

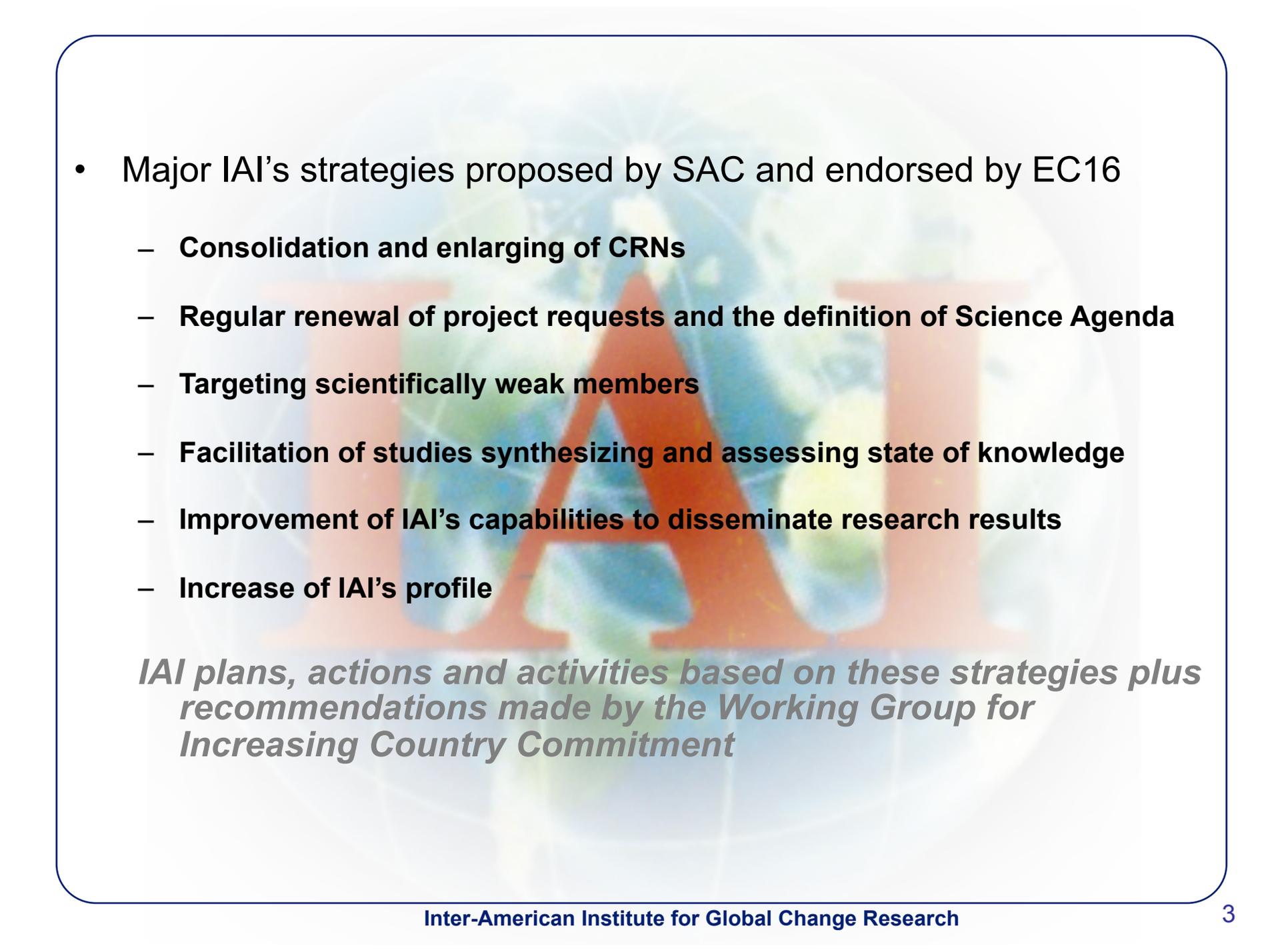
# DIRECTORATE REPORT

*19<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting, Buenos Aires  
29-30 June 2004*

This report covers the period from the  
18th EC meeting held in Costa Rica  
in December 2003 until now

# Reporting format

- Report will be presented by the Director and IAI Officers
- General overview by the Director
- Gerhard Breulmann will present science activities items and Eduardo Banus will report on the CRN program
- Marcella Ohira Schwarz will present information on activities regarding Training, Communication and Outreach
- Luiz Marcelo Achite will present the latest developments in the IAI-DIS and ITC
- Silvio Bianchi will present the financial issues.

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- Major IAI's strategies proposed by SAC and endorsed by EC16
    - Consolidation and enlarging of CRNs
    - Regular renewal of project requests and the definition of Science Agenda
    - Targeting scientifically weak members
    - Facilitation of studies synthesizing and assessing state of knowledge
    - Improvement of IAI's capabilities to disseminate research results
    - Increase of IAI's profile

*IAI plans, actions and activities based on these strategies plus recommendations made by the Working Group for Increasing Country Commitment*

## Recommendations from the previous EC meeting

- EC-XVII charged the IAI Director with developing a strategy to solve the problem of outstanding contributions in a year term. At present the approach is to motivate the members in arrears by showing the advantages of being part of and supporting the IAI, particularly by explaining the benefits received (*letters, contacts by phone by the Directorate, some members of the Ad Hoc Committee also arranged for personal visits to Member states*).
- Following a recommendation from EC-XVIII, originated in a proposal of the EC Chair and the SAC Chair, the Directorate sent letters (drafted with the guidance of the Ad Hoc Committee) to the highest level possible in each IAI Member country requesting country priorities on global change research.

## Results of survey on national priorities

115 letters sent, 21 replies received from 10 countries (Canada, Chile, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, USA)

- All responses indicated as priority **Theme I** of the Science Agenda with particular emphasis in the area of *scenarios, impacts, vulnerability and adaptation*
- The second most frequent subjects were those related to **Theme IV** with emphasis on *health and environmental issues and vulnerability of human settlements*
- Then comes Theme II focusing on *impacts of global change in biodiversity* and Theme III with some emphasis on *coastal processes*
- General comments on Science Agenda:
  - *more integration of the different dimensions of global change*
  - *more relevance to education and training*
  - *greater attention and support for inter-American science assessments, as the bridging mechanisms between science and policy*

# Visibility of IAI

*All Directorate staff involved in improving our visibility and disseminating our work*

During this period

- Visits to institutions
- Participation in various events presenting the activities and programs of the IAI
- Support to several activities of sister institutions

*(Actions related to the recommendation of the Working Group for Increasing Country Commitment asking for a fostering of the diffusion of IAI activities and to Strategy Six)*

# Visits and Participation in events

- Detailed lists of visits, participation in events and lectures delivered by the Directorate staff presented in Appendix I of Document 5
  - *Member countries visited: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Peru, USA*
  - *Other countries: Germany, Italy, South Africa, Switzerland.*

*Young Scientists Global Change Conference, November 16-18, Trieste, Italy*

## Local visibility

*Continuation of the series of conferences on subjects related to global environmental changes issues and delivered, in Portuguese, by invited Brazilian scientists related to IAI and taking place at the INPE's Auditorium*

- **“Interações entre a Atmosfera e a Sociedade - em Busca de Novas Perspectivas.”** (“Interactions between the atmosphere and society – exploring new perspectives”), Dr Lucí Hidalgo Nunes (UNICAMP), March 26, 2004.

### *Planned*

- *Dr. Pedro Silva Dias , IEA/USP August 2004*
- *Dr. Edmo Campos, September 2004.*

# Agreements with other organizations

- MoU with CIIFEN (Centro Internacional de Investigación del Fenómeno El Niño), Ecuador, signed on 9 June 2004.
- Two MoUs have been signed with collaborative institutions, co-organizers and sponsors of the Global Environmental Change Institute on Globalization and Food Systems: Scientific Workshop” (Costa Rica, October 24 – November 6, 2004)
- MoU with WMO under discussion.
- MoU with APN in preparation.
- Interest of IILA (Istituto Italo Latinoamericano) to become an associate of the Institute.
- Discussion with INPE to have CPTEC/INPE as an Affiliated Research Institution. A proposal to be presented to EC/CoP meetings.
- Initial contacts with the MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change
- Initial contacts and exchange of information with the International Virtual Institute on Global Change of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (IVIG/COPPE/UFRJ).

# Newsletter

- 2003 releases issued on time
- Escalating distribution costs
- Alternatives were considered to reduce production and distribution costs and to improve the efficiency of distribution.
- Due to financial shortages, we are forced to reduce the frequency of the Newsletter from quarterly deliveries to three numbers per year for 2004, in order to maintain the costs within the available funds without affecting the quality, presentation or content of the publication. The CoP is requested to endorse this measure.

## Internal Issues

- **Contracts of local staff**
- **Detachment of Dr Raquel Paviotti**
- **Consolidating IAI's internal procedures and structure**

## Science Activities

The Scientific Officer will report on the science activities (related to strategies 1 and 2). He will provide an update on the projects under the first round of the Small Grant Program (SGP-I), the launching of the SGP-II and preparations for CRN-II.

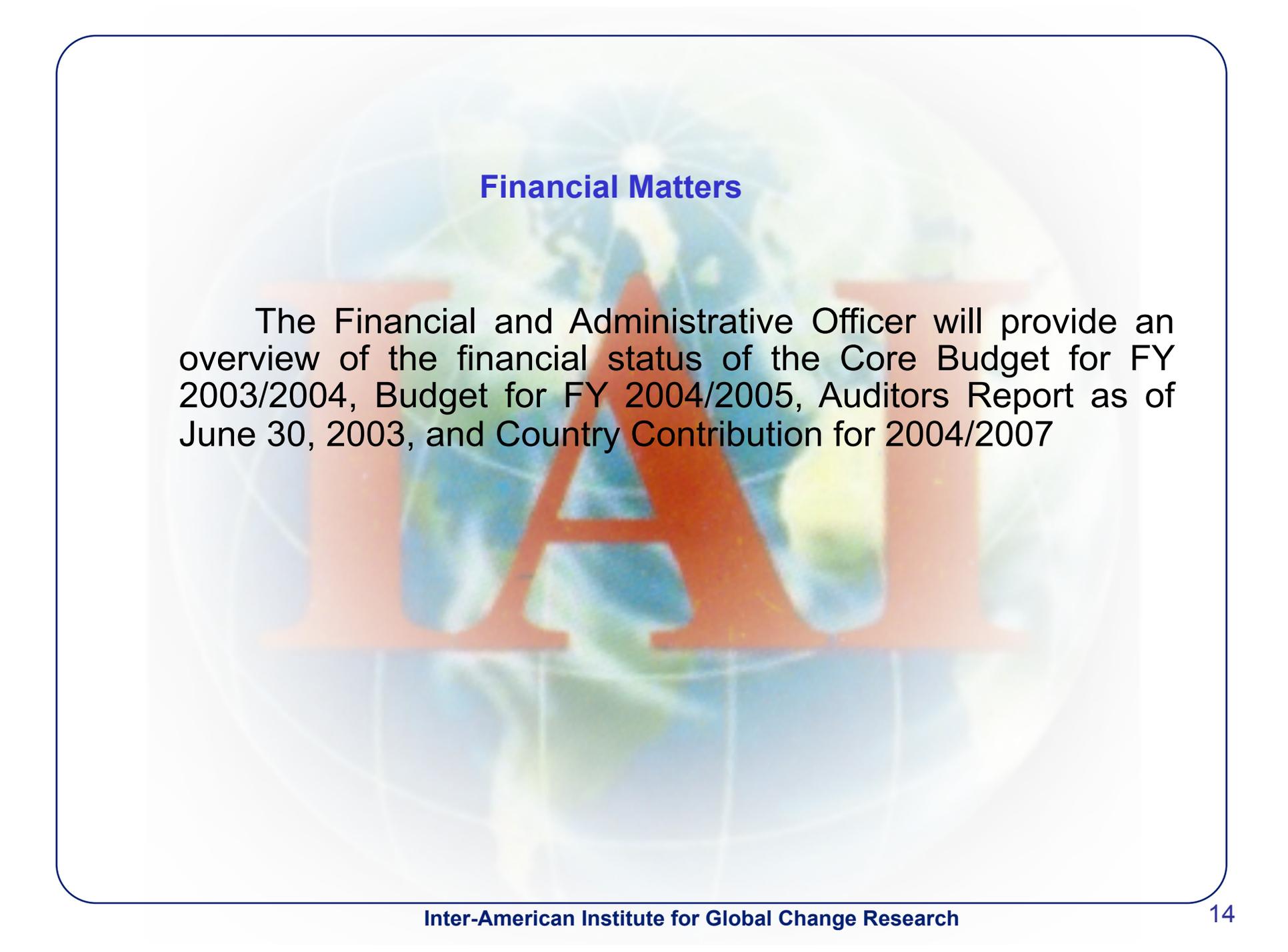
Document 7 includes a report presenting summaries and statistics of the CRN Projects prepared by the CRN Manager

## **Training, Communication and Outreach Activities**

- IAI-IHDP 2004 Global Environmental Change Institute on Globalization and Food Systems - Scientific Workshop and Science-Policy Forum (October 24-November 6, 2004, Nicoya and San Jose, Costa Rica);
- IAI Institute on Urbanization and Global Environmental Change in Latin America (September 27-October 8, 2004, Mexico City, Mexico)
- Spanish version of the IAI Anniversary Book to celebrate 10 years of the Institute, the publication of the Annual Report 2002-2003 and the ongoing production of the IAI Annual Report 2003-2004 (to be available by December 2004), interactions with the Newsletter editorial staff; production of and update of IAI Info sheets and a new design of the IAI website.

## **IAI Data and Information System**

- Full upgrade of the system in ORNL (Oak Ridge National Laboratory)
- Current DIS metadata is now integrated with NASA's Global Change Master Directory (GCMD).



## Financial Matters

The Financial and Administrative Officer will provide an overview of the financial status of the Core Budget for FY 2003/2004, Budget for FY 2004/2005, Auditors Report as of June 30, 2003, and Country Contribution for 2004/2007

# Mobilizing resources and support

## *Standard strategy*

1. **A consistent profile** (*clear mission and objectives that can be shared with potential contributors*)
2. **Intensive publicity/visibility program** (*regional recognition and credibility*)
3. **Looking for partnerships proactively** (*synergetic common activities and shared objectives*)
4. **Leveraging on the funds we have to get more** (*strengthening the financial base*)

# Future activities

- In the Science area finalization of SGP-I, implementation of SGP-II, finalization of CRN, planning of regular annual calls for small grants and the future CRN-II (All actions related to strategies 1 and 2). Finalization of the scientific synthesis of the Initial Science Program (ISP) (Action related to strategy 4).
- Continuation of training activities: two capacity building institutes in 2005. A third training event will be explored under the framework of the 2005 Open Meeting of the HD community in October 2005. (Actions related to strategies 3 and 5).
- New communication and outreach materials and the publication of the synthesis of the Initial Science Program (related to strategy 6).
- Strengthening of DIS and Updating of ITC soft and hard (Actions related to strategy 5 and 6).
- To continue the preparation of National portfolios showing benefits received by the Member for its participation in the IAI (recommendation of EC-XVIII)
- To give high priority to resources mobilization (related to strategy 6).

# Reports

- ***Report on science*** - Gerhard Breulmann
- ***Report on the CRN Program*** - Eduardo Banus
- ***Report on training, communication and outreach activities***  
- Marcela Ohira Schwartz
- ***Report on the IAI-DIS and ITC matters***  
- Luiz Marcelo Achite
- ***Report on finances*** - Silvio Bianchi