

## **MINUTES OF THE INCA EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Place: Panama Canal Authority Offices

Date: November 30, 2004

Participants:

Ernesto Ortega – Argentine  
Edilberto Maurer – Brazil  
Paulo Coreixas – Brazil  
Carlos S. Ospina – Colombia  
Ambrósio Ramos – Panama  
Antonio Abrego – Panama  
Alcides Acosta Heyn – Paraguay  
Miguel Suazo – Peru  
Enrique Matheu – USA  
Arthur Walz – USA  
Herman Roo – Venezuela

1. Opening the meeting, the Chairman of the INCA Board, Mr. Edilberto Maurer, read the minutes of the last meeting held in Seoul, Korea, having stressed the fact that Canada, whose representative should be the next Chairman, since The Board will be chaired in turn by one of its members, in alphabetical order according to the English name of each country. Since the next meeting will take place during the 72<sup>nd</sup> ICOLD Annual Meeting in Tehran, Iran next May 2005, it is necessary that Canada announces the name of its representative in time, before the meeting.
2. Mr. Herman Roo proposed that the next Workshop be held in Bogota, Colombia dealing with CRC Dams and Appurtenant Works, possibly sometime from September to November 2005. Mr. Enrique Matheu might contribute to the organization of this Workshop suggesting dates and related topics to be chosen,
3. Panama is being invited to establish a National Committee to join ICOLD and also INCA. Mr. Paulo Coreixas will provide CBDB's Constitution and also will assist in structuring the new Committee. All other Committees are invited to send their Constitutions and also give their assistance. Mr. Cássio Viotti, ICOLD's President, who has stimulated the organization of new committees, will be informed about this matter and will certainly be of much assistance. Along this line, it was proposed that more countries be encouraged to form their own Committees. Thus the following countries should be contacted: Cuba, Equador, Nicaragua and San Salvador. Anybody who can help in this task, formation of new Committees, is more

than welcome to join us. The minutes of this meeting will be sent to all potential future members of ICOLD.

4. Delegates of the National Committees present at this meeting point out the absence of many delegations, which before had demonstrated great interest in attending the Workshop as well as this Executive Meeting. It has been interpreted that these absences are a consequence of the difficulties to face the costs to maintain a National Committee, aggravated when it is necessary to meet extra costs such as international trips. Therefore, INCA wants to call attention to similar situations, which can be repeated, throughout the world colluding against ICOLD own strategies. ICOLD was created as a forum for the interchange of experiences in dam engineering and with the objective to divulge the best practices for planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of large dams around the world. ICOLD is proud to have stimulated and collaborated in the development of the science of dam engineering and that the 82 member countries reach 84% of the world population. ICOLD income, which must be sustained and enlarged, would be in serious risk without some scheme of assistance to those member Committees facing great economic difficulties. The criteria to reach the annual fees of the various National Committees, do not take into account their economic situation, which is aggravated by the conversion of the currency to Euros. To continue with these criteria might lead to the weakening of ICOLD, since many countries will no longer pay for their quotas and will be excluded. The poor members should be supported by ICOLD in order to face the radical positions of the organizations against dams. This can only be if these countries stay as members of ICOLD and do not feel compelled to migrate. Thus, it can be concluded that the distribution of ICOLD expenses should be revised, contemplating a polynomial formula integrated with factors which include, for instance, the number of dams under construction and the payment capacity of their members (for example the number of corporate members or of company founders). INCA proposes the discussion of this topic in the next Executive Meeting in Tehran.
5. It was also requested that INCA's home page be hosted by ICOLD. Again, Mr. Cássio Viotti will be informed.
6. In accordance with Mr. Enrique Matheu's suggestion, see below a short directory of all the INCA members and the participants of this meeting.
7. In conclusion, the Chairman has thanked all Directors, Managers and workers of the PCA who turned possible the happening of this INCA Workshop and let it stand out that the success of this event would not be possible without the support of the Panama Canal Authority.

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## PAPERS PRESENTED IN THIS WORKSHOP

1. Estudios Relacionados com la Submergencia de las Unidades de la Central Hidroeléctrica de Guri, em Venezuela

— Arturo Marcano – Depto. De Hidráulica, CVG – Edelca

2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Guidelines for Design and Evaluations of Dams - Embankment Dams.

— Michael K. Sharp

— Enrique Matheu

3. Legislación y Directivas para el Control de Diseños, Construcción y Operación de Presas en el Perú

— Miguel Suazo

4. Reglas de Operación de Embalse – Itaipú Binacional

— Rubens Almirón

5. Some Risk Reduction – Programs of the Panama Canal

— Maximiliano de Puy

5.1 Control de Diseño, Construcción e Seguridad de Presas en Panamá

— Claudia Condonedo

6. Institutional Aspects within the Field of Design, Construction and Operation of Dams in Brazil.

— Edilberto Maurer

— Paulo Coreixas

7. Situacion Argentina en el Sector Eléctrico

— Ernesto Ortega

8. Legislation for Dam Safety Programs in the United States

— Arthur Walz