



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

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Eng. Tomás A. Sancho has assumed the presidency of the World Council of Civil Engineers (WCCE) in its 7th General Assembly 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. Born in Zaragoza (Spain), age 52 years, holds a brilliant academic record, culminating in his Civil Engineering studies (1983) in Madrid for which he obtained *Matrícula de Honor* and a special end of studies award. He has also a degree in Law and a degree in Business Management (both in 2010).

Of his 29 years professional experience, 4 have been spent occupying high administrative posts (as Chairman of the River Ebro Basin Authority); for 1 year he was works manager (hydraulics and railways); 4 as company manager and he spent the remaining 20 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 consulting engineer.

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: Bârdenas (60,000 hectares) and Riegos del 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 channels and service 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 General Manager.

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 Commission on Dams, 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 lecturer in water management and planning for the International Master in Water Engineering of EOI (Industrial Organization School).

He is currently chairman of the Water, Energy and Environment Committee of the College of Civil Engineers and the Civil Committee of Tecniberia; member of the Advisory Board of Spanish Aid Fund for water supply and sanitation; member of Spancold (Spanish Committee on Large Dams); member of the Environmental Committee of Tecniberia; member of the Board of Directing of la Asociación de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos, and member of the Board of Governors of the Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos.

He was named "Engineer of the Year" in the year 2000, 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 A. Sancho is married with 5 children

Notes to editors:

Mr. Tomás A. Sancho and bio and photo are available at:

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