Twenty-First meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) of the IAI Montevideo, Uruguay 12-13 June 2013

Action List Day 1: 12 June 2013

Decisions

Decision XXI/1

1 The CoP elected the following members as the Bureau for its Twenty First Session: Jorge Rucks from Uruguay as the Chair, María Virgínia Alves from Brazil as the First Vice-Chair, and Eric Gagné from Canada as the Second Vice-Chair.

Decision XXI/2

2 The CoP elected the new members of the Credentials Committee: Brazil, Dominican Republic and the United States. The committee in its composition is appointed for two years and the members are requested to serve in the period between sessions.

Decision XXI/3

3 The CoP approved the agenda of its twenty-first session.

Decision XXI/4

4 The CoP approved the report of its twentieth session.

Decision XXI/5

5 The Credentials Committee informed the CoP that twelve delegations had submitted the official credentials to participate in the Conference: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, the United States and Uruguay. Required number of accredited Parties to constitute quorum is nine.

Decision XXI/6

6 The CoP decided to elect members to the Scientific Advisory Committee in a way that would maintain continuity in the SAC membership and provide a mechanism for a moderate renewal process in the future. This decision responds to the critical situation the SAC is facing as a result of a carry-over of two vacancies from 2012, and the end of the final terms of five members over the next 14 months. The CoP exceptionally re-appointed Carolina Vera and Harold Mooney (nominated by the Parties) for a 2-year period and reelected Claudia Natenzon (nominated by the Parties) for a second term.

Action List Day 2: 13 June 2013

Decision XXI/7

7 The CoP approved the action list of day 1 with some modifications already included.

Decision XXI/8

8 The CoP approved the Core Budget Request for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Decision XXI/9

9 The CoP approved the (unchanged) level of country contributions for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Decision XXI/10

10 The CoP accepted the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Decision XXI/11

11 The CoP approved the Annual Plan for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Decision XXI/12

12 The CoP approved the renewal of the term of the Implementation Committee for the Tripartite Structure of the IAI until the next CoP. The committee will maintain its terms of reference and membership: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador (Vice-chair), USA (Chair) and Uruguay. The committee shall be open to all the Parties.

Decision XXI/13

13 The CoP approved the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Science-Policy Liaison. The committee will provide advice to the CoP and the IAI Directorates on how to use and design science for policy and decision-making.

Decision XXI/14

14 The CoP charged the EC and the Directorate with the drafting of the terms of reference for the Advisory Committee on Science-Policy Liaison (which will begin its work as from the next CoP) as well as the preparation of a list of possible candidates to be considered by the next CoP. The SAC will be part of the process.

Decision XXI/15

15 The CoP approved the following changes to the EC and CoP Rules of Procedure regarding the accreditation of country representatives.

Artículo 3 (Reglamento de la CoP)

La Conferencia de las Partes estará abierta a todas las Partes del Acuerdo. Invitada a una Conferencia de las Partes, y antes de la misma, la Parte que no hubiera designado Representantes Permanente y/o Suplentes acreditará a través de la autoridad diplomática pertinente a un Representante (y si lo deseara, a un Representante Alterno) para dicha Conferencia. La acreditación tendrá validez para la Reunión del Consejo Ejecutivo inmediatamente posterior a la Conferencia de las Partes. Para las sucesivas Reuniones del Consejo Ejecutivo, todas las Partes electas para conformarlo designarán a un Representante Permanente y/o a un Suplente del Representante Permanente, por nombre o cargo, que las represente en el Consejo Ejecutivo durante la vigencia de su mandato.

Rule 3 (CoP rules) The Conference of the Parties shall be open to all Parties to the Agreement. Upon invitation to a Conference of Parties, a Party that has not designated a Permanent and/or Alternate Permanent Representatives shall accredit through its competent diplomatic authority, prior to that Conference of Parties, a Representative (and if so desired an Alternate Representative) to the Conference. Such accreditation shall be valid also for the Executive Council Meeting immediately following that Conference of Parties. For subsequent Executive Council Meetings, any Party elected to the Executive Council shall designate a Permanent and/or Alternate Permanent Representative, by name or post, who will represent the Party on the Executive Council during the term of its mandate.

Artículo 4 (Reglamento del CE) Las Partes electas para integrar el Consejo Ejecutivo podrán decidir que su Representante Permanente ante el IAI, un Representante diplomáticamente

acreditado al Consejo Ejecutivo, o un Suplente del Representante Permanente acreditado del mismo modo sea quien las represente. En la Reunión del Consejo Ejecutivo inmediatamente posterior a la Conferencia de las Partes en la que se elige la composición de dicho órgano, las Partes electas podrán ser representadas por los delegados acreditados diplomáticamente ante dicha Conferencia.

Rule 4 (EC Rules) Each Party elected to serve on the Executive Council can be represented on the Executive Council either by its Permanent Representative to the IAI; by a Representative diplomatically accredited to the Executive Council; or by a similarly accredited Alternate to such a Representative, as decided by the elected Party. For the Executive Council Meeting immediately following the Conference of the Parties at which a Party was elected to the Executive Council, it may also be represented by its diplomatically accredited Representative to that Conference of the Parties.

Decision XXI/16

16 The CoP did not approve the changes proposed to Rule 53 of the EC Rules of Procedure.

Decision XXI/17

17 The CoP elected Michelle Grunauer Andrade and Werner Wilbert (nominated by the parties) as members of the Scientific Advisory Committee. Tellers of the election were Brazil and Paraguay.

Decision XXI/18

18 The CoP unanimously elected Susana Adamo (nominated by the IAI Associates) as member of the Scientific Advisory Committee. Tellers of the election were Brazil and Paraguay.

Decision XXI/19

19 The CoP approved the participation of the SAC and the IAI Directorate in the Future Earth initiative.

Decision XXI/20

20 The CoP approved the initiative of the IAI Directorate to work towards an agreement for a consortium between UNESCO, ICSU-ROLAC and the IAI.

Decision XXI/21

21 The CoP approved the workplan and strategy for the Science-Policy Liaison Directorate.

Decision XXI/22

22 The CoP endorsed the Agreement signed between the National Council for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICET) of Argentina and the IAI.

Decision XXI/23

23 The CoP charged the EC with the implementation of Action 8 of the present Action List.

Decision XXI/24

24 The CoP will wait until October 2013 for invitations from member countries to host the next EC-CoP meetings. In case no offer is tendered, the Directorate will start working with the host country, to have the meetings at the Directorate headquarters as stated in Rule 13, Chapter 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties.