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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Invitation to review and contribute to the process of updating the IAI's Open Access to Data and Publications Policy

Dear Madam / Dear Sir:

On behalf of the IAI Executive Directorate, I am pleased to invite representatives of the Parties to participate in the process of updating the IAI's Open Access to Data and Publications Policy.

The IAI has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to the full sharing of data produced with IAI funds. Its first open data policy dates back to 1995¹ and establishes the *purpose of facilitating the full and open exchange of data among the Parties to the Institute, in accordance with Article II of the IAI's Establishment Agreement*.² Following the global evolution of the Open Science movement, the IAI Conference of the Parties (CoP) at its 25th meeting (Bogota, 2017) instructed the Executive Directorate to define and establish an open data policy and principles, taking into account the Open Data Policy adopted by IAI CoP 2 in 1995. Along these lines, the 26th Conference of the Parties (Guatemala, 2018) adopted Open Data Policies and Principles for the IAI (Decision XXVI/45).³, the purpose of which is to *facilitate the full and free exchange of data and information between Parties, Principal Investigators (PIs) and other stakeholders of the Institute*.

As part of its commitment to the full exchange of data and research results, the IAI Directorate created in 2023 the Open Data Working Group and defined an Open Data Work Plan for the biennium 2024-2025.⁴ Activity 1.2 of the Work Plan consists of a participatory update of the IAI Open Data Policy to respond to new demands and the global evolution of open science concepts and tools.

The Open Data Working Group developed a first updated version of the IAI Open Access to Data and Publications Policy. It was reviewed in successive rounds of participatory consultation and received input from IAI Executive Directorate staff and the Science and Science-Policy Advisory Committees (SAC and SPAC).

On this occasion, representatives of the Parties are invited to acknowledge, review and submit their input to the updated version of the IAI Open Access to Data and Publications Policy by December 13, 2024. The document containing the policy for review and editing and/or commenting is available

¹ <https://www.iai.int/admin/site/sites/default/files/Cop1-DATA-POLICY-STATEMENTS.pdf>

² www.iai.int/pdf/es/agreement_establishing_the_IAI_sp.pdf

³ <https://www.iai.int/admin/site/sites/default/files/uploads/iai-cop-26-20a-e.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.iai.int/administrador/assets/images/ckfinder/files/Archivos%20COP-32/CoP-32-10-es.pdf>

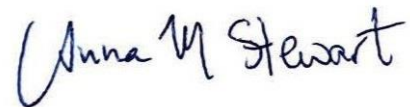
online at the following link: [IAI Open Access to Data and Publications Policy english.docx](#)

If you have any doubts or queries about the updating process and/or the content of the policy, please contact. matias.mastrangelo@dir.iai.int.

Thank you very much for your support of the IAI.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna M Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anna Stewart Ibarra
Executive Director