



**MINUTES OF THE INCA EXECUTIVE MEETING
NOVEMBER 2019**

Place of Meeting: Ciudad del Este, Paraguay

Date of Meeting: November 7, 2019

1. List of Participant Members

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12 countries were represented with a total of 19 participants.

2. Welcome

Welcoming words were presented from the INCA President, Luis Vellacich, introducing new participants from Honduras and El Salvador in their first INCA event.

3. Approval of the Minutes of INCA executive meeting held in Ottawa (Canada)

The minutes of the last INCA executive meeting were provided to all country representatives 2019. These minutes were approved.

4. Reports from Country Representatives

A roundtable of informal reports from all country representatives was held, to provide comments on the INCA event, updates on national activities, and plans for future events. All countries thanked Paraguay for the hospitality and technical organization. Key points included:

- **Argentina** – Conference will be in Tucuman in 2020, possibly in October.
- **Brazil** - Dam Safety event is planned for Belo Horizonte in May 2020. Brazil has organized an agreement to collaborate on dam safety for tailings dams, among Brazil, Peru and Chile; South Africa and Canada have also been invited to sign.



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- **Bolivia** – Committee is undergoing a renewal of members.
- **Canada** – Canada is focusing on training programs. The annual Canadian Dam Association conference will be held in October next year in Winnipeg.
- **Costa Rica** is already working on the INCA seminar for next year, to be held on December 2, 3 and 4, 2020. The Costa Rica Ministry of Tourism has sent a letter to the President of INCA, giving notification that they have accepted the INCA Seminar and will lend their support to the event.
- **Peru** - A national seminar is being organized in Peru, May or June 2020, to increase the knowledge on dam safety, including reservoir sedimentation.
- **Mexico** – Humberto Marengo is working to organize distance-learning courses on dam safety in Mexico (UNAM), starting with a Master's degree, that may be expanded to all of the Americas, in order to share experience and knowledge.
- **Paraguay** – Salim Abud thanked all attendees, on behalf of the Paraguayan Committee on Large Dams, for contributing to the success of INCA 2019.
- **USA** – Commented that the challenges of organizing INCA events are great, but worth the effort. Presentations and discussions on technical topics are valuable.
- **Venezuela** – Pascual Perazzo will contact relevant people to try to reactivate the Venezuela Committee for participating in INCA and ICOLD.
- **El Salvador** – As a new participant in INCA, El Salvador appreciates the opportunity and hopes to encourage discussion on dam safety.
- **Honduras** – Honduras can learn much from INCA member countries, and will try to reactivate their membership in ICOLD.

5. Future INCA Activities

The President opened a free discussion about the main themes for the next INCA Seminar and other events. There was strong consensus that education events are very much needed in Latin America.

Michel de Vivo observed that the level of interest and activity in the INCA countries is very encouraging, and he intends to attend future INCA events.

Felipe Lazaro said that the World Bank may be able to assist in some projects.

Gabriel Rodriguez suggested that a committee on education be formed, and he offered to be part of this committee.

Alejandro Pujol suggested that ICOLD events should be transmitted in real time in Spanish and other languages, because many engineers are unable to travel to ICOLD events and may not be fluent in English or French.

6. Next INCA President and ICOLD Vice-President

Miguel Suazo, representing Peru, accepted to become the next president of INCA, beginning at the meeting that will be held at ICOLD in New Delhi.

The next ICOLD Vice President for the Americas will be elected in New Delhi. National committees should propose their candidates before January 10, 2020. It is hoped that several different countries will present candidates.



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7. INCA Website and Secretary

The webpage of the INCA was created in 2013, and never updated since 2015. This page is a free blog and should be reactivated. Paraguay (current president) offered to take on the work to reactivate the website and improve it by the next meeting in New Delhi.

It was proposed that there should also be a secretary for INCA, and Paraguay undertook to do that job until New Delhi.

LUIS VELLACICH – PARAGUAY

INCA President