



Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research

**Report of the Executive Council Chair
July 2000**



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Issues to Discuss:



Actions from CoP-VI



Actions from EC-X



Other EC Chair Activities



Items for CoP-VII



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☒ Activities Charged to the EC by CoP-VI:

- ☒ Resolution 2 - Managerial functions of the Directorate on donations from intergovernmental and non-governmental scientific organisations.**
- ☒ Resolution 6 - Unpaid voluntary contributions.**
- ☒ Resolution 7 – Amendment to the IAI Agreement (increments of US\$1,000 to the voluntary contributions)**
- ☒ EC Standing Rules Committee (Composition)**
- ☒ EC Financial & Administrative WG (Composition)**



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Resolution 2 – COP VI

The Conference of the Parties, RECOGNIZING the common interest shared with various intergovernmental and non-governmental scientific and technical organizations;

RECOGNIZING the contributions that collaboration with such organizations would support the Scientific Agenda and programmatic activities of the Institute;

HAVING received expressions of interest from such organizations in the financial and scientific management expertise present at the Directorate,

AUTHORIZES the Directorate, under Article VIII, Paragraph 5, and Article XIII, Paragraph 2, to receive and manage donations from these organizations that contribute to the development of the Scientific Agenda and the programmatic activities of the Institute.



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☒ Activities Charged to the EC by CoP-VI (cont.)

Summary on unpaid voluntary contributions

Period 1994/2000

Expected Contributions \$ 3,255,300.03

Paid \$ 2,896,735.42

Unpaid \$ 358,564.61

Period 1999/2000

Expected Contributions \$ 820,000.00

Paid \$ 657,250.52

Unpaid \$ 162,749.48



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Resolution 6 – COP VI

The Conference of the Parties, RECALLING the collaborative nature of the Institute and the principle of shared benefits and responsibilities of the Parties for the provision of budgetary resources;

RECOGNIZING the concerns expressed by the Executive Council related to the impact of non-payment of voluntary contributions on the Institute's Core Budget;

CONSIDERING the need to assure that the governments are kept fully informed of the Institute's activities and the advantages of membership and active participation in the Institute;

REQUEST that Country Representatives strengthen their efforts to assure that all relevant institutions are kept fully informed regarding Institute programs, related activities and funding requirements, calling on the assistance of the Directorate and the Executive Council Chair when appropriate;

URGES the parties to assure that their voluntary contributions are made fully and on a timely basis to allow the development of the Institute for the shared benefit of all.



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Resolution 7 – COP VI

The text of Section 1 of Article XIII shall be modified as follows:

“A budget of operational expenses for the Institute, consisting of salaries for the Directorate and basic support for the Directorate, Scientific Advisory Committee, and Executive Council shall be supported, by the voluntary contributions pledged annually for a three-year period by the Parties in accordance with the interest of the Parties. Such pledges shall be in increments of US\$ 1,000. The minimum contribution shall be US\$ 5,000. The adoption of the annual budget shall be by consensus of the Parties. The Parties recognized that regular contributions to the operational budget are essential to the success of the contributing Parties,”

The present Amendment shall enter into force 60 days after the date on which 2/3 of the Parties, which are currently members of the Institute, have notified the Depository (General Secretariat of the OAS) through appropriate diplomatic channels, that they have completed their corresponding domestic legal requirements.



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Activities Charged to the EC by CoP-VI (cont.)

Amendment to the IAI Agreement on voluntary contributions

- ✓ **Documents signed by CoP authorities: January 2000**
- ✓ **Copy of Resolution CoP-VI # 7 sent to member countries: February to March 2000**
- ✓ **Notification to the depositary (OAS): February 2000**
- ✓ **June 22, 2000: no documentation ratifying the Amendment had been received from any country member.**



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Activities Charged to the EC by CoP-VI (cont.)

EC Standing Rules Committee

“The STC is charged with the responsibility to advise the EC and CoP on interpretations and/or modifications to the IAI Agreement and to the Standing Rules of EC and CoP”

Chair: Antônio MacDowell (Brazil)

Member: Louis Brown (USA)

Suggested by CoP-VI: two additional members of the CoP



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☒ Activities Charged to the EC by CoP-VI (cont.)

☒ EC Financial & Administrative Policy WG

“The FAPWG is charged with making recommendations on behalf of the EC in matters related to the planning, preparation, and Implementation of the IAI financial issues”

Chair: Raúl Michelini (Uruguay)







**Members: Vanessa Richardson (USA)
Luis Barreras (Cuba)**

Suggested by CoP-VI: one additional members of the CoP



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Actions from EC-X (Caracas) to the EC

-  Strategy Plan – Fund-raising WG – IAI Vision and Strategy for the years ahead
-  External Review Committee – to evaluate the work and development of the IAI in 2002
-  IAI Administrative Officer – Directorate Staff
-  Evaluation first year of PESCA program
-  GEF Proposal to install a IAI-DIS
-  IAI Policy on Conflict of Interest and Standard of Ethic Conduct
-  Regional Training Course on Climate Variability and Extreme Events
-  Open Science Meeting of the Human Dimension Global Change Community



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Actions from EC-X (Caracas) to the EC

Strategy Plan

- ✓ Presented by Robert Corell (FRWG) to increase the funding base of the IAI
- ✓ Document 18_ECXI/CoPVII: IAI Vision and Strategy for the years ahead
 - Scientific Advisory Committee
 - EC Fund-raising WG
 - EC Communications Task Force
 - IAI Director
- ✓ Need to establish some special group for developing these ideas



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Actions from EC-X (Caracas) to the EC

External Review Committee

- ✓ EC request to the IAI Director to prepare the terms of reference for an External Review Committee to evaluate the work and development of the IAI in 2002
- ✓ After the Director report we need to define how implement it.



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Actions from EC-X (Caracas) to the EC

IAI Administrative Officer – IAI Directorate Staff

- ✓ The EC-X approved the recommendations of the Financial and Administrative Policy WG concerning the process and timing of hiring the IAI Administrative Officer.
- ✓ In its last meeting (April 00) the FAP WG the lack of the Administrative Officer was considered
- ✓ An accountant assistant, Marcelo de Souza, is accomplishing some of the Administrative Officer activities with the support of the FAP WG and the IAI Director
- ✓ The EC-IX (Ottawa) approved the IAI Director's proposal regarding the new re-structure of the IAI Directorate
- ✓ A CRN Project Manager, Eduardo BANUS, has been hired since September 1999
- ✓ The EC will have to receive the Director opinion on the present Directorate capacity to accomplish its duties



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- ❑ **Actions from EC-X (Caracas) to the EC**
 - ❑ **Evaluation first year of PESCA program**
 - ❑ **EC-X recommended that the PESCA working group develops the terms of evaluation of the first year of the PESCA program**
 - ❑ **With that information the EC can then make a decision on a second year of the program**
 - ❑ **The EC also recommended that a member of the SAC also participate in this working group.**
 - ❑ **Composition of the PESCA WG**
 - Carlos Gay (Mexico), Patricia Ramírez (Costa Rica), Barbara Garea (Cuba), María Donoso (Panama), Raul Michelini (Uruguay), Lelys Bravo (Venezuela), John Stewart (SAC)**



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Actions from EC-X (Caracas) to the EC

GEF Proposal to install a IAI-DIS

The EC approved the idea of developing a proposal to be submitted to the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) to install a Data and Information Systems (DIS) node in each IAI member country in order to foster capacity building and promote a uniformed data system in Latin America.




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 **Actions from EC-X (Caracas) to the EC**

 **IAI Policy**

 **On EC-IX (Ottawa) delegate from USA, Paul Filmer, presented a draft document on the IAI Policy on Conflict of Interest and Standard of Ethic Conduct;**

 **The IAI Director presented the draft document at the meeting in Caracas and comments and suggestions from the EC members were incorporated in the new draft presented to the EC-VI.**

 **This document was open to comments and suggestion from the EC members**

 **Document 19_ECXI/DWD**



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Other EC Chair Activities

-  Participation in the First Meeting of the Training & Education WG (Miami, March 00)
-  Meeting with the Secretary for Science and Technology of Argentina and IAI Director: follow-up on the Agreement between IAI and the Agency for Promotion of Science and Technology, support to CRN
-  Participation in the Ninth Regional Climate Outlook Forum for Southeast South America (Asuncion, Paraguay, June 00)
-  Meeting with IAI Representative and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department for International Organizations), Asuncion, Paraguay, June 00.



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Items for consideration by CoP-VII

-  Update Resolutions CoP-VI # 2, 6 and 7
-  PESCA Program, current status of implementation and recommendations
-  Strategy Plan – IAI Vision and Strategy for the years ahead
-  External Review Committee
-  Other items brought forward from X and XI EC meetings
-  Election of SAC members
-  Election of EC members



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Article VII (*From the Agreement*)

- 1. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall be the principal scientific advisory organ of the Institute.**
- 2. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall be composed of ten members elected by the Conference of the Parties to serve in their personal capacity for three-year terms and with eligibility for a single additional term. The Conference of the Parties shall elect six Scientific Advisory Committee members from nominations received from the Parties; three from nominations received from the Scientific Advisory Committee itself; and one from nominations received from the Institute's Associates. These members shall be scientists recognized internationally for their expertise in areas relevant to the objectives of the Institute, ensuring broad subregional, regional, and worldwide representation, as well as representation from a variety of disciplines relevant to global change research.**



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Items for consideration by CoP-VII

Election of SAC members

The SAC recommended that for the upcoming elections of its 2 positions, the 2 priority areas be considered:

- The Impact of Climate Variability;
- The Integration of Science to Policy in Global Environmental Change.







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Items for consideration by CoP-VII

SAC Nomination Committee

Functions: to study the curriculum vitae of the candidates and make recommendations to the plenary. Taking into account the following criteria:

-  The areas of expertise of the SAC members should cover, where possible, the different themes of the Scientific Agenda.
-  The experience of the candidate in scientific activities, including the direction and management of large international programs.
-  The experience of the candidate with international scientific programs and agencies.
-  The candidate's relations with the IAI, and their commitment to the objectives of the Institute.



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Election of SAC members

SAC Nomination Committee

Composition of the Committee in previous elections:



Two EC members

One CoP member

One local scientist

One SAC member ex officio (SAC Chair)



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Article VI (*From the Agreement*)

- 1. The Executive Council shall be the executive organ of the Institute.**
- 2. The Executive Council shall be composed of up to nine members elected by the Conference of the Parties for two-years terms, taking into account the need for balanced geographic representation.**