



ICOLD European Club
Letter from the President (31st January 2020)

Dear members of EURCOLD, dear colleagues,

I hope that this year 2020 has started well to all of you.

I would like to share some information about the main activities of EURCOLD during the last term of 2019.

The main issue was the **11th EURCOLD Symposium** that was held in Chania (Crete), in October 2019. This is the most important venue of EURCOLD. It has more than 200 attendees from 29 countries. The main theme was “*The future of dams in Europe: Prospects and challenges in a changing environment*”. It was developed in 4 sessions during 2 days, with 51 peer-reviewed presentations and 12 introductory presentations and keynote lectures. Please find enclosed detailed report by Dr. George Dounias.

One more time, I would like to thank the Greek National Committee for his warm hosting and excellent organization.

In October, it was also held **6th Dams and Territory workshop**. This visionary initiative has being carried out by ITCOLD with the aim to have a better understanding of the stakeholders’ vision of the role of dams. EURCOLD has been involved in this event with the idea of promoting this initiative in other countries. Please find enclosed a press release by ITCOLD with details about the event.

Finally, regarding the **Hydropower-Europe project**, the first draft of the Research and Innovation Agenda (RIA) and the Strategy Industry Roadmap (SIR), is under development following the completion of the first consultation round (with expert meetings, regional workshops and online platform). The Consultation Experts Panel will be in charge to prioritizing the needs and the R&I actions on the 25 and 26th of March. Based on this prioritization, a second draft of the RIA and of the SIR will be submitted to a new round of consultation in September 2020 and you are all invited to participate in order to improve these strategic documents for the dam sector. You can find further information on the project website: <https://hydropower-europe.eu/>

Looking forward to meet you in New Delhi,

Jean-Jacques Fry