



**IFAR 2006 Professional Development Program  
Completion Report**  
[800 words]

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*Please check if Thalwitz Scholarship*

*Yes*

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**I. Work Program goals achieved (maximum length: 200 words)**

The main goal of the research to study the impact of land redistribution on salinity progress in Syrdarya river basin has been achieved. During the research the following research objectives were achieved:

- Selected and documented cases through a comparative study;
- Described general trend in salinity process and yield production;
- Determined the key drivers and processes that have resulted in the development of current land use practices.

The survey questionnaire was developed for assessing farming performance. The statistical analysis was carried out for assessing current situation of land use. The hypothesis of research that land redistribution had positive impact on salinity rehabilitation has been proved.

**II. Plans for follow-up (maximum length: 200 words)**

After approval of research report by IWMI the scientific report and paper are planned to be published. IWMI research report is in progress and planned to be peer reviewed to April of 2007. Moreover scientific paper is planned to be presented on international and local conference. After publishing papers in order to increase awareness presentation of research results at annual scientific workshop of TIIM is planned.

**III. Report budget utilization including whether budget was spent as planned (maximum length: 100 words)**

The fund was spent according to the approved budget. The more detailed financial report was submitted to the IWMI-Tashkent Office with detailed information and copies of receipts. The research report was submitted to the IWMI and final 20 % (for international conference presentation and publication) is remaining for the revision and approval of research report by IWMI. There was no any major deviation from approved funds.

**IV. Assessment of the fellowship experience and general comments. (maximum length: 300 words)**

The Wilfried Thalwitz Scholarship gave me this opportunity to conduct this research which is very important contribution for my scientific interest and to my professional career. During research I have improved my research and analytical skills and enriched my knowledge and experience through analyzing policy implementation and its impact observing real field situation. The valuable and interesting data reflecting current trend of state land and agricultural policy is obtained. The analysis indicates drawbacks and lacks of some measures to be accompanied the current land reform.

The fellowship has contributed to improvement of linkages and cooperation with Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Melioration and CGIAR center – IWMI. The research has been undertaken in consultation with researcher of IWMI-CA office. I would like to express my acknowledgement to IWMI-CA office (Dr. Herath Manthrithilake and Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev) for administering and supporting this research and for their valuable comments; I would like to thank IFAR for this generous support and providing opportunity to conduct this research and establishing tight linkages with IWMI.