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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

Dear colleagues and friends:

As you know ICOLD will celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Paris on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008, with a special commemoration and a Conference on Water and Energy, in the Palais of the Découverte in Paris. See attached information.

This Meeting is officially sponsored by the French Ministry for Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development. We expect the attendance of other Ministers, CEO of leading companies in the field of Water and Energy, and major dam builders in the world. Most of the leading countries where dams are built will be represented. International news media will also be present.

I invite all of you to attend this special celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and I hope your active collaboration. I also request that you promote in your country the attendance of the authorities, ministers, leading companies, engineers in dam's construction, etc. Free participation, but you must register at [www.icold-cigb.org](http://www.icold-cigb.org)

For those that attend the celebration, and to take advantage of their stay in Paris, ICOLD associates with an other international conference, the same week, on the subject of "Resolving the Water and Energy Nexus" which will be held at the UNESCO central office in Paris, on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2008.

It would be an honour for ICOLD that you will be able to attend and participate in this ICOLD Meeting.

Looking forward to meet you in Paris in November  
Best regards

Luis Berga  
President

International Commission On Large Dams  
Commission Internationale des Grands Barrages



On November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

80<sup>th</sup> **ans**  
**years**

ICOLD celebrates its  
80<sup>th</sup> birthday with a conference  
on **Water and Energy**  
in the prestigious **Palais**  
**de la Découverte** in Paris.

For registration (free)  
please go on our website [www.icold-cigb.org](http://www.icold-cigb.org)

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Meeting officially sponsored by the  
**French Ministry for Environment,  
Energy and Sustainable Development.**

It will be addressed by the French Minister for Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development, other French and foreign Ministers, CEOs of leading companies in the field of Water and Energy, and major dam builders in the world. Most of the leading countries where dams are built will be represented. International news media will also be present.

**It will take place on Monday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

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Information and registrations for this UNESCO Conference on the website: [www.red-ethique.org](http://www.red-ethique.org) or [valerie-anne.kodjovi@developpement-durable.gouv.fr](mailto:valerie-anne.kodjovi@developpement-durable.gouv.fr) (secretariat)





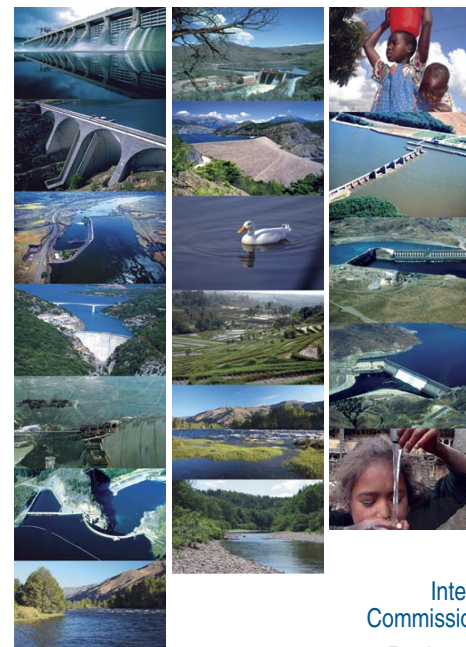
The first formal meeting of the International Commission on Large Dams was held in Paris on 6 July 1928, with representatives from six nations. ICOLD is now comprised of **88 countries and 10,000 individual members**, who have built up together nearly one century of knowledge.



ICOLD continues to be the **world's leading professional organization in the field of dams**, advancing the technology of dam engineering and supporting the socially and environmentally responsible development and management of water resources to meet the worldwide demand. ICOLD **leads the profession** in setting standards and guidelines to ensure that dams are built safely and **economically, and in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner.**

**Sustainable Development, World Hunger, Climate Change, most of the 21<sup>st</sup> century's challenges are leading to dams.**

One of the fundamental requirements for socio-economic development throughout the world is the availability of adequate quantities of water with the appropriate quality and an adequate supply of energy. **Hydropower is a renewable source of energy** and supplies about **20% of the world's needs**. Properly planned, designed, constructed and maintained dams contribute significantly toward fulfilling water supply and energy requirements. To accommodate the variations in the hydrologic cycle, which will increase with global climate change, **dams and reservoirs are needed to store water** and then provide a consistent discharge to maintain the required daily flow in our rivers throughout the year.



**Conference program**  
on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

■ 03:30 pm	<b>Opening ceremony</b>
■ 04:15 pm	<b>Press conference</b>
■ 04:30 pm	<b>Introduction to the debate</b>
■ 04:40 pm	<b>Round-table on Water</b>
■ 05:40 pm	<b>Round-table on Energy</b>
■ 06:40 pm	<b>Conclusions</b>
■ 07:00 pm	<b>Cocktail</b>

Simultaneous translation in French and English.

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