

Eighth Meeting of the IAI Executive Council (EC)
November 23-24, 1998 - Montevideo, Uruguay

ACTION LIST

1. The EC approved Dr. Carlos Gay from Mexico to be the second Vice-Chair at the 8th EC Meeting in the absence of Dr. Carlos Tenorio.
2. The EC approved the agenda of the eighth meeting of the Executive Council.
3. The EC approved the report of the seventh meeting of the Executive Council, subject to modifications in the Spanish version indicated by Cuba on pages 8 and 11, by Costa Rica on pages 8, 10 and 12, and by Panama on page 8. The Representatives of these countries were asked to provide the new wording of the minutes. The English version should be modified accordingly.
4. The EC Chair and the Director will represent IAI at the design meeting on the Pan American Climate Information System (PACIS) to be conducted in Chile during March 1999.
5. A preliminary PESCA working group composed of Cuba, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Venezuela, USA, and the IAI Director was set up to define during the EC meeting the implementation of PESCA.
Based on the discussions hold during the EC meeting, it was agreed that:
 - a) A working group composed of Cuba, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay, Venezuela, USA, the SAC Chair (or his designee) and the IAI Director meet in the 1-3 months ahead for one or two days to produce a proposal on PESCA for the next five years. This proposal should then be circulated by the EC Chair to all the EC members for comments and mail endorsement. Next, the EC Chair will charge the Director to implement the program.
 - b) However and because of the time needed to accomplish this task, the EC gives authority to the Director to use funds (in the range of USD 300,000) during the first year or up to the approval of the guidelines by the EC, in order to expedite the initiation of the Program.
 - c) The USA made a commitment to support PESCA at the level of 300K/year for the next five years.
6. The EC approved the CRN program for the next five years, as being composed of the fourteen research proposals recommended by the SAC and the Directorate, and gave authority to the Director to do the necessary arrangements to fund all the 14 projects with the available resources.
The EC recognized the paramount importance of adequately managing the evolution and development, the coordination and the connections between the various components of the CRN and consequently authorized the Director to do a detailed analysis of each project and to determine if funds can be derived (in addition to any funds the Director might find in the Core Budget) to support a Science Assistant to the Scientific Officer which can specifically work on this coordination activity.

