Dear Colleagues,

ICID is making preparations for its upcoming 75th International Executive Council Meeting and 9th Asian Regional Conference to be organised by the Asian Regional Working Group of the International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage and Irrigation Australia’s Committee on Irrigation and Drainage from 1-7, September 2024 in Sydney, Australia, on the theme “Irrigation’s role in delivering economically viable food security and sustainable urban green spaces in an increasingly unpredictable climate”. The details are available in this issue of the News Update.

Climate change, today, represents one of the biggest environmental threats on the planet. The effects of climate change affect water to the greatest extent, causing water shortages, water pollution or excess water in a certain area. The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) predicts that water-related disasters will increase in both frequency and severity in the coming years.

In a resolution from 1993, the General Assembly of the United Nations designated March 22 as the date for marking the World Water Day. The main goal of celebrating March 22 is to raise public awareness of the importance, benefits and challenges of water, as well as to foster partnership, dialogue and association in the field of freshwater management as one of the important priorities. The theme of World Water Day 2024 is “Water and Peace” and is dedicated to the care of fresh water and the sustainability of the management of fresh water sources, the threat of which can lead to conflict.

In the face of increasing risk from climate change, gender equality is also crucial in building community resilience and combatting climate change. International Women’s Day, celebrated annually on 8th March, provides an opportunity to highlight the importance and the value of empowering women through water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) projects, which can help build resilient communities and deliver more sustainable and effective outcomes in WASH and beyond. In 2024, UNESCO joins its voice to that of the entire UN family by celebrating the International Women’s Day under the theme “Invest in women: accelerate progress”. Without women, a sustainable tomorrow is unachievable and without equity for all, a fair water future will not be possible.

The submission for nominations of the annual ICID awards including WatSave Awards and World Heritage Irrigation Structures (WHIS) are open till 31 May 2024. National Committees are requested to kindly circulate this announcement and submit their nominations to the Central Office by e-mail on or before last by 31 May 2024.

ICID Central Office is now in the process of compiling ‘ICID Annual Report 2023-2024’. The ICID Central Office has sent emails to National Committees and Direct Members requesting for information about the events conducted, meetings held and any other relevant activities during the year 2023-2024. National Committees are also requested to provide the accurate information on the total arable area, total irrigated and drained area and areas under sprinkler and micro-irrigation.

During the month, President Dr. Marco Arcieri together with group of experts from the FAO’s WASAG visited Uzbekistan from 13-17 March 2024. The purpose was to introduce water specialists and farmers in Uzbekistan the advanced approaches: “Recommendations for farmers on managing soil and water resources in saline areas”. An official meeting was also held on March 17, 2024 at the Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan with Marco Arcieri, President of ICID. More details are available in the News Update.

Nigeria National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation through the Department of Irrigation and Drainage organized 5-Day Workshop and Annual General Meeting of NINCID held at Kano City from 3rd – 8th December 2023. As part of the preparation for hosting of the 6th African Regional Conference (ARC), 2025, the NINCID Executives and members of the Task Team paid a courtesy visit to the Honourable Minister of Water Resources; President, Council for the Regulation of Engineers in Nigeria (COREN) and Nigeria Society of Engineers (NSE).

Moving forward, several other major ICID events are lined up for the upcoming year. The 14th International Drainage Workshop on the topic “Modernization of irrigation and drainage systems for adaptation to climate change and sustainable development” will be organised in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan from 30 May to 1 June, 2024. For more details visit at https://tajncid.tj/. The 75th International Executive Council Meeting and 9th Asian Regional Conference on the theme “Irrigation’s role in delivering economically viable food security and sustainable urban green spaces in an increasingly unpredictable climate” will be hosted in Sydney, Australia from 01 - 07, September 2024. For more details visit at https://irrigationconference2024.com.au/

I look forward to the participation in the large numbers of AWM professionals in these events and thank you for your continued support.

With warm regards

A.B. Pandya
Secretary General
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Dr. Marco Arcieri, President of ICID had an official meeting on March 17, 2024, at the Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The meeting was attended by Minister of Water Resources, Shavkat Khamraev, who is also Honorary Vice-President of the ICID; Deputy Ministers - Timur Butunbaev; Khabibulla Kuvandikov, Rustam Karshiev; Heads of key departments of the Ministry, Director of the Information, Analytical and Resource Center of Ministry of Water Resources; Ilkhom Zhuraev, Secretary General of the Uzbekistan National Committee for Irrigation and Drainage; Lutfulla Mukhamednazarov, Director of the Research Institute of Irrigation and Water Problems; Abduvokhid Urazkeldiev, as well as Director of the BWO Syrdarya, Odil Kholkhujaev and others.

The meeting was also attended by Vice-President of ICID, Head of Agency of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea Dr. Vadim Sokolov, who presented the activities done within the framework of Strategy for development of water resources management and irrigation sector in the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2021-2023.

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Marco Arcieri also observed laboratories of the Research Institute on Irrigation and Water Problems under the Ministry of Water Resources and activities of the “Water Saving School”, created with support from the “Agrobank” of Uzbekistan.

On March 18, 2024 a group of experts visited the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The delegation was met by Jamoliddin Babakhanov - Head of Department of the Ministry of Agriculture of Uzbekistan; Sadulla Zainabudinov - Head of Department for Combating Land Degradation of the Ministry of Agriculture of Republic of Uzbekistan; Sherzod Umarov - Deputy FAO Representative in the Republic of Uzbekistan and Aziz Nurbekov - FAO Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan.

Issues of improving the professional experience and capacity of farmers and industry specialists, scientific researchers in the field of soil and water resource management and growing suitable crops in areas affected by salinity in Uzbekistan were discussed.

The delegation attended the first WASAG seminar held on 19 March 2024 in the city of Karshi at Scientific Research Institute of Agriculture in the Southern Regions of Uzbekistan. Using this opportunity delegation visited and observed the key laboratories of institute, which conduct comprehensive research on the quality of bread industry products as well as laboratories that are engaged in the selection of salt-tolerant crops. Delegation also visited the museum of institute, where the unique results of research and selection outputs of Uzbek scientists recognized throughout the world are presented.

On 20 March 2024, second WASAG seminar was held in the city of Nukus on the topic “Management of soil and water resources in saline areas in Karakalpakstan.” Representatives from Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Karakalpakstan; The International Innovation Center of Aral Sea under the Ministry of Ecology; Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
Heads of the Karakalpakstan regional branch of the Institute of Irrigation and Water Problems and young professionals from Karakalpak Institute of Agriculture and Agricultural Technologies took an active part in the seminar. During the seminar, the following questions were discussed:

- “How does salinity affect plants?”
- “What three soil levels should be taken into account when organizing irrigation in saline areas?”
- “What is soil saturation?”
- “How do salinity units change?”

Also on 20 March 2024, visiting group led by President Dr. Marco Arceri were received by Deputy Chairman of the Jokorgu Kenes (Parliament) of the Republic of Karakalpakstan Rustam Saparbayev. During conversation, Rustam Saparbayev emphasized that delegation visited on the eve of Navruz, and congratulated the guests with holiday and expressed his readiness to work together on projects for development of irrigation and land reclamation in Karakalpakstan.

In turn, the guests expressed gratitude to the leadership of the Karakalpakstan for the warm welcome.

On 21 March in the city of Chimbay (Karakalpakstan), the third WASAG seminar was held at the Karakalpak Research Institute of Agriculture. At the seminar, presentation of the publication “Recommendations for farmers on managing soil and water resources in saline areas” was made by President Marco Arceri, Dionysia Angeliki Lyra - ICBA, Sharon Benes - Professor of Soil Science andCrop Nutrition at the University of California, USA and Dr. Katarzyna Negacz – WASAG expert from the Netherlands.

On March 23, 2024, President Dr. Marco Arceri together with Vice-President of ICID Dr. Vadim Sokolov visited Guri Amir in Samarkand. They also had a meeting with Alisher Boysariev, Head of the Zeravshan Basin Administration of Irrigation Systems.

Guri Emir is Persian for “Tomb of the King”. Also honoured with a place in the tomb is Timur’s teacher Sayyid Baraka. This architectural complex with its azure dome contains the tombs of Tamerlane, his sons Shokhrukh and Miran Shah and grandsons Ulugbek and Muhammad Sultan. It occupies an important place in the history of Central Asian architecture as the precursor for and had influence on later Mughal architecture tombs, including Gardens of Babur in Kabul, Humayun’s Tomb in Delhi and the Taj Mahal in Agra, built by Timur’s Indian descendants. The mausoleum has been heavily restored over the course of its existence. At the Registan Square, which is the heart of Samarkand, Registan is surrounded on three sides by magnificent buildings: Ulugbek Madrasah (1417 - 1420), Sher-Dor Madrasah (1819 - 1636) and Tilla-Kori Madrasah (1647 - 1660).

Izmir Democracy University in Izmir, Turkey organized the event on Water Day. ICID Vice President Hon. Dr. Hüseyin GÜNDOĞDU participated and represented the ICID in the event. He presents a brief presentation on “Climate Change, Food Security and Water Management” to the students of Park and Gardening Plants Department of Izmir Democracy University within the scope of World Water Day. Dr. Gundogdu has also delivered lecture to the pupils of Oren Primary and Secondary School on Water footprint for the awareness for water among the young generations. The lecture for primary school pupils has been organized by the “Tohumluk social, cooperation, culture and art foundation”, which aims for helping public on social, cultural and economic developments of rural regions.

ICID is pleased to announce the “Call for Nominations” for 2024 WatSave Awards and Recognition of World Heritage Irrigation Structures (WHIS) for the 75th IEC Meeting to be held from 01 – 07, September in Sydney, Australia. ICID instituted the ‘WatSave Awards’ in 1997, presented every year, to recognize outstanding contributions to water conservation or water saving in agriculture across the world.

The WatSave Awards are given in four categories: (i) Technology (ii) Innovative Water Management (iii) Young Professionals; and (iv) Farmers. Likewise, A Task Team is set up every year to select historical structures as received from various National Committees (NCs) to give them recognition along the lines of World Heritage Sites (as recognized by UNESCO) in the field of irrigation and drainage. Nominations are invited from ICID National Committees for the selection of “World Heritage Irrigation Structures” (WHIS) that include old operational irrigation structures as well as structures of archival value. National Committees are requested to kindly circulate this announcement widely amongst professionals/ teams within their country.

National Committees may submit their nominations to the Central Office by e-mail on or before latest by 31 May 2024. For more information, please visit the link https://icid-ciid.org/view_page/9
Nigerian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (NINCID) Organized a Workshop, 3–8 December, 2023

As part of the preparation for the hosting of the 6th African Regional Conference (ARC), 2025, in Abuja, Nigeria, the delegation from the NINCID Executives and members of the Task Team on the Organization of the 6th ARC, 2025, covered a series of visits to the Honourable Minister of Water Resources and Sanitation; President, Council for the Regulation of Engineers in Nigeria (COREN), Nigeria Society of Engineers (NSE), Department of Irrigation & Drainage in the Ministry and Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Water Resources & Sanitation.

The course of the visit was led by the Chair of NINCID, Er. E.O. Oluniyi, who also serves as the Chair of the Task Team, along with Co-Chair, Er. I.K. Musa, Secretary General, Er. Peter Sule, and other members of NINCID. The visit provided a proper briefing about the forthcoming regional event and its importance in reference to the food security, agriculture, and water management of Nigeria. In his response, all stakeholders from varied portfolios promised to give their full support and intervention to the organization of the conference.

A meeting of the National Technical Sub-Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (NTSCID) was organised for members to deliberate on emerging development issues.
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in the Sub-sector and also provide the forum for discussion on the various memoranda received from stakeholder.

During the meeting of the Task Team Members on 6th ARC/NINCID the below updates was also shared:

• Website development is at the edge of completion.

• 13 Committees to assist the Task Team has been created and approved by the Hon. Minister of Water Resources and due for inauguration on 4th April, 2025

• Venue for the conference is being process with intervention of the Hon. Minister

• Sensitization and awareness creation on the conference is being planned to hold in all the six (6) geo-political zones in Nigeria, amongst others

For the success of 6th ARC, more prominent persons who has contributed immensely to the development of Irrigation and Drainage development in Nigeria are identified and appointed as a: PATRON to NINCID. NINCID is desirous to recognise these few actors in the sector, as well as tapping on the societal influence to advance the course of NINCID and the 6th ARC, 2025.

GIZ India Visited ICID Central Office, 26 March 2024

Ms. Laura Sustersic, Project Manager, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), or German Society for International Cooperation, and Mr. R.R. Mishra, former DG of the National Mission on Clean Ganga (NMCG), have paid a visit to the ICID Central Office on 26 March 2024. Secretary General Mr. Pandya, along with Mr. H.K. Varma, Executive Director of ICID, welcomed the delegates. During the visit, they have discussed the strategic importance of the collaboration between ICID and GIZ in the areas of food security, water resource management, and sustainable agriculture. Secretary General Mr. Pandya gave a briefing about the ICID and invited both delegates to the ICID Upcoming Event.

About GIZ

As a German federal enterprise, GIZ contributes to the implementation of the EU’s political objectives and international obligations through its activities. To this end, GIZ works worldwide with and for the EU on a broad range of issues and provides support to the EU on behalf of the German Government, ranging from expert advice to project implementation on the ground.

CALL FOR PAPERS: 14th International Drainage Workshop

30 May - 1 June 2024 Dushanbe, Tajikistan

The Tajikistan National Commission on Irrigation and Drainage warmly invites scholars, researchers, and practitioners in irrigation water management and drainage to join the esteemed 14th International Drainage Workshop on the theme “Modernization of Irrigation and Drainage Systems to Adapt to Climate Change and for Sustainable Development”. This significant event will take place in the beautiful city of Dushanbe, Tajikistan, from 30 May to 1 June, 2024. This workshop offers an invaluable platform for the exchange of ideas and insights concerning the pressing challenges posed by climate change on irrigation and drainage systems.

In order to facilitate this event a Steering Committee and a Scientific Committee have been established. These committees comprise seasoned experts and practitioners, responsible for meticulously designing the workshop’s structure, content including papers to be presented, and direction.

The 14th International Drainage Workshop extends an earnest call for scholarly contributions that encompass the spectrum of modernization in irrigation and drainage, with a specific focus new technologies and strategies for climate change adaptation, and including pumping stations, canal and gravity pipe systems, control technologies and management. Authors are encouraged to send in their papers that discuss innovative research, modern technologies, and sustainable methods related to these important subjects.

All accepted papers will be published in the event’s proceedings, giving recognition to the authors. This helps others learn from their work and experience and builds a helpful network of shared knowledge. Authors of selected papers of particular merit/ interest/ relevance will be invited to present their papers during the workshop.

To ensure a coherent and streamlined submission process, a Steering Committee and a Scientific Committee of the 14th International Drainage Workshop have formulated the following submission guidelines. Authors are required to adhere to these guidelines:

General Guidelines

1. The title of the paper should be as brief as possible, preferably not exceeding 70 characters and spaces.

2. The length of the paper should not exceed 4,000 words (i.e., equivalent to 10 pages of A-4 size including tables and figures).

3. The language of the paper should be English.

4. The paper must be written in third person.

5. The data and numerical information should be given in metric units.

6. Detailed references should be given at the end of the text of the paper.


7. The general text to be in Arial with font size 10.

Abstract: The abstract provides a brief overview of the article, summarizing its key points and findings. It should not exceed
300 words and should encapsulate the essence of the entire article.

**Introduction:** The introduction sets the stage for the article by introducing the topic and its relevance. It outlines the main objectives and scope of the article, giving readers a clear understanding of what to expect.

**Body:** The body of the article is where you delve into the main content. It is typically divided into several sections, each addressing a specific aspect of the topic. Use clear headings and subheadings to enhance readability and organization. Present facts, evidence, literature review and arguments logically, and ensure a smooth flow of information between sections.

**Analysis:** In this section, you can delve deeper into the subject matter by providing an in-depth analysis of data, theories, or concepts. Present different viewpoints, offer comparisons, and provide insights that contribute to the reader's understanding.

**Table, Charts, Graphs, Pictures, etc.:** Visual aids such as tables, charts, graphs, and pictures can enhance the reader's comprehension of the content. Ensure these visuals are relevant, properly labeled, and referred to in the text.

**Conclusion:** The conclusion summarizes the main points discussed in the article and reiterates the significance of the findings. It should provide a sense of closure and leave the reader with a clear understanding of the key takeaways.

**Citation:** Accurate and consistent citation is crucial to acknowledge sources and provide readers with the means to access further information. Use a recognized citation style APA and ensure that all sources cited in the text are included in the reference list.

**Size and Formatting:** Ensure that your article does not exceed 10 pages, considering the inclusion of tables, charts, graphs, pictures, etc. Page size A4 (Width 21 cms, Height 29.7 cms) with Top Margin 3 cms, Bottom Margin 3 cms, Left and Right Margins 3.8 cms. The general text to be in Arial with font size 10.

**Submission:** Before submitting, carefully review your article for grammatical errors, clarity, and coherence. Ensure that all required sections are present, appropriately formatted and submit.

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**Irrigation Australia** is thrilled to announce the southern hemisphere’s premier water event, incorporating the 9th Asian Regional Conference for Irrigation and Drainage, the 75th International Executive Council meeting of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage and 2024 Irrigation Australia Conference and Exhibition.

Act swiftly to secure your spot at this premier event, as early bird registrations will soon be available, offering discounted rates for a limited time only. The Irrigation Australia Exhibition Prospectus and Sponsorship Prospectus for 2024 has been released, offering unparalleled exposure, networking, and business expansion opportunities. Act now to secure your place!

The conference promises a rich program with presenters from around the globe, and a structure designed to maximise interaction. Around 100 exhibitors will showcase the most innovative products and services currently available on the market. We are confident that delegates from across the industry will return home with new connections, new friends, and new ideas to try in their own regions, wherever they may be.

To stay updated on the event and secure your participation, keep an eye on the official event website [https://irrigationconference2024.com.au/](https://irrigationconference2024.com.au/). By joining this event in Sydney, Australia, you can seize the opportunity to establish valuable partnerships, generate leads, and leave a lasting impact on the future of irrigation.

Stay tuned for further details on early bird registration and how to capitalise on these exclusive opportunities to elevate your brand, expand your network, and drive sales success.

**Call for Abstracts**

The Asian Regional Working Group of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage and Irrigation Australia’s Committee on Irrigation and Drainage are pleased to invite submission of abstracts for the combined 9th Asian Regional Conference (ARC9) and Australian National Conference, to be held in Sydney from 01 to 07 September 2024.

The World Food Summit (1996) and Millennium Summit (2000) suggested a target of cutting the number of under-
nourished to half (by 2015) by bringing people out of poverty and enjoying a reasonably happy life with at least two square meals a day. But, unfortunately, the population of undernourished people is still about 768 million in the world (FAO, 2020), in spite of the modernization of agricultural water management in recent decades. In spite of all efforts, including modernization (partially so far), the world has failed to cut the number of undernourished to half by 2015, and given the current trends, it is likely that the world will again miss the challenge of Zero Hunger by 2030. Hence, the ARC9 is expected to deliberate on Out-of-Box solutions to meet the target of Zero Hunger by 2030. Conference Theme: Irrigation’s role in delivering economically viable food security and sustainable urban green spaces in an increasingly unpredictable climate

Sub-Themes
Goverance – identifying and addressing structural and policy impediments to the adoption of better irrigation practices

While the best of our farmers will adopt better/best irrigation practices.

Investment – fit-for-purpose and cost-effective technologies which support end users to implement sustainable irrigation practices (Environmental, Social, Governance and Triple Bottom Line).

Capacity development – ensuring that end users can access and adapt knowledge and systems to support sustainable irrigation practices.

Important Deadlines
- Acceptance from authors available to present – 5 April 2024
- Submission of final poster presentations* (PowerPoint template) – 29 June 2024
- Submission of final oral presentations (PowerPoint template) – 27 July 2024
- Submission of final keynote presentations (PowerPoint template) – 27 July 2024
- Present at 9th Asia Regional Conference – 1 September 2024

ICID Annual Report 2023-24: Call for Updated Information from NCs and DMs

The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) Central Office is in the process of compiling the ICID Annual Report for 2023-24. The ICID Central Office has sent out mails to National Committees and Direct Members requesting for information about the events conducted, meetings held and any other relevant material related to the professional activities during the year 2023-2024. The Chairs of National Committees are requested to kindly provide detailed information about the events, meetings held and any other material relevant to the national conference for the year 2023-2024 which could be included in the Annual Report. Suitable images/ pictures may also be shared with the submission.

National Committees are requested to update the data relating to the agricultural scenario of their country with the latest and accurate information on the total arable area, total irrigated and drained area and areas under sprinkler and micro-irrigation.

We request you to kindly review the existing data from 2022-2023 Annual Report from the link https://icid-ciid.org/icid_data_web/ar_2022-23.pdf in case the information needs to be updated. The latest information may be emailed to ICID Central Office for updating the same. Similarly, the Direct Members are requested to provide detailed information about the events conducted, meetings held and any other relevant material related to their professional activities during the year 2023-2024. The deadline for submission of the information for update is 30 April 2024.

Forthcoming Events


76th IEC Meeting & 4th World Irrigation Forum, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 7-13 September 2025

Theme: Challenges and Future Needs in Modernization of Irrigation for Food Security and Sustainability; Contact: mancidmalaysia@gmail.com, mancid.org@gmail.com

11th International Micro Irrigation Conference, Baghdad, Iraq, 2025 NC Contact : Eng. Nisreen Sami Tarkhan, Secretary, Iraqi National Committee of Irrigation and Drainage (IRQCID), Planning and Follow up Directorate, Ministry of Water Resources, Palestine Street, Baghdad

77th IEC & 26th ICID Congress, Marseille, France, 12-18 October 2026

Theme: “Agriculture and climate change: stakes and levers for irrigation and drainage.”

78th IEC & 5th World Irrigation Forum (WIF5), at Guoce International Conference & Exhibition Center, Beijing, China, 2027

Other Events
8th India Water Week - The Ministry of Jal Shakti is organizing India Water Week-2024 from 17-21 September 2024. The event will serve as a global platform to elicit ideas and opinions from global level decision-making, politicians, researchers, experts, planners, innovators, students and stakeholders in the field of water resources from across the world, focusing on “Partnerships and Cooperation for Inclusive Water Development and Management”. The 5-day event hosts Conference, Exhibition and study tours with Seminars, Panel Discussions, Side Events, Exhibition and Cultural programme, besides providing opportunities to businesses to find prospective partners and customers through a 4000 Sq.m. state of art exhibition.

Theme - Partnerships and Cooperation for Inclusive Water Development and Management

Venue: Convention Center, Bharat Mandapam/Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

Contact: India Water Week Secretariat, National Water Development Agency (NWDA), New Delhi-110066

Email: connect@indiawaterweek.in

Web: https://www.icidnews.org/

Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Wastewater Reuse (REUSE EUROMED 2024), October 29-31, 2024, Montpellier, France. - The aim of the conference is to share the experiences and viewpoints
of these different players on Reuse in the Mediterranean and Europe, in terms of feedback (success stories but also analysis of failures), outlook and different methodological approaches linked to the design, operationalization and evaluation of Reuse projects.

The conference welcomes contributions from experts in consulting firms, innovative companies, managers, local authorities, water resource planning services, agricultural professionals, and scientists.

The conference is co-organized by AFEID, the IREUSE Network of INRAE and the Chair Water & Agriculture and Climate Change. For more information please visit the link: https://reuse2024.sciencesconf.org/


4th International Baghdad Water Conference

Theme - Towards a Better Water Future: Together We Can, Apr 27, 2024 - Apr 29, 2024; Baghdad, Iraq. https://baghdad-iwc.com/

The conference is held annually by the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation since 2021, to exchange knowledge, technology, and studies on the best use, storage, and treatment of water to serve as many countries and people as possible. Baghdad International Water Conference is a gateway to communicate with the regional and international community to build bridges of cooperation in water resources management, in accordance with the principles of international law, to achieve the aspirations of the shared people in the water basins, present and future.

Vision: The constant endeavor to maintain strong ties in planning and joint coordination for implementation, drawing on the desire to achieve security, stability, development, and address challenges through technology and collaborative management.

Goal: Water management is one of the essential foundations for enhancing international relations and its role in developing relations between peoples and communities, as well as its stability on the local, regional, and international levels. It is also the gateway to the future of development and innovation, seeking to maximize its availability to achieve development and prosperity.


IRAP - India Organising Training Programme, 22- 26 April, 2024

Institute for Water Analysis and Policy (IRAP) is going to organize a five day training programme on “Agricultural Water Management for Food Security and Rural Growth” in Hyderabad, India scheduled from 22 – 26 April 2024. The programme includes several class room sessions; lab works; group exercises and a one-day field trip to areas where agricultural water management interventions are implemented that demonstrate the positive impacts of those interventions. The class room sessions will include presentations and discussions. The resource persons for the lecture sessions will be internationally renowned experts in the field of water resources management, agricultural water management and water economics. The lab work will be handled by specialists who are well-versed with the application of models such as FAO CROPWAT. For registration and more information please visit the link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBPNchwoggSqq7vVK2eV1qH5aM7puxgQ4ntGxvBTCoQ/viewform?pli=1> Or <http://www.irapindia.org/>

Contact: David Cameron; dave.cameron@irrigation.org.au Website: https://irrigationconference2024.com.au/

Cairo Water Week 2024, Cairo, Egypt, 13–17 October, 2024. Theme - Water and Climate: Building Resilient Communities

Sub-Theme 1: Transboundary Water Governance for Sustainable Development

Sub-Theme 2: Strategic Water Resources Management in Enhancing Community Resilience

Sub-Theme 3: Innovation and Financing Resilient Solutions for Water Security

Sub-Theme 4: Actions for Water and Climate Adaptations and Resilience;

Sub-Theme 5: Climate-Smart Communities Planning and Legislation

Website: https://www.cairowaterweek eg/

OBITUARY

Dr. Masayoshi Sato (1948-2024)

It is with great sadness, that the Japanese National Committee of ICID (JNICD) announces the passing away of Dr. Masayoshi Sato on 17 February 2024 while recovering from an illness.

Dr. Sato was born in 1948 and graduated from the University of Tokyo. He had long been involved in education and research on agricultural water management and basin water resources management and served on many activities and committees of academic and governmental organizations in Japan and abroad. He served as a member of the JNICD from 1998 to 2018, during which time he also contributed as a member of Working Group on Capacity Building, Training and Education (WO-CBTE), 1998-2007; Working Group on Modernisation of Irrigation System (WG-MIS) - 2009-2012; and Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (POTA) - 2012-2017. Among his various international activities, he was a Principal Investigator of the International Joint Research Project “Sustainable Systems for Food and Bio-energy Production with Water-saving Irrigation in the Egyptian Nile Basin” of the SATREPS by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and achieved important results, some of which were published as a Book "Irrigated Agriculture in Egypt: Past, Present and Future," (M. Satoh and S. Aboulroos (Eds.), Springer, 2017). Late Dr. Masayoshi Sato was still leading several research projects, and his passing away will be greatly missed by the ICID community, his colleagues, and his friends.

On behalf of the ICID fraternity, we would like to express our deepest condolences to the bereaved family and to the Japanese National Committee of ICID (JNICD). We wish strength and peace to his near and dear ones at this time of great grief.

With his passing away, the irrigation and drainage community lost a very distinguished member. We personally feel the vacuum, as we consider him as a friend and mentor.

May his soul rest in eternal peace!