

Thirteenth Meeting of the IAI Executive Council (EC)
July 17-18, 2001 Panama City, Panama

Action List

Day 1: July 17

1. The EC approved the agenda of its Thirteenth Meeting without any modifications (document: 1_ECXIII/DWD/July 16, 2001).
2. The EC approved the Report of its Twelfth Meeting with 3 modifications and 1 comment (document: 3_ECXIII/DWD/May 2001):
 - Item 14 of the Report (Spanish version) - Informe del Sub-comité sobre los TOR para las Evaluaciones Externas del IAI - page 10, where it reads: "Por solicitud del Director Ejecutivo del IAI, el grupo de trabajo compuesto por Gordon McBean (Canadá), Max Campos (Costa Rica), Federico Garcia Brum (Uruguay), y Rubén Lara (México) se reunió el 4 y 5 de diciembre de 2001 en San José de Costa Rica, para preparar los Términos de Referencia (TOR) para una Evaluación Externa del IAI." it should read: **"Por solicitud del Director Ejecutivo del IAI, el grupo de trabajo se reunió el 4 y 5 de diciembre de 2000 en San José de Costa Rica para preparar los Términos de Referencia (TOR) para una Evaluación Externa del IAI. En dicha reunión estuvieron presentes: Gordon McBean (Canadá), Max Campos (Costa Rica), y Rubén Lara (México). Federico Garcia Brum participó en la misma telefónicamente."**
 - Item 14 of the Report (English version) – Report of the Sub-Committee on the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the External Evaluation of the IAI – page 10, where it reads: "As per the request of the IAI Director, the working group composed of Gordon McBean (Canada), Max Campos (Costa Rica), Federico Garcia Brum (Uruguay), and Rubén Lara (Mexico) met on December 4 and 5, 2001, in San José de Costa Rica, to prepare the initial TOR for an External Evaluation of the IAI." It should read: **"As per the request of the IAI Director, the working group met on December 4 and 5, 2000, in San José de Costa Rica, to prepare the initial TOR for an External Evaluation of the IAI. Gordon McBean (Canada), Max Campos (Costa Rica), and Rubén Lara (Mexico) were present in the meeting. Federico Garcia Brum (Uruguay) participated through a teleconference."**
 - Item 15 of the Report (Spanish version) - Aprobación de Nuevas Iniciativas - page 11, where it reads: "... que el apoyo de los EE.UU. tendrá una mirada cada vez más escrutadora debido ..." it should read **"...que el apoyo de los EE.UU. será analizado críticamente debido ..."**
 - The US delegation recommended that in future reports the name of the country delegation should be mentioned instead of the name of the representative.
3. The EC approved the composition of the Nominating Committee for the election of SAC members. The group is composed of:
 - 3 members of the EC: Mary Kayano (Brazil), Mimi Breton (Canada), and Paul Filmer (USA);
 - 1 member of the SAC: John Stewart (SAC Chair) - Chair of the Nominating Committee;
 - 2 scientists from Panama: Maria Donoso (CATHALAC) and Abdiel J. Adames (Universidad de Panamá).

4. The EC recommended that the FAWG and the Rules of Procedure Committee study the possibility of supporting the participation of the EC members, and eventually the CoP members, in IAI institutional meetings using Core Budget funds (Article XIII – paragraph 1). Comments and suggestions from member country representatives should be sent to the IAI Directorate (Silvio Bianchi). A decision regarding this issue will be taken at the upcoming EC meeting in Havana.
5. The EC endorsed the recommendation of the delegate from the USA, Paul Filmer, that in future EC and CoP meetings the IAI Scientific Officer present outstanding scientific results emerging from IAI programs.
6. The EC recommended that the FAWG and the Rules of Procedure Committee consider a new structure for the IAI Directorate.
7. The EC indicated the delegate from the USA (Paul Filmer) as the person in charge of receiving suggestions for the composition of the IAI External Review Committee.
8. The EC endorsed the recommendation of the delegate from Argentina, Carlos Ereño, that in future EC and CoP meetings the IAI Directorate make a presentation on the status of the programmatic budget, in addition to the presentation of the status of the Core Budget.
9. The EC approved the suggestion of the EC Chair regarding the roles of the First and the Second EC Vice-Chairs. The First EC Vice-Chair (Margaret Leinen) will work with the External Evaluation of IAI. The Second EC Vice-Chair (Bárbara Garea) will work on the document of the 10th Anniversary of the IAI.

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1. The Chair of the Nominating Committee for the election of SAC members, John Stewart, reported on the work of the group and presented to the EC the candidates that were recommended:
 - I. In the area of the Climate Variability and Risk Assessment:
 - Pedro L. Silva Dias
 - Julia Nogues Paegle
 - II. In the area of the Integration of Science and Policy:
 - Guillermo Castro Herrera
 - Lynne Z. Hale
 - Eduardo J. Viola
 - III. In the area of the Human Dimensions of Land/Climate/Urban Change;
 - Luiz Fernando Loureiro Legey
 - David L. Skole
 - IV. In the area of the Biogeochemistry of Change in Land Cover and Sustainability;
 - René Capote López
 - Christopher J. Field
 - V. In the area of the Changes in the Composition of Atmosphere, Oceans, and Fresh Waters.
 - Maria Assunção F. da Silva Dias
 - Mary Anne Carroll
2. The EC recommended that a working group composed of: Mary Kayano (Brazil), Bárbara Garea (Cuba), Paul Filmer (USA), and Eduardo Banús (IAI) meet to discuss final adjustments in the document: "Suspension and Termination Procedures for IAI Projects" (19_ECXIII/CoPVIII/DWD/May 28, 2001) so that it can be forwarded to the CoP-VIII for its approval.
3. The EC recommended that a working group composed of: Carlos Ereño (Argentina), Eládio Zárate (C. Rica), Bárbara Garea (Cuba), Ligia Castro (Panama), Lisa Farrow (USA), and Louis Brown (USA) meet to discuss the current problems IAI is facing with regards to the lack of commitment of some member countries. The recommendations of the group will be forwarded to the IAI External Evaluation Committee and to the EC.
4. The EC requested that the Fund Raising Working Group (FRWG) design a strategy to present new projects to the GEF.

5. The EC approved the document: "Terms of Reference for the IAI External Review Committee" (15_ECXIII/CoPVIII/July 9,2001) with 1 modification and will forward it to the Conference of the Parties (CoP) VIII. Modification (page 4): Timing - The evaluation is to commence in August 2001 and the report and recommendations should be completed within 1 year.
6. The EC approved the communications strategy proposed by the Chair of the Communications Task Force (Bárbara Garea).
7. The EC approved the Charter (Draft 3.0) of the Financial and Administrative Working Group (FAWG) with minor modifications in the Spanish version. The EC also approved the composition of the FAWG for a new 2-year term: Brazil, Cuba, USA, and Uruguay. The EC recommended that at least one additional member be incorporated in the group.
8. The EC approved and will forward to the CoP-VIII the IAI Core Budget Request for the fiscal year 2001/2002 (document 16_ECXIII/CoPVIII/DWD/June 20, 2001).
9. The EC approved and will forward to the CoP-VIII the IAI Financial Statements 1999/2000 (document 17_ECXIII/CoPVIII/DWD/July 16, 2001).
10. The EC approved and will forward to the CoP-VIII the General Guidelines of the IAI Science Grant Program – Phase II (document 20_ECXIII/CoPVIII/DID/English/June 19,2001).
11. The EC approved and will forward to the CoP-VIII the IAI Directorate's initiative to make an open call for proposals to co-fund "Summer Institute activities" between IAI and the proponent institution. The funding will come from some remaining funds from the PESCA Program.
12. The EC approved the IAI Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and the IAI Directorate's initiative to conduct a synthesis analysis of results emerging from the Initial Science Program (ISP) upon its completion in 2001, using the remaining funds of the program.
13. The EC approved that the IAI be a convener in the "Regional Workshop on Sustainability Science" to be held in Brazil either in the second half of 2001 or the first half of 2002.
14. The EC approved the composition of the EC Rules of Procedure Committee as: Antônio MacDowell (Brazil), Ligia Castro (Panama), and Louis B. Brown (USA).
15. The EC approved the creation of an ad hoc Committee, which will be responsible for analyzing and presenting proposals to the EC with respect to the way IAI will deal with delays in member countries voluntary contributions in the future. The EC approved the composition of this Committee as: Mary Kayano (Brazil), Bárbara Garea (Cuba), Maria Donoso (Panama), and Paul Filmer (USA).
16. The EC approved the Action List of July 17th with a few modifications already incorporated in it.
17. The EC accepted Cuba's offer to host the Fourteenth Meeting of the EC in Havana on November 26-27, 2001.