

MINUTES OF THE FIRST VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSES/CONFERENCES (C-CONGR)
HELD ON 03 MARCH 2022

Year of Establishment: 1990

Mandate: The new mandate of the Committee is:

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Members Present: (1) Mr. Bryan Ward, Chairman (Australia, 2017); (2) Ms Christine Delphin (Australia); (3) Mr Momir Vranes (Australia); (4) Mr. Kushvinder Vohra (India); (5) Mr. Rishi Srivastava (India); (6) Mr. Sunil Kumar (India); (7) VPH Dr. Yella Reddy (India); (8) VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun (China) represented by Ms. Li Ruoxi; (9) Dr. El Houssine Bartali (Morocco); (10) Prof. Fethi Lebdi (Saudi Arabia); and (11) Er. B.A. Chivate, Director (Technical), ICID Central Office.

Apologies: (i) President Dr. Ragab Ragab and (ii) VPH Dr. Ding Kunlun (China).

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C-CONGR Minutes Item 1: Introduction by Chair

1. The Chairman welcomed members present to this meeting of C-CONG and apologised for his late arrival and thanked VPH Dr Reddy for commencing the meeting. The Chairman provided a brief update on the serious floods that had impacted Queensland and New South Wales in the past few days.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 2: Mandate and membership of the Committee – revised

2. The new composition and revised mandate of C-CONGR was noted as follows:

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New membership composition:

- (a) A Chair who is a representative from the Organizing Committee (OC) of the next Congress.
- (b) Two further members from the National Committee for the next Congress and a YP representative if available.
- (c) A representative from each of the confirmed future ICID events (Congress/WIF/Regional Conferences).
- (d) A representative from the previous Congress/WIF.
- (e) A representative from ICID CO who will also provide secretarial services.

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3. Er. B.A Chivate confirmed that the membership of C-CONGR based on the new composition is now:

1	Mr. Bryan Ward	Australia	Chair
2	Mr. Momir Vranes	Australia	Representative
3	Ms. Christine Delphin	Australia	Representative
4	Prof. El - Houssine Bartali	Morocco	Representative
5	Mr. Kushvinder Vohra	India	Representative
6	Mr. Rishi Srivastava	India	Representative
7	Mr. Sunil Kumar	India	Representative
8	VPH Dr. Yella Reddy	India	Representative
9	Dr. Ding Kunlun	China	Representative
10	Mr. Ismayatim Bin Hamdan	Malaysia	Representative
11	Prof. Fethi Lebdi	Saudi Arabia	Representative
12	Indonesia representative	Indonesia	Representative
13	Mr. Germán Martínez Santoyo	Mexico	Representative
14	Er. B.A. Chivate , Director (Technical)	ICID Central Office	

C-CONGR Minutes Item 3: Feedback from the Organizers of the past events

C-CONGR Minutes Item 3.1: Overview of 5th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage & 72nd IEC Meeting at Marrakech, Morocco in December 2021

3. Pr. El Houssine Bartali (Morocco) provided an update on the 5th African Regional Conference held in Morocco in November 2021. He noted that ANAFIDE were disappointed that the Omicron strain of COVID had disrupted the event and he thanked all participants who attended either in person or virtually for their tolerance with the altered arrangements. He assured the Committee that ANAFIDE would soon be releasing the financial results of the event including the payment to ICID. The Chair on behalf of the Committee thanked Dr Bartali and the members of ANAFIDE for their considerable effort arranging the event and noted that delegates in attendance enjoyed the hospitality of the organising committee and the Moroccan people.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 3.2: Feedback from 3rd WIF and 70th IEC, Bali, Indonesia, 1-7 September 2019

4. A report on the 3rd World Forum held in Bali in 2019 was not available for the Committee.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 3.2: Feedback from 23rd ICID Congress and 68th IEC, Mexico City, Mexico in October 2017

4. No representative from the Mexican Committee was present to provide a report on the 23rd International Congress held in Mexico in October 2017.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 4: Preparations for the future events for the next 3 years

C-CONGR Minutes Item 4.1: 24th ICID Congress & 73rd IEC Meeting, 3-10 October 2022, Adelaide, South Australia – An Update

5. The Chairman provided an update on planning for the 24th ICID Congress and 73rd IEC Meeting and indicated that IACID were pleased with the progress of the event and looked forward to welcoming delegates to Adelaide. He also indicated that a parallel side event with the International Geosynthetics Society (IGS) was also being planned. He noted that Australia had now opened its international borders for fully vaccinated travellers and IACID were confident that the 24th Congress would be held in a COVID safe environment. He also noted that abstracts had now closed for both the Congress and the Irrigation Australia event and reviewing of submissions was currently underway. He noted that technical tours, partner tours and accommodation options were now available on the event website at www.icid2022.com.au

6. IACID requested that the 3rd Announcement be delayed until April 2022 to enable a clearer understanding of the COVID situation and the promotion of selected papers and speaker profiles to be included.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 4.2: 10th International Micro Irrigation Conference, 25-27 January 2023 at Dakhla, Morocco

7. Pr. El Houssine Bartali provide an update on the rescheduled 10th Micro Irrigation Conference which will be held in January 2023 in Dakhla.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 4.3: 4th World Irrigation Forum (WIF4) & 74th IEC Meeting, 16-22 April 2023 at Beijing, China

8. Ms. Li Ruox (China) made an online PowerPoint Presentation updating the committee on the arrangements for the 4th World Irrigation Forum. The committee were pleased that all arrangements were under good control and congratulated CNCID on their efforts.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 4.4: 75th IEC Meeting and 25th ICID Congress, 06-13 November 2023 at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India

9. Vice President Hon. Dr. K. Yella Reddy provided a detailed presentation on the planning for the 25th Congress and 75th IEC Meeting and advised the committee that the government had offered financial support for this event. The Chair congratulated Dr Reddy on the detailed plans provided. Mr. Kushvinder Vohra (India), Chairman of the Organizing of the 25th ICID Congress has also provided his comments for preparation of the Congress.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 4.5: 76th IEC & 9th Asian Regional Conference (AsRC), 1-7 September 2024, Sydney, Australia

10. The Chairman provided an update on the 9th AsRC and 76th IEC Meeting and noted that IACID were working closely with ASRWG and Chairman Watanabe on matters relating to the Theme and Sub-themes for this event.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 4.6: Possible Middle East Regional Conference 2024 – Saudi Irrigation Organisation – Update ICID

11. Prof. Lebdi Fethi on behalf of the Saudi Irrigation Organisation provided an update on their proposal for a Middle East Regional Conference in Saudi Arabia in 2024. The Chair thanked Prof Fethi on behalf of the committee and advised that ICID were very pleased that SIO were active within ICID. In the absence of any opposition to the proposal the Chair advised that SIO could now proceed to the next stage which would include a firm date, location and completion of the LoA.

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C-CONGR Minutes Item 4.7: 5th World Irrigation Forum (WIF-5) and 77th IEC Meeting at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in September 2025

12. No representative were present to update the committee on the plans for the 5th World Irrigation Forum.

C-CONGR Minutes Item 5: Any other business

Website of the C-C-CONGR:

13. The Chairman reminded members of C-CONGR that there was now provision on the ICID website to upload information about the activities of C-CONGR and encouraged members planning events to send their presentations to ICID for uploading onto the C-CONGR webpages.

Director Chivate provides the committee with an update on the new initiative to offer WG members access to their profile section using their dedicated account. He informed all members on how to access their account and change their password to maintain accuracy. Members are requested to review and update their information using their credentials and help us to maintain accurate information.

Register on World Irrigation Projects (WIP):

14. Director Er. Chivate also updated the committee on the ICID initiative to document to develop of an online Register on “World Irrigation Projects (WIP)”. WIP will fulfill 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.

15. The Chairman thanked all participants for their attendance and cooperation and indicated that he hoped to see all members at the next face to face meeting in Adelaide at the 24th Congress.

