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WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Despite an important event, although ultimately not adequately acknowledged, the President's message that guides the members world-wide through exceptional conditions, the time must be taken before any other message can be presented. On the agenda and the importance of the ICOLD spirit, the message must be one of ensuring the well-being and support of activity as a whole, and in particular that there have always been a great deal of attention to the situation of off-peak, increasing the production, increasing regulation, providing electric power, and providing delivery energy in the time when the market has been evaluating many aspects of human activities under its own control of the environment of environmental considerations and sustainability development. Dams have also been subjected to this scrutiny and some cases of water pollution have been used to illustrate the role of dams in general. We consider this to be not acceptable, and that these exceptions should be noted as such.

On the other hand, we also note that the opportunity of dam operators has been committed to the development and improvement of the national and international conditions. Accordingly, we are eager to take any measure to improve every aspect of a dam's operation and to plan to improve operations that must be done in this respect.

The newsletter you have in hand will be published quarterly and I hope it will give you a good idea of the many contributions to the well-being of humanity from dams and its owner who work under conditions like this all over the world that require cooperation in the high-quality fields. Beyond that, it will be a good opportunity for the National Commission and the Central Office of the ICOLD as well as to increase the efficiency in the world dam sector. I am particularly pleased by the ICOLD committee for writing and preparing, may the articles and regulations in the subject of dams in the Three Gorges Dam can be in full force and, in particular, to ensure that the dam will be able to provide about 17.6 TWh energy, making the dam's operation well in line with the world's needs for a dam's energy.

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