

## **Minutes of the INCA Executive Meeting**

PLACE: Convention Center, Posadas, Argentina  
Date: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2006

### **1. WELCOMING**

Guillermo Noguera, chairman of ICOLD Chile, and also Chairman of INCA, welcomed all participants.

He regretted that engineer Mr Juan Pierre Tournier, Canada's representative, had sent an excuse for not attending. In his email he suggested that INCA should be handled by the Panama Canal Organization, with head quarters in Fortuna, Panama City

### **2. INCA MISSION**

The INCA mission is described in its By-laws. The problems that have arisen are related to the chairmanship which is for one year but can be extended for a second year but in practice it has turned out to be three years! however a longer period could be beneficial in accomplishing programmes. For a variety of reasons countries which should have assumed the chairmanship, have excused themselves.

### **3. INCA'S SECRETARY'S OFFICE**

Some Delegates proposed that the INCA secretary's Office should be in Brasil that is the geographical Center of latinamerica. This proposal was not acceptable to the U.S. and Canada. Venezuela pointed out the advantages of having the office of the secretary in the country of the chairman.

Panama, which has yet to become a full member of the INCA mission agreed with Venezuela that the secretary's Office should go along with the chairmanship.

There was a proposal to ask Paraguay's point of view on this matter.

Finally Brasil recommended maintaining the present position and to discuss the matter in Saint Petersburg and together with Paraguay, make an estimate of the cost that would be involved.

It was agreed that Panama could also evaluate the cost and, if this proved to accord to the proposal with that of Brasil - Paraguay, then the outcome might sway Canada's and the U.S.'s objection preference.

It was suggested that INCA's Chairman with America's ICOLD Vicepresident discuss the matter with Canada and U.S.'s Chairman and decide the best way forward.

With regard to the Secretary's Office the following was agreed:

- INCA member countries review the by laws so as to discuss them in Saint Petersburg.
- Brasil suggests that countries study some participative ideas in order to increase INCA 's authority.
- Argentine suggest that all country members present their experience and problems to the annual workshop. The need of hydroelectric power plants should be encouraged in latin america.

#### **4. INCA FEES**

This subject is postponed until Saint Petersburg

#### **5. INCA WEB PAGE**

Engineer Enrique Matheu, absent on this ocasión, agreed to inquire the possibility of incorporating the INCA Web page to the ICOLD Web page. This possibility will be discussed in Saint Petersburg.

#### **6. SAINT PETERSBERG INCA AGENDA**

The Agenda for Saint Petersburg should be distributed ahead of the ICOLD annual meeting.

#### **7. CLOSURE**

In conclusion the Chairman thanked all Delegates and Argentina INCA representatives who made possible the INCA meeting in Posadas.

Guillermo Noguera L.  
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### **Papers Presented in this Workshop**

1. Tarapacá Earthquake and Caritaya Dam Performance.  
Guillermo Noguera – EDIC Ingenieros Ltda.
2. Tailings Dam Closure and Abandonment legislation in Chile  
Raúl Feliú Castillo – REG Ingenieros
3. Hydroelectric Developments in Aysen Chile.  
Juan Luis Orellana - ENDESA
4. Concrete Face Rockfill Dams  
Oscar E. Navarro and presented by Ernesto Ortega, Argentina's ICOLD  
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