

**MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE
ICID YOUNG PROFESSIONAL'S E-FORUM (IYPeF)**
7 October 2022: 14:00-15:45 hours (Session I)
7 October 2022: 16:15-18:00 hours (Session II)
Adelaide, Australia

Year of Establishment: 2014

Mandate: (i) Encourage and promote a high standard of professional development amongst the young professionals in the field of irrigation, drainage, and flood management; (ii) Provide an international platform for young irrigation and drainage professionals; (iii) Expose young professional to ICID's purpose, objectives, role and activities; (iv) Facilitate the wider dissemination of knowledge and information amongst the young professionals; and (v) Maintain and enhance links with national and international youth having interests in water related subjects or the activities, relevant to ICID objectives.

Coordinator : Eng. Ms. Aya Mohammed Hassan Ali Elkholy (Egypt) and

Joint Coordinator : Dr. (Ms.) Heidi Salo (Finland)

IYPeF Minutes Item 1: Introduction of ICID Young Professionals e-Forum (IYPeF)

1. ICID Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF) (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6990321>), now consisting of more than 1000 members. The platform has been used for sharing information and discussing topics between different countries.
2. The Coordinator and Joint Coordinator of IYPeF. Er. Ms. Aya Mohammed Hassan Ali Elkholy (Egypt) and Dr. (Ms.) Heidi Salo (Finland) was elected as 'Coordinator' and 'Joint Coordinator' of the IYPeF for the year 2021-2022. IYPeF organized an e-discussion in May 2022.
3. The terms of the present Coordinator and Joint Coordinator was extended from 31st August 2022 to December 2022. January 2023 is the next election for coordinator and joint coordinator. The national committees will give nominations for the election process and the LinkedIn forum members will vote for the Coordinator and Joint-Coordinator.

IYPeF Minutes Item 1.1: Sponsorship of YPs to ICID Events

4. Depending upon the fund availability 10 YPs will be sponsored every year to ICID Annual events. To the 24th International Congress in Adelaide, 8 YPs were sponsored out of the selected 10 YPs because of late documentation by YPs and hike in air tickets, and budgetary constraints. Next sponsorship will be available for the 25th International Congress in India in November 2023.

IYPeF Minutes Item 2: Meeting with ICID Central Office and Coordinator and Joint Coordinator

5. Coordinator IYPeF briefed the participants regarding the online meeting with ICID Central Office for the election of new Coordinator and Joint Coordinator of ICID Young Professional's e-Forum (IYPeF).

IYPeF Minutes Item 3: Future activities plan by Coordinator and Joint Coordinator

6. As indicated in para 6, Coordinator and Joint Coordinator will present and discuss activities plan of IYPeF for the year 2022 and 2023. The coordinator and joint-coordinator asked the IYPeF members to share ideas for the next e-discussions to be held in the LinkedIn forum of IYPeF.
 - (a) Future discussion topics:
 - (b) Flood management in different countries – case studies from Sri Lanka (Prianka, Sri Lanka)
 - (c) The role of YPs in irrigation and drainage sector (Vicky Ariyanti, Indonesia)
 - (d) How to make the irrigation sector appealing to young professionals (Siti Hawa, Malaysia)
7. In the annual meetings there should be field excursions organized for young professionals to get to know better the country they are visiting.
8. In the ICID annual meetings, there should be organized YP social activities (lunch, dinner, etc.).

9. Opportunity to share experiences from young professionals during the annual meetings of ICID or in virtual platforms.

IYPeF Minutes Item 4: Any other business

10. **Capacity Development Training Program for YPs in October 2022 at Adelaide, Australia:** As a part of the Capacity Development Training Programme, ICID in association with the Virtual Irrigation Academy (VIA) is organizing one-day training for Young Professionals (sponsored by ICID as well as local YPs) on 09 October 2022 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Australia.

11. **5th African Young Professional Forum during Cairo Water Week 2022, October 2022:** The 5th African Young Water Professional Forum (Af-YWP Forum) will be organized from 17-18 October 2022 (*in Hybrid mode*) under the platform of Cairo Water Week 2022 (CWW). During the Forum, two days training workshops will be organized.

12. **ICID Members' Profile Section:** The IYPeF noted the information on ICID Members' Profile Section and invited the members to visit the Profile Section (<https://icid.bmeurl.co/C7D4D2E>) for updating their information.

13. **Register on World Irrigation Projects (WIP):** It was noted that ICID has taken an initiative to document the development of irrigation projects in the world by establishing 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. The irrigation projects approved by National Committee/ ICID Central Office for inclusion are entitled to Certification. Members are also requested to encourage all irrigation project owners, managers, and researchers across the world and especially in our member countries for contributing to the register. 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 which is available at <https://wip.icidevents.org/>

