MINUTES OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE ICID JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD (EB-JOUR)
6 November 2023, 09:30-11:00 Hours (Session-I)
6 November 2023, 11:30-13:00 Hours (Session-II)
Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh State, India

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, book reviewers and liaise and coordinate with ICID workbodies.

Members Present: (1) Prof. Jiusheng Li, Chairman; (2) President Hon. Prof. em. Bart Schultz (The Netherlands), Editor Emeritus; (3) Asst. Prof. Keigo Noda (Japan), Associate Editor; (4) Prof. Dr. Ray-Shyan Wu (Chinese Taipei Committee), Associate Editor; (5) Dr. Vijay K. Labhsetwar (India); (6) Prof. Jin-Yong Choi (Korea), Associate Editor; (7) Dr. Takanori Nagano (Japan), Associate Editor; (8) Asst. Prof. Keigo Noda (Japan), Associate Editor; (9) Prof. Ray-Shyan Wu (Chinese Taipei Committee), Associate Editor; (10) Secretary General, ICID represented by Er. B. A. Chivate, Director (Technical), ICID Central Office; (11) Dr. Zhen Wang (China), Associate Editor, Secretary Editorial Board; and (12) Prof. Wenyong Wu (China), Member.

Observers: (i) Ms. Hoglah Dasari (India), Wiley; (ii) Prof. Dr. Hwa-Lung Yu (Chinese Taipei Committee); (iii) Prof. Dr. Moono Shin (Japan); (iv) Prof. Dr. S. Mpandeli (South Africa); and (v) Dr. Ian W. Mahin (South Africa).

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

1. The Chairman’s Report for 2022 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.

2. 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).

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.1: Special Issues

3. In 2022 one Sponsored Special Issue was published as 71(S1). It was 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.

4. The following special issues are in preparation or are being planned:

   (a) Regular Special Issue with selected papers of the ICID Adelaide Congress. Seventeen papers and an Editorial are included in the issue. It is expected that the special issue will be released as the final issue in 2023.

   (b) 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, has been submitted to the Chairman. The proposed guest editors are Hsiao-Wen Wang, Bart Schultz, and Ruey-Chy Kao.

   (c) Regular Special Issue with selected papers of 2023 ICID Vizag Congress. The selection of papers for the special issue has already been initiated during the congress. The papers are being screened from those presented at the congress, in consultation with session leaders and reporters.
(d) The South African National ICID Committee is considering a Sponsored Special Issue with selected papers of their members.

5. During the meeting, Ms. Hoglah Dasari from Wiley provided a presentation on promoting special issue. This is the first time our partner Wiley has arranged for a staff member to attend our EB-JOUR meeting. The Chairman highly appreciated Wiley’s arrangements. As our IRD journal has three options for special issue papers (not more than 6 papers focusing on a topic can be published in a regular issue; regular special issue; and sponsored special issue), we should be careful to promote other special issues.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.2: Virtual Issues

6. M/s. Wiley-Blackwell has started with the publication of Virtual Issues (VIs). These are published online only, in which papers on a certain topic that have already been published, are published together. We have published four VIs.

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

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.3: French resumés

8. All articles in Irrigation and Drainage are published in English, with simultaneous French titles, abstracts and keywords. This is a unique feature of our journal. Since 8th December 2021, the French text translation has been transferred to the ICID Central Office. Up to 17 August 2023 when the Chairman’s report is being prepared, 187 papers have been sent to the ICID Central Office, and 178 papers have been returned to the Chairman with the complete translation of French texts. On average, this takes 28 days, with a wide range of 1 to 120 days. On behalf of the Chairman, I highly appreciate the efforts of ICID Central Office.

9. The expectation of checking the French texts in the papers is within four weeks. Usually, this goal can be achieved. In some occasional cases it takes longer than expected, with rare exceptions of two or three months.

10. To avoid any possible delay in Wiley's publication caused by the checking of the French texts, the Editorial Board made the following proposal to the PCTA:

   (a) The French titles, résumés, and mots clés will be published in the ICID Media. Therefore, they do not have to be included in the paper as such anymore, so delays in the publication under earlyview can be prevented and there is more time to check the French texts by ICID Central Office.

   (b) The PCTA has approved the proposal. The Chairman will be in close contact and discussions with ICID Central Office to determine when ICID Media will start publishing the French texts and other related issues.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.4: Recognition to the reviewers

11. As a convention, 495 guest editors and reviewers during 2022 were recognized in the First Issue of 2023. 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 would wish so.

EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.5: Review process

12. The submission for 2022 was 365. In general, the submission for our journal shows an increasing trend. This is mainly caused by the larger interest of authors in publishing their paper in our journal.

13. Up to 17 August 2023, when the chairman report was being prepared, 227 manuscripts were received this year. In 2022 it was 245 at the same stage. The review of the manuscripts that were submitted until 2021 has been completed. For the 2022 submissions, 9 manuscripts are still in process. All these manuscripts completed at least one-round of review. For the 227 submissions of 2023, 34 manuscripts have been accepted (in principle), 124 manuscripts have been rejected and 69 manuscripts are in process.
EB-JOUR Minutes Item 1.6: Best Paper Award 2023

14. In 2022, five regular issues and one sponsored Special Issue were published, resulting in a total of 113 papers. The ‘Best Paper Award 2023’ 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 2023’ were announced during the 2023 IEC Plenary Meeting on 4 November 2023. The winner paper titled ‘The development of a hybrid model to forecast paddy water temperature as an alert system for high-temperature damage’ (published in Volume 71, Issue S1 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ird.2692) by Wenpeng Xie, Masaomi Kimura, Yohei Asada, Toshiaki Iida, Naritaka Kubo from Japan. 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

15. 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.

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

17. 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 since 2021. The EB expressed its appreciation for all the good work that she has done. As Severine Tomas remains active in the field of irrigation research, the chairman proposed that she remains an associate editor. VPH Larry Stephens was a member as the Chairman of the former Committee on Publications. However, he recently retired from USCID. He will step down after this meeting. The Editorial Board highly appreciate his professional work and contribution to the journal for several decades.

18. The chairman has received four new nominations:

   (a) Prof. Dr. Ding Risheng (China) as Member
   (b) Prof. Dr. Hwa-Lung Yu (Chinese Taipei Committee) as Member
   (c) Mr. Shweta Tyagi (India) as Member
   (d) Prof. Dr. Chris Perry (UK) as Associate Editor

These nominations have been approved by the Editorial Board.

19. Prof. Dr. Ray-Shyan Wu (Chinese Taipei Committee) informed the Chairman that he would like to step down once the nomination of Dr. Hwa-Lung Yu is approved. Therefore, the membership of Dr. Ray-Shyan Wu will end after this meeting. The Editorial Board highly appreciates his years of professional work and contributions to the journal.

20. Chairman in consultation with the Central Office have updated the membership of the WG. Membership status is given in Annex 3, page 31.

21. To ensure timely processing of submissions, the Editorial Board has decided that associate editors/members who have been silent for more than two years will have their membership automatically terminated, subject to approval by PCTA.

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

22. 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. 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**

23. The number of subscriptions for 2023 is 1458 ‘online only’, 88 ‘online + print’ and 81 ‘print’ only, which makes the total as 1627. The ‘Direct Members’ and ‘Young Professionals’ (receiving ICID scholarship) have been added to the list receiving ICID Journal.

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

24. This year is the fifth year under the 5th Agreement with Wiley (2019-2025) with M/s. Wiley-Blackwell, UK. As a first step, Wiley will be invited to submit a draft proposal. This proposal will be submitted MT-JOUR and EB-JOUR, followed by a proposal to PCTA and from PCTA to IEC for discussion and approval in the coming relevant meetings.

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

25. **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.

26. **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).

27. The recommendation was made to change the text at the cover of IRD from Managing water for sustainable agriculture to Sustainable water management. This proposal will be discussed with Wiley in the next Business meeting.