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## NOTIFICATION

### **Subject: Results of the elections to the Executive Council, the SAC and the SPAC during the 28th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the IAI**

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the 28th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the IAI (CoP-28), which was held on the 19 August 2020 via videoconferencing elected the following members to the Executive Council:

2020 – 2022

Canada, Chile, Jamaica, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, United States of America, Uruguay

The United States was elected as the Chair, Panama as the 1st Vice-Chair and Uruguay as the 2nd Vice-Chair to the Executive Council.

Elections were also held for membership in the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) of the IAI:

#### **Nominees elected for membership in the SAC**

Dr. Tereza Cavazos

Center of Scientific Research and Higher Education (CICESE), México

Area of expertise: Climate variability, physical oceanography

Appointment: 2017-2020, 2020-2023

(nominated by the Parties)

Dr. Inés Camilloni

Universidad de Buenos Aires

Area of expertise: Climate change and variability, air quality

Appointment: 2020-2023

(nominated by the Parties)

Dr. Alexander Turra

Instituto Oceanográfico, Universidade de Sao Paulo

Area of expertise: Marine Ecology and Coastal Management

Appointment: 2020-2023

(nominated by the SAC)

Dr. Patricia Balvanera

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Area of expertise: Biodiversity and human well-being

Appointment: 2020-2023

(nominated by the SAC)

Dr. Jean Paul Metzger  
Universidade de Sao Paulo  
Area of expertise: Landscape ecology and biodiversity conservation  
Appointment: 2020-2023  
(nominated by the Associates of the IAI)

Dr. Michelle Scobie (alternate member)  
University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago  
Area of expertise: International law and environmental governance, tourism, climate, biodiversity  
Appointment: 2020-2023  
(nominated by the SAC)

Dr. Mercy J. Borbor (alternate member)  
Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral, Ecuador  
Area of expertise: Coastal marine resources, climate, health, risk management, urban ecology  
Appointment: 2020-2023  
(nominated by the SAC)

### **Nominees elected for membership in the SPAC**

Dr. Brigitte Baptiste (Chair)  
Chancellor  
Ean University  
Colombia  
Appointment: 2014-2015; 2015-2017; 2017-2020, 2020-2023

Dr. Walter Baethgen  
Director  
Regional Program for Latin America and the Caribbean  
International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI)  
Columbia University, USA  
Appointment: 2014-2015; 2015-2017; 2017-2020, 2020-2023

Dr. Javier Gracia-Garza  
Director General  
Science and Technology Branch  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
Appointment: 2015-2018, 2018-2020, 2020-2023

Dr. Evelia Rivera Arriaga  
Professor Investigator of Ecology, Fisheries, and Oceanography  
UNDP-INECC, Instituto EPOMEX-UAC  
Appointment: 2017-2020, 2020-2023

Karen de Oliveira Silverwood Cope  
General Coordinator for Ocean and Antarctic Science  
Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Brazil  
Appointment: 2020-2023

Dr. David Smith  
Director of the Centre for Environmental Management  
Coordinator of the Institute for Sustainable Development  
University of the West Indies, Jamaica  
Appointment: 2020-2023

Dr. Vaughan Turekian  
Executive Director, Policy and Global Affairs Division  
U.S. National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine  
Appointment: 2020-2023

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

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Marcos Regis da Silva  
Executive Director