

# Students and Mentors

## CBBIA-IAIA bursaries

The International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) is currently running a program of work on Capacity Building for Biodiversity and Impact Assessment (CBBIA) with funding from the Dutch Government. Under this program, a limited number of bursaries are available for students and early career professionals with an interest in environmental impact assessment and biodiversity to attend IAIA's annual conference in Stavanger, Norway, from 23-26 May 2006.

Opportunities to attend training sessions will also be available from 20 to 22 May 2006 in association with the conference.

Interested individuals should contact Bridget John (project@iaia.org) for further information about how to apply.

## Student registration fee waivers

IAIA is pleased to offer a student fee waiver program for IAIA06. This program, initiated at IAIA'04, allows up to ten students a waived conference registration fee in exchange for providing in-kind services on-site in Stavanger. The 10-12 hours of in-kind services will include an organizational meeting and reporting on at least two sessions, with the balance of activities being organizational or administrative duties.

Eligible students must:

- Be a current student member of IAIA, or apply for student membership (US\$50).
- Participate in the conference with a paper or poster presentation, having registered and submitted an abstract by 31 January.
- Submit the student fee waiver application form by 31 January.
- Subscribe to the SEP (Students and Early Professionals) listserv upon acceptance into the program, to facilitate communication.

Fee waivers are allocated in part based on geographic dispersion and on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are interested in more information, contact Bridget John at IAIA HQ (bridget@iaia.org or phone +1.701.297.7908) for program guidelines and an application form. Applications will be accepted through 31 January. You will be notified in 3-4 weeks whether you have been accepted. Each student selected will be asked to pay a \$40 processing fee at that time.

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## Mentors wanted

A mentoring program was initiated at IAIA'04. The intent is to help students and early professionals (SEPs) feel more comfortable and less overwhelmed with their first IAIA conference experience. This program links experienced IAIA members (mentor volunteers) with an SEP. The mentor will

- Introduce the assigned SEP to the conference format and answer questions.
- Act as a discussion partner on common topics of interest.
- Introduce the SEP to other professionals.

It is not intended that SEPs shadow assigned mentors, but rather that mentors are a springboard into the IAIA conference experience.

If you are interested in being a mentor at IAIA06, or if you are an SEP wishing to be assigned a mentor, please complete the form below and fax it to IAIA HQ (+1.701.297.7917) or e-mail the information to info@iaia.org by 31 March. Mentor-SEP assignments will be made about 4 weeks before the conference; you will be notified via e-mail so that you can make contact before the conference.

☐ I would like to be a mentor

☐ I am an SEP and would like to be assigned to a mentor

Please indicate your area of impact assessment experience or interest so that we can match mentor and SEP interests to the extent possible:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SEA                   | <input type="checkbox"/> SIA              | <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity & Ecology              | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Peoples   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMS                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Health           | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Participation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Governance | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries |                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disasters & Conflicts | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:           | _____                                                        |                                               |

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