

**MINUTES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON LAND DRAINAGE (WG-LDRG)
ZOOM MEETING (NO.8)
15 February 2024: 14:30 hours (IST)**

Year of Establishment: 2020

Completion of the Mandate: 2026

Members present: (1) VPH Dr. Willem Vlotman, Chair (Australia); (2) Dr. Deepak Khare, Secretary (India); (3) Prof. Wu Jingwei (China); (4) Dr. Hao-Che Ho (Chinese Taipei Committee); (5) Mr. Olle Haggblom (Finland); (6) Prof. L.B. Roy – Direct Member (India); (7) Mr. Ardavan Azari (Iran); (8) Mr. Ammar Al-Khafaji (Iraq); (9) Dr. (Ms.) Naoko Koshiyama (Japan); (10) Prof. Aidan Senzanje (South Africa); (11) Mr. Sharif Mahmudov (Tajikistan); (12) Mr. Ekasit Kositsakulchai (Thailand); (13) Dr. Bancha Kwanyuen (Thailand); and (14) Er. H.K. Varma Executive Director represented Secretary General, ICID (India)

Apology: Mr. Davies Mulenga Sampa (Zambia)

Office Bearers: (1) President Hon. Peter S. Lee (UK); (2) President Hon. Prof. Bart Schultz (The Netherlands); (3) Vice President Dr. Bruno Grawitz (France)

Observers: (i) Mr. Mojtaba Akram (Iran); and (ii) Mr. Bahrom Gaforzoda (Tajikistan)

ASRWG Minutes Item 1: Review of minutes Meeting no 6 and 7 (no 4 ICID)

1. At the outset, Chair Dr. Willem Vlotman welcomed all the members (refer to **Annex 1**) and conducted the online meeting. Chair suggested ICID Central Office provide a link to the Zoom meeting (no.6) of WG-LDRG held on 24 August 2023 on the WG webpage or ICID database/ library, if possible.

2. Chair thanked President Hon. Prof. Bart Schultz for conducting the Vizag meeting (no.7) and preparing the draft minutes. Dr. Vlotman requested the ICID Central Office to arrange the number of the WG meetings (zoom and physical) sequentially so that there should not be any confusion in referring to the meeting.

3. The chair welcomed the new members to the Zoom meeting and raised concerns about accepting Engr. Ghulam Rasool (Pakistan) as an Observer. President Hon. Peter Lee explained that as per ICID **By-laws 3.5** for a wider representation of countries in a temporary work body, not more than four members may be nominated by a particular National Committee, provided at least one of the additional members is a young professional.

4. For item 3.2 of the minutes of the Vizag meeting, the Chair invited participants to share their inputs and comments on the work plan of the group, and names of the lead persons as per the Annex of the Vizag minutes.

5. For item 4 of the minutes of the Vizag meeting, the Chair requested members to review and update the database of drained areas available at https://icid-ciid.org/icid_data_web/World-drained-areas.pdf. The group noted that the tables are very interesting to consultants and more should be done to advertise their existence.

6. For item 6 of the minutes of the Vizag meeting, the Chair informed that ICID has launched a new website (<https://icid-ciid.org>) as part of ICID's 70th Anniversary Celebration to meet the new web technologies. The chair requested members to review and update their information using their credentials <<https://icid.bmeurl.co/C7D4D2E>>.

7. For item 7 of the minutes of the Vizag meeting, the Chair requested members to share their views on the issue of updating Multilingual Technical Dictionary (MTD) terms related to the mandate of the WG - <https://icid-ciid.org/mtd/display.php?lang=en> President Hon. Prof. Bart Schultz informed that the link of the MTD is easily accessible. He consolidates the same from time to time. He further informed that in 1980, he had a discussion of lots of terminology on drainage. He further informed that the main language of the MTD is in English and French but it is available for translation in many other languages.

8. For item 9 of the Vizag meeting minutes, the Chair informed that the 14th International Drainage Workshop will be held from 30 May to 01 June 2024 in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan.

9. For item 10 of the Vizag meeting minutes, the Chair requested members to share their ideas on the organization of more webinars on drainage issues. President Hon. Prof. Bart Schultz stressed that the ICID Central Office is organizing webinars and requested the members of the WG to play a key role in organizing such webinars on the topic of drainage aspects, especially from Asia.

ASRWG Minutes Item 2: WG-LDRG membership and what is expected from you

10. The chair encouraged members to be active and contribute to its objectives and produce reports, country papers, and conference/workshop papers. The chair requested members to submit an article for the 14th International Drainage Workshop.

ASRWG Minutes Item 3: 14th International Drainage Workshop (IDW14)

11. Chair Dr. Willem Vlotman invited Mr. Sharif Mahmudov (Tajikistan) to provide a brief report on the organization of the 14th IDW. Mr. Sharif provided a brief report on the 14th International Drainage Workshop on “Modernization of irrigation and drainage systems for adaptation to climate change and sustainable development” to be held from 30 May to 1 June 2024 in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan. Mr. Sharif informed us that an announcement of the 14th IDW has already been circulated including the registration, functioning of the IDW website, venue, etc. Early bird registration of the workshop is up to 15 March 2024 and all Visa cards are accepted for registration. For other cards, the Organizing Committee has developed a “Non-visa card payment form” for filling up and submission to the Organizing Committee. So far, 22 abstracts have been received, and 1 country paper from Russia. The last date for receipt of abstracts has been extended to 29 February 2024.

12. President Hon. Prof. Bart Schultz requested Mr. Sharif to send the acceptance of the abstract letter to the concerned person immediately so that they can process their application in their concerned department. Mr. Sharif accepted the suggestion and agreed to send the acceptance letter to the authors of the accepted abstracts.

ASRWG Minutes Item 4: Country papers on drainage

13. Chair informed that FOUR country papers on drainage are under preparation viz. Australia, Finland, Japan, and Zambia. Mr. Olle Häggblom (Finland) informed the group that he is updating the country paper. Chair raised concern that there is no paper from North and South America. President Hon. Prof. Bart Schultz suggested contacting President Hon. Dr. Chandra Madramootoo (Canada) as he has good contacts in America. Chair Dr. Vlotman requested all members present at the meeting to submit their country papers.

ASRWG Minutes Item 5: Other WG-LDRG acts (WG-LDRG website pages https://icid-ciid.org/inner_page/146, etc.)

14. Chair invited members to visit the WG webpage https://icid-ciid.org/inner_page/146. He raised concern that there is an empty block on some of the activities and suggested including the 14th IDW on the WG webpage and link about bankless irrigation report, capiphone drainage, paddy field drainage, peat lands Finland, rock drainage, etc.

15. **Announcement block:** The Chair informed the group that the Call for papers of the Vizag meeting is still there but no information about IDW14. The chair suggested including the WG-LDRG Zoom meetings.

16. **Archives block:** Chair informed that agendas and minutes of meetings are available from 2019 to 2014 but 2020-2022 are not available. He requested members to visit the webpage of the WG and share their comments. President Hon. Peter Lee suggested updating the membership of the WG.

17. The chair faced some issues in finding the online meeting minutes but found the same at https://icid-ciid.org/inner_page/152.

ASRWG Minutes Item 6: Any other business/topics/items

18. The chair invited Mr. Ardavan Azari from Iran to provide a brief on the Publishing of a book on Drainage and Environment. Mr. Ardavan Azari informed the group that they are under preparation of a book on drainage and the environment in coordination with IRNCID and WG on Drainage from Iran. Mr. Mojtaba Akram (Iran) explained further about the book “Drainage and Environment” and its 24 chapters. Mr. Mkram requested members and the Chair to help in reviewing the book and publishing it through ICID. Chair Dr.

Vlotman agreed to review the draft chapter (no.1) while Prof Bart Shultz suggested doing the final review work. For publishing the book in the print version, the Chair suggested contacting the ICID Central Office.

19. The chair suggested ICID Central Office send the recording of the Zoom meeting, i.e. video/recording to President Marco Arcieri (Italy).

20. The Chair informed that the stormwater organization was established in 2000 and the present CEO is Bryan Ward – <http://www.stormwateraustralia.com.au> Chair requested members to visit the webpage and share their comments.

21. Chair informed the group about sports field drainage, construction drainage; and pugging of pastures – included in the country paper on drainage in Australia.

ASRWG Minutes Item 7: Next meeting(s)

22. The chair suggested organizing the next online meeting (no.9) during the 14th IDW, 30 May-1 June 2024 in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

23. Meeting no.10 during the 75th IEC, Sep 1 – 7, 2024 in Sydney, Australia

24. Meeting No. 11 at the beginning of December 2024



Picture of the WG-LDRG Zoom meeting, 15 February 2024, 1430 hours IST

