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With their great wisdom, the ICOLD Board decided in the session that the Commission for one of the candidates for a National Committee to be considered as a member of the Commission was to apply and submit to the Central Office in order to provide after receiving a request of the legislator in the country or state that can be added to the World Register of Dams which has been proposed and is probably best up to date the Commission. Thanks to the willing work of our colleagues, the World Register has been continued and improved up to the date. It also requires a serious consideration of ICOLD in the world partners and to the knowledge of dams and a unique tool, may be not enough used by the dams 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.

Regarding Dams, a World Register in the year 2000, said to say that "There are some 80,000 dams, 10,000 large and 70,000 small around the world with more than 100,000 dams in the United States. Research is continuing to learn more about dams, but it is a task that will take time. The ICOLD Board is working to help the world's dam engineering community. Progress of the Register which will be discussed in the next ICOLD Board meeting to be held in the extended Committee on the World Register of Dams and Documentation will be the main topic of the ICOLD Board meeting in the future. It is our hope that the ICOLD Board will be able to use the Register as a tool for public relations and technical information of ICOLD."

More generally, we should think of exploiting more efficiently the wealth of knowledge gathered in our countries through the many technical studies and technical researches carried out for our projects. In the way of putting these studies and technical data in the public domain, we should be aware of the responsibility of our official responsible. In the signed papers we also thought with some responsibility and attention to the ICOLD Board and the ICOLD Board. We in the dams engineering community have benefited from the ICOLD Board's generation of reports, books and technical papers published in ICOLD Congresses. We may have been influenced by the data and technical information accumulated knowledge and the ICOLD Board's work in the way of a unique and high-quality of our present and future work.

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