

**Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) of the IAI  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
19-20 June 2008**

**Action List Day 1: 19 June 2008**

**Decisions**

**Decision XV/1**

1. The CoP elected the following members as the Bureau for its Fifteenth Meeting: Carolina Vera from Argentina as the Chair, Gladys Maggi from Venezuela as the First Vice-Chair, and Paul Filmer from USA as the Second Vice-Chair.

**Decision XV/2**

2. The CoP approved the agenda of its Fifteenth Meeting without modifications.

**Decision XV/3**

3. The CoP approved the report of its Fourteenth Meeting with the following modifications:

- Point 12. Election of SAC members, remove the names of the candidates for SAC positions in the English and Spanish versions.
- Other minor corrections to be sent to the Secretariat directly.

**Decision XV/4**

4. The Credentials Committee informed the CoP that 14 delegations had submitted the official credentials to participate in the meeting: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, the United States, and Venezuela. Majority in case a vote is needed is eight.

**Decision XV/5**

5. The CoP approved the amendment to Rule 24 (Chapter V) in the Rules of the CoP. The rule changed to read:

“Plenary sessions and sessions of the committees shall be convened and shall conduct their proceedings only in the presence of a quorum of one half of their respective members. In the event that the quorum is temporarily upset, no action shall be taken until the quorum is restored.”

**Decision XV/6**

6. The CoP approved the amendment to Rule 10 (Chapter II) in the Rules of the CoP. The rule changed to read:

“The Director and the appropriate representative of the host country shall extend joint invitations for each Conference of the Parties to the Parties and all other expected participants within one month of the previous EC, but no later than four months prior to the starting date of the Conference. This invitation shall include a list of the key issues to be discussed, with the understanding that this list shall serve as the basis for the provisional agenda for the Conference as described in Rule 14.”

It was also suggested that countries hosting a CoP meeting set the venue in a city where a majority of IAI countries have diplomatic representation.

#### **Decision XV/7**

7.The CoP decided to initiate a process to conduct a full review of the Rules of Procedure for the EC and the CoP.

#### **Decision XV/8**

8.The CoP invites Member States to consider nominating members of the Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure (SCRP), keeping in mind the possibility that the SCRCP may be assisting the CoP to undertake a complete rewriting of the rules of procedure for both the CoP and the EC in the coming years. The chair of the SCRCP suggested that an optimal size for the committee would be five. This would require adding two members to the present membership of three. He further suggested that a Latin American expert in law as it relates to international organizations and someone whose native language is English would be especially valuable.

#### **Decision XV/9**

9. The CoP requested the Standing Committee for Rules and Procedures to consider ways to effectively fill vacancies on the EC Bureau and to report to the EC on its results.

#### **Decision XV/10**

10.The CoP requested the Secretariat to prepare an extract of the SP process discussions held during the EC and the CoP, to be presented as a separate document for the Strategic Planning Committee. Documents will be made available for consultation of member country representatives through the Twiki web site or other tools.

#### **Decision XV/11**

11.The CoP requested member countries to approach UNESCO to initiate joint capacity building with the assistance of SCOPE that brings together scientists from different disciplines and politicians from different ministries and secretariats on issues of global change.

#### **Action List Day 2: 20 June 2008**

**Decision XV/12**

12.The CoP approved the Action List of day 1 with some modifications already included in it.

**Decision XV/13**

13.The CoP approved the Core Budget Request for FY 2008-2009.

**Decision XV/14**

14.The CoP approved the Country Contributions for FY 2008-2009.

**Decision XV/15**

15.The CoP accepted the Auditor's report as of June 30, 2007.

**Decision XV/16**

16.The CoP approved the Annual Program for FY 2008-2009.

**Decision XV/17**

17.The CoP decided to draft a letter to the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology and to the Directorate with a copy to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the INPE Director commending the Brazilian Government for its support of the IAI and endorsing the negotiations to solve the issues related with the contract of IAI Brazilian staff and the Directorate headquarters.

**Decision XV/18**

18.The CoP elected Frank Müller Karger, Walter Baethgen and Luis Mata (SAC nominations) and Telma Castro (CoP nominations) to fill the vacancies on the SAC. Tellers of the election were Argentina and Jamaica.

**Decision XV/19**

19.The CoP elected the members of the EC for the next two years: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, USA and Venezuela. Tellers of the election were Argentina and Jamaica.