



# Newsletter 8



## ICOLD: 80 years old and still young !

On November 23rd 2008, ICOLD celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in the picturesque Palais des Congrès de Paris, on the Champs Elyées. 400 persons from 45 countries gathered around ICOLD officials, members and other high level persons from all over the world for the historic celebration, which was enriched with another important event at UNESCO, Building for Water and Energy Resilience.

The celebration was also the occasion for officially launching the "World Declaration on Hydropower and Dams for African Sustainable Development", published by ICOLD, and joined by the World Energy Council, the African Union, the

Union of Producers, Transporters and Distributors of Electric Power in Africa, the ICOLD and the IIA.

In the special issue of the Dams newsletter we highlight the most important elements of the historic celebration under the general theme "Dams for human sustainable development". After the opening ceremony by officials, two round tables addressed water social subjects (water and energy).

The variety of the presentations from different continents shows how ICOLD, after 80 years of sharing experiences, is continuing to work for human sustainable development by helping the world to manage water resources.

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