

IAI activities plan July 2014 – June 2015

Institutional:

The Directorate is still in the process of implementing the tripartite structure, approved in June 2013. Host country agreements have been signed with Argentina and Uruguay, the Argentinean agreement is being revised. A renewed agreement with Brazil continues under review. Administrative operations and staff have moved to Montevideo, but replacements staff still needs to be hired and integrated into operations. The Directorate office in Buenos Aires should be made operational in both administrative and strategic terms. Current office operations in São José dos Campos will end and Staff will train new personnel in Montevideo. Despite these profound change in administration, operations on science and capacity building will continue uninterrupted.

Research:

All CRN3 projects have been implemented and will be closely monitored to accompany and analyze the implementation of novel integrated science approaches. The Directorate and SAC will play major roles in this.

Final reporting on the Small Grants Program that closes late in 2014 will be done by the research teams and the directorate.

The Directorate-led MacArthur Foundation funded project on impacts of climate change on biodiversity in the tropical Andes is closing during the year. Final reporting and a synthesis will be conducted followed by a series publication and outreach activities by the Directorate in the Andean countries. These have been scheduled for the last months of 2014.

Collaboration and co-funding agreements with CONICET of Argentina and FAPESP of São Paulo State with the inclusion of CONACYT of Mexico has evolved into a support network for Future Earth. The IAI has been selected as the lead institution for the Latin American Future Earth Network, and will develop support structures and science development initiatives.

Capacity Building:

One training event (Modeling Strategies and Decision-Support Tools for the Management of Complex Socio-Ecological Systems) is scheduled for August 18-22, 2014 in Panama. A new training program proposal has been submitted and awaits approval and implementation in the second half of 2014.

Five training seed grants are still ongoing and we expect 4 additional grants from the event in Panama. Monitoring, final synthesis and reporting will be done by the Directorate 2014-15.

The capacity building activities as part of the CRN3 program have been implemented and the Directorate is collaborating with the science teams to develop good practices towards an articulation of disciplines by interdisciplinary research teams with the aim to support decision making.

Policy:

The Directorate is involved in working groups of IPBES and continues to participate and provide science input the UNFCCC SBSTA process. The Directorate also plans 2 events for the UNFCCC CoP in Lima, one on environmental monitoring in collaboration with a CRN team, the second with UNESCO on the governance of global change adaptation and mitigation linking national and international levels.