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Parties' nominations for SAC membership

1. This document has been prepared by the Chair of the IAI Science Advisory Committee (SAC), Dr. Edwin Castellanos, on behalf of the SAC members.

Background

2. In June 2018, two (2) SAC members nominated by the Parties, Dr. Alicia Fernández and Dr. Edwin Castellanos, will conclude their first term and are eligible for re-election if nominated by a Party. Dr. Alicia Fernandez is from Argentina with a background in aquatic biochemistry, and Dr. Edwin Castellanos is from Guatemala with a background in ecosystem ecology. Alternatively, Parties can propose new highly qualified candidates for the two vacancies to be filled at the 26th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in June 2018, in Antigua, Guatemala, following the guidelines described below.
3. The SAC membership requires expertise in a number of critical areas relevant to assist with the development of knowledge and social well-being in the Americas through research conducted with the IAI. The scientists should be well-known and recognized internationally for their science in the Americas. The SAC also looks for geographic, gender, and ethnic balance in seeking nominations for the open seats on the SAC. Parties are invited to submit nominations at their earliest convenience but no later than 20 May 2018. Nominations, accompanied by a short curriculum vitae, should be submitted to the IAI Directorate by e-mail to iai@dir.iai.int and addressed to the CoP.

Recommendation

4. The SAC recommends that nominees and appointments follow the high standards of science excellence and profiles followed over the last two decades by the CoP, and that SAC members no be seen as representatives of a country but of their science.

New appointments should:

- Have high academic and research excellence.
- Have an established, extensive research and publication record.
- Have a Doctorate or equivalent experience.
- Be multidisciplinary, open, collegial, and demonstrate a willingness to work with other disciplines.
- Have extensive experience directing and managing international scientific projects relevant to the strategic areas of the IAI.
- Understand the social, economic, and ecological realities of the Americas.
- Understand the science policies and priorities of different countries.
- Understand the role of and relationships between policy-makers, resource managers, social scientists, and natural scientists.

The SAC recommends specifically that nominations in 2018 consider that areas of expertise needed are: social sciences in general, oceanography and ecosystem services.

The SAC welcomes under-represented groups to be nominated.



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