



# International Consortium on Landslides

November 17, 2014

To: Members of Board of Representatives of ICL

## Report of 2015 STC meeting in Kyoto, Japan and Electronic BOR

Dear Members of the Board of Representatives of ICL,

ICL organized the ICL Steering Committee meeting including the planning meeting for ICL-IPL Sendai Partnership Conference supported by the Japan Science and Technology Agency in Kyoto, Japan on 7 - 9 October 2014. Participants were President: Paolo Canuti, Vice Presidents: Claudio Margottini, Yueping Yin, Irasema Alcantara-Ayala, Executive Director Kyoji Sassa, Incoming vice presidents: Matjaz Mikos and Dwikorita Karnawati, Observers from UNESCO (Qunli Han, Director, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, Giuseppe Arduino, Programme Specialist, Division of Water Science), UNISDR (Feng Min Kan, Chief of UNISDR Bangkok Office for Asia and Pacific), other ICL members: Zeljiko Arbanas (deputy Editor-in-Chief of *Landslides*), Faisal Fathani (ICL Web moderator), Hiroshi Fukuoka, Kofei Liu, and Vit Vilimek, and advisors of ICL and IPL: Salvano Briceno (ICL Senior advisor, Former Director of UNISDR), Badaoui Rouhban (IPL advisor, Former Director for Disaster Reduction of UNESCO).

An overview was made of the process of the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) to be organized on 14-18 March 2015 in Sendai, Japan. It was indicated that, in September 2014, ICL applied for the Cabinet Office of Japan to organize a thematic session within WCDRR. ICL received the information from the Cabinet Office in October that a Working Session on Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA), Priority Area 4 (Reducing Underlying Risk Factors) will be considered as a Session in which ICL and the Ministry of Land Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan and others could be part of the organizing team. It was recalled that the organization of thematic session 3.8 by ICL and Flood group in the second WCDRR in Kobe had resulted in the current International Programme on Landslides (IPL).

Therefore, it was underlined that the organization of a thematic session in 3<sup>rd</sup> WCDR is very important for ICL.

The STC meeting decided the plan of a series of ICL-IPL meetings, 14<sup>th</sup> BOR/ICL, 10<sup>th</sup> IPL-GPC and ICL-IPL Sendai Partnership Conference to be held on 11-15 March 2015 in Sendai, Japan. The announcement of ICL-IPL meetings was sent by email from ICL secretariat to you on 14 November 2014 under the subject “Please fill and return the attached form for BOR/ICL by 30 November 2014”. The letter will be uploaded today in the ICL web <http://icl.iplhq.org/category/home-icl/> and also in the ICL Letters 2014. Call for participation to the meeting is requested to fill and return to ICL Secretariat by 30 November 2014. The details and the date of the planned Working Session for HFA Priority 4 “Reducing Underlying Risk Factors” of 3<sup>rd</sup> WCDRR is under examination within related parties including ICL. The final session title can be changed also. The Session will be organized under the Multi-Stakeholder Segment of WCDRR.

Other ICL and IPL matters were also discussed at the STC meeting as follows:

### **ICL matters**

1. Kaoru Takara, Professor of Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University was recommended to be Treasurer starting from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 by the President (Paolo Canuti), and three Vice Presidents (Claudio Margottini, Yueping Yin, Irasema Alcantara-Ayala) following the ICL Statutes, Article XII: Officers, 20 e) Election and Terms of Office which stipulates that “the Executive Director and Treasurer shall each be recommended by the President and the Vice Presidents and approved by the Board of Representatives”.

This recommendation needs the **approval of BOR/ICL in order to be adopted**. Therefore please vote on this recommendation by filling the attached voting sheet and return it to ICL Secretariat **by 30 November 2014**.

2. The establishment of the Committee of World Report on Landslides (Chair: Kofei Liu, Professor of National Taiwan University, Deputy-Chair: Faisal Fathani, ICL WEB moderator, Associate professor of Gadjah Mada University) was recommended by the Executive Director, and it was approved by the STC following the ICL Statutes Article XI: Officers 20 c) which reads “The Executive Director, upon the approval of the Steering Committee, may appoint secretaries, working groups or committees to assist in carrying out the business of the Consortium”.

3. The Executive Director proposed Hiroshi Fukuoka, Professor of Research Institute for Natural Hazards and Disaster Recovery, Niigata University to be Senior Assistant to the Executive Director, and it was approved by the STC following the ICL Statutes XI: Officers 20 c).

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### **IPL matters**

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4. IPL has not been defined in the current statutes of ICL. The STC proposed to add a new article XV as below. The introduction of this new Article will be examined at the coming BOR/ICL

#### **XV: INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME ON LANDSLIDES (IPL)**

The International Programme on Landslides (IPL) is one of the core activities of ICL.

The IPL contributes to the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), to the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015 and to the post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

IPL is managed by the IPL Global Promotion Committee (IPL-GPC).

The Members of IPL-GPC are all members of ICL and ICL-Supporting organizations. The Terms of Reference of IPL-GPC are found in Appendice.

The IPL World Centre (IWC) serves as the Secretariat of IPL. IWC is managed by IPL- GPC. The Terms of Reference and activities of IWC are found in Appendice

The 14<sup>th</sup> BOR/ICL meeting, the 10<sup>th</sup> IPL Global Promotion Committee meeting and the ICL-IPL Sendai Partnership Conference to be held in Sendai, Japan on 11-15 March 2015 are very important milestone meetings for ICL for the way forward and coming decade.

I wish many of you can attend those meetings.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Director of ICL