



SANCOLD

# SANCOLD News

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## ICOLD President and Secretary-General to attend the SANCOLD Conference 2014

The ICOLD President and Secretary-General will be coming to South Africa in early November, primarily to hold discussions about ICOLD 2016. They will also be attending SANCOLD 2014 and will deliver keynote addresses.



*L to R: ICOLD Secretary-General Michel De Vivo and ICOLD President Adama Nambre*

## SANCOLD Conference 2014

The arrangements for the SANCOLD Conference 2014 are far advanced and it promises to be a most interesting Event. I have just received notification from SAICE that the Conference will earn **3 CPD credits**. We have 52 interesting papers which have been peer-reviewed to ensure quality.

Major highlights will be:

- International dam engineering presented by the ICOLD President and Secretary-General;
- Kariba Dam: Problems and remedial measures by the Zambezi River Authority;
- Update on the Lesotho Highlands Water Project (Phase II);
- Lessons learned from the RCC Metolong Dam;
- Updated technology of RCC Dams;
- New approaches in the application of geotextiles in embankment dams.

Registrations are coming in steadily so the Conference will be well attended. We have 135 registrants to date. We have decided to extend the Registration Closing Date to **31 October** and you are encouraged to send in your registration form as soon as possible to ensure your place at this special SANCOLD Conference. Details are on the SANCOLD website.

## SANCOLD AGM

The SANCOLD Annual General Meeting will be held at **17:15 on Wednesday 5 November 2014** at the Birchwood Conference Centre, Johannesburg.

## SANCOLD Management Committee Elections

The electoral process for two vacancies on the Management Committee will be held in October/November. Nomination forms to be sent out soon.

## SANCOLD Scholarship (2015-2016)

The SANCOLD Scholarship for post-graduate studies in dam engineering has been advertised. Refer to the SANCOLD website or contact the SANCOLD Secretary. Value: R70 000 pa.

## SANCOLD Young Engineers' Forum

The Chairperson **Motebele Moshodi** reports that the SANCOLD Young Engineers' Forum now has 50 members. An interesting YEF meeting and social is being planned at the forthcoming SANCOLD 2014 Conference.

## ICOLD Technical Committees and SANCOLD Working Groups

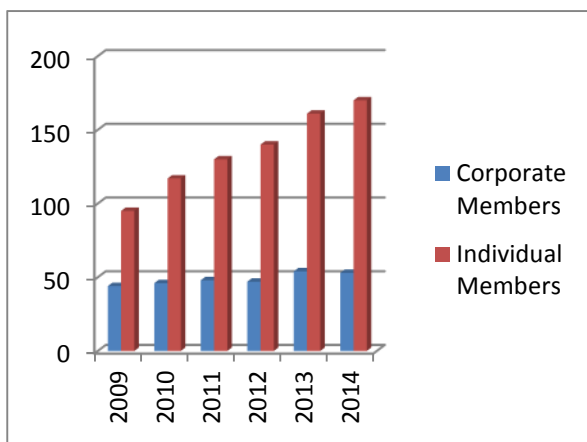
SANCOLD is now represented on 14 ICOLD Committees. SANCOLD Working Groups have also been formed for these Committees. If anyone is interested in participating in a Working Group, please contact the SANCOLD Secretary.

## SANCOLD Membership

SANCOLD has two membership classes namely:

- Corporate Membership;
- Individual Membership.

SANCOLD was restructured in September 2008 and a membership recruitment drive started shortly thereafter. The growth in the two membership categories over the years is depicted graphically below. The growth in Corporate Membership has been rather slow. Individual membership has grown very well at a compound rate of about 15% per annum. I hope that the ECSA initiative discussed above will add further impetus to this increase.



**SANCOLD Membership from 2009 to 2014**

## ICOLD 2016 News

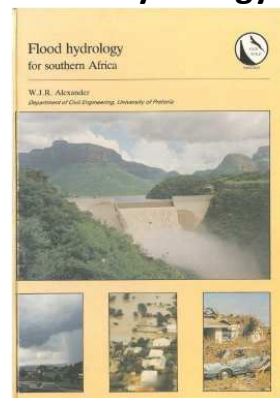
The Event is the 84th ICOLD Annual Meeting, known shortly as ICOLD 2016. It is to be held at Sandton, Johannesburg from 15 to 20 May 2016. Pre- and Post-meeting Study Tours with a maximum duration of a week are also arranged to dams in South Africa and neighbouring countries. We expect about 1 200 delegates from the 97 ICOLD Countries.

The SANCOLD Management Committee has undertaken the following actions since the last report in December 2013:

- A Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Water Affairs has been concluded in connection with the grant funding from the State;
- Event Dynamics has been appointed as the Professional Conference Organiser (PCO);
- The SANCOLD website has been updated to contain detail about the event;
- The SANCOLD Local Organising Committee has been appointed and has held several meetings.

If you are interested in participating in the organisation of ICOLD 2016, please submit your name to the SANCOLD Secretary.

## SANCOLD Flood Hydrology Handbook



The SANCOLD Flood Hydrology Handbook (1990) by WJR Alexander is out of print, but is still used by practitioners. The revision of the SANCOLD Guideline on Floods will eventually replace the 1990 Flood Hydrology Handbook. In order to meet the demand for the publication, it has been scanned and is available in electronic format. The publication is 472 pages long and the cost of the electronic version for members is R150.00. Contact the SANCOLD Treasurer for orders at [treasurer@sancold.org.za](mailto:treasurer@sancold.org.za)

### **SANCOLD Website**

Extensive changes have been made to the SANCOLD website in respect of the pages on:

- ICOLD 2016 Annual Meeting
- SANCOLD Conference 2014
- Membership
- Publications
- Constitution
- Archives
- Scholarship

### **CPD Credits for ICOLD Events**

Various queries have been received from SANCOLD Members regarding CPD accreditation for ICOLD Events. Enquiries were made via SAICE and the following feedback was received:

*“Any event outside of the country does not require a SAICE or other VA validation number. The delegate simply provides one of the following as proof of attendance/participation to claim the CPD points;*

1. *Certificate of attendance.*
2. *Proof of registration and payment for attendance.*

*Unfortunately this would require a manual submission of the ECSA forms as it cannot be picked up on the ECSA website. The candidate will only have to provide evidence if they are selected for audit by ECSA so I would suggest they keep the paperwork on file in case.*

*1 CPD = 8-10 hours (full day)”*

Please keep this information for future use.

### **Membership Contact Details**

Please inform the SANCOLD Secretary of changes in your e-mail address or other contact details.

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### **SANCOLD and ECSA**

ECSA is an important entity for many dam engineers as the regulatory body for Professional Engineers. ECSA also has a Committee which screens Approved Professional Persons in terms of the dam safety regulations.

ECSA has provision for **Voluntary Associations** in different categories. One of the benefits of recognition is that registered members of a Recognised Voluntary Association (Categories A and B only) enjoy partial exemption from payment of their ECSA annual fees. This partial exemption of fees is substantial and applies to both Candidate and Registered Professional Engineers. In addition ECSA also provides CPD points to such registered persons who are members of SANCOLD. Your SANCOLD Membership Certificate will become an important document in this regard! SANCOLD has applied and approval is expected soon.



### **Free ICOLD Publications for SANCOLD Members**



ICOLD took a decision in 2009 regarding easier (and cheaper) dissemination of its publications. This will be done via the revamped ICOLD website ([www.icold-cigb.net](http://www.icold-cigb.net)). A password has been issued to each National Committee which allows access to the Members' Section on the website and also for free downloading of ICOLD Bulletins (reports). Any SANCOLD member who requires this access must apply to the SANCOLD Secretary for the password.