

About IAIA

The International Association for Impact Assessment was organized in 1980 to bring together researchers, practitioners, and users of various types of impact assessment from all over the world.

IAIA members number over 2,500 and reside in over 100 countries. IAIA activities are carried out locally and regionally through its extensive network of Affiliates and Branches.

IAIA's Vision: IAIA is the leading global authority on best practice in the use of impact assessment for informed decision making regarding policies, programs, plans, and projects.

IAIA's Mission: IAIA provides an international forum for advancing innovation and communication of best practice in all forms of impact assessment to further the development of local, regional, and global capacity in impact assessment.

IAIA's Values: IAIA promotes the application of integrated and participatory approaches to impact assessment, conducted to the highest professional standards.

IAIA believes the assessment of the environmental, social, economic, cultural, and health implications for proposals to be a critical contribution to sound decision-making processes, and to equitable and sustainable development.

Council Meeting

Friday, 3 June • 2:00 - 4:00pm • Crispus Attucks

The IAIA Council serves as an advisory resource to the IAIA Board of Directors, meeting directly after the closing plenary. The Council is composed of the Board, all Committee chairs, representatives of affiliates and branches, the CEO and Headquarters representatives, and the Conference Program Chair(s) for the current-year conference and any future known conferences. However, Council meetings are open meetings; all IAIA members are encouraged to attend.

Committee and Section Meetings

Committees: Tuesday, 31 May • 5:00-6:30pm • See daily schedule for list of Committees and locations of meetings

Sections: Wednesday, 1 June • 6:00-7:30pm • See daily schedule for list of Sections and locations of meetings

Much of the cutting-edge work of IAIA is the direct result of Committee and Section activity. The only chance for Committees and Sections to meet throughout the year is at the annual conference. Everyone is welcome to attend a Section meeting. See page 26 for a description of the Sections. If you are interested in serving on an IAIA Committee, please indicate your interest on the member information directory form mailed to you when you pay your membership dues, or contact info@iaia.org.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday, 1 June • 12:00-12:45pm • Riverside

This is the annual business meeting of the Association. All meeting participants are encouraged to attend, learn more about the operation of the organization, and ask questions. This year, too, the prestigious IAIA Rose-Hulman Award is presented at the AGM. Recipient **Alan Porter** will give a brief address.

2005 AGM Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions and Confirmation of 2004 AGM minutes.
2. IAIA 2004/5: What have we done and where are we going?
3. Money Matters: Is IAIA financially sound? Questions for the Treasurer.
4. IAIA Honours Excellence: The Rose-Hulman Award Ceremony.
5. Any Debate? Items submitted in writing by members.
6. Have Your Say: Informal discussion of matters that members wish to raise.
7. Closing Remarks.



Jumping whale • Courtesy Boston Harbor Cruises

Conference Terminology

Annual Meeting: An extended collection of IAIA and IAIA-related events within a week to two-week time frame, including special meetings, technical visits, short courses, and social events.

Conference: The core of the annual meeting; typically 3-4 days devoted to plenaries, concurrent sessions, and IAIA business.

Session: A block of time during which presentations are made on a single topic.

Stream: A number of sessions on the same topic.

Paper Presentation: The oral summary of a paper within a session.

Poster: Visual presentation of a paper or project by means of graphics, photos, data, and a small amount of text on a display area. Posters are self-explanatory, but poster authors are available to answer questions during the session dedicated to poster viewing.

Workshop: The topic is specific and active discussion seeks to resolve a defined problem. May be a combination of paper presentations and discussion.

Panel: Invited speakers present different views or experiences on a topic, typically followed by an informal discussion between the speakers and questions from the audience.

Roundtable: A group of individuals, usually invited, hold an informal discussion on a specific topic or problem.

Theme Forum: Smaller than plenaries and larger than concurrent sessions, Theme Forums bring together on a particular topic the various aspects of impact assessment and examine how those aspects apply to different sectors and issues.

Practitioners' Forum: For issues that arise during the conference and that practitioners want to pursue through informal follow-up discussions. During the morning, participants post potential topics for discussion, and individuals interested in each topic sign up for the related discussion. If a topic generates sufficient interest, space is made available for the discussion to take place in the late afternoon.