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NOTIFICATION

Subject: invitation to Parties to submit nominations for representatives to the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

Dear Madam/Sir,

Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article VII, *The Scientific Advisory Committee*, of the Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research, states:

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 sub-regional, regional, and worldwide representation, as well as representation from a variety of disciplines relevant to global change research.

3. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall meet as necessary and at least once a year.

4. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall:

- a) Make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties regarding the Scientific Agenda, long-range plans and annual program of the Institute;*
- b) Direct the peer review system of the Institute, ensuring through its rules of procedure that individual Committee members do not participate in the evaluation of proposals which they have themselves submitted;*
- c) Adopt its own rules of procedure;*
- d) Establish scientific panels for particular issues;*
- e) Assess the scientific results obtained by the Institute; and*
- f) Perform any other functions entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties.*

Two SAC members nominated by the Parties, Dr. Elena Maria Abraham (Argentina) and Dr. Joshua Tewksbury (United States of America), will conclude their first term in June 2019 and are eligible for re-election if nominated by a Party. Nominations from the Parties are required to fill the vacant positions, at the upcoming meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Alternatively, Parties can propose new highly qualified candidates for the two vacancies.

Parties are invited to submit nominations of qualified representatives to the SAC at their earliest convenience but no later than 1 May 2019.

Nominations, accompanied by a short curriculum vitae, should be submitted to the IAI Directorate by e-mail to: soledad@dir.iai.int.

Nominations should be addressed to the Conference of the Parties (CoP) and provide relevant information on the nominee(s). In accordance with the *Standing rules of the Conference of the Parties of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* (as approved by CoP-21, June 2013, Montevideo), each Party may propose up to two candidates for each of the SAC vacancies to be filled.

Membership to the SAC requires expertise in a number of critical areas relevant to the Scientific Agenda of the IAI and reflect an appropriate balance among the biogeographical areas of scientific importance to the Americas and also an integration of scientific, economic and sociological research.

You are invited to read the attached letter drafted by the Chair of the SAC, which provides an overview of the desired composition of the SAC.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director