

PESCA Funding Recommendations

On November 15 and 16, 1999, the PESCA panel met in Tucson (Arizona, USA) to evaluate the 20 proposals submitted for peer-review under the PESCA program. Membership of the panel and operating procedures of the panel have been described in the first part of this document. A consensus score for each proposal was given and proposals were ranked according to the score received. These rankings were forwarded to the SAC, which met on November 17 and 18 in Tucson (Arizona, USA). The statement below is the SAC's recommendation to the IAI Directorate.

The SAC endorsed the Panel rating and order as listed in the attached table and made the following additional recommendations:

- All proposals rated "Good" (3) and above are scientifically viable and should be funded. In case there are not enough financial resources to fund all of them, the SAC expects that at least all those proposals rated as "Very Good to Excellent" (4.5) and "Very Good" (4) be funded.

- The SAC also recommended that the Directorate:
 - a) contact the PIs and Co-PIs of proposals # 5 and 15 to adjust their budgets for possible overlap of the 2 proposals (i.e. equipment) and also to determine the most adequate time sequence of implementing both proposals;
 - b) (for some proposals) to adjust the requested salary for PIs to the guidelines of the announcement of opportunity of the PESCA program.

- The SAC was pleased with the caliber and distribution of proposals submitted under this year's PESCA competition. It realized that some countries did not submit proposals and urges the Directorate to strive to give extra publicity to PESCA in those countries.

The Directorate endorsed the SAC's recommendations on the funding of PESCA proposals.

#	Linked Project #	Title	PI	Co-PI	Counties	Review Score	Requested Budget	Cumulative Budget	IAI Science Theme
13	CRN-040	Efectos de los cambios globales sobre la diversidad de la vegetación en ecosistemas insulares y continentales	Silva, J.	Ricardo Herrera P	Cuba	4,5	\$28.000	\$28.000	II
15	CRN-038	When oceans conspire: Examining the effect of concurrent SST Anomalies in the Tropical Atlantic and Pacific on Caribbean Rainfall	Cornejo, P.	Michel Taylor	Jamaica	4,5	\$28.600	\$56.600	I
18	CRN-003	Estudios dendrocronológicos de eventos El Niño y otras variaciones climáticas	Luckman, B.	Antonio Mabres	Peru	4,5	\$26.600	\$83.200	I,II
5	CRN-073	Analysing and understanding climate variability in the Caribbean Islands	Magaña, V.	Anthony Chen	Jamaica	4	\$24.000	\$107.200	I
6	ISP III-041	Predicting ENSO effects on sugar cane yields using a weather-generator and mechanistic crop modeling	Utset, A.	Pedro Cisneros	Ecuador – Jamaica	4	\$24.600	\$131.800	I,IV
10	ISP III-077	Impact of forestry on Uruguayan grasslands: changes in landuse patterns and ecosystem functioning	Paruelo, J.	Gabriela Eguren	Uruguay	4	\$25.900	\$157.700	II
11	ISP III-011	Dowscaling activities and their applications of studies of climate variability and change in South America	Nobre, C.	Lelys Bravo	Venezuela	4	\$15.000	\$172.700	I
12	CRN-031	An inventory of Disasters in Chile, ENSO and non-ENSO related: A La Red-Chile Project	Franco, E.	Alejandro León	Chile	4	\$30.000	\$202.700	IV
17	ISP III-076	Characterization of stratospheric and upper tropospheric aerosols over Central and South America	Canziani, P.	Juan Carlos Antuña	Cuba	4	\$29.923	\$232.623	III
19	CRN-047	Mercury in Andean Amazon river catchments – MAARC Project	McClain, M.	Oscar Betancourt	Ecuador / Canada	4	\$30.000	\$262.623	II,III
20	CRN-073	Aplicación de modelos numéricos de alta resolución en la simulación de la circulación atmosférica a escala local y regional en áreas del Caribe	Magaña, V.	Ida Mitrani Arenal	Cuba	4	\$30.000	\$292.623	I
7	CRN-055	Atmospheric transient phenomena in subtropical South America: Long term impacts and interannual variability	Nuñez, M.	Victor Perez Vera	Chile	3,5	\$26.950	\$319.573	I
14	CRN-038	On oceanic teleconnections between the equatorial and mid latitude pacific ocean	Cornejo, P.	Joachim Ribbe	Chile	3,5	\$29.000	\$348.573	I
1	CRN - 048	Prediction of climate variability and its impact on cholera Epidemiology in Peru	Confalonieri, U.	Claudio Lanata	Peru	3	\$29.997	\$378.570	IV, I

2	CRN - 048	Climate variability, landscape ecology of Anopheles vectors, and risk of malaria transmission in Cuba	Confalonieri, U.	Rene B. Ponce	Cuba	3	\$17.500	\$396.070	IV,I
16	CRN038	Diagnostics, modelation and assessment of climatic variability effects in several infectious disease in Cuba	Cornejo, P.	Antonio Vladimir G.	Cuba	3	\$15.000	\$411.070	IV,I

Review Score: (5) Excellent; (4) Very Good; (3) Good; (2) Fair; (1) Poor