



SANCOLD

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SANCOLD Conference 2020 – Cancelled due to COVID-19 uncertainties.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been causing disruptions in all aspects of our lives and SANCOLD has not escaped its effects. Our 2020 SANCOLD Annual Conference which was to have been held from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th November 2020 has been cancelled due to uncertainties related to the COVID-19 lockdown. Planning was at an advanced stage when lockdown was announced. Arrangements continued and we tried to reformulate the conference as a webinar but unfortunately time and financial uncertainty constraints caught up with the organising team and we reluctantly conceded defeat. See the note on SANCOLD 2021 which we are arranging for November next year in Gauteng. Further details will be circulated later.



Marco van Dijk representing USAf and SAICE

Marco van Dijk appointed as USAf Representative.

Marco van Dijk of the University of Pretoria has been nominated to the SANCOLD Management Committee (Manco) by Universities South Africa (USAf), formerly known as Higher Education South Africa (HESA).

Marco is already the SAICE nominated representative and thus now represents both USAf and SAICE as their nominated representatives on the SANCOLD Manco. We wish him much success with his dual role

SANCOLD Conference 2021

SANCOLD will be holding their Annual Conference in Gauteng during November 2021 with the theme “**Resilient Dams in a Challenging Environment**”, and sub-themes covering a wide field. A full programme in addition to the SANCOLD AGM, YPF function, Gala Conference Dinner and study tour is planned. This promises to be a bumper event to make up for this year’s cancelled conference

Obituary

It is with deep regret that SANCOLD notes the passing of Prof William John Richard Alexander on 9 June 2020 at the age of 95. He retired as Manager Scientific Services after a long career in the then Department of Water Affairs and immediately took up an academic post at the University of Pretoria where he continued his speciality research field involving Applied Hydrology and Flood calculations. His work inspired many young engineers and hydrologists and contributed greatly to scientific knowledge. His incisive input to debates around hydrological issues will be sorely missed by friends and colleagues. Our deep condolences are shared with his family.

SANCOLD Management Committee.

The SANCOLD Constitution makes provision for a Management Committee consisting of the following

One nominated representative from DWS (NWRI)

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One nominated representative from SAICE

One nominated representative from USAf

6 elected members (no age restriction)

3 elected members (under 35 years)

A current SA ICOLD President or VP

A past SA ICOLD President or VP for 3 years following office.

An outgoing SANCOLD Chairman (for one year)

Up to 4 members co-opted for special knowledge.

A Treasurer from elected members or appointed externally.

A Secretary from elected members or appointed externally.

Office bearers are elected from within Manco.

The Terms of Office are for 3 years and are staggered to maintain a pool of experienced members on the Manco. This means that elections are held every year for some of the posts

Our next elections for two places on Manco will as usual, be held electronically in November. We have unfortunately experienced low polls in the past.

Exercise your right, nominate your candidate for Manco and vote in the elections. Details to be circulated in November.



COVID-19 plays havoc - ICOLD 2020 New Delhi – further postponed

The 88th Annual Meeting of ICOLD was originally scheduled to be held in New Delhi, India 4-10 April 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic is playing havoc with the arrangements and it was first postponed to 26 September – 1 October 2020 but later rescheduled to 28 November – 3 December 2020. Please check the ICOLD website for the latest updates and details.

CHINCOLD Donates Face Masks to SANCOLD.

CHINCOLD, the Chinese National Committee on Large Dams recently donated 1000 disposable face masks to SANCOLD. SANCOLD decided that the greatest need for these masks would be the frontline of the campaign against the COVID-19 virus and therefore requested that the masks be sent to the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Gauteng. The masks were duly delivered to the SA Embassy in Beijing and we await confirmation that they have arrived safely for use at the hospital. SANCOLD has expressed their appreciation to CHINCOLD for this generous act and looks forward to the arrival of the masks and their distribution and use.

SANCOLD YPF Training events.

The SANCOLD YPF invites all SANCOLD members to attend the first YPF event of 2020 to be held on 29 July 2020. Please refer to the link below that contains the invitation.

RSVP

Kindly indicate your attendance by responding to the SANCOLD YPF Committee at ypf@sancold.org.za by latest 27 July 2020 with the following information:

1. Name
2. SANCOLD individual or corporate membership number
3. Dietary requirements

YPF DATABASE

If you have not done so yet, please notify the SANCOLD YPF Committee (ypf@sancold.org.za) of your date of birth to assist with the update of our database. The age limit for YPF membership is 40 years, with positions on the SANCOLD Management Committee and YPF Committee, prizes, and discounts for conferences reserved for individuals of 35 years of age and younger.

[Download Invitation](#)

Invitation from CHINCOLD to attend 13th Round Table and Technical Tour.

As part of Capacity Building and sharing of knowledge, CHINCOLD has invited members of the African Club to the 13th Workshop and Technical Tour 15-21 November 2020 in Guangzhou City, China.

It is expected that the candidates should have:

- Extensive work experience in the field related to dams and hydropower;
- High level of educational background;
- Capable of communicating fluently in English;
- Sufficient fund to cover his/her own international travel expense.

ICOLD 2021 Marseilles

The 89th ICOLD Annual Meeting & 27th Congress will be held in Marseilles, France early in June 2021.

Full details of the four Questions (Subjects) for Papers for the 27th Congress were published in a previous SANCOLD Newsletter. The questions titles are:-

Q 104 "Concrete Dam Design Innovation and Performance"

Q 105 "Incidents and Accidents concerning Dams"

Q 106 "Surveillance, Instrumentation, Monitoring and Data acquisition"

Q 107 "Dams and Climate Change"

There will also be a Symposium **"Sharing Water: Multi purposes of reservoirs and innovations"**.

The deadline for submitting abstracts to both events has already passed.

For full details please see

<https://cigb-icold2021.fr/en/>

- CHINCOLD covers the cost while in China.

The total number of African participants is limited to 12 based on the rule of "one country, one participant". To support the application, the candidate should prepare a short motivation (memo) in a few paragraphs indicating how the workshop would be beneficial to him/her, their community and their country as a whole.

You need to complete your application in the "Capacity Building" and "13th Round Table" section on the CHINCOLD website <http://www.chincold-smart.com/en/index>.

The deadline for application is 31st July 2020.

URGENT: Updating Membership

Please inform the SANCOLD Secretary of changes in your e-mail address or other contact details. Please note also that SANCOLD is updating its membership lists and will be deleting members with outstanding membership fees in terms of CI 6.8 of our Constitution. If in doubt, please contact the Secretary urgently.

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