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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. Reynaldo Victoria, on behalf of the SAC members

Background

2. In June 2019, two SAC members nominated by the Parties, Dr. Elena Maria Abraham and Dr. Joshua Tewksbury, will conclude their first term 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.
3. Dr. Elena Maria Abraham is from Argentina, and Dr. Joshua Tewksbury is from United States of America. Alternatively, Parties can propose new highly qualified candidates for the two vacancies to be filled at the upcoming meeting of the Conference of the Parties in June 2019, following the guidelines described below.
4. 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.

Recommendation

5. 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-maker, resource managers, social scientists, and natural scientists

The SAC recommends specifically that nominations in 2019 consider that areas of expertise needed are: social sciences in general, oceanography and ecosystem services.

The SAC welcomes under-represented groups to be nominated.