



## INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

### CRN3 SPECIAL ISSUE IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL

Call for abstracts

In 2017, Parties to the IAI adopted a Decision that instructs the Directorate to prepare a proposal for the content of a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary publication (CoP Decision XXV/29). In response to that Decision, the IAI Directorate is calling for submissions of research abstracts based on the CRN3 program to be published in a peer-reviewed journal. The IAI Directorate encourages CRN3 researchers to submit more than one abstract. The deadline for submissions is **31 July 2018**.

The IAI is the preeminent regional organization standing at the intersection of science to policy. Its CRN program is widely recognized as one of the most innovative mechanisms generating scientific knowledge for use by policy makers work. This science has provided data and information on global change issues to provide nations in the Americas with the knowledge needed to meet the challenges arising from climate change and biodiversity loss, among many other urgent issues. The CRNs also support the Sustainable Development Goals, and assist American nations to implement policies in support of sustainable use of natural resources and development that is not detrimental to climate and biodiversity. Its range is wide, and past and current research includes agriculture, health, food security, oceans and human welfare.

#### Type of papers

The IAI Directorate welcomes abstracts on position papers that may promote science to policy discussions needed by governments for more effective decision making. A position paper enables discussion on emerging issues framed within a policy dimension. It substantiates opinions or positions of researchers on a topic backed by scientific evidence. It is geared toward translating research into recommendations for action or “solutions”.

#### Publication venue

The Directorate, in consultation with the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), the Science Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) will communicate with editors of the following journals to ascertain their interest in the publication of a special issue:

- Environmental Management (Kathy Halvorsen) <https://link.springer.com/journal/267>
- Ecology & Society (Carl Folke) [www.ecologyandsociety.org/](http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/)
- Environmental Science & Policy [www.journals.elsevier.com/environmental-science-and-policy/](http://www.journals.elsevier.com/environmental-science-and-policy/)
- Global Environmental Change [www.journals.elsevier.com/global-environmental-change](http://www.journals.elsevier.com/global-environmental-change)
- Regional Environmental Change (Bernhard Glaeser)  
<http://www.springer.com/environment/global+change+-+climate+change/journal/10113>
- International Journal of Innovation of Sustainable Development (Walter Leal)  
<http://www.inderscience.com/jhome.php?jcode=ijisd>

- COSUST (Hal Mooney, Sandra Diaz) [www.journals.elsevier.com/current-opinion-in-environmental-sustainability/](http://www.journals.elsevier.com/current-opinion-in-environmental-sustainability/)
- WIREs Climate Change (Lisa Dilling) <http://wires.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WiresJournal/wisId-WCC.html>
- Nature Sustainability? [www.nature.com/natsustain/](http://www.nature.com/natsustain/) (Perhaps for a synthesis-of-program-outcomes collective paper)

### **Template for abstracts**

Abstracts are limited to 1 page, 10-12 font, single spaced, containing:

1. Title.
2. Author listing. Includes associated CRN3 project and institutional affiliation
3. Problem. Presentation of a research problem, associated with a current global change issue framed within the context of possible policies or policy frameworks.
4. Position. The position of the author/s vis-a-vis of this problem (e.g., “These kind of practices are related to these effects, compromising sustainability of ecosystem beyond resilience in the medium term”)
5. Evidence. The scientific evidence that supports a view
6. Proposition. Suggestions for action, including case studies of actions that have already happened, including outcomes, or actions that are currently underway

### **Paper selection**

The IAI Directorate will select 8 to 14 abstracts approximately (depending on the journal and the length of the papers to be developed) based on the results of a review that considers scientific merit, policy relevance, and clarity, among other criteria, in which the SAC/SPAC -and external reviewers, if appropriate, - will have an important role.

### **Editing process**

The IAI Directorate, members of the SAC and SPAC will have the main responsibility for the edition of this special issue. Specific editorial responsibilities will be decided once the journal has been identified. The editors and/or invited authors will produce one or two brief introduction papers contextualizing the papers in the framework of the evolution of the science of the IAI in its 25 years of existence.

### **Contact**

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