

Sixth Meeting of the IAI Executive Council
November 19-20, 1997 Panama City, Panama

ACTION LIST

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Day 1: Wednesday, November 19, 1997

1. The Executive Council (EC) approved the agenda of the sixth meeting of the EC.
2. The EC approved the report of the fifth meeting of the EC with one minor amendment to point 6 a. of the Spanish version. The amendment was: the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting (June 11-12, 1997, Buenos Aires, Argentina) granted the Executive Council authorization to approve the projects to receive IAI funding under the Initial Science Program Round III (ISP III).
3. The EC requested the Director to present at its next meeting an implementation strategy, including a plan for funding , of the Summer Training Course. The EC authorized the Director to proceed with the further planning of the course.
4. Regarding the approval of the projects under the Initial Science Program Round III (ISP III), the EC approved the 16 projects that were recommended for funding by the IAI Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and Directorate subject to the following 2 caveats:
 - the Directorate to negotiate with Principal Investigators (PIs) the budget of the approved projects to match the funds available;
 - that as soon as possible, but by no later than 31st December, 1997, the Directorate request additional information and clarifications regarding two proposals

The EC requested that the confidentiality of the discussions leading up to the funding of the projects be respected.

5. The EC asked the Directorate to send letters to the official representatives of the IAI member countries to inform them about the proposals submitted to the ISP III which were well ranked by the IAI peer review, but could not be funded by the IAI because of the lack of resources.
6. The EC endorsed the suggestion of Panama that the Directorate should involve declined PIs or investigators of proposals submitted to the IAI in IAI funded activities, whenever possible. The IAI should find mechanisms to encourage declined PIs to keep participating in future IAI calls for proposals and activities.
7. The EC recommended that the Communications Task Force prepare a formal proposal to be presented to the EC at its next meeting with recommendations about the future plans for the IAI Newsletter (costs, staff, location, content, layout, etc). Further, the EC asked the Director and the Newsletter Editor to develop and implement a transition plan for the next 6 months for the continued publication of the Newsletter.

