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Report of the Chair of the Executive Council (EC) of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)

Activities charged to the EC Chair

1. The 21st IAI Executive Council in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (September 8-9, 2005) discussed the membership of some IAI Committees. As a result a call was made by the EC Chair for members to the following committees:

I. Committee Ad Hoc

At the 20th EC meeting in Montreal, Canada (May 2-3, 2005), the EC decided to establish a Committee Ad Hoc chaired by the new IAI Director, to address the following issues among others:

- a) Increased financial needs of the IAI Directorate,
- b) Relevance of IAI activities and the global research agenda and relation with member countries,
- c) Benefits to member countries from IAI activities, and
- d) Sensitivity to the financial situation of member countries in relation to the agreed contributions to the IAI.

So, since the new IAI Director had been already appointed at the time of EC 21, member countries were asked to send expressions of interest to participate in the Committee Ad Hoc. EC members were also invited to submit ideas on the relevant issues addressed in Montreal to the new IAI Director, Dr. Holm Tiessen, and to the representative of Argentina, Dr. Carlos Ereño, by October 20, 2005.

II. Financial and Administrative Committee

The EC Chair invited IAI member countries to nominate members to the Financial and Administrative Committee, encouraging them to nominate candidates with a legal, financial and administrative background.

III. Committee on Rules and Procedures

The EC Chair also invited member countries express their interest in being part of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures.

IV. IAI Editorial Board

The EC Chair invited country representatives to send nominations to the IAI Newsletter Editorial Board.

V. The results of the calls are as follows:

Bárbara Garea (Cuba)	Committee Ad Hoc
Margaret Leinen (USA)	Committee Ad hoc
Vanessa Richardson (USA)	Financial and Administrative Committee
Louis Grittani (Canada)	Financial and Administrative Committee
Paulo de Oliveira (Brazil)	Financial and Administrative Committee
Louis Brown (USA)	Committee on Rules and Procedures

The membership/composition of these three committees was agreed by the EC Bureau in consultation with the IAI Director. Nominations were evaluated looking at the adequate representation of member countries, participation of individuals and the size of the committee to make effective functioning possible.

As to the IAI Editorial Board it was agreed in Puerto Vallarta that the membership would have two new vacancies, one to be filled by the SAC and the other by a CoP member. The result was as follows:

Luis Mata (Venezuela)	Editorial Board (SAC member)
Zoila Aquino (Panama)	Editorial Board (COP member)

2. The EC Chair has participated actively in preparing the agenda for the joint EC, Conference of the Parties (COP) Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting to be held in Venezuela. Among the activities carried out, teleconferences were held with the EC Bureau members (Canada and Cuba) and with the representative from

Venezuela, host to the meeting. There were also consultations with SAC members, other EC and CoP members as well as the IAI Directorate.

3. The EC Chair was informed on the discussions and outcomes of the last meeting of the Financial and Administrative Committee, and held a teleconference with its members and the IAI Director.