

**Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) of the IAI
Arlington, USA
4-5 June 1998**

Action List Day 1: 4 June 1998

Decisions

Decision V/1

1 The CoP nominated Robert Corell from the USA as Chair of the fifth meeting of the CoP, Lindolpho Dias from Brazil as first Vice-Chair, and Patricia Ramirez from Costa Rica as second Vice-Chair.

Decision V/2

2 The Accreditation Committee, composed of Canada (Chair), Argentina and Peru, validated the credentials of the 15 Parties present.

Decision V/3

3 The CoP approved the agenda of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Decision V/4

4 The CoP approved the report of the Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties – subject to the following modifications:

- In item 16 “SAC Nominating Committee and Election of new SAC members”: the minutes should reflect that the elections of the new SAC members took place the day after the nominating committee presented its suggestions to the Conference of the Parties
- In item 7b “Report of the EC Chair – IAI Overhead Policy”: the translation of the report into Spanish will be corrected

Decision V/5

5 The CoP appointed the new CoP Accreditation Committee: Mexico (Chair), Ecuador and Uruguay.

Decision V/6

6 The CoP approved the Revised Science Agenda (See document 14.ECVII/CoPV/DWD/Eng/May19,1998) (Resolution 1-CoPV)

Decision XXI/7

7 The Conference of the Parties (CoP) approved the following resolutions related to the IAI Rules of Procedures presented by the Chair of the Standing Rules Committee:

- I. Associates of the IAI: 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. The Directorate was instructed to distribute information regarding IAI activities

including IAI research and observational programs to all scientists and scientific institutions in the region (See Annex 2A) (Resolution 2-CoPV)

II. 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) (Resolution 3-CoPV)

III. Proposal to the Modification of the EC Standing Rules: the Committee presented a new draft of Rule 23. (See Annex 3) (Resolution 4-CoPV)

Decision V/8

8 The CoP discussed the Amendment to the IAI Agreement related to the increments in country contributions. 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)

Decision V/9

9 The CoP approved the Core Budget Request for the financial year 1998/99 (Resolution 5-CoPV)

Decision V/10

10 The CoP approved the Financial Statements and Auditors Report (Resolution 6-CoPV)

Decision V/11

11 The Director assumed the responsibility to provide more feedback to declined investigators, who submit proposals to the IAI

Action List Day 2: 5 June 1998

Decision V/12

12 The CoP approved the Annual Program of the IAI (Resolution 11-CoPV June 5, 1998)

Decision V/13

13 The CoP authorized the Director to issue invitations to organizations within the following categories to become Associates to the IAI:

- Regional/International Scientific Research Organization or Programs e.g. IGBP, IHDP, WCRP, IRI, CGIAR, Smithsonian Institution
- Intergovernmental Agencies e.g. WMO, IOC
- Development Agencies, Banks, Foundations e.g. IDB, Corporacion Andina de Fomento
- Industry, Business, and other Private Sector Interests

See document 16.ECVII/CoPV/WD/Eng/May19,1998. (Resolution 7-CoPV June 5, 1998)

Decision V/14

14 The CoP instructed the Scientific Advisory Committee, in concert with the IAI Directorate, to organize a workshop to assess the impacts of El Niño in the region in order to assist in the preparation of a proposal to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to address El Niño issues in the future (Resolution 8-CoPV June 5, 1998)

Decision V/15

15 The CoP asked the Scientific Advisory Committee to recommend relevant areas of

common interest, by sub-region, between the IAI and the various potential Associates identified in Resolution 7. Furthermore, the CoP directs that Executive Council working groups, formed to develop proposals under Executive Council resolution 7, shall take into account such recommendations (Resolution 9-CoPV June 5, 1998)

Decision V/16

16 The EC Chair suggested that the US take a lead to work with the Directorate and the SAC to set up a travelling workshop to help the investigators by providing adequate feedback.

Decision V/17

17 The CoP instructed the Executive Council and the Directorate to plan, develop and implement the proposals submitted to the CoP regarding:

Goals of funding (implementation plan)

Program to expand the scientific capacity in the Americas (PESCA)

Follow-on to Start-Up Grants

(Resolution 10-CoPV June 5, 1998)

Decision V/18

18 The CoP Chair announced that the Director, Dr. Armando Rabuffetti, had been unanimously elected for a further three-year term.

The CoP adopted the following resolution:

The Conference of the Parties RECOGNISING the importance of continued strong and effective research regarding the environment of the Americas;

HAVING re-elected Dr. Armando Rabuffetti, the Director of the IAI, to a second term in this post, on "World Environment Day"

REQUESTS the Chair of the Executive Council to inform the countries of the region and other interested countries and international organizations of the IAI's re-election of Dr. Rabuffetti on this day of such international importance for the environment and of the IAI's continued interest in working with these countries and organizations to address global environmental change research issues.

(Resolution 12-CoPV June 5, 1998)

Decision V/19

19 The CoP Chair announced that the following members of the Executive Council had been elected to serve for the next two years commencing September, 1998: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela, Carlos Ereño (Argentina) was elected as Chair, Gordon McBean (Canada) as First Vice Chair and José Carlos Tenorio (Mexico) as Second Vice Chair. Robert Corell (USA), as Past Chair, will serve ex-officio.

Decision V/20

20 John Robinson, Otis Brown and Luiz Bevilacqua were elected to the Scientific Advisory Committee.

Decision V/21

21 The Conference recognized that, in future, it would be useful to develop a regularized process for preparation, review and approval of resolutions. To this end the Conference asked the Standing Committee on Rules to review and prepare recommendations on this issue for consideration and approval by the Conference at this next Meeting

The Committee was asked to consider such issues as:

- The kinds of issues that are appropriate for the Conference to address through resolutions, as opposed to through inclusion in the record of the meeting;
- The process that the CoP should use for preparing, distributing, discussing and approving resolutions;
- The format(s) that might be best for resolutions; and
- Possible schedules on which this process might take place (e.g., deadlines for submission of drafts).

Decision V/22

22 Future Meetings and Sites

EC: November 1998 – Uruguay (confirmed – dates to be announced)

EC/CoP: Spring 1999 – Open for consideration

Decision V/23

23 The Action List for Day 1 of the CoP was approved.