



# TOMÁS SANCHO, NEW PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

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Dr. Tomás Sancho has been appointed President Elect of the World Council of Civil Engineers (WCCE). He will assume presidency at its 7th General Assembly to be held in Monterrey, Mexico during the last week of November. Mr Sancho, a worldwide recognized engineering professional from Spain will serve a three year term for the period 2012-2015. Tomás Sancho is succeeding Emilio Colon, Puerto Rican recognized engineer.

Since WCCE foundation, Sancho has chaired the Committee on Water. His areas of expertise are water resources, water and wastewater management. Civil Engineer (1983). Born in Zaragoza (Spain), age 50 years, holds a brilliant academic record, culminating in his Civil Engineering studies in Madrid obtaining for which he obtained *Matrícula de Honor* and a special end of studies award. He is also Licensed in Law and Licensed en Business Management (2010).

Of his 27 years professional experience, 4 have been spent occupying high administrative posts as (Chairman of the River Ebro Basin Authority), for 1 year was works manager (hydraulics and railways), 4 as company manager and he spent the remaining 18 years basically in the field of engineering, especially in hydraulic affairs, both in the administration (9 years) and in the private sector, as business manager and consultant.

As a Civil Servant for the State, employed as a Civil Engineer, for 9 years he was the Engineer who was responsible for operating 27 dams and associated used with the River Ebro Basin Authority, including two of the major irrigation zones in the basin: Bárdenas (60,000 hectares) and irrigation Zones in Alto Aragón (100,000 hectares). He has also managed numerous projects involving major repairs and improvements to dam safety and security, the rehabilitation and improvement of the irrigation infrastructures (including service channels and roads) and, as a result, he was Manager of the works in question. He was Secretary of the 17 Operating Committees forming part of the River Ebro Basin Authority and the Works Committee of Monegros II. He was coordinator of the Dam Safety and Security programme for the River Ebro Basin Authority.

For 3 years he worked as a consultant in the same activity sector, setting up a company and carrying out numerous studies and projects.

For the next 4 years (1996 to 2000) he was Chairman of the River Ebro Basin Authority, pioneering the modernisation of the Body, improving the way it operated, the water management and its projection in society and on an international level. He was also the Chairman of three other state-owned companies specialising in the construction and operation of hydraulic infrastructures (including the private financing and European funding), playing an active part in their inception and consolidation.

He has spent 7 years (2000-2007) with Eptisa, Servicios de Ingeniería S.A., the main engineering company in Spain, the last four as General Manager of Civil Engineering Design, and as General Manager of "Gestión Integral de Aguas", company of Eptisa group for water technology and treatment plants.

Actually he is in Sers, Consultores en Ingeniería y Arquitectura S.A., as partner and Manager of Madrid's office.

As an international consultant for the UNO - OMM he has been responsible for water management work in Mexico.

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Regarded as an expert in infrastructure financing and management matters, he has an in-depth working knowledge of company and administrative problem, having demonstrated his ability to relate to the different sectors (regional and local government administration, uses, social agents, etc.).

He has worked as a lecturer for the International Masters in Irrigation Engineering (CEDEX – Madrid Polytechnic University). He was a member of the Forum for the World Dam Committee, of the IWRA, Chairman of the SMAGUA 2000 Organising Committee (International Water and the Environment Exhibition), spokesman for the National Water Advisory Body and its Standing Committee. He is currently a member of the Water and Energy Committee of the College of Civil Engineers and the Civil Committee of Tecniberia / Asince.

He was named “Engineer of the Year” in the year 2001, by the Demarcación de Aragón del Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos.

He has taken part in many Conferences and Symposia, both Spanish and international, and has also published numerous books and technical articles.

Tomás Sancho is married with 5 children

## Notes to editors:

Dr. Tomás Sancho and bio and photo are available at:

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