

**26th Meeting of the IAI Executive Council
June 17-18, 2008, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Action List

Day 1: June 17

1. The EC approved the Agenda of its Twenty Sixth Meeting with the following amendments:
 - a) Because of the delay in the flight of the former SAC Chair, the Progress Report of the SAC Chair and the IAI Strategic Planning discussion were moved to Day 2, morning session. Consequently, presentations of Progress Reports of the Working Groups/Task Forces/Committees and the Approval of the Auditor's Report of the Financial Statement as of June 30, 2007 would take place in the afternoon session of Day 1.
 - b) the FAC report would be presented by Louis Grittani instead of William Smith.

2. The EC approved the Report of its Twenty Fifth Meeting with the following modifications:
 - a) Spanish version, page 11, under *Comentarios, Argentina*
Where it is written: "Política de datos: como dentro del proyecto VAMOS Project se generó una gran cantidad de datos, tuvieron que generar una política para los países sudamericanos. Dicha política de datos está disponible para que el IAI la consulte."
It should read: "Política de datos: el panel sobre la Variabilidad de los Monzones Americanos (VAMOS) del programa CLIVAR ha generado una gran cantidad de datos a lo largo de las Américas, como resultado de sus proyectos. Por tal motivo desarrolló una interesante política de datos que puede ser tomada como referencia por el IAI".

 - b) English version, page 9, under *Comments, Argentina*
Where it is written: "Data policy: as within VAMOS project a huge amount of data was generated, they had to develop a data policy for South American countries. That policy is already available for the IAI for consultation."
It should read: "Data policy: the panel on Variability of American Monsoons (VAMOS) of the CLIVAR program has generated a large amount of data throughout the Americas as a result of its projects. Consequently, they developed an interesting data policy, which the IAI can use as reference."

 - c) English version, page 24, paragraph 1, line 3: delete "from USA to Paraguay and Bolivia", and the corresponding deletion in the Spanish version.

 - d) Representatives of Venezuela and other countries will contact the Secretariat for minor corrections.

3. The EC decided that members of the Committee to recommend candidates for the election of the IAI SAC members would be: Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, USA, Venezuela, the Scientific Officer, Carolina Vera (local scientist), and the former SAC Chair.
4. The EC endorsed the proposal of the Director to develop a joint IAI-SCOPE-UNESCO program on interdisciplinary and intersectoral capacity building for scientists and government departments involved in global change. The proposal would be forwarded to the CoP with the recommendation that individual IAI representatives contact UNESCO representatives in their countries to advance this program.
5. The EC recommended that the CoP draft a letter to the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology and to the Directorate with a copy to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the INPE Director commending the Brazilian Government for its support of the IAI and endorsing the negotiations to solve the issues related with the contract of IAI Brazilian staff and the Directorate headquarters.
6. The EC requested that IAI Caribbean member countries and the Newsletter identify institutions and contacts in non-member Caribbean countries to send the newsletter and other information on the IAI. Jamaica committed to identify contacts in CARICOM countries and submit the information.
7. The EC recommended that the CoP invite member states to nominate additional volunteers for the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures.
8. The EC recommended that the CoP initiate a process to conduct a full review of the Rules of Procedure for the EC and the CoP.
9. The EC recommended that the CoP approve that invitations to CoP meetings be sent five months in advance, including a list of key items to be addressed at that meeting.
10. The EC decided to have a more active engagement in communication between country representatives and the Directorate, by more actively using IAI communication tools, e.g., website, twiki. The Directorate was requested to provide brief instructions on the use of those tools.
11. The EC discussed the Auditor's Report of the Financial Statement as of June 30, 2007, and will forward it to the CoP for approval.
12. The EC discussed the Core Budget request for 2008-09 and will forward it to the CoP for approval.

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Day 2: June 18

- 1) The EC approved the Action List of Day 1 with some amendments already included in it.
- 2) The EC recommended that the CoP consider the possibility of inviting additional Member Countries to participate in the Strategic Planning Process.
- 3) The EC approved the following items to be forwarded to the CoP: Actions 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 of Day 1. The EC will also inform the CoP about revisiting the Host Country Agreement and the discussions about the CoP quorum issue.
- 4) The EC decided to forward the slate proposed by the Committee to recommend candidates for the election of SAC members to the CoP. The slate is composed of: Frank Muller-Karger, Walter Baethgen, Luis Mata, and Telma Castro.