

**A Message of Invitation for ICOLD 2023 from President
Michael Rogers**



Dear ICOLD Members, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the International Commission of Large Dams/
Commission Internationale des Grands Barrages (ICOLD/CIGB), it
is an honor for me to invite our 104 National Committees to send
delegates and their accompanying persons to the 90th Annual
Meeting of ICOLD. The meeting will be held in from the 12th to
15th June 2023 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Gothenburg is a modern city located on the west coast of Sweden with a rich culture and a long history
of international trade and influences. The weather conditions are expected to be perfect for this June
2023 meeting. As the second-largest city in Sweden, Gothenburg boasts a vibrant cultural scene, world-
class restaurants, sustainable living, and a fascinating history – all within walking distance from our
ICOLD hotels and conference center.

This 90th Annual Meeting of ICOLD will be hosted by the National Committee of Sweden, SwedCOLD,
who have been preparing for several years now. Several excellent Study Tours will be offered before
and after the meeting along with our usual ICOLD exclusive Cultural Evening and Technical Excursion.
SwedCOLD is also hosting a special symposium as part of ICOLD 2023 themed Management for Safe
Dams. The purpose of this symposium is to share information from case studies, technologies, and
innovations to increase the safety of dams and levees along with their associated benefits. I extend my
sincere appreciation to Hon. ICOLD Vice President Maria Bartsch, Anders Isander – ICOLD 2023
Chairman, and the other members of the SwedCOLD Organizing Committee for their hard work and
dedication to the success of our ICOLD 2023 meeting.

I strongly encourage our ICOLD family and friends to come together for ICOLD 2023 in Gothenburg as
we continue the work to meet our mission in setting standards and guidelines to ensure that dams and
levees are built and operated safely, efficiently, economically, and are environmentally sustainable and
socially equitable. I invite representatives from all 104 ICOLD National Committees to participate in
this meeting as we endeavor to meet the challenges of the 21st century in the development and
management of the world's water and hydropower resources. Take care for your health and safety, and I
look forward to seeing you – in person – in Gothenburg, Sweden in June 2023.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Rogers', written in a cursive style.

Michael F. Rogers
President, International Commission on Large Dams /
Commission Internationale des Grands Barrages (ICOLD/CIGB)