

**Sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) of the IAI
Ottawa, Canada
17-18 June 1999**

Action List Day 1: 17 June 1999

Decisions

Decision VI/1

1 The Conference of the Parties (CoP) elected the following members to compose the bureau of its sixth meeting: Gordon McBean, Canada (Chair), Daniel Pabon, Colombia (First Vice-Chair), and Raul Michellini, Uruguay (Second Vice-Chair).

Decision VI/2

2 The CoP approved the following members to compose the CoP VI Accreditation Committee: Rafael Martinez, Mexico (Chair), Fernando Ortiz, Ecuador, and Raul Michellini, Uruguay. The Committee Chair informed the CoP that 13 delegations provided the official accreditation, which was required in order to officially participate in the meeting.

Decision VI/3

- 3 The CoP approved the agenda of its sixth meeting with the following modifications:
- On June 18, 1999, after the Donor's Session include an agenda item related to "The Amendments to the IAI Agreement";
 - On June 18, 1999, after the "The Amendments to the IAI Agreement" include the presentation on the World Meteorological Organization – Feasibility Study for an El Niño Centre in Ecuador.

Decision VI/4

4 The CoP approved the Report of its fifth meeting.

Decision VI/5

5 The CoP approved the terms of reference, composition, and strategic plan of the Executive Council Fund Raising working group.

Action List Day 2: 18 June 1999

Decision VI/6

6 At the Executive Council request, the CoP approved the following resolution concerning IAI receiving funds from other organizations:

The Conference of the Parties RECOGNIZING the common interests shared with various intergovernmental and non-governmental scientific and technical organizations;

RECOGNIZING the contributions that collaboration with such organizations would support the Scientific Agenda and programmatic activities of the Institute;

HAVING received expressions of interest from such organizations in the financial and

scientific management expertise present at the Directorate;

AUTHORIZES the Directorate, under Article VIII, Paragraph 5, and Article XIII, paragraph 2, to receive and manage donations from these organizations that contribute to the development of the Scientific Agenda and the programmatic activities of the Institute.

Decision VI/7

7 The Conference of the Parties (CoP) approved the Annual Program presented by the IAI Director.

Decision VI/8

8 The CoP approved the Core Budget Request for fiscal year 1999/2000.

Decision VI/9

9 The CoP approved the Financial Statement and Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year 1997/1998.

Decision VI/10

10 The CoP elected the accreditation committee for the Seventh Meeting of the CoP to be composed of: Brazil, Colombia and Cuba.

Decision VI/11

11 The CoP approved the nomination of Louis Brown, USA, to be the interim chair of the Standing Rules Committee. In addition, the CoP authorized the IAI Director to solicit two additional members of the CoP to participate in the Committee.

Decision VI/12

12 The CoP authorized the IAI Director to solicit one additional member of the CoP to participate in the Executive Council Financial and Administrative Working Group.

Decision VI/13

13 The CoP approved the following resolution regarding unpaid contributions to the IAI Core Budget:

The Conference of the Parties,

RECALLING the collaborative nature of the Institute and the principle of shared benefits and responsibilities of the Parties for the provision of budgetary resources;

RECOGNIZING the concerns expressed by the Executive Council related to the impact of non-payment of voluntary contributions on the Institute's Core Budget;

CONSIDERING the need to assure that the governments are kept fully informed of the Institute's activities and the advantages of membership and active participation in the Institute;

REQUESTS that Country Representatives strengthen their efforts to assure that all relevant institutions are kept fully informed regarding Institute programs, related activities and funding requirements, calling on the assistance of the Directorate and the Executive Council Chair when appropriate;

URGES the Parties to assure that their voluntary contributions are made fully and on a timely basis to allow the development of the Institute for the shared benefit of all.

Decision VI/14

14 The thirteen accredited Parties present at the Sixth Meeting of the CoP unanimously approved the following Amendment related to Article XIII, Financial Provisions, Paragraph 1 of the Agreement Establishing the IAI.

Amendment to the Agreement Establishing the Inter-American Institute For Global Change Research

The Parties,

CONSIDERING the experience acquired during the years since the signing of the Agreement in Montevideo, Uruguay, on the 13th day of May 1992;

RECOGNIZING the difficulties resulting from the disposition/conditions in Section 1 of Article XIII of the Agreement that can result in significant percentage increases in the amount of voluntary contributions of the Parties for the budget of operational expenses for the Institute;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

The text of Section 1 of Article XIII shall be modified as follows:

“ Article XIII Financial Provisions

1. A Budget of operational expenses for the Institute, consisting of salaries for the Directorate and basic support for the Directorate, Scientific Advisory Committee, and Executive Council shall be supported, by the voluntary contributions pledged annually for a three-year period by the Parties in accordance with the interests of the Parties. Such pledges shall be increments of US\$ 1,000. The minimum contribution shall be US\$ 5,000. The adoption of the annual budget shall be by consensus of the Parties. The Parties recognized that regular contributions to the operational budget are essential to the success of the Institute and that such contribution shall take into account the research resources of the contributing Parties.”

The present Amendment shall enter into force 60 days after the date on which 2/3 of the Parties, which are currently members of the Institute, have notified the Depository through appropriate diplomatic channels, that they have completed their corresponding domestic legal requirements.

After the date of approval of this Amendment any independent State of the Inter-American region that signs the Agreement shall do so in accordance with the terms of this Amendment.

The Director of the Institute shall notify the Depository immediately following the Conference of the Parties at which this Amendment is approved.

Decision VI/15

15 The CoP also approved the procedure to be followed by the country delegates regarding the approval of the Amendment above:

- The Chair and the First Vice-Chair of the CoP VI should send out a letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of all IAI member countries urging them to notify the Depository, through the appropriate diplomatic channels, that their country agrees with the Amendment to the IAI Agreement, and has completed their corresponding domestic legal requirements regarding the approval of this Amendment;
- In parallel, the IAI Director should send out a copy of this letter, along with some background information on the subject, to all IAI member countries representatives.
- This official letter of the Chair and the First Vice-Chair of the CoP VI should clearly state that this Amendment to the Agreement is important, but that in the view of the CoP VI, it does not substantially change the Agreement.
- The Chair of the CoP VI urged all country delegates to take the necessary action following the approval of this Amendment. This action includes:
 - To inform the depository, through the appropriate diplomatic channels, that their country agrees with the Amendment to the IAI Agreement and that they have completed their corresponding domestic legal requirements;
 - The Chair of the CoP VI also reminded the delegates that it is required 12 countries to notify the depository in order to have the present Amendment enter into force;
 - Only 60 days after 12 countries (2/3 of the Parties) completed the legal requirements of approving this Amendment and inform the Depository, will the Amendment enter into force.

Decision VI/16

16 The CoP officially acknowledged and congratulated the contribution and achievements of Eduardo Banús, Director of the IAI/GEF/WMO project, and recommended that the Directorate work closely with Eduardo Banús to have the second IAI/GEF project approved by the GEF.

Decision VI/17

17 The Action list of June 17, 1999 (day 1) was approved with two modifications:

- Point 3, second bullet where it reads “On June 18, 1999, after the “The Amendments to the IAI Agreement” include the presentation on the World Meteorological Organization The Feasibility Study for an El Nino Centre in Ecuador”, it should read “On June 18, 1999, after the “The Amendments to the IAI Agreement” include the presentation by Jim Bruce on “The Feasibility Study for an El Nino Centre in Ecuador,” conducted by the World Meteorological Organization on behalf of the Government of Ecuador.”
- Point 6 will be included in the action list of June 18, 1999 (day 2).

Decision VI/18

18 At the request of the delegate from Cuba, Bárbara Garea, the IAI Director agreed to send copies of the Executive Council and Conference of the Parties action lists and resolutions lists in both English and Spanish.

Decision VI/19

19 The CoP welcomed the initial offer made by the representative from Mexico, Carlos

Gay, to host the seventh meeting of the IAI CoP in the spring (North-hemisphere) of 2000.