



LETTER FROM THE
PRESIDENT 05/2023



Dear Members of the EURCOLD Board, dear colleagues

I hope this letter finds you all well.

The 23rd ICOLD Annual Meeting is approaching and we will have the opportunity to meet for the Board Meeting on the 11th of June. This will be our first in person meeting in 2023 and we can share our views and targets as the role of dams is continually becoming more crucial, considering their important role for the energy transition and the impacts imposed by drought and the recent severe flash floods in several southern European countries.

ICOLD European Club Board Meeting, 11th of June, 91st ICOLD Annual Meeting

The Board meeting in Gothenburg will take place in approximately three weeks' time and ICOLD European Club Secretary General, Alfredo Granados, has sent you the draft Agenda requesting for your comments and contributions. The final Agenda will be sent to you after we have received all comments by the 26th of May.

ICOLD European Club Network Event on Monday the 12th of June at Melody Club

This year, the ICOLD European Club social event is taking place on Monday the 12th of June, at Melody Club which is 10 minutes' walk from the Annual Meeting Venue, from 19:00 to 22:30.

We are inviting all ICOLD European Club member country delegates and accompanying persons to join us for a buffet dinner and drinks to strengthen our friendship and bonds.

The event is organized with the collaboration of SwedCOLD and the support of Svenska kraftnät. More information can be found here: <https://icold-cigb2023.se/program/special-events/> Please note that you have to pre-register to join this event at the following link: <https://www.trippus.se/web/registration/Registration.aspx?view=registration&idcategory=AB01LBC9diX2GzkUB3N9GkDeDMjYND3ZU3zXJHlLjsZxZuLjKc4MSy1pIwUfnTuDlfuVAQy5fRFG&ln=eng>

We encourage you to share this event with your National Committee Members and we are looking forward to seeing you all there!

ETIP Hydropower

Climate change impact and the energy crisis in Europe reveal the importance of water storage for predictable hydropower, to ensure supply safety in summer droughts and blackouts in future winters. For the promotion of future deployment of sustainable water uses and hydropower in Europe, the existing voices have to be unified.

ETIP HYDROPOWER is now preparing this process and **your opinion on the potential Terms of Reference for ETIP HYDROPOWER** is highly welcome. If you could **encourage the members of your national committee, before the 31st of May 2023** to:

- register to the ETIP Platform <https://hydro-consultation.eu/participant-area/>
- answer the questionnaire on the potential Terms of Reference



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- agree to be a member of the ETIP Hydropower
- suggest the working groups they need (for instance, *working groups on dams, dam safety, ecological continuity, society awareness, etc.*)
- join the general assembly (visio-conference) on the 27th of June 2023,

you will give a strong and unified voice to the European Dam sector.

The 12th ICOLD European Club Symposium, Interlaken, Switzerland, 5-8 September

The 12th ICOLD European Club Symposium <https://ecsymposium2023.ch/en/>, will take place in Interlaken, Switzerland, this September, and it is an opportunity for the European members, to focus and discuss on the role of dams and the challenges that arise to adopt effectively to all changes imposed by the energy crisis, climate induced impacts and legislative alterations, following the themes of the Symposium.

This event will also provide us with the opportunity of a second Board Meeting within the same year, on Tuesday the 5th of September, to discuss additional issues and in more detail.

SwissCOD is excellently committed to the organization of the Symposium, providing also several workshops (<https://ecsymposium2023.ch/en/workshops/>) and a unique opportunity for a technical visit to Spitalamm Dam construction site (<https://ecsymposium2023.ch/en/visits-and-technical-tours/>). Furthermore, it is important to mention that it has actively involved SwissCOD Young Professionals in multiple organizing procedures.

Strong representation, from all member countries and sectors in dam engineering, by participating in the EurCOLD Symposium, is highly important for the advancement and to strengthen the collaboration of the European dam community.

European Dam Legislation Report Updates

The EWG on Dam Legislation, is under an ongoing updating process by the ICOLD European National Committees. If there are any updates of your National Dam Legislation that need to be incorporated, please inform ITCOLD President G.Ruggeri, to introduce them into the Report.

Upcoming events of the EWG

The 12th ICOLD European Club Symposium already has announced meetings organized by the EWG: <https://ecsymposium2023.ch/en/working-groups/>

Additionally, this July, the 29th Meeting of the European Working Group on Internal Erosion (July 2nd to 5th) and 4th Meeting of the European Working Group on Overflow and Overtopping Erosion (July 5th to 7th) (<https://ewg-ie-ooe-2023.sciencesconf.org/>) will take place in Ecole Centrale de Lyon, to sharing novel ideas and recent advances in these important topics.



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Request from the JRC

We had a request from the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the EC, to assist them in collecting costs data (ie €/m³) for the mechanical dredging of sediments. This data will be used to prepare a Soil Health Law. Please consider either providing any available information or suggesting an organization/operator that may have relevant data. Please bear in mind that this is also short notice as for by the end of May.

Request for a broader representation at Technical Committee F

We have received from the **TC F “ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES WITH THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS”** Chair, Johanne Bibeau, a request to contribute to their attempt to broaden representation regionally, on each discipline expertise and the addressing of cross-cutting issues (appended information). The appended information is for all Board Members to consider their interest for participation and national representation or any other suggestion they may have on the issues TC F raises.

I am looking forward to meeting you all soon, in Gothenburg and Interlaken.

With my best regards,

Sera Lazaridou
President of the ICOLD European Club