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Iranian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage Working Group on “Irrigated Agriculture Under Drought and Water Scarcity, IADWS”

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Preamble

WG-IADWS members are experiencing their seven years active participation towards the fulfillment of mandate of their Working Group. During these seven years several reports and papers were presented at the meetings and organized workshops. A General Questionnaire, a few News Letters and Bibliography of relevant papers published in the time frame of last 10 years also provided and distributed among members. These documents supported by lively discussion and deliberation throughout these seven consecutive meetings held every year from 1998 to 2004. Now it is the time for the Working Group to summarize the WG outputs in order to be able to prepare a base knowledge concerning the relevant issues of Irrigated Agriculture in the Arid Region where they are also under severe drought phenomena from time to time. This endeavor will be WG-IADWS work plan for the next 2 years.

Secretary General visits IRNCID

Secretary General M. Gopalakrishna who was in Tehran, I.R. Iran in May 2005 held discussions on

various ICID matters with Dr R. Ardakanian. Chairman: Mr. S. A. Assadolahi. Secretary General and other members of Iranian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage(IRNCID).

In the meeting with the office bearers of IRNCID, matters of mutual interest of ICID and IRNCID were discussed. The Secretary General said: IRNCID is one of the key players in our Work Bodies: by its representation in 15 Working Group. IRNCID is broad based with 1950 members belonging to different disciplines and interests. It addresses regional issues through a net of Regional Sub-Committees 8 in number. There are sizeable papers about 27, for Beijing Congress from Iran

IADWS News

The Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee of WG-IADWS held its meeting at IRNCID in Tehran on 13 May 2005 and the following decisions were made to follow up:

- 1) WG-IADWS appreciates if China and USA as well as the other member countries complete and send their Questionnaires so

that we can compile them and have better results.

- 2) Dr. S. Nairizi Chairman will contacts Sub-Theme 1 to 5 to follow up the timeframe for rounding up the IADWS activities by writing letter to the representatives of Australia, India, South Africa, England and Egypt.
- 3) WG-IADWS will propose half-day workshop during the Beijing meeting for presentation of the summarized report of WG editorial panel in Malaysia 2005

WG-IADWS Chairman visits the Central Office

WG—IADWS Chairman, Dr. S. Nairizi visited Central Office in March 2005 during his participation in G-WADI meeting organized by UNESCO in Roorkee India. He discussed several matters concerning the present and future activities of WG-IADWS and some issues related to IRNCID. He also presented a paper concerning Drought Management Strategies at National Water Commission in Delhi which was welcomed by the audience.

Drainage Water Reuse Workshop

A Joint Workshop on Drainage Water Reuse Experience in Turkmenistan and I.R. Iran will be held in Iran in Autumn 2005 by WG-IADWS steering committee, said Dr. S. Nairizi while attending in the relevant meeting held in Mashhad. Iran. The experts of Turkmenistan as well as IWMI representation in Iran are invited to participate in

this workshop. Further news of this workshop shall be informed later.

Introduction of a Website

Ministry of Jihad-e- Agriculture, National Committee of Agricultural; Aridity & Drought NCAAD which was established in 2001, has started its English update website.

<http://www.ireadm.com>

The aim of this website is based on IT relevant to the Agricultural Aridity & Drought Mitigation. The elected executive is Software Company of the Designers House.

For further information refer to the above website please.

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