MINUTES OF THE 29TH MEETING OF THE
ICID JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD (EB-JOUR)
8 October 2022, 08:45-10:30 Hours (Session-I)
8 October 2022, 11:15-13:00 Hours (Session-II)
Adelaide, Australia

Strategy Theme: Knowledge
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.

Members Present: (1) President Hon. Prof. dr. Bart Schultz (The Netherlands), Editor Emeritus; (2) Asst. Prof. Keigo Noda (Japan), Associate Editor; (3) Prof. Dr. Ray-Shyan Wu (Chinese Taipei Committee), Associate Editor; (4) VPH Laslzo Hayde (Hungary), Associate Editor; (5) Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar (India); (6) Prof. Jin-Yong Choi (Korea), Associate Editor and (7) Secretary General, ICID represented by Er. B.A. Chivate, Director (Technical), ICID Central Office.

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

1. In the absence of Prof. Dr. Jiusheng Li (China), Chairman of EB-JOUR, President Hon. Prof. dr. Bart Schultz (The Netherlands) has chaired the meeting and informed that the Chairman’s Report for 2021 had been disseminated to the members of EB-JOUR before the meeting. Various points emerging from the report were presented and discussed during the meeting.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.1: Special Issues

2. In 2022 one Sponsored Special Issue will be published. It has been prepared by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) under the title Achieving climate resilience through improved irrigation water management from farm to basin scale. The guest editors are Mohsin Hafeez, Stefan Uhlenbrook and Petra Schmitter. We are thankful to IWMI for this interesting Special Issue.

3. The WG-SDTA is preparing a Sponsored Special Issue based on the papers presented during its meetings and workshops. The Guest Editors are: Mrs. Hsiao-Wen Wang, Bart Schultz and Ruey-Chy Kao.

4. The chairman has received proposals for three special issues, namely on:

   (a) Unmanned aerial vehicles;
   (b) Photocatalytic water purification technology;
   (c) Applying nanotechnology for sea food processing.

5. During the meeting it was raised that it is important to link these topics to the aspects that are relevant for irrigation or drainage. When it will not be sponsored special issues it is recommended to stick to the practice that not more than six papers on a topic will be published together in one regular issue.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.2: Virtual Issues

6. Two virtual issues have been published. Potential content for virtual issues on Modernization of Irrigation Schemes and on Climate Change have been submitted to Wiley. They will be published at an appropriate moment.
EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.3: French resumés

7. During several years Severine Tomas (France) took care for the check of the French resumes in the accepted papers. However, due to her busy workload she could not continue. The meeting expressed its appreciation for all the good work that she has done.

8. Since 2021 this work has been taken over by ICID Central Office. In this regard, Central Office has translated 77 papers in French version and shared it to Chairman, EB-JOUR so far.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.4: Recognition to the reviewers

9. As a convention, 295 Guest Editors and Reviewers during 2021 were recognized in the First Issue of 2022. Reviews are also listed in PUBLONS when reviewers would wish so.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.5: Review process

10. For quite a few papers there are still significant delays before a decision on publication can be taken. Regular checks by the Chairman and the Joint Editors are being done to prevent this as much as possible. The rapid changes in the publishing world require that the time for the review process be kept as short as possible.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.6: Best Paper Award 2022

11. In 2021, five regular issues and one sponsored Special Issue were published, resulting in a total of 111 papers. The ‘Best Paper Award 2022’ was selected by the Chairman in cooperation with the Joint Editor, Associate Editors, and Editor Emeritus of the Journal. The winners of the ‘Best Paper Award 2022’ were announced during the 2022 IEC Plenary Meeting on 6 October 2022. The winner paper titled ‘Bacillus amyloliquefaciens application to prevent biofilms in reclaimed water micro-irrigation systems (published in Volume 70, Issue 1 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/ird.2527) by Jiaxin Wen, Yang Xiao, Peng Song, Bo Sun, Tahir Muhammad, Lianghe Ma, An Waier Aosiman and Yunkai Li from China. The Best Paper Award in the form of a citation plaque along with a cash prize of US$ 500 has been awarded.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.7: Membership

12. The Australian National Committee has nominated Prof. Tapas Kumar Biswas (Australia) as Associate Editor. While this was not in the Agenda, after consultation with the Chairman through e-mail, the meeting recommends that this nomination will be approved.

13. Dr. Shadev Singh, Director, Knowledge Management (KM) has left ICID Central Office. Therefore, he has also withdrawn from membership of EB-JOUR.

14. For two other members of EB-JOUR it is a question whether their membership will be continued, or comes to an end. These are Severine Tomas (France) and VPH Larry Stephens (USA). Severine Tomas took care for the check of the French resumes in the accepted papers. This has been taken over by Central Office. The meeting expressed its appreciation for all the good work that she has done. VPH Larry Stephens was a member as the Chairman of the former Committee on Publications. However, he recently retired from USCID. Central Office is requested to contact the concerned National Committees, whether their membership will continue as an EB-JOUR member, or whether they will step down.

15. Chairman in consultation with the Central Office have updated the membership of the WG. Membership status is given in Annex 3 (page 29).

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

16. The Editorial Board reviewed the status of its implementation of the Action Plan (Road Map to ICID Vision 2030). The following items can be reported:

Strategy C4 Compile collate and share knowledge and experiences:

(a) 5 issues of IRD will be published this year and one sponsored special issue. The number of papers per issue is significantly larger than the agreed minimum of 12.

(b) the two working meetings of the Chairman and the Editor Emeritus with the contact persons of Wiley will be held online.
**Strategy C5 Dissemination of data, tools, knowledge and know how.** The six formulated milestones have been reached. In general the results have been better than the formulated milestones.

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

17. This year, a total of 1902 copies were distributed to members in 2022 i.e. 1711 *Online-only* subscriptions, 97 subscriptions as *Online + print* and 94 as *print-only* subscriptions. The Direct Members (DM) and Young Professionals (receiving ICID scholarship) have been added to the list receiving ICID Journal.

18. In order to expand the accessibility (online only) to ICID Journal on Irrigation and Drainage, M/s. Wiley has already created a new category – 'Individual member of the National Committees' for providing free copies of IRD to all individual member of the NCs. Those National Committees that did not submit the list of their members so far are encouraged to do so when Central Office invites them to do it.

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

19. There is one item that needs attention. The dissemination of printed copies has stopped due to problems caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. However, it is considered to be important that this dissemination will start again. This will be discussed in the forthcoming working meeting with Wiley.

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

20. **ICID Members' Profile Section:** The EB-JOUR noted the information on ICID Members' Profile Section and invited the members to visit the Profile Section for updating their information.

21. **Register on World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS):** This initiative is appreciated. The members of the Editorial Board are encouraged to share appropriate data in the context of Register on World Irrigation and Drainage Schemes (WI&DS).