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Subject: **MESSAGE FROM ICOLD PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL**

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Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends, Dear ICOLD Family Members

Greetings from the ICOLD Central Office and the Board. This message is to inform you that we often think of you and your families. Our hope and wish that you are all safe and protected during this stressing period of the COVID-19 Pandemic, which is terrifying for all people in the world.

On behalf of ICOLD, we would like to express our strong solidarity as we offer our thoughts and prayers with families around the world that are currently dealing with this terrible virus. Please take all precautionary measures to stay safe and healthy!

We are living in truly difficult and unpredictable times! Please be assured that we will get through this crisis together. In its 90 years history, ICOLD has had to face other periods of world crisis that challenge us as individuals and nations. We have always emerged from these periods of crisis with a stronger sense of harmony amongst our many members and nations. So we are confident that this crisis too shall pass in time and our ICOLD family will survive and become stronger.

Be assured that ICOLD activity and planning are continuing! We are still open for business and actively planning our ICOLD 2020 Annual Meeting in New Delhi on September 26 to October 1. We encourage all National Committees and Technical Committees to use any communication tool possible to maintain close links to our ICOLD colleagues.

As ICOLD President and Secretary General, we remain personally at your disposal. Please don't hesitate to contact us directly, or the Central Office for any question, needs or to give us news about you, your family and the members of ICOLD.

Again, we wish that all of our ICOLD family will remain safe and healthy. We look forward to meeting you at the end of September 2020 in New Delhi!

Friendly and warm greetings

Michael ROGERS
President

Michel de VIVO
Secretary General