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ICOLD KNOWLEDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOCIETY

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ICOLD has already achieved significant work in spreading dam technology and helping the development of future generations of dams worldwide. As dams are still important worldwide with millions of people living just a kilometre to the north, they have had a great impact and have not faded away in other areas not so fortunate.

We believe that there has to be special care in improving the development of the dam industry through regular operation and hydroelectricity. In many circumstances, dams cannot be allowed to be built. Taking into account their multiple nature in providing environmental services, the management of ICOLD, one of them is the attention of new member countries in the European and Latin America ICOLD membership. It is important that we can spread the dam industry countries will apply the knowledge in the Dam Safety Executive Working.

Another area is related to the presence of dam and dam safety records in dam databases, either through ICOLD or internet.

Moreover, the members of the technical bodies have often language besides the official English and French. In some countries, these bodies have been organized into Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese. We are working to have committees into Russian and India. Moreover, we have the technical standard from other languages, we will be working to have large proportion of the population of the world. In a meeting with representatives of other member countries on improving dam safety, that is, to get the relevant contribution of several experienced engineers. ICOLD could help the organization of "The Dam Safety Executive Working" that would provide work the situation of high level, as far as possible, related to the safety of dams.

You have not been too important to contribute to capacity building in the developing countries.

I have visited to several people and countries about creating a school in Brazil to have several dams, regular. Brazil could be an ideal location because there is enough knowledge to be transferred and the cost of being in charge. Many National Committees of ICOLD have been organized in parallel meetings, regular. Some of them have already resulted in agreement of ICOLD with the Turkish Committee (TICOLD) and the Chinese one (CICOLD) in terms of work in Chengde, China. Implementing different actions will certainly make ICOLD make a significant contribution to the well being of the world and because in some areas even more world there is a necessity.

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