

17. Next meeting of the Executive Council

The Executive Council accepted the offer made by the delegate from Uruguay to host the eighth meeting of the Executive Council, which will take place in Montevideo, Uruguay, tentatively scheduled for November 1998. The delegate from Costa Rica offered to host a future meeting of the EC.

18. Resolutions

A list of the resolutions approved by the Executive Council at its seventh meeting, signed by the EC Chair, Robert Corell, Vice Chair, Carlos Ereño and IAI Director, Armando Rabuffetti, was circulated to the EC members. (see attached).

19. Action lists

The Action List for Day 1 was approved.

Attachments:

**Seventh Meeting of the IAI Executive Council
June 1-2, 1998 Arlington, USA**

ACTION LIST

Day 1: Monday, June 1, 1998

1. The Executive Council approved the agenda of the seventh meeting of the EC with one minor modification: the presentation of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Chair was postponed to the morning of June 2.
2. The Executive Council approved the report of the sixth meeting of the EC with the following corrections:
 - item 15: Election of SAC members: remove the word "appropriate"
 - action list day 2 point 3: remove the word "adequate" from the bullet 2 and insert the word "adequate" in bullet 3 before "financial policies"
 - item 8: Report of the Communications Task Force: replace the word "absence" by "unable to attend"
 - item 23: Director's Performance Review: add the following observation - "This was not a formal Executive Session, but an ad hoc Session of the Executive Council"
 - item 16: IAI Annual Report (in the Spanish version of the report): replace the word "extranjera" by "externa"
 - The Directorate will review the Spanish translation of the report
3. The Executive Council set up the SAC Nominations Committee for the elections of the SAC with the following composition: 2 members of the EC - Maria Donoso (Panama), Lou Brown (USA); 1 member of the Conference of the Parties not part of the EC - Abraham Salcedo (Venezuela); 1 local IAI supported scientist - Ernesto Hugo Berbery (University of Maryland). Maria Donoso agreed to chair the committee.

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4. The Executive Council requested the Directorate to prepare a table with the in-kind contributions being made to the IAI supported projects under the Initial Science Program
5. The Executive Council Chair requested the Chair of the Committee on Standing Rules and Procedures to re-draft the proposed amendments to the Montevideo Agreement and changes to the EC and CoP Rules of Procedures, and present them to the EC on June 2.
6. The Core Budget Request for 1998/1999 was approved by the EC and will be forwarded to the CoP for its approval
7. The audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending 30th of June 1997 were also approved by the EC and will be forwarded to the CoP for its approval
8. The delegate from Brazil, Antonio MacDowell, expressed his wish to withdraw from the Finance and Administrative Policy Working Group. The Executive Council decided to discuss the membership of this committee at its next meeting.

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ACTION LIST

Day 2: Tuesday, June 2, 1998

1. The Executive Council requested the EC Chair to set up a Task Force to develop and conceptualize proposals for the GEF. The composition of this Task Force will be: EC members or designees, SAC members, the Directorate and the Director of the IAI/GEF project. The EC chair will draft the terms of reference for this Task Force
2. The Executive Council approved the following proposals related to the IAI Rules of Procedures presented by the Chair of the Standing Rules Committee:
 - IV. Amendment to the IAI Agreement related to the increments in country contributions: the final proposal was presented to be submitted to the CoP for discussion only. The approval of this Amendment will be sought at the next CoP in 1999 when the country delegates must present their appropriate credentials to amend the Agreement (See Annex 1)
 - V. IAI membership related to the IAI Agreement: The Committee considers that the existing Agreement provides sufficient flexibility to enable non-independent territories of the region to support scientific participation and, as appropriate, to be represented in IAI activities including meetings of IAI governing bodies, by the countries outside the region, with which these non-independent territories are associated (See Annex 2A)

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- VI. Proposed Modification to the Standing Rules of the IAI CoP in relation to unpaid contributions: the Committee recommends not to change the current Standing Rules of the CoP, but to request the Directorate to initiate various administrative measures. (See Annex 2B)
 - VII. Proposal to the Modification of the EC Standing Rules: the Committee presented a new draft of Rule 23, which was approved by the EC and will be recommended to the CoP. (See Annex 3)
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- 3. The SAC Nominating Committee presented to the Executive Committee 4 candidates recommended to be elected to the IAI Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC). The Executive Council decided to hold 3 ballots in each of the 3 topical areas identified by the SAC. The ballots will include all 8 candidates nominated by the SAC in document 15/ECVII/CoPV/DWD/Eng/May19, 1998. The Committee recommendations will be available to CoP delegates
 - 4. The Executive Council approved the EC Chair's and the Director's proposal to develop a "Program to Expand the Scientific Capacity in the Americas (PESCA)". The EC Chair will prepare the terms of reference for this proposal and will present it to the CoP for their information
 - 5. The Executive Council approved the proposal to set up a Fund-Raising Working Group to broaden the funding base for IAI scientific programs. The EC asked the EC Chair to work on the terms of reference and composition of this group. It was suggested that a past-EC chair participate in this group
 - 6. The Executive Council approved the Revised Science Agenda (See document 14.ECVII/CoPV/DWD/Eng/May19, 1998) and will forward it to the CoP for its final approval
 - 7. The Executive Council accepted the offer made by the delegate from Uruguay to host the eighth meeting of the Executive Council, which will take place in Montevideo, Uruguay, tentatively scheduled for November 1998. The delegate from Costa Rica offered to host some future meetings of the EC
 - 8. The Executive Council approved the action list of the first day of the EC VII meeting

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- 9. The Chair of the EC Communications Task Force informed the EC that the IAI does not have the financial resources to hire an individual to assist with IAI's communications/information/outreach activities and therefore requested the IAI member countries to consider seconding an individual to assist with these activities as a potential in-kind contribution