Twelfth Meeting of the IAI Conference of the Parties
May 5-6, 2005 – Montreal, Canada

Action List
Day 1 – May 5

1. The CoP elected the following members as the Bureau for its Twelfth Meeting: Michel Béland from Canada as Chair, Nuris Orihuela from Venezuela as the First Vice-Chair, and Carlos Ereño from Argentina as the Second Vice-Chair.

2. The CoP elected the following Parties to integrate the Credentials Committee: USA (chair), Jamaica, and Brazil, who shall serve for a period of two years.

3. The CoP convened an Ad-hoc meeting of the of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures (SCRP) to propose final recommendations regarding improvements to the Rules on procedures in order to simplify the CoP voting process. The committee is integrated by USA (Lou Brown as Chair), Colombia (Carlos Costa Posada), and Mexico (Arnoldo Matus), who shall serve for a period of two years.

4. The CoP approved the agenda of its Twelfth Meeting with the following modifications:
    a) The report of the IAI Director Search Committee will be presented in the Morning Session of Friday, May 6, 2005
    b) In the morning session of Friday, May 6, 2005, after the coffee-break, two additional items will be discussed: the new membership of the FAC and the new composition of the IAI Newsletter Editorial Board.

5. The CoP approved the report of its Eleventh Meeting with one modification: In the items regarding the election of the SAC and EC members it was suggested to eliminate the explicit record of voting and include only final results.

6. The Accreditation Committee informed the CoP that 13 delegations had submitted the official credentials to participate in the meeting: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, the USA, and Venezuela.

7. The CoP approved the *Core Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2005-2006* and *Member Country Contributions for 2005-2006* (Document 9).

8. The CoP approved the *IAI Annual Program 2005-2006* (Document 11)

9. The CoP delegated to the EC the authority to approve the CRN II proposals in its next meeting.

10. The CoP arranged the schedule for the following meetings:
    a) EC meeting in September 2005. Member Countries interested in hosting this meeting should contact IAI Directorate by June 15. If no offers are received by then, Mexico will be the host country.
    b) Joint EC-SAC + CoP meeting. The EC accepted the verbal offer of Venezuela to host this meeting in May 2006. If no other proposals are received in the IAI Directorate by November 1st, the meeting will be held in Venezuela.

11. The CoP approved CPTEC/INPE proposal to become an Affiliated Institution of IAI for the Program on Climate Variability in the Americas.

12. The CoP agreed in principle with the proposal of Mexico to register IAI in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), depending on the availability of funds.

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**Action List
Day 2 – May 6**

1. The CoP approved the following changes to the CoP Rules of Procedure:
    a) new <u>Rule 64:</u> *"When multiple vacancies are to be filled, the Scientific Advisory Committee shall submit a slate of nominations of twice the number of vacancies to be filled, taking into account the need to ensure representation within the Scientific Advisory Committee from a variety of disciplines relevant to global change research. When a single vacancy is to be filled, the SAC shall submit a slate of three nominations."*
    b) new <u>Rule 49</u>: *"When the voting does not result in enough candidates being elected to fill all of the vacancies, a runoff election shall be held eliminating from the ballot the candidates with the lowest number of votes, but retaining two candidates more than the number of vacancies to be filled."*
    c) new <u>Rule 50</u>: *"When it becomes necessary to choose between candidates who have received the same number of votes, runoff voting should be conducted among the tied candidates."*

2. The CoP agreed in principle with the proposal from Mexico to hold a science-policy activity on an annual basis, depending on the availability of funds. Member countries and the IAI Directorate should seek resources different from those of the Core Budget.

3. The CoP decided that it was not the appropriate body to discuss the new membership of the FAC and the new composition of the IAI Newsletter Editorial Board and this would be left for the next EC meeting.

4. The CoP elected the following scientists to be part of the SAC: Telma Gloria Castro Romero, Michael Brklacich, Silvia L. Garzoli, and José Luis Mata.

5. The CoP elected Dr. Holm Tiessen as the new IAI Director for a three-year term.

6. The CoP requested that the Report of the IAI External Review Committee be sent to CoP members before the next CoP meeting in May 2006.