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NOTIFICATION

Subject: IAI represented as co-Chair of the Belmont Forum

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that members of the Belmont Forum, during the first day of the Belmont Forum Plenary Meeting, which was held on 26 October 2021, elected the Executive Director of the IAI as a co-Chair to the Forum. Dr. Maria Uhle, Program Director for International Activities, Directorate for Geosciences, National Science Foundation and IAI Focal Point for the United States, continues as the other co-Chair.

A closer alignment by the IAI with the Belmont Forum, particularly in activities under its Collaborative Research Actions (CRA), will result in increased support for transdisciplinary research in the region and collaboration between the IAI's scientific community and similar communities outside the region. The ongoing collaboration achieved through the IAI's role in scoping priorities in the Americas for the second round of the CRA on Climate, Environment and Health (CEH2) is reflective of the possibilities resulting from this partnership.

Parties may also recall Decision XXVI/42 where:

The Conference of the Parties is invited to encourage their national funding mechanisms and institutions and regional and international development banks to which they may be members to participate in discussions on the establishment of a flexible mechanism to facilitate the funding of scientific projects on global change in the Americas.

In light of Decision XXVI/42, Parties are welcomed to communicate with the IAI Directorate for more information on the Belmont Forum and to continue discussions on the establishment of a flexible funding mechanism for the Americas.

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

Yours sincerely,

Marcos Regis da Silva
Executive Director