

ACTION ITEMS
IANAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Bogota, May 28 – 29, 2015

1. The Mexican Academy of Sciences has generously offered to continue to host the Secretariat through the next triennium ending in summer 2019.
Action: The IANAS co-Chairs will write the member academies of IANAS to determine if any other academies would like to make a bid to host the IANAS Secretariat.
2. **Action:** The Executive Committee instructed the co-chairs to appoint a planning committee to organize the IANAS General Assembly in Brazil in 2016. The committee will include Marcello Barcinski (Chair), Juan Asenjo, Jeremy McNeil, Milciades Mejia and Adriana de la Cruz.
3. The Executive Committee received a report from Professor Jorge Huete on the canal workshop hosted by the Nicaraguan Academy of Sciences. The workshop, jointly supported by the Academy of Sciences of Nicaragua, ISCU ROLAC and IANAS was very successful as judged by press interest and a follow up article has been published in a scientific journal.
Action: The co-chairs will use this experience as a model for future program collaborations with ICSU ROLAC and other appropriate organizations.
4. The Executive Committee received a report on the creation of new academies of science in the Americas.
Action: The EC instructed the Secretariat and the co-chairs to continue communications with scientists from El Salvador on the possibility of creating a Salvadorian Academy of Science.
5. **Action:** The Executive Committee discussed the impact of the IANAS web site and agreed to instruct the Secretariat to place publications deriving from the Nicaragua Canal Workshop on the IANAS website. The impressive statistics on downloads from the website were reported to the EC. The Secretariat will continue its efforts to improve the website.
6. **Action:** The Executive Committee agreed that the IANAS co-Chairs should explore with the Mexican Academy of Sciences and the US NAS the possibility of organizing a second regional *New Horizons in Science* meeting to include young to mid career scientists in Central America and the Caribbean to be held in 2015-16.
7. The Brazilian Academy of Medicine has requested observer status in IANAS. This request is occasioned in part by the recent creation of the

Inter Academy Partnership that includes science, medicine (IAMP) and a policy arm (IAC).

Action: The Executive Committee instructed the co-chairs to appoint a committee to consider how to best increase the relationship of medical academies with IANAS. The committee will include Marcello Barcinski, Jeremy McNeil, Jorge Huete, Juan Asenjo (chair), Jaime Urrutia, and Mike Clegg. The committee will be asked to address three issues: (1) how to promote closer collaborations between IANAS and medical academies in the Americas? (2) To develop a plan on how to manage both staff and monetary resources in a larger organization. (3) To consider if and how the governance of IANAS would need to be modified under any proposed expansion and to what extent this would be in the best interests of IANAS. The committee is directed to prepare a report for the General Assembly in 2016.

8. **Actions:** The EC agreed to appoint the following committees to prepare for the General Assembly in Brazil in May 2016.
 - a) Committee to review Statutes and Rules of Procedure for possible amendments. Juan Asenjo (Chair), Jeremy McNeil, Jaime Urrutia, Juan Tirao and Marcos Cortesao.
 - b) Committee to review and update the IANAS Strategic Plan: Jeremy McNeil (Chair), Enrique Forero, Sergio Pastrana, Milciades Mejia, Gonzalo Taboada and Marcos Cortesao.
 - c) Publications committee: Katherine Vammen (Chair), Enrique Forero, Rick Scott, and Adriana de la Cruz.
 - d) Committee to evaluate IANAS Programs: Claudio Bifano (Chair), Jorge Huete, Roberto Cignoli and Jeremy McNeil, Marcos Cortesão.
9. The EC noted that the Water Program is doing outstanding work and has benefited from exceptional leadership.

Action: The EC voted to thank Jose Tundissi, Blanca Jimenez and Katherine Vammen for their outstanding contributions to the success of the program.
10. **Action:** The EC noted the excellent progress of the WfS program and commends the program leadership for their innovative projects.
11. **Actions:** The EC agreed to appoint Carlos Bosch (Mexico) as Science Education Program (SEP) co-chair to replace Gabriel Macaya. The EC decided that the long service of Professor Norma Nudelman to the IANAS SEP should be recognized, but that it was time to appoint a new co-chair. Accordingly, the EC agreed to appoint Claudio Bifano as the IANAS SEP co-chair to replace Norma Nudelman. The co-chairs were instructed to inform the IAP that Claudio Bifano would be the IANAS representative on the Global SEP. The IANAS Co-Chairs will send a letter of appreciation to Professor Nudelman.

12. The EC received a report by Professor Claudio Bifano on the current status and prospects for renewal of the Latin American Academy of Science (ACAL - Academias de Ciencias de Latinoamerica).
13. **Action:** The Mexican Academy of Sciences offered to host the next EC meeting and the offer was gratefully accepted by the EC. The meeting will be scheduled during the last week of January or the first week of February 2016 in at the Mexican Academy of Sciences in Mexico City.