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Work Plan 2012-2013

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IAI activities plan July 2012 – June 2013

Research:

During the coming year, the new CRN3 and new training programs will be implemented. Several projects have been fully recommended by the SAC, several will need additional work together with the directorate and SAC to refine proposals and work plans. Start-up meetings are planned for September and October.

Decisions on NSF's Program for International Research and Education are being taken at the end of June 2012. We expect one of two CRN programs to link to this initiative and will coordinate efforts with NSF during project implementation..

Grant agreements for the new Small Grants Program have just been signed and implementation will be coordinated with the CRN3 activities.

The Directorate-led MacArthur Foundation funded project on impacts of climate change on biodiversity in the tropical Andes is continuing throughout the year.

Final reporting and synthesis for CRN2 will be done in July and August.

Capacity Building:

Three training events are being prepared for the period July 2012-June 2013: on Adaptive Management of Water Resources under Climate Change in Vulnerable River Basins (October 8-17, 2012, La Serena, Chile), and two Colloquia in on Knowledge Integration at the Science-Policy Interface (joint with the National Center for Atmospheric Research) will be conducted in the Dominican Republic and in Ecuador.

An editorial forum will be held with UN CEPAL October 28-30 in Buenos Aires to develop a book resulting from the Training Institute on Cities and Climate Change.

Research Internships are continuing under the agreement between IAI and INPE/CPTEC. For 2013 the IAI will support 2 scientists from Venezuela and from CIP in Perú.

Administration

The instabilities in operations that have plagued the Directorate for the past 7 years will require resolution over the coming year. As activities of the Directorate have expanded, and Directors have taken direct responsibility for conducting some of the research in addition to running the long-standing programs, work loads have increased and greater operational stability is needed. The directorate is still operating with volunteers external consultants and a highly volatile support staff. It is hoped that this can be corrected in conjunction with a move to Montevideo during 2012/13.