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### SANCOLD Conference November 2009

It is pleasing to report that we have received almost 50 offers for papers and that several of these are from other countries. The Conference promises to be of great relevance to water resources professionals.

The SANCOLD Conference and AGM details are on the SANCOLD website and also on [www.civeng.sun.ac.za/sancold/](http://www.civeng.sun.ac.za/sancold/). Please note that a block booking for accommodation has been made at the Alpine Heath Resort, but delegates must make their own reservations. The request for accommodation must be sent to Christel Roets, Banqueting Co-ordinator, Alpine Heath Resort, PO Box 112, Jagersrust, 3354 Tel: 036 438 8500, Direct line: 036 438 8576, Fax: 086 612 6774, Email: [info@alpineheath.co.za](mailto:info@alpineheath.co.za). Website: [www.alpineheath.co.za](http://www.alpineheath.co.za). If you try to make reservations via the reservation facility on the website, it will indicate that no accommodation is available for the first few days of the SANCOLD Conference (because of the blocked SANCOLD reservation). Please make your reservations early to avoid disappointment and also send in your registration form.

The SANCOLD Conference includes a Technical Exhibition and an invitation is extended to suppliers, consultants, contractors and dam owners to participate in the Exhibition. Refer to the above websites for further information.

### ICOLD 2009: Brasilia

We have gathered information from several attendees and interesting information from their feedback is given below:

#### *Executive Meeting (this is the management and business part of the Annual Meeting)*

- 62 Member Countries attended;
- Kenya was elected as the 90<sup>th</sup> member. Discussions are in hand with 20 countries (including Angola, Mozambique);
- Elections (3 year term of office): President Dr Jinsheng JIA of China, Vice President (Zone Europe) G Ruggeri (Italy), Vice President (Sixth post) I Ekpo (Nigeria);
- Future ICOLD Meetings:
  - 2010 Annual Meeting in May in Hanoi, Vietnam. Further detail is available on [www.vncold.vn/ICOLD2010/](http://www.vncold.vn/ICOLD2010/). Information on this event will also be given in future editions of SANCOLD News.
  - 2011 Annual Meeting in Lucerne Switzerland
  - 2012 Annual Meeting and Congress in Kyoto, Japan
- ICOLD Bulletins: ICOLD is examining the possibility of ways of making all Bulletins free.
- ICOLD website has been upgraded and a forum section will be added later this year to allow technical committees to exchange comments and provide input to documents.

#### *Africa-Australasia Association of ICOLD (AAA)*

A short meeting was held due to time constraints. The minutes of the meeting are awaited. SANCOLD submitted a country report on its activities which was circulated to AAA members before the meeting.

#### *Congress*

Some 1300 participants attended the Congress from 80 countries. The four subjects that were discussed at the Congress are given below and some of the major issues which arose are:

- Question 88: Dams and Hydropower
  - Hydropower is a clean renewable resource
  - Africa needs hydropower
  - Taumsak Dam failure – instrumentation error caused overtopping
- Question 89: Management of Siltation in Existing and new Reservoirs
  - Most countries will experience problems regarding water yield and hydro power generation from dams as from 2025
  - Furthermore this will be intensify significantly after 2025
  - Aswan Dam in Egypt siltation rate 5 000 million m<sup>3</sup> per 40 years
- Question 90: Upgrading of Existing Dams
  - Applications for RCC
  - Massinger Dam (Mozambique) incident presented
- Question 91: Dam Safety Management

- Small dams development required
- Emphasis on management

The discussions and reports presented during the Congress will be contained in the Congress Proceedings. If you would like a copy of the General Report of a specific question, please contact the SANCOLD Secretary. The files are fairly large and range from 676 kB to 7.45 MB.

We were greatly saddened to learn that the ICOLD Secretary General, Mr Michel De Vivo lost his wife in the tragic Air France accident. SANCOLD has sent a letter of sympathy to the Secretary General.

### **Outstanding membership fees**

SANCOLD calls on members to pay their outstanding membership fees as soon as possible. Appreciation is expressed to those members who responded to the appeal for payment in the last Newsletter. **Only paid-up members are entitled to nominate and vote at the AGM and also to receive SANCOLD membership discounts.**

### **World Water Week**

The World Water Week will be held in Stockholm from 16 to 22 August 2009. The special focus of the event will be on Transboundary Waters. Further detail can be obtained from [www.worldwaterweek.org](http://www.worldwaterweek.org). This topic is dealt with in detail in the ICOLD Bulletin 132 entitled "Shared Rivers: Principles and Practices". The undersigned was the Committee Chairman and Principal Author of the report which includes much illustrative material on Southern Africa.

### **Features in the next SANCOLD News**

Forthcoming elections for the SANCOLD Management Committee.

Regards

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