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**(peer-review process)**

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## **Report on the CRN II program peer-review process**

(presented by the IAI Scientific Officer, Gerhard Breulmann)

The SO will report on the CRN II application process and the peer-review of the proposals received under the program.

Out of the 93 pre-proposals originally received, the IAI SAC recommended 34 to be formally invited to submit full proposals. The call for full proposals was launched on the IAI website in December 2004 and 37 full proposals were received by the deadline of 23 March 2005.

All full proposals received went through a rigorous 3-step review process, included mail review, panel review and a review by the IAI Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC).

Major review criteria as highlighted in the CRN II Full Proposal General Guidelines included:

- Scientific Excellence and Technical Soundness
- Relevance to the IAI Science Agenda
- Research Gap(s), new topic(s) (*new, emerging issues and issues not (fully) explored in earlier IAI grants that the proposed activity addresses*)
- Policy relevance of the proposed activity
- Extent of multinational and multidisciplinary collaboration
- Integration of natural and social science
- Capacity Building potential of the proposed activity
- Appropriateness of the budget request
- In-kind contributions

The IAI SAC would also consider that the thematic distribution across all four themes of the IAI Science Agenda and an appropriate geographic distribution across IAI member countries.

The mail review was conducted from April to mid-July 2005, with the panel following from 20-22 July 2005 and the SAC review from 26-28 July 2005. The IAI policy of Conflict of Interest and Standard of Ethical Conduct was strictly applied during all review steps.

The SO will present on the actual review process, while the final recommendations for funding will be presented by the Chairman of the IAI SAC, Walter Fernandez.