



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

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NOTIFICATION

Subject: invitation to Parties, Associates and the Scientific Advisory Committee to submit nominations for representatives to the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

Dear Madam/Sir,

Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article VII, *The Scientific Advisory Committee*, of the *Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research*, states:

2. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall be composed of ten members elected by the Conference of the Parties to serve in their personal capacity for three-year terms and with eligibility for a single additional term. The Conference of the Parties shall elect six Scientific Advisory Committee members from nominations received from the Parties; three from nominations received from the Scientific Advisory Committee itself; and one from nominations received from the Institute's Associates. These members shall be scientists recognized internationally for their expertise in areas relevant to the objectives of the Institute, ensuring broad sub-regional, regional, and worldwide representation, as well as representation from a variety of disciplines relevant to global change research.

3. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall meet as necessary and at least once a year.

4. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall:

- a) Make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties regarding the Scientific Agenda, long-range plans and annual program of the Institute;*
- b) Direct the peer review system of the Institute, ensuring through its rules of procedure that individual Committee members do not participate in the evaluation of proposals which they have themselves submitted;*
- c) Adopt its own rules of procedure;*
- d) Establish scientific panels for particular issues;*
- e) Assess the scientific results obtained by the Institute; and*
- f) Perform any other functions entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties.*

Rules 67 to 71 of the *Standing rules of the Conference of the Parties of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* (as approved by CoP-21, June 2013, Montevideo), state:

67. Each Party may propose up to two candidates for each of the SAC vacancies to be filled from nominees by the Parties.

68. *The Scientific Advisory Committee may propose up to twice the number of candidates for the number of vacancies to be filled from nominations from the Scientific Advisory Committee itself.*

69. *The Associates of the Institute may submit up to four (4) candidates for the vacancy on the Scientific Advisory Committee to be filled by nominations from the Associates.*

70. *If no candidates are presented by the Scientific Advisory Committee or the Associates, the Conference of the Parties may fill this vacancy taking into account nominations made earlier by the Parties and/or the Scientific Advisory Committee.*

71. *All nominations for candidates must be submitted to the Directorate in time for the Directorate to make them available at least thirty (30) days prior to the election date. Nominations must be accompanied by curricula vitae that fulfill at least the requirements set forth by the Agreement Establishing the IAI.*

In June 2020, two SAC members nominated by the Parties, Dr. Tereza Cavazos (Mexico) and Dr. Carlos Alfredo Joly (Brazil), will conclude their first and second term respectively, and two SAC members nominated by the SAC itself, Dr. Antonio Magalhaes (Brazil) and Dr. Michelle Grunauer (Ecuador), will conclude their first and second term respectively.

Nominations from the Parties and from the SAC are required to fill the vacant positions, at the upcoming meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Dr. Tereza Cavazos is eligible for re-election if nominated by a Party and Dr. Antonio Magalhaes is eligible for re-election if nominated by the SAC. Alternatively, Parties and the SAC can propose new highly qualified candidates for the two vacancies.

In addition, in March 2020, the SAC member nominated by the Associates, Dr. Moacyr Araujo (Brazil), resigned. Nominations from the Associates of the IAI are required to fill the vacant position, at the upcoming meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Parties, the Associates and the SAC are invited to submit nominations of qualified representatives to the SAC at their earliest convenience **but no later than 30 April 2020**.

Nominations, accompanied by a short curriculum vitae, should be submitted to the IAI Directorate by e-mail to Ms Soledad Noya at soledad@dir.iai.int

Elections will be held during the CoP-28 in accordance with the *Standing rules of the Conference of the Parties of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* (as approved by CoP-21, June 2013, Montevideo):

65. *The Conference of the Parties will normally hold elections to fill vacancies on the Scientific Advisory Committee no earlier than the second (2nd) day of the Conference. In the event there is more than one vacancy to be filled, voting shall be conducted separately, starting with the vacancies for which candidates are proposed by the Parties, followed by the vacancies for which candidates are proposed by the Scientific Advisory Committee itself, and ending with the vacancy for which candidates are proposed by the Associates of the Institute.*

66. *The Parties, the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Associates, in considering potential candidates for the Committee, and the Conference of the Parties, in its election of SAC members, shall take into account the need to ensure representation within the Scientific Advisory Committee from a variety of disciplines relevant to global change research and equitable geographic distribution. The Scientific Advisory Committee Chair will make available to the Parties at least sixty (60) days in advance of each Conference of the Parties an assessment of the Committee's needs for disciplinary representation.*

It is recommended that nominees and appointments follow the high standards of science excellence and profiles followed over the last two decades by the CoP, and that SAC members not be seen as representatives of a country, but of their science.

New appointments should:

- Have high academic and research excellence.
- Have an established, extensive research and publication record.
- Have a Doctorate or equivalent experience.
- Have expertise in inter- and/or transdisciplinary science
- Be open, collegial, and demonstrate a willingness to work with other disciplines.
- Have extensive experience directing and managing international scientific projects relevant to the strategic areas of the IAI.
- Understand the social, economic, political, and ecological realities of the Americas.
- Understand the science policies and priorities of countries of the Americas.
- Understand the role of and relationships between decision makers from the public and private sectors, resource managers, social scientists, and natural scientists.

Nominations in 2020 should consider the priority areas specified in the IAI's Scientific Agenda and Strategic Plan.

Nominees from groups that have been historically under-represented in the sciences are welcomed.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director