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to all National Committees

76th Annual Meeting, Sofia (Bulgaria), June 2008 - Symposium

"OPERATION, REHABILITATION AND UPGRADING OF DAMS"

The Organizing Committee of the 76th Annual Meeting invites all members of the international dam engineering community to take part in the Symposium on

"OPERATION, REHABILITATION AND UP-GRADING OF DAMS"

to be held in Sofia on 4 June 2008 in the framework of the 76th ICOLD Annual Meeting (2 - 6 June 2008).

For this purpose, the Call for Papers - including the themes of the Symposium along with the time-schedule for presentation of the papers - is appended to this Circular Letter.

The Secretary General

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76ème Réunion Annuelle, Sofia (Bulgarie), juin 2008 - Symposium

"EXPLOITATION, RÉHABILITATION ET AMÉLIORATION DES BARRAGES"

Le Comité d'Organisation de la 76ème Réunion Annuelle invite tous les membres de la communauté internationale de l'ingénierie des barrages à prendre part au Symposium sur

"L'EXPLOITATION, LA RÉHABILITATION, ET L'AMÉLIORATION DES BARRAGES"

qui se tiendra à Sofia le 4 juin 2008 dans le cadre de la 76ème Réunion Annuelle de la CIGB (2 - 6 juin 2008).

A cette fin, l'Appel à Contributions - comprenant les thèmes de discussion et le calendrier de présentation des rapports - est joint à cette Circulaire.

Le Secrétaire Général

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A One-Day Symposium will be held on 4 June on the topic:

**OPERATION, REHABILITATION AND UP-GRADED OF DAMS**

/Problems with dams emerged during operation - case studies/

The aim of the Symposium is to bring together actual practical experience with dam operation through case studies, to get reveal problems and defects, and to upgrade the operational performance and surveillance, as well as the experience with dam rehabilitation.

The themes chosen for the Symposium are:

- Experience in dam operation. Case histories.
- Problems in dam operation (floods, earthquake, foundation, seepage, internal erosion, ageing, deterioration of materials, etc.).
- The role of dams in water resources and hydropower management for sustainable development.
- The role of dams in flood mitigation.
- Monitoring of dams.
- New trends and technologies in dam surveillance and monitoring.
- Safety analysis.
- Rehabilitation of dams.
- Up-grading of dams. New safety requirements (floods, earthquakes, development of science and technology, etc.).
- Adaption of operating procedures of existing dams in order to meet new social, economic and environmental requirements.

Sending presentation materials and deadline:

- Authors may e-mail abstracts of not more than 300 words in English to the Secretary of the Organizing Committee up to **20 November, 2007**.
- The authors of the selected material will be informed by **20 December, 2007** and final papers must then be presented not later than **1 March, 2008**.
- Instructions on presenting the materials will be published on the Internet site of the event at **www.icoldsofia2008.org** and will also be included in the final bulletin, which is to be issued in **November, 2007**.
- Delegates and participants will receive the Symposium Proceedings on the days of registration, **2-4 June, 2008**.

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