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## **Progress Report of the EC**

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## Progress Report of the EC: *EC Chair*

- Activities charged to the EC and its Bureau

The EC and its Bureau have been involved in the process of the proposal to host the IAI Directorate, an action arising from the 18<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties, Asuncion, June 15-16, 2011.

The CoP-18 established an ad hoc committee (Host Country Committee) to provide information and advice to countries interested in hosting the Directorate. The CoP charged the EC with the drafting of the Terms of Reference for the Host Country Committee. The Committee composed of Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Paraguay and the USA reviewed the 3 proposals received by November 15 and presented their report at the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties, Arlington, Virginia, US, Feb. 15, 2012.

Proposals to host the Directorate were received from Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay. The CoP 19 decided to take advantage of the three offers to aid the IAI develop its unique task of improving the continent's capacity to understand and face global change. As a result, the three proposals were combined into one tripartite proposal, with a distributed structure for the Directorate. The tripartite proposal includes the creation of two director positions: one for science development and the other for science-policy liaison. The new directors will report to the Director General, i.e., the current IAI Director. Science development activities will be based in São José dos Campos, Brazil, and the science-policy liaison in Buenos Aires, Argentina, The IAI Directorate will be based in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The CoP established a new ad hoc committee, composed of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Uruguay and the US, to elaborate a detailed integrated proposal for the tripartite setting, to be presented for consideration at CoP-20 on 27-29 June 2012.

During the work of the ad hoc committee and after the proposal had been circulated among member countries, the EC Bureau tried to facilitate communications among the countries presenting the proposal, the directorate and the ad hoc committee.

It is worth mentioning that despite the efforts of the Committee, the parties have not reached consensus. Therefore member countries will be presented with two options for the tripartite proposal for decision by the CoP.

At its 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting the Executive Council will analyze the status of the tripartite proposal, and further discuss the options presented by the ad hoc committee, and try reach consensus among the parties in order to facilitate the decision of the Conference of the Parties.

- Activities, actions, and decisions of the EC Bureau or its members

During the 19th Conference of the Parties, the EC Chair Dr. Paul Filmer, presented his resignation for personal reasons. The EC regrets his resignation. During most of the life of IAI, Paul has contributed to the strengthening of the Institute, collaborating with the

SAC towards the scientific development of the IAI and with the remaining bodies of the IAI, as well as increasing IAI visibility in other areas. His dedication and efforts are admirable. We wish Dr. Filmer most success in his new activities. As from CoP-19, Dr. Carlos Ereño, First Vice-Chair of the EC, is the acting chair of the EC.