

ICOLD – MEĐUNARODNI KOMITET ZA VELIKE BRANE NA VEST O SMRTI ALEKSANDRA BOŽOVIĆA

Kada je obavešten o smrti Aleksandra Božovića (videti tekst In memoriam na narednoj strani) G. Martin Wieland, sadašnji predsednik ICOLD-ovog Komiteta za seizmičke aspekte pri projektovanju brana (ICOLD Committee on Seismic Aspects of Dam Design), koji je odlično upoznat sa velikim doprinosima koje je Aleksandar Saša Božović dao radeći u najvišim rukovodećim organima te izuzetno renomirane organizacije, uputio je Sekretarijatu i članstvu ICOLD'a pismo u vidu In memoriam o svom prethodniku na čelu tog Komiteta. Pismo je došlo u momentu kada je već urađen prelom godišta časopisa, ali je Redakcija odlučila da ga na ovaj način objavi, neposredno pre teksta In memoriam, tim pre jer se u njemu navode vrlo bitne činjenice o dugogodišnjem radu A.Božovića u ICOLD-u.

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ALEKSANDAR M. BOZOVIC, born on February 3, 1926 in Dubrovnik (former Yugoslavia), graduated from the Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Belgrade, in 1952 passed away in October 2016 in the age of 90. Until 1992 he worked in Energoprojekt Consultants, Belgrade, Serbia, on the studies and designs of hydraulic structures and systems. He was Chief Design Engineer on a number of dams, Chief Engineer of the Hydropower Sector, Technical Director, and Chairman of the Technical Council of Energoprojekt for many years.

From 1953 he was a member and later also the chairman of the Yugoslav Society of Large Dams. He participated in annual meetings and congresses of the International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) since 1952. Since 1969 he was a member of the ICOLD Committee on Seismic Aspects of Dam Design and was its Chairman from 1984 until 1999. He was also Vice President of ICOLD from 1990 - 1993. In 1994 he received the ICOLD Award for distinguished service. He was awarded decorations (First and Second order) for his contribution in the design of the largest dams in Serbia (Bajina Basta and Mratinje).

He was author of a number of publications dealing with dams and hydropower structures. Six ICOLD Bulletins prepared by the Committee on Seismic Aspects of Dam Design were issued during his Chairmanship.

He worked on a large number of dam projects for Energoprojekt in different parts of the world where he participated either as responsible designer or as advising expert. The main projects were the Bajina Basta dam and the 220 m high Mratinje arch in former Yugoslavia, Poechois dam and related irrigation complex in Peru, and large dams on the Tigris and Euphrates in Iraq and others.

Until recently, he continued advising Energoprojekt, and was active within the Society on Large Dams of Serbia and in ICOLD and the Committee on Seismic Aspects of Dam Design.

I have known Alexander Bozovic personally since the ICOLD Annual Meeting in Santiago de Chile in 1996. He helped me a lot after the end of his Committee Chairmanship in 1999 and remained active. He was the main author of the ICOLD Bulletin on Reservoirs and Seismicity, which is concerned with reservoir-triggered seismicity, published in 2012.

The dam community and ICOLD have not only lost an important dam engineer, who contributed a lot to the seismic safety of large dams but also a good friend, who was always ready to help. His funeral was held on November 1, 2016.

Martin Wieland

Chairman, ICOLD Committee on Seismic Aspects of Dam Design