their profile section using their dedicated account. Further, he informed that ICID CO vide email of 9 July 201 <<https://icid.bmeurl.co/C7D4D2E>> informed all members on how to access their account and change their password to maintain accuracy. Chair encouraged members to review and update their information using their credentials. Accordingly, ICID Central Office has requested all members of the WG to access their profile and update the same. Chair will further requests to all members about the importance of assessing Members' profile for reviewing and continuous updating of their respective information. For more information, please refer to inside back cover page.

**5.2 Register on World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS):** In addition to information given at the Adelaide meeting held in 2022, Chair will further brief about ICID's initiative to document the development of irrigation projects 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 Gross Command Area can submit their information for inclusion in the register. The irrigation projects approved by National Committee/ ICID Central Office for inclusion are entitled to Certification. Chair will encourage members to urge all irrigation and drainage scheme owners, managers, and researchers across the world and especially in our member countries for contributing to the register. Chair will also inform the members that as per ICID Central Office, this facility is also extended to non-member countries if the information is received from an authorized agency. 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 6 September 2024.

## MEMBERS AND THEIR ATTENDANCE AT 2022 AND 2023 MEETINGS

Sl. No	Members	Member From	2022		2023		Remarks
			Self	Contributed by mail	Self	Contributed by mail	
1.	Prof. Dr. Jiusheng Li (China), Chairman (2021)	2012	•	•	•	•	
2.	Prof. Dr. Kristoph-Dietrich Kinzli P.E. (USA), Joint Editor (2012)	2010		•		•	
3.	Prof. Graziano Ghinassi (Italy), Joint Editor (2021)	2015	•	•	•	•	
4.	President Hon. Dr. Bart Schultz, Editor Emeritus (2021) (The Netherlands)	2002	•	•	•	•	
5.	Prof. Jin-Young Choi (Korea), Associate Editor	2017	•	•	•	•	
6.	Asst. Prof. Dr. Anna Dalla Marta (Italy), Associate Editor (2021)	2021	•	•	•	•	
7.	Dr. Biju George (Australia), Associate Editor (2014)	2013		•	•	•	
8.	Prof. Dr. Ir. Nick C. van de Giesen (The Netherlands), Associate Editor (2013)	2007		•	•	•	
9.	Dr. Mohsin Hafeez (Pakistan), Associate Editor	2019	•	•	•	•	
10.	VPH Laszlo Hayde (Hungary), Associate Editor	2015	•	•	•	•	
11.	Dr. Poolad Karimi (Iran), Associate Editor	2016		•	•	•	
12.	Dr. Takanori Nagano (Japan), Associate Editor	2018	•	•	•	•	
13.	Asst. Prof. Keigo Noda (Japan), Associate Editor			•	•	•	
14.	Prof. Waldo Ojeda-Bustamante (Mexico), Associate Editor (2014)	2014		•	•	•	
15.	Prof. Saleh Taghvaeian (USA) Associate Editor (2014)	2014		•	•	•	
16.	Mr. Bernard Vincent (France), Associate Editor	2010		•	•	•	
17.	Prof. Daniele de Wrachien (Italy), Associate Editor	2001		•		•	
18.	Dr. Christopher John Perry (UK), Associate Editor	2023			•	•	
19.	VPH Prof. Dr. Dia El Din Ahmed El Quosy (Egypt)	2018		•	•	•	
20.	Dr. Luis Garcia (USA)	2018				•	
21.	Ir. Simon Howarth (UK)	2014				•	
22.	Dr. Marcel Kuper, (France)	2009		•	•	•	
23.	Dr. Vijay Labhsetwar (ICID Central Office)	2006	•	•	•	•	
24.	Dr. Muhammad Latif (Pakistan)	2002		•	•	•	
25.	Dr. Mohammad Javad Monem (Iran)	2011	•	•	•	•	
26.	Mr. Brent Paterson (Canada)	2013		•	•	•	

Sl. No	Members	Member From	2022		2023		Remarks
			Self	Contributed by mail	Self	Contributed by mail	
27.	Prof. Dr. –Ing. Klaus Röttcher (Germany)			•	•	•	
28.	Prof. Ir. Dr. Mohd Amin bin Mohd Soom (Malaysia)	2009		•	•	•	
29.	Prof. Wenyong Wu (China)	2021	•			•	
30.	Prof. Rameshwar S. Kanwar (USA)	2021				•	
31.	Dr. Wang Zhen (China)	2021	•			•	
32.	Prof. Tapas Kumar Bwas (Australia)	2022	•				
33.	Ms. Shweta Tyagi (India)	2023					
34.	Prof. Dr. Risheng Ding (China)	2023			•	•	
35.	Prof. Dr. Hwa-Lung Yu (Chinese Taipei Committee)	2023			•	•	



# Through representation

**ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTION POINTS OF EDITORIAL BOARD**

	Activity	Outcomes/ Outputs	Realised for 2017	Realised for 2018	Realised for 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021	Milestone for Year 2022	Milestone for Year 2023	Milestone for Year 2024	Milestone for Year 2025
<b>GOAL B: BE A CATALYST FOR CHANGE IN POLICIES AND PRACTICES</b>											
<b>Strategy B1 : Supporting Development of Appropriate Policies</b>	1.6 To devote one issue of IRD to the ICID Action Plan with invited papers of high level authors	IRD Special Issue	Invitation of authors	Publication in one of the regular issues		Published as Issue 69.2					
<b>GOAL C: FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY</b>											
<b>Strategy C4 : Compile, Collate and Share Knowledge and Experiences</b>	4.1 To publish high quality papers in the journal Irrigation and Drainage (IRD) on new developments in irrigation, drainage and flood management	About 70 papers per year published in five issues.	5 Issues of IRD 72 papers published	5 Issues of IRD 78 papers published	5 Issues of IRD 86 papers published	5 Issues of IRD Significantly more papers 2 virtual issues	5 Issues of IRD	5 Issues of IRD			
	4.2 In addition to the regular issues to publish sponsored special issues on an ad hoc basis		No sponsored special issue	SITIDAL	SIDRAIN	SIAFRICA + SIMONPELLIER  SICHINA	One or two sponsored special issues	One or two sponsored special issues			
	4.3 To maintain good working relations with a professional publisher. At present John Wiley & Sons		Two working meetings	Two working meetings. Renewal of the Publishing Agreement, with John Wiley & Sons	Two working meetings	Two working meetings by Microsoft Teams	Two working meetings by Microsoft Teams	Two working meetings			
<b>GOAL C: FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY</b>											
<b>Strategy C5: Dissemination of Data, Information, Tools, Knowledge and Know How</b>	5.3 Increase the outreach of IRD Journal										
	5.4 Increase number of unique visitors to IRD's pages at Wiley	On-line	62,231	58,769	58,918	46,000	48,000	50,000			
	5.5 Increase number of downloads of IRD papers		55,715	52,219	68,000	72,380	30,000	32,000			
	5.6 Increase number of institutions with access to IRD via a Wiley License		5,533	6,373	7,073	7,257	4,700	4,800			
	5.7 Increase number of low-cost or free access to current content to developing world institutions		7,669	7,911	6,193	6,696	5,000	5,100			
	5.15 Improvement in the citation index (CI) and in the altmetric scorer (AC)		CI:0.707 AC:3%	CI:1.027 AC 49.7%	CI:1.202 AC:23.8%	CI:1.328 AC:8%	CI:0.9 AC:9%	CI:1.0 AC:10%			

	Activity	Outcomes/ Outputs	Realised for 2017	Realised for 2018	Realised for 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021	Milestone for Year 2022	Milestone for Year 2023	Milestone for Year 2024	Milestone for Year 2025
<b>GOAL E: ENCOURAGE RESEARCH AND SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF TOOLS</b>											
<b>Strategy E6: Dissemination of Useful Research Outputs</b>	6.3 To publish high quality papers in the journal Irrigation and Drainage (IRD) on new developments in irrigation, drainage and flood management	Publication of IRD Journals	Publication of IRD Journals	Publication of IRD Journals	Publication of IRD Journals	SIACTIONPLAN	Publication of IRD Journals	Publication of IRD Journals			

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