To BOR members of ICL

Request of 2015 Membership fee and Annual Reports of IPL Projects, Progress Reports of WCoE 2014-2017 and ICL Networks, and Call for IPL new project proposals

Dear Colleagues,

The ICL-IPL Sendai Conference including 2015 BOR and IPL-GPC will be organized on 11-15 March 2015 in Sendai, Japan. Namely BOR meeting is earlier than previous year (3 June 2014). The deadlines of annual/progress reports are also before that. Please carefully read the following information of different deadlines of various items.

**A: To all board members**

I request you to take necessary procedure to credit 2015 membership fee to ICL account by 30 March 2015. The membership fee is the very base of ICL and IPL activities. Some members have already paid the 2015 membership fee within 2014 to avoid the delayed payment due to administrative (sometime unexpected) long procedure. ICL Secretariat will send the invoice of 2015 membership fee to each ICL member which has not yet paid the 2015 membership fee this week. If you could kindly inform the expected date of payment to ICL secretariat, it would be very helpful for the financial account of ICL.

Note: A few members have not yet paid 2014 membership fee whose due date was 30 March 2014. The membership will be automatically terminated at the second due date of 30 March 2015.
**B: To all leaders of IPL Projects, WCoEs and ICL Networks**

Please submit Annual Reports for IPL Projects, Progress Reports for WCoEs and ICL networks for 2014 for the activities from 1 January 2014 (WCoEs: from 3 June 2014) to 31 December 2014, by 1 March 2014, to: ICL Network <icl-network@iclhq.org>

*Note:*

1. All annual reports and progress reports will be uploaded in IPL WEB (http://www.iplhq.org) and ICL WEB (http://icl.iplhq.org) by ICL network committee. Please confirm it in the WEB after submitting the report.

2. **Those which do not submit activity reports will lose its ongoing status of IPL, WCOE and ICL Networks.**

**C: Call for new project proposals**

Please submit the new IPL project proposals by 1 March 2015 to: ICL network <ICL-network@iclhq.org>

The proposals will be examined by the IPL Evaluation Committee and the result will be reported to the 10th IPL-GPC on 11 March 2015 in Sendai, Japan and decided.

**D: 14th ICL-BOR and 10th IPL Global Promotion Committee**

14th ICL-BOR and 10th IPL Global Promotion Committee will be organized from 9:00 to 17:00 on 11 March 2015 at the Tohoku Gakuin University, Sendai, Japan. All members of ICL are requested to attend this meetings as well as the Sendai Partnership Conference. All matters of ICL and IPL will be decided in both meetings where each ICL member has a voting right.

**E: Sendai Partnerships 2015-2024**

As discussed and adopted in the 2014 Beijing Declaration, ICL plans to adopt the Sendai Partnerships 2015-2024 as a contribution to post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
ICL is a member of the organizing team of Working Session No.5 “Underlying risk factors” of 3rd WCDRR together with the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan, UNESCO, UNDP, and others. The content of Partnerships is being discussed, further examined and expected to be adopted in Sendai, Japan. The current draft summary is shown below for your reference.

(Draft short summary 2014.12.11)
Sendai Partnerships 2015-2024 for Global Promotion of Understanding and Reducing Landslide, Flood and Tsunami Disaster Risk

A Voluntary Commitment to the
United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, Sendai, Japan,
14-18 March 2015

The Sendai Partnerships aim to promote a global scientific cooperation that will provide input to UNISDR’s global platform for understanding and reducing landslide, flood and tsunami disaster risk. So far many activities have been undertaken to understand and reduce the risk from landslide, flood and tsunami disasters in many countries, organizations and fields. This precious new knowledge and experiences are not always shared within worldwide communities, and not always distributed to leaders and practitioners in developing, and even developed countries.

One of the commitments based on this partnership is to develop teaching tools, including the updated knowledge, technology, policy, funding, guidelines and standard, practices in different countries for reducing landslide, flood and tsunami risk. A wide variety of updated information will be collected and shared among partners. Partners of the Sendai Partnerships will allow leaders and practitioners in both developing and developed countries to use the developed teaching tools free of charge. The development of teaching tools will be one of the voluntary commitments from the landslide and water-related disaster communities to the Post-2015 framework.

Active ICL members are invited to contribute to this Sendai Partnerships in planning, developing, and updating the teaching tools.

F: The World Landslide Forum 4

ICL will organize the World Landslide Forum 4 in Ljubljana, Slovenia from May 29 to 2 June 2017. We will discuss its organization in Sendai, Japan. The Forum Chair of WLF4 is Matjaz Mikos. We examined its publication for WLF4. ICL could distribute three full color books and one mono-color book to all participants in WLF3 thanks to supports from the China Geological Survey and the Ministry of Land and Resources of China. However, carrying 4 books was very heavy. The first option for WLF4 is to publish open access books which we examined it in the Steering Committee of ICL in October 2014 in Kyoto.

We have to consider sessions and their session editors. In WLF3, conveners/editors in some sessions are not well functioned. Some sessions were cancelled due to small number of contributed papers. Some session could not well review/edit papers though enough number of papers were submitted.
**G: Date of the BOR/ICL in 2016 and 2017**

We asked the convenience of timing of the next BOR, November, January or March. The largest number preferred March. We will organize 2016 BOR within the week of 7-13 March 2016. We may discuss which is convenient between week-day only or including week-end and decide the date in Sendai. 2017 BOR will be on May 29 (Monday) 2017, the first day of Forum similar to 2014 BOR in Beijing.

Yours Sincerely,

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Executive Director of ICL

**Note:**

ICL Secretariat <secretariat@iclhq.org> deals finance and administration of ICL
ICL Network <icl-network@iclhq.org> deals IPL projects, WCoEs and ICL Networks.

Please confirm the mailing addresses above before mailing.
Each will go to different persons in charge of different purposes.
All mails for both subjects will NOT be opened if those are addressed to sassa@iclhq.org

**Attachments:**
1. ICL letter 2015.1.5
2. IPL New Project Proposal Form
3. IPL Project Annual Report Form
4. WCoE Progress Report Form
5. ICL Network Progress Report Form