

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 13, 2017

Dear Members of EUCOLD,

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great honor and privilege for me to have been elected by the European national committees of ICOLD as your President for the 3-year term from 2017 to 2019. The election took place during the last 84th ICOLD meeting, in Johannesburg, South Africa, May 17, 2016. It is a great challenge for which I shall devote all my energy and enthusiasm.

As new President, I shall express my news in the EurCOLD website, because I have the feeling that is the simplest channel for giving information to any member of our national committees in Europe. It shall be my channel of communication during my mandate and I have asked the General Secretary to send a short note by email alerting of any updates on the website.

In 1993, as secretary of the French Committee on Large Dams (CFBR), I was in charge to organizing the first European Symposium of ICOLD. The objectives of this regional meeting were different from those of ICOLD meetings: they were mainly focused on young engineers:

1. Give the floor to young dam engineers in the European symposium, thanks to their cheap fees;
2. Share our solutions to problems coming from similar contexts of geology, climate and culture in Europe;
3. Develop joint Research & Development on dam safety and new technologies through European working Group at a time where the dam construction rate was decreasing.

Since that time, I have pursued these objectives and shall do during these three years. For instance:

1. I am organizing with the Organizing Committee the next ICOLD meeting in Prague an evening devoted to the EurCOLD members.
2. We shall receive proposals to vote in Prague the location of the 11th European Symposium to be held in 2019. In Antalya GCOLD has so far expressed its interest to host it in Crete. Ireland has expressed its interest to host as well, and there is room for more proposals (the deadline will be clearly stated in the “pre-agenda” of Prague, which will be released by late spring).
3. I shall suggest to planning some courses for young engineers and PhD students, based on lectures from the well-known experts of ICOLD.
4. I would like to launch some visits of dams under construction for young engineers;
5. I shall trigger the start of new European Working Groups: concrete, economics.

Moreover, I would like to acknowledge the work of my predecessor, Guido Mazza (in the center of Figure 1 second row with a brown blazer, his report is in Document 1), his permanent concerns about dams and his friendship which have impressed me since I met him.

With the support of Michel Lino, the vice-president of ICOLD for Europe, I would like to go on his task and dispatch the Manifesto on Dams and Reservoir through the European Commission, to raise its awareness and its support of the role of reservoirs and dams.



Figure 1: The 2016 meeting of the board of the European club of ICOLD

I invite you to read the report of President Mazza (Document 1) and the report of Vice-President Michel Lino on the last European Symposium in Antalya (Document 2), to save the dates of the EWG meetings and future events (Documents 3 to 5). In the meantime, do not hesitate to write to any one of the Board members of the European Club of ICOLD, if you wish to participate to its activities: you are welcome!

REPORTS & EVENTS

2014-2016	The report of President MAZZA	Doc. 1
October 2016	The 10 th European Symposium in Antalya by Vice-President of ICOLD for Europe Michel LINO	Doc. 2
February 6-7 2017	The EWG “Dams and Seisms” in Roma Italy	Doc.3
July 3-7 2017	The 85 th annual ICOLD meeting in Prague Czech Republic	See ICOLD
September 4-7 2017	27 th annual meeting of EWG “Internal erosion” in Delft, NL	Doc. 4
September 19-22 2017	TKZ XVII° Dam Monitoring International conference in Poland	Doc. 5