

# ICOLD Meeting in Prague

## - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017

As you are aware BDS predecessor (BNCOLD) was one of the founding members of ICOLD and it continues to play a significant part in its activities.

Many of our members sit on the technical committees and contribute to the many bulletins that are published to educate and inform our profession.

The Annual Meetings and Congresses, are held all over the world and are attended by more than 92 countries and more than 1200 delegates each time.

The UK play an active part in the technical committee meetings, the General Assembly (where the management of ICOLD and the strategy is discussed and voted upon) and our members often present papers in the technical symposiums.

This year the Annual Meeting is to be held in Prague between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July and as it is so close, and there are very cheap flights available to Prague, I think as a result of the many stag and hen nights arranged to the City, I would encourage you to sign up to go to the event.

You will be able to see how ICOLD works, listen into the activities of the technical committees, hear technical papers on technical aspects from all over the world. This year the topics are:

- 1) Investigation and application of advanced materials, technologies and solutions
- 2) Enhancements in dam surveillance systems
- 3) Uncertainties and risk informed decision making in design construct and operation
- 4) Balancing technical, socio economic and environmental aspects
- 5) Advancements in analysis and design for flood protection reservoirs, levees and tailing dams
- 6) Recent improvements and modern applications in reservoir and catchment management
- 7) Design and operation consideration of global climate change
- 8) Assessment of aging dams considering remaining life and decommissioning
- 9) Hydroelectric mechanical equipment of dams

and you may even hear papers presented by BDS members.

You will be treated to a technical tour to some beautiful dams in very picturesque parts of the Czech Republic, you will savour good wine and refreshments at a welcome reception where you can meet and network with like-minded engineers from all over the world, there will be a cultural evening – and a lavish farewell dinner. In addition you will have time to go on a city tour or explore Prague on your own. Such a lovely city might make you consider taking your wife/husband/partner and making a holiday of it – but there are visits arranged for ‘accompanying persons’.

I hope I have made you think – let's go to ICOLD in Prague

so visit the website at [www.icold2017.cz](http://www.icold2017.cz) or just google ICOLD Prague and get yourself booked in.

I hope to see you there but in the meantime if you have any questions then please get in contact. The UK group will look after you and make you feel welcome.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Hughes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Prof Andy Hughes

Chairman