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## Welcome

A Message from Eng. Felix B Reinders, President, ICID

It is my great honour to announce that the International Conference on “Innovative and Sustainable Agri-water Management: Adapting to a Variable and Changing Climate” together with the 69<sup>th</sup> International Executive Council Meeting will be organized during 12-17 August 2018 at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Province in Canada. On behalf of ICID, I would like to extend my warm welcome to ICID members and all other stakeholders all over the world to attend this global event in North America.

More than 15 years after the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress and the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Executive Council Meeting in 2002 at Montreal (Canada), the ICID family will be meeting again in the heart of the Canadian Prairies, which presents interesting developments in the field of agriculture, one of Saskatchewan’s primary economic activities. Surrounded by close to 25 million hectares of farm land in the Province of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon is home to world class agriculture research and educational institutions that support sustainable agriculture through innovations. Managing water effectively is key to sustainable agriculture in Saskatchewan for ensuring food and water security and for creating greater resiliency to climate variability.

Saskatoon, relatively young city - a city of arts, culture, and food, provides an excellent venue for our annual meeting. You have only to scratch the surface to immerse yourself in centuries of deep cultural heritage from First Nations’ traditions to the early days of settlement. Weaving through the city, witness to these important and historical changes, is the beautiful South Saskatchewan River Valley.

Canada joining ICID in 1956 and with full support from the Government of Saskatchewan, I am sure, will not leave any stone unturned for the success of the International Conference and 69<sup>th</sup> IEC to ensure learning and present hospitality at its best leading to a memorable experience. The CANCEC 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 International Conference and the 69<sup>th</sup> International Executive Council Meeting at Saskatoon in Canada.

I am looking forward to meeting you there.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Reinders', written in a cursive style.

**Eng. Felix B Reinders**  
**President**  
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