



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

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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.*

Rules 67 and 71 of 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), state:

67. *Each Party may propose up to two candidates for each of the SAC vacancies to be filled from nominees by the Parties.*

71. *All nominations for candidates must be submitted to the Directorate in time for the Directorate to make them available at least thirty (30) days prior to the election date. Nominations must be accompanied by curricula vitae that fulfill at least the requirements set forth by the Agreement Establishing the IAI.*

In June 2021, two SAC members nominated by the Parties, Dr. Mariana Meerhoff (Uruguay) and Dr. Edwin Castellanos (Guatemala) will conclude their first and second term respectively.

Nominations from the Parties are required to fill the vacant positions, at the upcoming meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Dr. Mariana Meerhoff is eligible for re-election if nominated by a Party.

Parties are invited to submit nominations of qualified representatives to the SAC at their earliest convenience **but no later than 20 May 2021**.

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

Elections will be held during the CoP-29 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):

65. The Conference of the Parties will normally hold elections to fill vacancies on the Scientific Advisory Committee no earlier than the second (2nd) day of the Conference. In the event there is more than one vacancy to be filled, voting shall be conducted separately, starting with the vacancies for which candidates are proposed by the Parties, followed by the vacancies for which candidates are proposed by the Scientific Advisory Committee itself, and ending with the vacancy for which candidates are proposed by the Associates of the Institute.

66. The Parties, the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Associates, in considering potential candidates for the Committee, and the Conference of the Parties, in its election of SAC members, shall take into account the need to ensure representation within the Scientific Advisory Committee from a variety of disciplines relevant to global change research and equitable geographic distribution. The Scientific Advisory Committee Chair will make available to the Parties at least sixty (60) days in advance of each Conference of the Parties an assessment of the Committee's needs for disciplinary representation.

Attached you will find a letter from the Chair of the SAC with recommendations for your consideration on criteria that may be used during your selection of candidates.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director