

Agenda for the Sixteenth Meeting of the
EUROPEAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (ERWG)
 Yogyakarta, Indonesia
 12 October 2010: 09.00-12:30 hours

Year of Establishment: 1995

Mandate : The mission of ERWG is to promote awareness about critical ICID relevant water issues at all levels in Europe and to pay special attention to the environmentally sustainable water management in Europe.

Members : (1) Vice President Hon. Dr.-Ing. Eiko Lübbe, Chairman (Germany, 2002); (2) Vice President Prof. Dr. Peter Kovalenko, Vice-Chairman (Ukraine, 2005); (3) Vice President Dr. Laszlo Hayde, Secretary (Hungary, 2005); (4) Vice President Hon. Prof. Dr. Brane Maticic (Slovenia, 1996); (5) Dr. Michele Angelo Cuccaro (Italy, 1996); (6) Prof. Dr. Ion Nicolaesco (Romania, 1996); (7) Mr. Pedro Eduardo da Cunha Serra (Portugal, 1996); (8) Mr. Nicos Tsiourtis (Cyprus, 1996); (9) Prof. Dr. Svatopluk Matula (Czech Rep., 1997); (10) Dr. Antanas Maziliauskas (Lithuania, 1997); (11) Dipl.-Ing. Frederick M. Cate (Austria, 1998); (12) Vice President Hon. Dr. Ricardo Segura (Spain, 1999); (13) Mr. Jaakko Sierla (Finland, 2001); (14) Dr. Davor Romc (Croatia, 2002); (15) Dr. Zvonimir Vukelic (Macedonia, 2002); (16) Mr. Mati Tonismae (Estonia, 2002); (17) Prof. Dr. A. Poulouvassilis (Greece, 2003); (18) Dr. John Martin (Ireland, 2003); (19) Mr. Peter Pantelic (Serbia, 2003); (20) Dr. Pol Hakstege (The Netherlands, 2007); (21) Dr. Irina G. Pankova (Russia, 2007); (22) Mr. Claude Alain Vullier (Switzerland, 2007); and (23) Secretary General, ICID.

Observer : (i) Mr. Mohammed Binbilidia (IME, France); and (ii) Prof. Dr. Joachim Quast (Germany).

Ex-Officio Members : (i) VP Prof. Dr. Peter Kovalenko (Ukraine), Chairman, ERWG Work Team on Sustainable Irrigation Management; and (ii) VPH Dr. G.G. Gulyuk (Russia), Chairman, ERWG Work Team on Drainage.

Website : <<http://www.erwg.icidonline.org>>.

Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group

The minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group held on 07 December 2009 at New Delhi (India) will be confirmed.

Item 2 : Review of membership of the Working Group

The ICID Central Office requested (02 July 2010) the British National Committee of ICID (ICID.UK) to send a fresh nomination of a professional for the membership of the European Regional Working Group (ERWG) for consideration. Response is awaited.

The ICID Central Office requested (12 August 2010) the French National Committee of ICID (AFEID) to send a fresh nomination (*due to sad demise of VPH Henri Tardieu*) of a professional for the membership of the European Regional Working Group (ERWG) for consideration. Response is awaited.

The National Committees of Belgium, Bulgaria, Poland and Slovak Republic have become inactive in the past. The Central Office is in contact (11 March 2010) with these National Committees for their reactivation. The Central Office has also invited (17 March 2010) Albania, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Moldova, Norway and Sweden for ICID membership. Responses are awaited.

In response, Norway has declined (18 March 2010) the ICID offer for membership. Responses from others are awaited.

2.1 Election of New Chairman of ERWG

VPH Dr. Eiko Lübbe (Germany) has been the Chairman of the ERWG since 2002 and announced during the 15th meeting of the European Regional Working Group (ERWG) held on 07 December 2009 at New Delhi, India that he would like to step down from the duties of Chairmanship in October 2010.

The ICID Central Office invited (01 July 2010) proposals / expression of interest from the representatives of the National Committees in the European Regional Working Group and responses if any, will be provided in Supplementary Agenda before IEC meetings.

Item 3 : Links with regional and trans-national organizations for co-operation

The Chairman may like to apprise the members on new developments/cooperation especially with regard to EWA (European Water Association), the International Commission for Protection of the Rivers Rhine, Danube, and Odra. The ERWG network includes 7 National Water Management Associations (**Annex**).

The ongoing contacts have been renewed with the UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC). ICID-UNU co-operation commenced in 2009 with an activity in Tehran – organized by UNU with cooperation from IRNCID and would continue.

A side event by FAO/UNW-DPC /ICID during 8-9 October 2010 at Yogyakarta, Indonesia is being organized under the Framework of Cooperation between FAO / UNW-DPC / ICID signed as a follow-up of the MoU. The goal of this event is to provide an overview of the most strategic applications of 'Aqua Crop' model of FAO in different agro-climate conditions. More information can be accessed at <www.unwater.unu.edu>.

Item 4 : Dialogue on Water for Food and Environment

It has been agreed to continue the co-operation among ICID-ERWG, Central and Eastern Europe Global Water Partnership (CEE-GWP) and World Wide Fund of Nature (WWF).

The members were to cooperate with CEE-GWP and WWF and invite them to participate in the conferences organized by ICID, like European Regional Conferences and International Drainage Workshops.

ERWG members continued the dialogue on the following topic : the WFD and its implementation through tools of the Common Agriculture Policy in the year 2007-2013. The new Directives can be accessed at following websites:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-framework/wfd_newsletter.html> or
<<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/>>

The Central Office is in contact (02 July 2010) with Chairman on the subject. Response is awaited.

The Chairman may apprise the members on the progress, if any, on the dialogue process.

Item 5 : European Work Team on Water Related Risk Analysis (EWTWRA)

The idea of merging of Drought and Flood Work Teams under the frame of Risk Management had been brought (2007) to the fore by Dr. Vermes (Hungary). After detailed discussions on the proposed aims, the WG accepted the idea of merging European Work Team on Drought (EWTDRO) and European Work Team on Floods (EWTFFLO) to create a new Work Team under the name Work Team on Water Related Risk Analysis (EWTWRA).

The WG deliberated on the mandate of the Work Team during New Delhi (2009) meeting and agreed to consider the impacts of extreme events on agricultural production at situations of water scarcity and inundation and to develop risk mitigation strategies. Agreeing to the importance of the WT, Dr. Sandor Szalai (Hungary) agreed kindly to provide an initial work plan. The proposals from ITAL-ICID, HUCID and GECID for the activities of the WT (*in circulation among the membership in early 2010*) will be kept in view.

The Central Office has invited (2 July 2010) nominations from member countries in ERWG for membership of the new Work Team and also comments on the mandate / work plan from Dr. Sandor Szalai (Hungary). Responses are awaited.

Item 6 : ERWG Work Team on EU Water Framework Directive (EWTWFD)

The Work Team on 'EU Water Framework Directive' (EWTWFD) has not been progressing well due to member countries heavily involved in the implementation of EU WFD. The WG had decided (2009) to skip this Work Team and bring forward this topic in the planned WIKI-based electronic platform. The Central Office is in contact (02 July 2010) with the Chairman on the subject.

The Chairman may apprise the WG.

Item 7 : European Work Team on Sustainable Irrigation Management (EWTSIM)

During New Delhi (2009) meeting, it was informed that a document on "*Irrigation Sector Reform in Central and Eastern European Countries*", based on the project results (Phase I), has been published and distributed as a hard copy and CD-ROM (*during the previous meeting of the WG*). Further, Vice President Prof. Kovalenko distributed a new proposal for the Phase-II of the project "*Irrigation Sector Reform in Central and Eastern European Countries*", prepared by the Ukrainian National Committee and President Hon. Bart Schultz. Due to financial constraints, this could not be taken up and continues to be postponed.

VP Kovalenko was in contact with GTZ to raise the awareness of the problems and explore funding opportunities. The new report (incorporate new irrigation technologies, water saving, efficiency, etc.) may serve as a "manual" for GTZ to raise awareness.

The Chairman/ Prof. Kovalenko may apprise the members.

Item 8 : European Work Team on Drainage (EWDRA)

It was informed during the New Delhi (2009) meeting that the future activities of the Work Team, as deliberated and specified during the International Drainage Workshop at Helsinki / Tallinn in 2008, would among others, focus on drained non-chernosem soils.

The ICID Central Office is in contact (02 July 2010) with Vice President Hon. Dr. Georgi Georgievich Guluyk (Russia), WT Chairman for the full list of other activities of the WT for consideration during the Yogyakarta (2010) meeting. Response is awaited.

The Chairman/ Dr. Guluyk may apprise the WG.

Item 9 : Conferences supported by ERWG

24th European Regional Conference of ICID, 2011, Orléans, France

The 24th European Regional Conference (ERC) will be held during 14-16 March 2011 at Orléans, France. The theme of the 24th ERC is '*Groundwater Management*' and the other topics for the Conference are:

1. **Hydro-geological studies:** how do they contribute to explain links between water resources and uses and to the definition of sustainable management rules?
 2. **Groundwater recharge and conjunctive use of ground and surface water:** can conjunctive use be a solution to overcome overexploitation? Which risks and consequences on equity between users?
 3. **Multi-actors processes:** the foundations of a shared management? What results have been obtained?
 4. **The EU Water Framework Directive and Groundwater Daughter Directive:** are these just rigid frameworks or do they provide effective incentives to develop groundwater management tools?
 5. **Economic instruments:** what is their effectiveness to reduce groundwater use and pollution? In which context?
 6. **Apparent anarchy but informal arrangements:** the collective action, pathway to sustainability?
 7. **The control of water quality:** to which use the groundwater is meant?
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The ERC is being organized under the guidance of Dr. Sami Bouarfa, Secretary General, AFEID and President of the Technical Committee of AFEID. Please access 'Call for Papers' of the 24th ERC of ICID <<http://www.groundwater2011>> for more information.

The representative from AFEID may apprise the Committee about the preparation and detailed planning of the 24th ERC.

25th European Regional Conference of ICID, 2011, The Netherlands

The 25th ICID European Regional Conference (ERC) will be held during 16-20 May 2011 at Groningen, The Netherlands. The theme of the 25th ERC is '*Integrated Water Management of Multiple Land Use in Flat Coastal Areas*' and the other topics of the Conference are :

- Topic I** : Multiple land-use
- Topic II** : Fresh water management and salt intrusion
- Topic III** : Flood risk management
- Topic IV** : Institutional arrangements and history

The ERC is being organized under the mentoring leadership of Dr. Bert Toussaint, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Conference. Please access 'Call for papers' of 25th ERC at <www.icid2011.nl> for more information.

The representative from NETHCID may apprise the Committee about the preparation and detailed planning of the 25th ERC.

11th International Drainage Workshop

The National Committee of the Russian Federation on Irrigation and Drainage (RUCID) has proposed to host the 11th International Drainage Workshop in Russia during 16-20 June 2012. The dates are too close to 63rd IEC meeting and 7th Asian Regional Conference during 24-29 June 2012 at Adelaide, Australia.

WG may discuss / note.

Item 10 : ERWG Letter Editorial Board

The ERWG Letter 19 (2009) was published (May 2009) and circulated among the members of the ERWG and can be viewed at <<http://www.erwg.icidonline.org>>. ERWG appreciated the hard work of the Editorial Team for preparing and publishing the ERWG Letter so regularly and on time year after year.

The next issue of '*ERWG Letter 20*' (2010) will be published by end of September 2010 before the Yogyakarta meetings. Printed copies will be available for distribution at Yogyakarta and electronic version will be available via the internet.

The Chairman informed that the Secretariat of GECID at ZALF will close down its activities in view of retirement of Prof. Dr.-Ing. Joachim Quast who was responsible for preparing the ERWG letters all these years.

Due to above developments, the National Committees in ERWG are invited to offer their proposals for the future work of the ERWG Letter.

The Chairman may further apprise the WG.

Item 11 : Young Professional Fora

The Young Professional Fora have been routinely organized during the European Regional Conferences in the past and it has been observed that the responses of Young Professionals were always overwhelming.

A Young Professional Forum was successfully organized during the 23rd ERC in May 2009 at Lviv, Ukraine. It was seen that the efforts were successfully made to raise funds to support the Young Professionals who were involved in the joint UNESCO German-Ukrainian project on the development of the Dnister region from German Ministry of Research and Education.

Organizers of the upcoming 24th and 25th European Regional Conferences may take a note and promote and support the Young Professionals in a similar fashion.

The Chairman may apprise the WG.

Item 12 : Any other business

• **Secretariat of GECID**

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Joachim Quast will step down from his post as Secretary of the German National Committee of ICID (GECID) in view of his retirement from this position at ZALF. As a result, he will also be relinquished from his responsibilities of publishing the ERWG Letter. Volker Ehlert, who was assisting in the editorial works for the ERWG Letter, will also not be active anymore within GECID Secretariat.

Due to these new developments, the Secretariat of GECID will also close down its activities under the umbrella of ZALF.

The Chairman may further apprise the WG.

• **Henri Tardieu Foundation**

Henri Tardieu was our colleague, our boss, our friend, says the French National Committee (AFEID). There are certainly a great number of us who regret that a tragic accident on 2nd April 2010 led to his early death, thus preventing him from continuing to be what he had always been : a land clearer, an innovator, a 'path maker'.

AFEID has thought of perpetuating his memory, by creating an association whose goal would be to try to keep his spirit alive by rewarding a young professional each year for their innovative or outstanding research, project or action in the field of water for development.

This association will really come into existence after a general 'constitutional' assembly, which AFEID proposes to organise in Paris on 18th October 2010 (time and address to be defined).

All interested in sharing AFEID views that it is worth 'passing on the flame' of Henri's struggle for water and development may send a message endorsing the proposition. Messages can be sent to (1) Jean-Roger Mercier (e-mail : jeanrogermercier@yahoo.fr), (2) Bernard Préfol (e-mail : b-s.prefol@wanadoo.fr).

• **Invitation from SIWI**

An invitation from Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) for attending the Side Event on "Water and Climate – Bridging the Gap" at the Bonn climate talks held in Bonn, Germany on 03 June 2010 had been received in ICID. This event was to bring together experts from the water and climate community to discuss the implications of COP 15 outcomes for the water agenda. It also featured the launch of the Water and Climate Coalition.

The Central Office requested (01 June 2010) Prof. Dr.-Ing. Joachim Quast, Secretary of German National of ICID (GECID) to represent ICID in this Side Event. Prof. Quast can apprise the WG.

• **Lower Danube Conference**

The International Conference on '*Geographical Research and Cross-Border Cooperation within the Lower Basin of the Danube*' will be held during 23 September to 26 September 2010 at Craiova, Romania. The Conference is being organized by the Geography Department of the University of Craiova and the West University of Timisora, Romania. Please access <<http://www.forumgeografic.ro/events/>> for more information.

The Central Office has circulated (15 June 2010) the announcement amongst the members of the European Regional Working Group (ERWG).

• **Invitation from WMO**

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will be organizing its 15th Session of the Commission for Instruments and Methods of Observation (CI-MO) during 02-08 September 2010 at Helsinki, Finland.

The Central Office requested (09 June 2010) Prof. Petti Vakkilainen, Chairman, Finnish National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (FINCID) to represent ICID in this Session.

OBITUARIES

VPH Henri Tardieu (France)

The French National Committee of ICID (AFEID) informed the Central Office that VPH Henri Tardieu died on 02 April 2010 (Friday) due to a brief illness. It was with deep regrets that we place on record the sad and untimely demise of Vice President Hon. Henri Tardieu. VPH Tardieu was a strong supporter of the objects of ICID and indeed epitomized excellence in all his contributions to the works of Commission through various capacities such as the Vice Chairman of Permanent Committee for Technical Activities (PCTA), Vice Chairman of erstwhile ICID Working Group on Operation, Maintenance and Management of Irrigation and Drainage Projects (WG-OMM), and Strategy Theme Leader of Theme 'Basin' (a position he held admirably till the last IEC meeting in New Delhi in 2009). His valuable contributions as the Chairman of ICID Task Force 3 on "Developing Position Paper on Socio-Economic Sustainability of Services Provided by Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control Schemes in Water Resources Sector" and as the Vice President of ICID during the term 1994-1997 are well-known. His significant and noteworthy recent contribution was during the World Water Forum-5 in Istanbul where ICID took over the role of forming a consortium to bring out a position paper on "Topic 2.3: Water and Food for ending poverty and hunger". VPH Tardieu leaves an everlasting imprint of his inspiring personality on all the work of ICID. At this time of great grief, the ICID fraternity records its profound sympathy and condolences to the bereaved family and to the members of the French National Committee.

May his soul rest in peace!

Mr. Eugenii Gusenkov (Russia)

It is with profound grief and sorrow that we report about the sad demise of Mr. Eugenii Gusenkov (Russia) on 27 June 2010. Mr. Gusenkov was Member of European Regional Working Group (ERWG) from 1996 to 2007 representing National Committee of the Russian Federation on Irrigation and Drainage (RuCID); he contributed to the working group with dedication, zeal and significant sense of duty.

ICID family offers its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Mr. Eugenii Gusenkov. May the departed soul rest in eternal peace!

EUROPEAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (ERWG)

Profile

The European Regional Working Group (ERWG) of ICID was founded at the 46th IEC Meeting in Rome in September 1995, and is acting under the motto “Comprehensive land and water management in European river basins for the sustainable development of the rural landscape”. The tasks of ERWG can be summarized as follows:

- Knowledge transfer and exchange of experience in matters of border crossing water and land management in European countries
- Co-operation of experts and organisations engaged in national, supranational and international objectives of water management and irrigated agriculture
- Development and promotion of border crossing projects and conferences
- Members are the ICID National Committees of 24 European countries, as below :

Country Representatives			
Austria	Mr. Frederick M. Cate	Macedonia	Prof. Zvonimir Vukelic
Croatia	Dr. Davor Romic	Portugal	Mr. Pedro Eduardo da Cunha Serra
Cyprus	Mr. Nicos Tsiourtis	Romania	Prof. Ion M. Nicolaescu
Czech Republic	Prof. Svatopluk Matula	Russia	Dr. Irina G. Pankova
Estonia	Mr. Mati Tonismae	Serbia-Montenegro	Mr. Peter Pantelic
Finland	Mr. Jaakko Sierla	Slovenia	Prof. Brane Maticic
France	---	Spain	Mr. Ricardo Segura Graino
Germany	Dr.- Ing. Eiko Luebbe	Switzerland	Mr. Claude Alain Vullier
Greece	Prof. Dr. A. Poulouvassilis	The Netherlands	Dr. Pol Hakstege
Hungary	Dr. Laszlo Hayde	Ukraine	Prof. Peter Kovalenko
Ireland	Dr. John Martin	United Kingdom	---
Italy	Dr. Michele A. Cuccaro		
Lithuania	Dr. Antanas Maziliauskas		

Chairman : Dr.-Ing. Eiko Luebbe (Germany)
Vice-Chairman : Prof. Dr. Peter Kovalenko (Ukraine)
Secretary : Dr. Laszlo Hayde (Hungary)
Observer : Mr. Mohammed Benblidia (IME)

Countries with observer status

Bosnia & Herzegovina : Prof. Dr. Mihovil Vlahinic
Moldova : Mr. Valeriu Catrinescu
Serbia : Prof. Dr. Svetimir Dragovic

Subordinate Work Teams

European Work Team on Water Related Risk Analysis (EWTWRRRA)

Chairman : To be elected (Dr. Sandor Szalai, Hungary)
Members : To be elected

European Work Team on EU Water Framework Directive (EWTWFD)

Chairman (N.N.)
Members Mr. Frederick M. Cate (Austria),
 Mr. Vladimir Milovsky (Russia),
 Dr. Pavel Puncochar (Czech Republic),
 Mr. Ricardo Segura Graino (Spain),
 Mr. V. Stavric (Macedonia),
 Mr. Risto Timonen (Finland)

European Work Team on Sustainable Irrigation Management (EWTSIM)

Chairman Prof. Peter Kovalenko (Ukraine)
Members Mrs. Helena Aijo (Finland),
 Mr. Frederick M. Cate (Austria),
 Mr. Jan Cermak (Czech Republic),
 Mr. Eugeny Goussenkov (Russia),
 Mrs. Jasmina Taseva (Macedonia),
 Prof. Dr.-Ing. Joachim Quast (Germany),
 Dr. Olga Zhovtonog, Secretary (Ukraine),
 Mrs. Yldiko Zima Szaloki (Hungary)

Observer World Bank representative

European Work Team on Drainage (EWTDR)

Chairman Dr. Georgiy G. Gulyuk (Russia)
Members Dr. Irene Bondarik, Secretary (Russia)
 Prof. Brane Maticic (Slovenia),
 Dr. Iulian Mihnea (Romania),
 Mr. Toomas Timmusk (Estonia),
 Dr. Willem Vlotman (Australia),
 Mrs. Marija Vukelic-Sutoska (Macedonia),
 Dr. Nicola Yacik (Ukraine),
 Mr. Daniel Zimmer (France)

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 Dr. Lajos Szlávik (Hungary)

Water Network

In addition to the European National Committees of ICID, the following organizations/association/institution have been incorporated in the ERWG Water Network :

5 European professional organizations

- CIPR - Commission Internationale pour la Protection du Rhin
- EurAgEng - Special Interest Group on Soil and Water, European Society of Agricultural Engineers
- EWA - European Water Association
- EWRA - European Water Resources Association
- TECHWARE - Technology for Water Resources

7 National Water Management Associations

- BSHE - Bulgarian Society of Hydraulic Engineers
- DWA - German Association for Water Management, Waste Water and Waste
- DONBH - Society for Irrigation and Drainage of Bosnia & Herzegovina
- LZHIS - Lithuanian Association of Land and Water Management Engineers
- MHT - Hungarian Hydrological Society
- RSRE - Russian Society of Reclamation Engineers
- SITWM - Polish Association for Water Plant Construction and Land Improvement Engineers and Technicians

6 European Water Management Institutes

- ACVAPROJECT - Water Management Design Institute (Moldova Republic)
- DHI - Danish Hydraulic Institute
- IIDS - Institute of Irrigation and Development Studies, University of Southampton (United Kingdom)
- RIIDHE - Research Institute for Irrigation, Drainage and Hydraulic Engineering (Bulgaria)
- VITUKI - Water Resources Research Centre Plc. (Hungary)
- IME - Institut Méditerranéen de l'Eau (France)

Work Results

- ERWG Letter No. 1 to 18 (newsletters)
- European Sector Vision on Water for Food and Rural Development (report)
- ICID Guide "How to work out a drought mitigation strategy" (guideline)
- Water Resources Management in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Slovenia (book)
- Diffuse Entries in Rivers of the Odra Basin (research report)
- Proceedings of several European conferences
- First and Second CEE WFE Dialogue Reports (Dialogue on Water, Food and Environment – Dialogue on the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive in Agriculture in the Central and East European Countries) (reports)
- Danube Valley : History of Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control (book)

Current Projects

- Flood risk mitigation by agricultural non-structural measures
 - Drought mitigation strategies
 - Implementation of the European Water Framework Directive
 - Flood plain management on Odra, Nemunas and Vistula
 - Flood prevention strategies
 - Point and diffused pollutants in the Odra basin
 - Sustainable irrigation and drainage management under the conditions of transitional economy
 - Dialogue on water for food and environmental security in Central and Eastern Europe
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