SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT: REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)

The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), established in 1950 is a leading scientific, technical, international not-for-profit professional organization with members in 78 countries. The professional network consists of experts from across the world in the field of irrigation, drainage, flood management, and a wide spectrum of agriculture water management. The main mission is to promote ‘Sustainable agriculture water management’ to achieve ‘Water secure world free of poverty and hunger through sustainable rural development’. ICID is a knowledge sharing platform dedicated to issues that covers the entire spectrum of agricultural water management practices ranging from rainfed agriculture to supplemental irrigation, land drainage, deficit irrigation to full irrigation, etc. In addition, drainage of agricultural lands forms the core theme of commission’s activities. Floods and drought; the two extremes of increasingly variable climate as a result of potential climate change, also form the focus of activities.

Mission
To work towards sustainable agricultural water management through inter-disciplinary approaches to economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound irrigation, drainage and flood management.

Vision
Water secure World, free of poverty and hunger achieved through sustainable rural development
**About Irrigation Australia**

**Irrigation Australia Ltd**

Irrigation Australia (IAL) was founded in 2007, following the merger of ANCID and Irrigation Association of Australia. It is Australia’s peak national organisation representing the Australian irrigation industry in all sectors from water users, consultants, designers and installers through to educational institutions, government, manufacturers and retailers. IAL is also the Australian representative body of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID). Irrigation Australia is a member based, not-for-profit, organisation with its national office in Brisbane, Australia.

**Vision**

To lead the Australian irrigation industry.

**Mission**

As the national representative body of the Australian irrigation industry, Irrigation Australia will:

- Provide value and service for its members
- Be the prime source of irrigation-related knowledge for all stakeholders
- Support economic sustainability in Australia by providing professional development for the irrigation industry


Irrigation Australia is a registered training organisation (RTO 91313) providing the industry with nationally accredited training and qualifications. Irrigation Australia is committed to improving industry standards by working closely with federal, state and local government as well as other stakeholders to improve water efficiency and increase land productivity.
It is my great honour to announce that the 24th ICID International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage with the Theme: “Innovation and research in agricultural water management to achieve sustainable development goals” together with the 71st International Executive Council Meeting (IEC) will be organized from 22nd to 28th September 2020 at the International Convention Centre in Sydney, Australia. This is ICID’s flagship event and on behalf of ICID, I would like to extend my warm invitation to ICID members and all other stakeholders all over the world to attend this global event in Australia.

Australia joined ICID in 1952, and has since been actively associated with ICID activities at national as well as international level. The Australian National Committee (IACID) hosted the 10th IEC at Canberra in 1959, the 34th IEC at Melbourne in 1983; the 5th Afro-Asian Regional Conference at Townsville in 1985; the 4th international micro irrigation congress in Albury-Wodonga in 1988; the 2nd Asian Regional Conference at Echuca/Moama in 2004 and the 63rd IEC and 7th Asian Regional Conference at Adelaide in 2012. I am convinced that the 24th ICID International Congress will be an experience of a lifetime as I experienced at Irrigation Australia’s biennial conference and exhibition in Sydney, Australia in 2018.

Sydney, capital of New South Wales, is Australia’s largest city and one of the world’s loved cities with a lively and vibrant buzz that makes it the ultimate destination throughout the year. The city is amongst the top fifteen most-visited cities in the world and it is best known for its harbour front Sydney Opera House, with a distinctive sail-like design. Massive Darling Harbour, right in front of the Convention centre and the smaller Circular Quay port are hubs of waterside life, with the arched Harbour Bridge and esteemed Royal Botanic Garden nearby. There are always plenty of things to do in Sydney— from world-class dining, shows and entertainment, to sightseeing and great walks or fun in the sand at one of Sydney’s idyllic beaches.

I am sure Irrigation Australia and the ICID Australian National Committee (IACID) will not leave any stone unturned for the success of the 71st IEC Meeting & 24th ICID Congress and Irrigation Australia’s National Conference to ensure learning and present hospitality at its best, leading to a memorable experience. The IACID will be devising very interesting programmes for the accompanying persons as well as study tours for the participants including places of historic importance.

I extend a cordial invitation to all the prospective delegates for the 71st IEC Meeting & 24th ICID Congress and Irrigation Australia National Conference & Exhibition in Sydney, Australia.

I am looking forward to meeting you there.

Eng. Felix B Reinders
President | International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR

On behalf of the City of Sydney, I’m pleased to officially welcome delegates of the 24th International Congress and the 71st Executive Council Meeting of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage 2020 to our beautiful harbourside city.

Sydney is renowned for its natural beauty and for the many pursuits available to visitors and residents alike. Its magnificent harbour and coastal setting, cultural life, plentiful shopping, restaurants, cafes, fresh food and friendly people make Sydney a memorable destination. Sydney is equipped with the facilities and services needed to ensure the most successful and enjoyable of conferences and holidays.

Sydney is also increasingly acknowledged as a city leading the way in environmental initiatives and sustainability, including in water re-use and floodplain management. The City of Sydney is Australia’s first carbon-neutral council and our vision for the future, Sustainable Sydney 2030, sets out an ambitious program that will ensure we remain one of the world’s top destinations. Our water re-use project at Sydney Park has been honoured with leading industry prizes. To address hazardous flooding in Green Square, we have formed an alliance with Sydney Water to build a 3km stormwater drain from Epsom Road in Zetland to the Alexandria Canal that will carry floodwaters from South Sydney into Botany Bay.

As well as being the host city for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2000, Sydney has hosted numerous major events in recent years, including the APEC Summit in 2007, World Youth Day in 2008, Rotary International Convention in 2014, ICC Cricket World Cup and AFC Asian Cup Final in 2015.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sydney in September 2020, and we hope you have a wonderful stay in our city.

Yours sincerely,

Clover Moore

Lord Mayor of Sydney
A Message from Irrigation Australia

On behalf of Irrigation Australia and the ICID Australian National Committee (IACID) we extend a warm invitation to you to participate in the 71st IEC Meeting & 24th ICID Congress and Irrigation Australia National Conference & Exhibition to be held in Sydney, Australia from 22 to 28 September 2020.

The Australian irrigation industry is delighted to have the opportunity to host this event and showcase our irrigated agricultural industry to the world. To add value to your participation in the International Congress, we have combined it with our biennial Irrigation Australia Conference and Exhibition, the biggest irrigation event in the southern hemisphere. ICID delegates will be able to attend the local conference sessions and our large international exhibition in addition to the comprehensive ICID program.

The theme for the 24th ICID Congress is 'Innovation and research in agricultural water management to achieve sustainable development goals'.

Australia is the driest continent on earth and the efficient use of water is at the forefront of our objectives and strategies to expand our domestic production of food production and to maintain our reputation as an exporter of high quality foods to a growing world population.

The event will be hosted in Sydney, which is Australia’s largest city and home to a vibrant culture of arts, culture and great food. It is renowned for its scenic beauty and fantastic places to visit, including the iconic Sydney Opera House, which is a UNESCO world heritage site, and the Sydney Harbour Bridge, both of which feature prominently on our 2020 conference logo.

The organising committee will be arranging a selection of interesting and informative study tours and further detail on these will be released in 2019. Registrations and an invitation to submit abstracts will open in 2019 but you are welcome to register your interest now to ensure you receive further information to keep you up to date with what will be an exciting and important event on the international irrigation calendar.

It is a great privilege to be awarded the opportunity to host the International Congress, which is being held in southern hemisphere for the first time since its inception in 1951. We hope that you plan well ahead to attend this event and take the opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances, make new friendships and enjoy some ‘true blue’ Australian hospitality.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us via the links on this website.

We look forward to seeing you in 2020 in Sydney.
Irrigation Australia’s Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (IACID)

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It’s a way of showing respect to the people who have lived in Australia for 50,000 years. Aboriginal Australians are one of the oldest living populations in the world.

**THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT INDIGENOUS CULTURES**

Australia has two Indigenous peoples. They are Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people. Aboriginal Peoples inhabited the whole of Australia, and Torres Strait Islanders lived in the islands between Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Once there were over 500 different Aboriginal Nations – so there’s no single ‘Aboriginal culture,’ there are many.

Their cultures do have some common themes, though, such as the Dreaming and a deep connection to the land.

**THEY ALSO HAVE MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGES**

It’s estimated that there were around 250 different languages spoken in Australia before the British arrived in 1788.

The National Indigenous Languages Survey Report 2005 found that only about 145 Indigenous languages are still spoken and that many of those were also in danger of disappearing.

In 2016 the Australian National Dictionary listed around 500 words which were in common usage coming from 100 different Aboriginal languages. Many of them are the names of plants, animals and places, so you probably already know a few like:

- Kangaroo
- Wallaby
- Canberra (which means meeting place)

**THEIR SPIRITUALITY IS HIGHLY COMPLEX**

The Dreaming or, the Dreamtime, is a similarity that runs through different Indigenous belief systems and is a concept that is often not easily understood by non-Indigenous people. The phrases Dreaming and The Dreamtime are English translations that don’t capture the true meaning.

There is no afterlife in Indigenous Australian religions, no heaven or hell, which sets them apart from many other world religions. The Dreaming is the source of life philosophy and morality and while it’s intertwined with Indigenous stories of creation, is also a constant state where both the past and the present exist together. In attempting to explain the Dreaming, anthropologist W.E.H. Stanner used the term ‘everywhen’.

**THERE ARE MANY PLACES YOU CAN VISIT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT INDIGENOUS CULTURE.**

There are still many places in Australia where you can get in touch with Indigenous culture.

Probably the most well-known place is Uluru also known as Ayers Rock. The ancient monolith is sacred to the Yankunytjatjara and Pitjantjatjara people. It’s visited by thousands of people every year. We recommend one of the beautiful walking tours you can take around Uluru.

The Flinders Ranges in South Australia have ancient rock paintings that are accessible to the public, as does Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park in NSW and The Grampians National Park in Victoria.

To learn more about Indigenous Australians culture and history, we also highly recommend The Australian Museum’s website.

brief overview

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES AND AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA

Australia is a country of striking landscapes, a rich ancient culture and one of the world’s strongest economies. It is the sixth-largest country in land area and is the only nation to govern an entire continent.

With a spectacular natural environment, high quality of life and great diversity, Australia is a sought after destination for international tourists. It has 10 per cent of the world’s biodiversity and a great number of its native plants and animals exist nowhere else on earth.

Many national parks and protected areas of natural bushland surround the city and the beautiful Blue Mountains are a short journey to the west. Perhaps the most famous of Sydney’s landmarks is the spectacular Sydney Opera House with its graceful ‘sails’. The Opera House has become Sydney’s cultural centre, offering opera, ballet, drama and film. The historic ‘Rocks’ area, site of the original white settlement, is nearby, and this part of the harbour foreshore is a hub of activity for both local residents and visitors.

NEW SOUTH WALES

New South Wales is Australia’s most diverse State, home to the country’s largest and most cosmopolitan city, Sydney. There are five World Heritage sites to explore including the famous Sydney Opera House. The State has a string of accessible, sparkling beaches stretching from north to south, a vast, colourful outback, Australia’s highest mountain offering every type of snow sport, and meandering waterways.

SYDNEY

Sydney, Australia’s gateway city and the capital of New South Wales is built around one of the largest, most beautiful harbours in the world and along miles of golden surfing beaches which stretch north and south of the city on the shore of the Pacific Ocean. The beaches and harbour play a major role in the leisure and sporting lives of Sydneysiders – yachting; surfing; sailboarding; swimming; boating; fishing and waterskiing are all popular activities.
a short history of
IRRIGATION IN AUSTRALIA

19th Century: Fledgling Industry
Irrigation in Australia started in the early 1800s, mainly through the initiative of individuals who developed water resources to ensure feed for livestock. The first government involvement in irrigation was in Tasmania in the 1830s. In the mid-1830s a rudimentary dam was built in the Clyde River which permitted irrigation of the property ‘Raths’, starting about 1885. This property appears to have been irrigated on a continuous basis since then, and almost certainly has the longest continuous record of irrigation in Australia. From this small beginning in Tasmania, irrigation development began in earnest in Australia.

20th Century: A Time Of Growth
The Australian constitution provided the power to make grants to the states for specific purposes, and this enabled the Australian Government to play a major role in the development of the nation’s water resources. The first major case of Commonwealth involvement in irrigation was through participation in the River Murray Waters Agreement. With the development of various schemes, the rate of irrigation development grew rapidly. In the four years between 1988-89 and 1992-93, the total average diversion from the basin was 10,680 GL/year of which 95 per cent was diverted for irrigation. In response to growing concerns about the level of irrigation development and over extraction and excessive allocations, the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council introduced a Cap on diversions. The Cap resulted in an emphasis on achieving greater efficiency in water use.

21st Century: A Time Of Reform
The Cap paved the way for more reform of water use in Australia with the setting up of the National Water Initiative (NWI) and the establishment of the National Water Commission (NWC) in 2004. Under the NWI, governments made commitments to prepare comprehensive water plans and achieve sustainable water use in over-allocated or stressed water systems. The NWC was an independent statutory authority with the key function to advise on the $2b Australian Government Water Fund. During this time, the Australian and state governments undertook significant projects as a way of improving water use efficiency in agricultural irrigation. The commission was abolished in 2015. and in 2017 and with the enactment of the Water Act in 2007, the Murray–Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) was established as an independent expertise-based statutory agency. For the first time in the Basin’s history, one Basin-wide institution is responsible for planning the Basin’s water resources, with all planning decisions made in the interest of the Basin as a whole. For further information on the MDBA visit www.mdba.gov.au.

INTERESTING FACTS: AUSTRALIA & NEW SOUTH WALES

AUSTRALIA POPULATION:
24.6 million (est 2017)

NSW POPULATION:
7.95 million (est 2018)

TOTAL SUNSHINE HOURS PER YEAR (SYDNEY):
2,592

TEMPERATURE (SYDNEY):
- January average high/low: 26.0/18.7°C
- September average high/low: 20.1/11.1°C
- Record Low: 2.1°C (1932)
- Record High: 45.8°C (2013)

The statistics were sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

FIGURE 1. TOTAL BULK WATER ABSTRACTIONS BY CATEGORY IN 2016–17

FIGURE 2. INTERSTATE ALLOCATION TRADE IN THE MURRAY–DARLING BASIN IN 2016–17

FIGURE 3. PROPORTIONS OF SURFACE WATER (SW) AND GROUNDWATER (GW) IN AGRICULTURAL WATER ABSTRACTIONS IN EACH STATE AND TERRITORY, 2015–16 AND 2016–17
congress overview and information

Venue
International Convention Centre, Sydney
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W: www.iccsydney.com.au

The 24th International ICID Congress and the 71st Executive Council Meeting will be held at the International Convention Centre (ICC) Sydney which features a striking contemporary design, leading technology and multipurpose spaces.

The International Convention Centre, Sydney (ICC Sydney) is at the heart of its very own Sydney Harbour waterfront precinct, set amongst restaurants, retail and a vibrant public domain on Darling Harbour. ICC Sydney is only a short walk away from Australia’s largest CBD and surrounding university and cultural quarters. Just 8 km from the airport, ICC Sydney is connected to a diversity of transport and accommodation choices.

Dates
22-28 September 2020

Host Organisations
International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
and Irrigation Australia Ltd

Language
The language of the conference will be in English.

Accommodation
We are currently negotiating conference rates with a number of hotels within walking distance of the International Convention Centre. Information will be available on the conference website soon.

Disclaimer
The Organising Committee shall not be liable for personal accidents or losses or damage to personal property of registered participants of the congress.

Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that all delegates take out their own travel and medical insurance prior to coming to the congress. The policy should include loss of fees/deposit through cancellation of your participation in the congress, or through cancellation of the congress itself, loss of airfares for any reason, medical expenses, loss or damage to personal property, additional expenses and repatriation should travel arrangements have to be altered. Neither the Congress Secretariat nor the Organising Committee will take any responsibility for any participant failing to insure. Please speak to your travel agent or airline in regard to this matter.

Whilst every attempt will be made that all features of the conference mentioned in this announcement will take place as scheduled, the Organising Committee reserves the right to make last minute changes as the need arises.
Research has given the irrigation community many new technologies and continues to deliver new and innovative approaches to how to use water in irrigation to produce more to meet the adage "more crop per drop", whilst minimizing environmental impacts. Meeting this objective is becoming more critical as the world's population increases and the impacts of climate change become more visible.

However, the gap between the development of these new and innovative technologies and the widespread use of these technologies in systems and management continues to grow. This 'last mile' must be travelled if we are to meet the growing demands of the world's population for food and natural fibre. The efficiency with which we travel this last mile will have many components; this theme question addresses just one of these components.

Information and communication technology offer tools and systems which may be used to speed up the adoption of research and development outcomes to produce more crop per drop and to minimise the impacts of irrigation in and to the environment. There are a range of other components to the adoption process including the policy environment, financial assistance and various types of incentives (both financial and non-financial), along with social and cultural influences. Information and communication technology have a role to play in all these and the diverse communities and individuals may adopt different processes and seek potentially different step outcomes.

How can this tool be used effectively within different socio-economic environments? We need to ensure that the appropriate tools are used for the different environments in which irrigation is carried out and for the desired outcomes. Will different tools be used for different desired outcomes within the same local environment/location?

Sub Topics:

- **62.1: Technical - Technology Aspects**
  - 62.1.1: Government Versus Non-State (Private sector)
  - 62.1.2: State versus individual
  - 62.1.3: Open access platform for interchanged data streams

- **62.2: Social Side**
  - 62.2.1: Developed versus developing countries
  - 62.2.2: Best practice, existing and possible
  - 62.2.3: Engaging women and families
  - 62.2.4: Common communities

- **62.3: Water trading**
  - 62.3.1: Water trading exchange platforms
In the past, research was undertaken by research organisations (universities, research focused government departments, etc.); policy development and implementation was the realm of government and their departments; ag extension was undertaken by Departments of Agriculture and Universities; and farmers and end-users were expected to just respond to the inputs from these outside of the end-use of irrigation water for crop production. Environmental impacts were only considered when they could no longer be catered for within the production system.

The insular/silo approach had its downside with agronomic research not always being relevant to the needs of the end-users, implications of policy changes not fully understood or even anticipated, adoption of new and more effective ways of crop production was often slow and farmer lead research and adoption not being recognised as pathways to improved production.

It is now recognised and better understood that that previous approach to industry extension and achieving sustainable development goals was not always effective.

Multi-disciplinary dialogue engages, by its definition, more than one discipline in design and implementation of policy, research, extension and adoption/use of processes that lead to sustainable development.

How can this multi-disciplinary approach be enhanced with improved interactions and new layers to more effectively engage in the attainment of sustainable development goals?

This Question seeks to draw out approaches that are being used and to stimulate thoughts on further enhancements to make the dialogue between all engaged in sustainable development more effective.

**Question 63:**
What Role is Played by Multi-Disciplinary Dialogue to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals?

Sub Topics:

- **63.1: Social Scale Dialogue**
  - 63.1.1: Family dialogue
  - 63.1.2: Local & community dialogue
  - 63.1.3: Regional dialogue
  - 63.1.4: State / National dialogue
  - 63.1.5: Beyond state regional dialogue (ANZAC, EU, South Asia)
  - 63.1.6: Innovation processes in developing and developed agriculture systems and societies

- **63.2: Technical Level Dialogue**
  - 63.2.1: Economic level
  - 63.2.2: Policy/Government level
  - 63.2.3: Legal level
  - 63.2.4: Technological (tools, devices, systems) level
  - 63.2.4: Safeguards (environment & social) level

- **63.3: Addressing the 12 Sustainable Development Goals of Responsible Consumption and Production**
  - 63.3.1: Supply chain
  - 63.3.2: Social licence
  - 63.3.3: Environmental credentials

For information on abstract submissions visit icid2020.com.au
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- American Regional Working Group (AMRWG) (Session 2)
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**1230 - 1330** Lunch

**1330 - 1500**
- Working Group on Water for Bio-Fuel and Food (WG-BIO-FUEL) (Session I)
- Permanent Committee on Strategy and Organization (PCSO) (Session I)
- ICID Journal Editorial Board (EB-JOUR) (Session I)
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**1500 - 1530** Afternoon Tea

**1530 - 1700**
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student awards

For students who are interested to compete for student oral and poster awards to be presented at the 24th ICID International Congress. A competing student must clearly indicate their status as a full-time or part-time student (preference will be given to full-time students), and a theme for an oral or poster presentation, at the time of the extended abstract submission to the Congress.

Awards Purpose
To encourage students to present their research to other peers and professionals and recognize students’ contributions to the 24th ICID International Congress, the Congress Organizing Committee will coordinate student awards competitions and present:

i. three student awards for best three students’ extended abstracts along with their oral presentations at the Congress; and
ii. two student award for the best student’s extended abstract along with its poster presentation at the Congress.

Competing students will be considered for the following student awards:

1. **Platinum Student Award**
   ($1,000 and an award plaque) for the first-place oral.
2. **Gold Student Award**
   ($500 and an award plaque) for the second-place oral.
3. **Silver Student Award**
   ($250 and an award plaque) for the third-place oral.
4. **Gold Student Poster Award**
   ($500 and an award plaque) for the first-place poster.
5. **Silver Student Poster Award**
   ($250 and an award plaque) for the second-place poster.

Awards Criteria
- A competing student must have submitted an extended abstract for oral or poster presentation on the designated deadlines for the Congress.
- A competing student must be the first author of an extended abstract and oral or poster presenter at the 24th ICID International Congress. It is recommended that the competing student’s research/academic supervisor should be listed as a co-author.
- A competing student may be enrolled full-time or part-time in a post-graduate or under-graduate program at the time the extended abstract is submitted to the Congress.
- A competing student must be fully registered for and attend the Congress.
- Judging is based on both the extended abstract and oral or poster presentation of the student’s research at the Congress. Judges will be attending oral or poster presentations to evaluate competing students during the Congress.
- Multiple abstracts may be submitted, but must be on different topics.
- A competing student presenting an oral must be available at the designated time period and session during the Congress.
- A competing student presenting a poster must be available during the designated Q & A period for delegates and judges during the Congress.
- A student award will be presented at the Congress to a competing student whose extended abstract and oral or poster presentation contain the following qualities:
  - originality;
  - contribution to the knowledge related to the Congress themes;
  - technical and analytical quality; and
  - clarity of oral or poster presentation.
- A number of special events for students will be arranged including a social get together and presentation skills workshop.

Awards Process
- As an expression of interest to compete for student oral and poster awards, a competing student must clearly indicate the status as a full-time student or part-time student and a theme for an oral or poster presentation at the time of the extended abstract submission to the Congress.
- To be eligible for student awards, a student’s supervisor or co-author cannot present an oral or poster presentation on behalf of a competing student at the Congress.
- If a competing student is not fully registered or unable to attend the Congress for any reason, a student’s supervisor or co-author who is registered for the Congress may present an oral or poster presentation. However, this constitutes a withdrawal by a competing student from the student awards competitions.
- From abstracts received, high quality papers will be shortlisted for presentation in one or two special sessions, which will be judged by the awards panel.
- Student awards’ runners up and winners will be named and announced at the Congress. Also, all competing students will be acknowledged at the Congress for their contributions and
registration


You must register to attend the Congress. Registration will include access to the Congress program and Exhibition. A Gala Dinner will take place on Wednesday the 23rd September 2020 – there will an additional fee to attend this event.

The 2020 Irrigation Australia Conference and Exhibition will be held concurrently to the ICID Congress. 24th ICID Congress registration includes access to all Irrigation Australia Conference sessions and exhibition.

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION RATES AVAILABLE UNTIL 22 MAY 2020.**

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**NOTES:**
Congress dates: 22-24 September 2020
Congress + Council dates: 22-28 September 2020

*To be eligible for the young professional rate, professionals are required to upload their details during the online registration process or send a copy of their passport by fax or via e-mail. Please note that only those who were born in or after 1980 are eligible under this category.

**To be eligible for the retired professional rate, professionals are required to upload their details during online registration process or send a copy of their passport by fax or via e-mail. Please note that only those who were born before or in 1958 are eligible under this category.

**This fee is applicable for those who will attend the Congress only one day.

*The list will be updated when new decisions become available.

**Student fee is US $ 150 (early bird $100) - for Congress participants only

In order to benefit from the special fee, a submission of your status confirmation (approval letter signed by the Head of Department or copy of your status ID) must be uploaded during the online registration.
The triennial ICID Congress and annual IEC meeting typically draws in over 600 international delegates. The Irrigation Australia (IAL) Conference and Exhibition will be held concurrently with the ICID 24th International Congress and 71st International Executive Council Meeting. The IAL Conference and Exhibition attracts around 400 delegates and the Exhibition, open to the public, has had in excess of 2000 participants through the doors over the 3 days the exhibition is open.

The event provides a unique opportunity for participants to network and share their knowledge and expertise related to sustainable agriculture. This includes water management, irrigation, drainage, livestock and crop production – all important aspects that support stable agriculture production with the goal of improving water and food security. The delegates represent a range of government and non-government organisations including policy makers, program managers, scientists, agri-business representatives and not-for-profit development organisations.

To make events like this a success, we rely on the generous support of organisations and industry. The ICID International Congress and International Executive Council Meeting held concurrently with our Irrigation Australia conference is a great opportunity for supporters and exhibitors to showcase and promote their organisation, products, technologies, and services, and to engage with delegates from around the world. Supporters can choose from a variety of sponsorship levels including sponsoring special events and food & beverage services. Recognition for support will be publicised in conference promotional materials, during the event, through our social media campaign and on the conference and the Irrigation Australia websites.

If you are interested in becoming a congress sponsor or booking an exhibition booth, please contact info@encanta.com.au or visit our website www.icid2020.com.au for details and to request a sponsorship prospectus.

We look forward to your organisation or agri-business support and participation in this exciting international event.
tours

Pre-Congress Tour
Delegates will be able to participate in a tour showcasing Sydney city and the beautiful sites and surrounds that really reflect Australia and the iconic images many international visitors have come to know.

Accompanying Person Tours
We extend a warm welcome to all accompanying persons to Sydney, Australia and to experience the sites and cultural activities that are on offer.

Be sure to indicate your interest in the accompanying persons program and we will keep you updated on planned activities.
optional tours at your leisure

(some of the options below could be accompanying persons’ tours)

Sydney is a great place to visit and experience on your own. Here are some ideas of tours and activities you may wish to consider when planning your time in this iconic location.

**Visit the Koalas at Taronga Zoo**
Visit Taronga Zoo and take in the spectacular views of one of the world’s most beautiful harbours. See almost 4,000 animals including many native Australian animals, exotic species, and 20 daily shows and keeper talks. Guests can get up close and personal with many of the wildlife including Australia’s koalas.

[www.taronga.org.au](http://www.taronga.org.au)

**BridgeClimb Sydney**
Climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge!

BridgeClimb equips you to scale to the summit of the nationally-adored Sydney Harbour Bridge. With your Climb Leader as your guide, step by step you’ll ascend the arches of the Bridge and enjoy the iconic views of Sydney, situated in one of the most beautiful harbours on earth. Throughout your climb, your Climb Leader will entertain you with stories about the history of the bridge, from its construction, to its opening in 1932, right through to its place in day to day local celebrations.

[www.bridgeclimb.com](http://www.bridgeclimb.com)

**Sydney by Kayak**
Sydney by Kayak is an exclusive, small group Kayak Tour and Kayak Fitness business based in beautiful Sydney Harbour, Australia. We offer fun, group Kayak Adventures and Kayak Fitness classes, ranging from Kayak Lessons and the ever-popular Kayak Netball, to spectacular Sunrise Social Paddles (with coffee!) and Sydney Harbour Bridge tours in the Main Harbour.

### Downunder Jet Thrill Ride

The 30min blast takes you on a massive hot-lap of Sydney Harbour and departs conveniently from Circular Quay. These jet boats are thrilling stunt machines and our rides are a bucket load of fun! With spins, speed, slides and fish-tails its fair dinkum one of the most extreme ways to sightsee in Sydney! Get ready to check out some amazing Aussie icons on our adventure too, including the Sydney Opera House, Luna Park, swanky houses of the Eastern Suburbs, Shark and Clarke Islands and The Coat Hanger (Sydney Harbour Bridge!).


### Blue Mountains

Blue Mountains has some of the country's most dazzling natural attractions. With dramatic views over the deep valley troughs gouged out over millions of years, the lookouts at Wentworth Falls, Govetts Leap and Echo Point are among the most popular while the views from Sublime Point, Narrow Neck and Cahills Lookout are no less spectacular.

Experience wonders at Scenic World, where the glass-topped carriages of the Scenic Railway take you on a heart-stopping ride into the depths of the Jamison Valley. Or jump aboard the Scenic Skyline and journey high over the canyon for superb views of the Three Sisters and beyond.


### Walking the Rocks

There is a place where you can relax, unwind and take your time to discover it all. Where you can draw in the fresh harbour air and savour stories of a past so intriguing, it will never be forgotten. The Rocks is that place. Made by many hands, it's a place with abundant stories to tell and a rich legacy to share. Download the free Walking the Rocks app and take a self-guided journey into the unique past of Sydney's heritage heart.

[www.therocks.com](http://www.therocks.com)

### Sydney Architecture Walks

Sydney Architecture Walks explore ideas through architecture offering an interface between in-depth architectural knowledge and the wider design-conscious community. Each route is driven by certain themes and ideas and attempts to decode Sydney whilst proposing new ways of thinking about and seeing the city. Trespassing joyfully across disciplines and genres, seek out the architecture and public art that materialises contemporary conditions and attitudes; projects that respond to the culture, history and environment of Sydney and not just imported formulaic codes.

[www.sydneyarchitecture.org](http://www.sydneyarchitecture.org)
Enjoy world-class performances, blockbuster musicals, wonderful exhibitions, amazing museums and fabulous festivals in Sydney, the cultural heart of Australia. From the light sculptures of Vivid Sydney to marvellous shows at the iconic Sydney Opera House, the events calendar is exhilarating all year.

Begin your discovery at World Heritage-listed Sydney Opera House, on the edge of one of the great natural harbours in the world. More than 1,600 performances are held each year inside the iconic white sails, from ballet and opera to classical music, contemporary dance, stage plays, and more.

You will find many more majestic venues putting on spectacular theatre and shows as well as blockbuster musicals, from the State Theatre and Capitol Theatre to the Theatre Royal and Sydney Lyric. For the perfect night out, savour the delicious restaurant and cool bars near the theatres.

The leading Sydney Theatre Company is in Walsh Bay, a lively cultural precinct and home to the Roslyn Packer Theatre, Sydney Dance Company and Bangarra Dance Theatre, the internationally acclaimed indigenous dance company. There are performances on a heritage-listed wharf, too.

There are outstanding neighbourhood theatres. Reserve your tickets for plays at the Belvoir St Theatre, in Surry Hills, where Oscar winners Geoffrey Rush and Cate Blanchett have performed. Some of the big international concerts are held in the ICC Sydney and at Sydney Olympic Park.

In Sydney’s museums you’ll find everything from dinosaurs and ancient artefacts to colonial and indigenous history, tall ships and warships, and even one of Don Bradman’s cricket bats. And the leading public art galleries hang extraordinary collections, from old masters to contemporary art.
visitor information

Visas
Under Australia’s universal visa system, all visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia (other than New Zealand passport holders who will normally be granted a Special Category visa on arrival, provided they meet health and character requirements; and permanent residents of Norfolk Island who may be granted a Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island visa on arrival).

For more information, see the fact sheet available at www.border.gov.au/about/corporate/information/fact-sheets/17nz

There are many visa options available to people wishing to visit Australia. The appropriate visa option will depend, amongst other things, on the person’s purpose for visiting Australia.

Please refer to www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1 for guidance on the visa options that may be most suitable for your event participants.

Letter of Invitation if Required for Visas or Other Administrative Reasons
The Organising Committee can provide invitation letters to those who require it for visas or other necessary processes. However, this letter aims to only assist participants for their travel to Australia and does not imply any commitment for the Organising Committee to provide financial support. Please contact the Event Managers should you require assistance with this info@encanta.com.au

Customs
Live animals and plants, plant material, animal products and certain food from overseas could introduce some of the world’s most damaging pests and diseases into Australia. This could devastate our valuable agriculture and tourism industries and unique environment.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources works with state and territory governments, industry and the community, to maintain Australia’s clean and wholesome food supply, at home and abroad. Australia’s biosecurity system protects our human, animal and plant health by reducing the risk of unwanted pests and diseases arriving in the country. We all benefit from a strong biosecurity system so we all have a role to play.

You will be given an Incoming Passenger Card before you arrive in Australia. You must comply with the requirement to provide this information. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

You must mark YES on your card if you are carrying goods that may pose a biosecurity risk. These goods include plant material, animal products and certain food. A Department of Agriculture and Water Resources biosecurity officer may inspect declared goods during your border clearance.
Transportation

Air: If flying into Sydney, you’ll land at the Sydney Airport (Airport code: SYD). Sydney’s central business district is 10km north of the International Airport and takes approximately 20-30 minutes via car.

Direct flights to Sydney are available from many major international locations.

For further information, please visit: www.directflights.com.au

Car: You can arrange for car rental from one of several car rental agencies within the terminal. Just outside the terminal doors, local bus, taxi, limousine, wheelchair accessible transportation (arrange in advance) or shuttle services (to a few hotels) are available.

Taxi: The standard taxi fare from Sydney Airport to the central business district costs around AUD$50, depending on traffic.

Bus: A regular airport to city bus service operates from approximately 0600 – 2100 hours and is not recommended for those with large amounts of luggage. Any queries can be discussed at the Travellers Information Desk at Sydney Airport.

Train: There is a train station located at both Domestic and International Terminals at Sydney Airport. During weekdays, trains run every 10 minutes on average and every 15 minutes on weekends. From the Domestic Terminal, it takes 10 minutes to reach Central Station and 15 minutes to reach Circular Quay. Lifts are available at both the International and Domestic terminals for easy transfer of luggage. Fares from Sydney Airport terminals to the city are approximately AUD$17 per adult for a single journey.

For further information on the service that the Airport Link provides, please visit the following website: www.airportlink.com.au/.
**Currency**

The Australian dollar (sign: $; code: AUD) is the currency of Australia. The dollar is composed of 100 cents (symbol ¢).

Denominations, Coins: 5¢, 10¢, 20¢, 50¢, $1 and $2. Purchases made in cash are rounded to the nearest five cents; purchases made with credit and debit cards are not rounded.

Denominations, Bills: $5, $10, $20, $50 and $100 are the current bills in circulation.

**Electric Current**

In Australia, the standard voltage is 230 volts and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Travellers from most nations in Asia, Africa and Europe should have appliances that work on the same mains voltage as Australia - therefore you will not need a voltage converter. Notable exceptions to this are Japan, USA and Canada which use 100/120V 50/60Hz.

If your country does use the same mains voltage as Australia all you need is a power adapter. This enables you to plug your appliance into the sockets in Australia. Simply put, you plug your appliance into the power adapter and then plug the power adapter into the wall socket in Australia.

The plugs in Australia have two flat metal pins shaped like a "V" or inverted "V" and some may contain a third flat pin in the centre.

**Telephone**

The Australian country code is 61. When calling from outside Australia, leave out the leading ‘0’ from the STD area code or from the mobile telephone number.

Fixed line example calling Sydney from outside Australia: +61 2 (local eight digit number).

Example calling a mobile from outside Australia: +61 4 (following eight digits of the mobile number)

The outgoing IDD access code from within Australia is 0011.

**Internet Access**

Free Wi-Fi will be provided during the conference at the International Convention Centre. In most cases, you should also have complementary Wi-Fi service at your hotel. Free Wi-Fi service is also often available in local restaurants, coffee shops, malls and other local businesses.

**Time Zone**

Sydney is on Australian Eastern Time Zone (UTC/GMT +10 hours) from 1 April until 30 September. From 1 October until 31 March it observes daylight saving time (UTC/GMT +11 hours).
proposed technical tours

Australia is a vast country and access to some of Australia’s agricultural regions is remote and requires considerable travel time with limited flights available. Delegates interested in participating in post congress technical tours, are requested to express an interest in the proposed tours recognizing the indicative costs associated with delivering these tours. Based on delegate interest, the organisers will decide early in 2020 on the viability of these tours. Express your interest at www.icid2020.com.au

**Stay tuned as further technical tours announced**

**Regional NSW incorporating Murrumbidgee and Colleambally Irrigation (modernised channel systems), environmental watering**

**Departs:** Sydney, New South Wales  
**Travel:** Flights from Sydney to Griffith or Narrandera (please note commercial flights are not available)  
**Duration:** 2 days, 1 night

The NSW Riverina exhibits a huge range of established irrigated and dryland rural enterprises with a myriad of products, generating enormous wealth and utilising a wide range of modern technologies. 

This tour will include broadacre cropping areas where cotton, rice, maize and other crops are grown on large acreages. It is that type of irrigation that while not peculiar to Australia, is not common elsewhere. The access to water, where research, product and technical responses to a global problem are easily observable.

**Indicative Cost:** $2000 USD including accommodation overnight

**Langhorne Creek**

**Departs:** Adelaide, South Australia  
**Travel:** Delegates would need to make their own travel arrangements to Adelaide for this tour  
**Duration:** 2 days, 1 night

A 2 day tour from Adelaide and accommodation overnight in Goolwa. The tour will visit the Heritage Irrigation Structure and floodplain in Langhorne Creek and the barrages and lower end of MDB system from Goolwa with opportunities to observe the Ramsar Wetlands and migratory and local birds. Maximum participants 20 pax

**Indicative Cost:** $300USD per person

**Sydney Basin, Protected Cropping and Water Re-use**

**Departs:** Sydney, New South Wales  
**Duration:** 1 day only

Protected cropping is increasing world wide and this tour will be address this as well as water recycling and include a visit to the University of Western Sydney.

**Indicative Cost:** $65USD per person
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