



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

Ref: IAIUYDIR/2018/021

19 October 2018

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Decision XXVI/21: Synthesis and dissemination of CRN3 results

Dear Madam, Sir,

The Conference of the Parties, at its 26th meeting (CoP-26, Antigua, Guatemala), adopted Decision XXVI/21 which directed the IAI Directorate to:

develop the synthesis and dissemination activities and products of the last phase of the CRN3 program, including a special issue in a peer-review journal and a catalog of science-policy experiences.

The IAI Directorate is pleased to inform Parties on the progress of work to fulfill Decision XXVI/21.

Today, the IAI Directorate issued a call to researchers associated with the 3rd round of the Collaborative Research Networks to submit research abstracts based on the CRN3 program to be expanded into position papers of greater scope and to be published in a peer reviewed journal. The IAI Directorate seeks position papers on topics that may promote science to policy discussions needed by governments for more effective decision-making.

The deadline for abstract submission is 15 December 2018. The IAI Directorate will select 8 to 14 abstracts approximately based on the results of a review that considers scientific merit, policy relevance, and clarity, among other criteria, in which the SAC/SPAC -and external reviewers, if appropriate, - will have an important role. These abstracts will allow the Directorate to develop a special issue proposal, which will be submitted to a journal according to the selected texts.

A copy of the invitation is annexed to this document.

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

Yours sincerely,

Marcos Regis da Silva
Executive Director



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

Annex: **CRN3 SPECIAL ISSUE IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL.**

Call for abstracts

In 2018, Parties to the IAI adopted Decisions XXVI/21 and XXVI/40 which instruct the Directorate to prepare a proposal for the content of a 25th IAI anniversary publication. In response to those Decisions, the IAI Directorate invites CRN3 researchers to submit research abstracts based on the CRN3 program to be expanded into position papers of greater scope and to be published in a peer reviewed journal. The IAI Directorate encourages CRN3 researchers to submit more than one abstract. The deadline for submissions is **15 December 2018**.

The IAI is the preeminent regional organization standing at the intersection of science to policy. Its CRN program is widely recognized as an innovative mechanism generating scientific knowledge for use by policy makers. This science has provided data and information on global change issues to provide nations in the Americas with the knowledge needed to meet the challenges arising from climate change and biodiversity loss, among many other urgent issues. The CRNs also support the Sustainable Development Goals, and assist American nations to implement policies in support of sustainable use of natural resources and development. The range of IAI sponsored research is wide, and includes climate adaptability and mitigation, agriculture, health, food security, oceans and human welfare, among many other topics.

Abstracts

The IAI Directorate welcomes abstracts on topics that may promote science to policy discussions needed by governments for more effective decision-making. A position paper enables discussion on emerging issues framed within a policy dimension. It substantiates opinions or positions of researchers on a topic backed by scientific evidence. It is geared toward translating research into recommendations for action or “solutions”.

Publication venue

The Directorate, in consultation with the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Science Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) will communicate with editors of the following journals to ascertain their interest in the publication of a special issue:

- Environmental Development <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/environmental-development>
- Anthropocene (Josh Tewksbury)
- Environmental Management (Kathy Halvorsen) <https://link.springer.com/journal/267>
- Ecology & Society (Carl Folke) www.ecologyandsociety.org/



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

- Environmental Science & Policy www.journals.elsevier.com/environmental-science-and-policy/
- Global Environmental Change www.journals.elsevier.com/global-environmental-change
- Regional Environmental Change (Bernhard Glaeser) <http://www.springer.com/environment/global+change++climate+change/journal/10113>
- International Journal of Innovation of Sustainable Development (Walter Leal) <http://www.inderscience.com/jhome.php?jcode=ijisd>
- COSUST (Hal Mooney, Sandra Diaz) www.journals.elsevier.com/current-opinion-in-environmental-sustainability/
- WIRES Climate Change (Lisa Dilling) <http://wires.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WiresJournal/wisld-WCC.html>
- Nature Sustainability? www.nature.com/natsustain/ (Perhaps for a synthesis-of-program-outcomes collective paper)

Template for abstracts

Abstracts are limited to 1 page, Arial 10-12 size font, single space, containing:

1. Title.
2. Author listing. Includes associated CRN3 project and institutional affiliation.
3. Problem. Presentation of a research problem, associated with a current global change issue framed within the context of possible policies or policy frameworks.
4. Position. The position of the author/s vis-a-vis of their problem (e.g., "Practices of this kind are related to effects that compromise the sustainability of ecosystems beyond their resilience capacity in the medium term").
5. Evidence. The scientific evidence that supports a view.
6. Proposition. Suggestions for action, including case studies of actions that have already been implemented, outcomes, or actions that are currently underway.

Paper selection

The IAI Directorate will select 8 to 14 abstracts approximately (depending on the journal and the length of the papers to be developed) based on the results of a review that considers scientific merit, policy relevance, and clarity, among other criteria, in which the SAC/SPAC -and external reviewers, if appropriate, - will have an important role.

Editing process

The IAI Directorate, members of the SAC and SPAC will have the main responsibility for the edition of this special issue. Specific editorial responsibilities will be decided once the journal has been identified. The editors and/or invited authors will produce one or two brief introduction papers contextualizing the papers in the framework of the evolution of the science of the IAI in its 25 years of existence.

Contact

Please send your requests for clarification and questions to iai2018@dir.iai.int