

## **MISSION IN MEXICO (MORELIA) FROM AUGUST 26 TO 31, 2013**

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### *PARTICIPANTS*

Normand Cazelais, Executive Director  
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### *CONTEXT*

With the invitation of the CONAGUA, member of NANBO, representatives of NANBO have participated on August 27, at the third National Meeting of the Operational Managers of the Basin Council (*Reunión nacional de los Gerentes Operativos de los Consejos de Cuenca*) of the mexican organization. Was also present, under the supervision of Antoine Verville, assistant director of the ROBVQ, a ROBVQ' delegation that had already done in the last days a visit of some mexican basin organizations.

For this occasion, Normand Cazelais, has presented to the CONAGUA's members the mission and activities of NANBO. He did also invite them to become a member of NANBO and to register at the International Forum on Integrated Water Management, Tools to ACT, which will be held in Québec city in May 2014.

During his conference, Normand Cazelais congratulated CONAGUA and Mexico to have been selected by INBO for holding its next General Assembly in 2016. Normand Cazelais confirmed to CONAGUA the entire collaboration of NANBO in the organization of this event.

During their entire stay, Marie-Ève Buist et Normand Cazelais have multiplied the contacts and distributed NANBO's presentation packages prepared for the members of CONAGUA by Marie-Eve Buist. During a dinner during which Jean-François Donzier, General Secretary International Secretariat for Water (ISW), was assisting, Abel Jimenez Alcazar, manager of the CONAGUA's basin committees and Normand Cazelais as agreed to strengthen the collaborative links between the two organizations. Galindo Sosa José Alfredo, of CONAGUA, and Marie-Ève Buist have been put in charge to prepare a working paper. Also, Normand Cazelais has invited Abel Jimenez Alcazar to be part of the program committee of the *International Forum* and he accepted the proposition.

The day after, on August 28, the CONAGUA invited the representatives of NANBO and ROBVQ to visit two watersheds close to Morelia, the watersheds of the Lakes Cuitzeo and Pátzcuaro. Representatives have proceeded to a brief presentation of their respective basins. The delegation of the ROBVQ has also assisted. At each moment, the visit was completed with a boat excursion on the Pátzcuaro and Cuitzeo's lakes. It did offer an opportunity to assess the important ecological, social and economical problems that the water plans are facing.

From August 28 to 30, the representatives of NANBO have assisted to the third National Congress on Watershed Management in Mexico (*Congreso nacional de manejo de cuencas hidrográficas*).

With the passing days, the representatives of NANBO have established a lot of contacts with people from different networks. (governmental administration, University research, environmental organizations, etc.). Most of them have demonstrated a lot of interest toward the mission and activities of NANBO. Many of them have asked for more information on the *International Forum* of 2014.

Normand Cazalais had good conversations with one of the main speakers of the Congress, Bart Wickel, Senior Scientist and Hydrologist at the Stockholm Environment Institute-US Center. According to his professional skills and interests, he could be a potential front speaker at the *International Forum* in 2014.

#### *ASSESSMENT*

The mission in Mexico has reached its objectives:

- Intensify the links between NANBO and the CONAGUA
- 2 Recruitment of members
- Widen the audience of NANBO and create links with new partners
- Share information about the *International Forum on Integrated Water Management, Tools to act* of 2014

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*BROUGHT BACK DOCUMENTS*

- *Program of the 3e National Congress on Watershed Management*
- *Hydrology of the springs in the river basin of the Duero river. Determination of its preferential areas of charge.*
- *Informative Report of the Commission of River Basin of Valley de Bravo-Amanalco*

*ANNEXE PHOTOS*