



To: Executive Council and Conference of the Parties Representatives

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Subject: Elections of members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

Please find next information related to the elections of members of the SAC, which will take place at the upcoming meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) from June 4-5, 1998, in Arlington, USA.

Background Information:

I. Agreement Establishing the IAI – Article VII

1. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall be the principal scientific advisory organ of the Institute.
2. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall be composed of ten members elected by the Conference of the Parties to serve in their personal capacity for three-year terms and with eligibility for a single additional term. The Conference of the Parties shall elect six Scientific Advisory Committee members from nominations received from the Parties; three from nominations received from the Scientific Advisory Committee itself; and one from nominations received from the Institute's Associates. These members shall be scientists recognized internationally for their expertise in areas relevant to the objectives of the Institute, ensuring broad subregional, regional, and worldwide representation, as well as representation from a variety of disciplines relevant to global change research.

II. Standing Rules of the Conference of the Parties

Chapter XI: Election of members of the SAC

Rule 65: The Scientific Advisory Committee shall submit a slate of no less than twice and not more than four times the number of vacancies to be filled.

Rule 67: All candidates nominated must have a curriculum vitae that fulfills at least the requirements set forth by the Agreement.

III. The Current Composition of the Scientific Advisory Committee

Name	Nominated by	Area of Expertise	Country
1. John Stewart	Parties	Biogeochemical Cycles, Terrestrial Ecosystems	Canada
2. Diana Liverman	Parties	Human Dimensions	USA
3. Ernesto Medina	Parties	Tropical Terrestrial Ecosystems	Venezuela
4. Carlos Scoppa	Parties	Soil Science and Natural Resources	Argentina
5. Fernando Ortega	Parties	Soil Chemistry and Biology	Cuba
6. Ronald Woodman	Parties	Atmospheric Sciences	Peru
7. Luiz Bevilacqua	SAC (term is up)	Integrated Assessment, Training & Education	Brazil
8. Otis Brown	SAC (term is up)	General Oceanography, Training & Education	USA
9. Humberto Fuenzalida	SAC (term is up)	Atmospheric Sciences	Chile
10. Ruben Lara	Special adviser	Biological Oceanography	Mexico

The Conference of the Parties, at its upcoming meeting (June 4-5, 1998), shall elect and/or re-elect three scientists for the vacancies nominated by the SAC.

At its ninth meeting (April 14-16, 1998, Santiago, Chile), the SAC made the following recommendations to the Conference of the Parties: based on the current composition of the SAC, and the areas of expertise that are lacking, the SAC recommended the following scientists as their nominated candidates.

Area 1: Economic Impacts of Global Environmental Change

Nominees: John Robinson (Canada)
Robert Evenson (USA)
Alejandro Nadal (Mexico)

Area 2: Oceanography

Nominees: Jose Mulbert (Brazil)
Renato Quiñonez (Chile)
Otis Brown (USA) (re-election)

Area 3: Integrated Assessment of Global Change & Training and Education

Nominees: Emilio La Rovere (Brazil)
Luiz Bevilacqua (Brazil) (re-election)

The IAI Directorate contacted all the nominated candidates to investigate their willingness to be candidates at the upcoming SAC elections. All the candidates listed above have accepted to be candidates.

For your information and consideration, please find attached the curriculum vitae of the candidates. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Marcella Ohira, IAI Project Officer, if you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter.