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### ICOLD UNTAPPED TREASURES

**Secretary General**  
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**W**ith their great wisdom, the ICOLD Boarder decided in the session that the Commission had one of the responsibilities for a National Commission to be considered as a member of the Commission after its approval and before the Central Office or other authority after receiving a request of the Register in the countries or area that can be added to the World Register of Dams which has been approved and is published here up to date by the Commission. Thanks to the selfless work of our colleagues, the World Register has been continued and improved up to this date. It has acquired a serious contribution of ICOLD to the world engineering and to the knowledge of dams and a unique tool, not for not enough used by the dam engineering community. Like any collection of data, it will never be perfect and will always contain some defects. The World Register can thus be deemed and defined.

Register Dams is a World Register in the year 2000, and for say that there are more than 100,000 dams, large and small, and "small" means 10m with height up to 100m. Register is working in order to be able to provide a complete and up-to-date information regarding the dam data. It is a database published under the engineering community. From some of the articles which will be discussed in the next ICOLD board meeting to be held in extended Committee on the World Register of Dams, and Documental data could be used for the purpose of evaluating the value of the Register data and to show others and for which reason I am considering them to be used for public relations and technical information of ICOLD.

More generally, we should think of exploiting more efficiently the results of knowledge gathered in our countries. We should think of developing more efficient technical means which can be used for our projects. In the way of putting technical information in a more efficient way, we should think of developing as of an official responsible for it. In our country we can also think with some responsibility contribution to be made from our country and from our people. We in the dam engineering community have to think in function of a 3rd generation of people. Some and national papers published in ICOLD Congress like may they seem antiquated but they also contain treasure of accumulated knowledge and experiences that should not be lost or to be forgotten in our present and future work.

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