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*IAIA is the leading global authority
on best practice in environmental
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*IAIA's mission is to be a forum
for advancing innovation, development
and communication of best practice in
impact assessment,
and to promote the development of local
and global capacity for the application of
environmental assessment in which
sound science and full public
participation provide a foundation for
equitable and sustainable development.*

International Environmental Awards Announced

The International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) announces the winners of its environmental awards for 2002. These awards will be presented at IAIA's annual conference in The Hague, The Netherlands in June 2002.

IAIA's most significant award, the IAIA Global Environment Award, goes to Jan Pronk, The Hague, The Netherlands. Pronk is The Netherlands' Minister for Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment. This award recognizes Pronk's contribution to the Kyoto Climate Convention and to Rio +10. "Mr. Pronk has provided inspiration to the world as Special Envoy for the forthcoming Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development," said Elvis Au, IAIA President. As part of the award, Pronk will receive an Honorary Lifetime Membership in IAIA.

Maurice Strong, Ontario, Canada, was the inaugural recipient of IAIA's Global Environment Award in 2001, but he will be accepting his award this year in The Hague. Strong was recognized for his organization of the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm and the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro.

The Rose-Hulman Award, IAIA's premier internal award, goes to Shirley Conover, Ontario, Canada, for a lifetime of work promoting impact assessment at all levels, especially within Canada. This award also recognizes Conover's service to IAIA, particularly regarding her work with IAIA's Ontario Affiliate.

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The Individual Award for 2002 is given to Maria Partidario, of the New University of Lisbon, Portugal, for excellence in intellectual and practical contribution to the development of the field of Strategic Environmental Assessment and for contribution to the IAIA organization.

The Regional Award goes to Annelies Stolp for a major personal contribution to broadening the scope of impact assessment in The Netherlands. Stolp's development of the Citizen Values Assessment Unit in the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management is particularly highlighted.

The International Institute for Environment and Development receives IAIA's Institutional Award for its management of the Mining, Minerals and Sustainable Development project.

IAIA is a multi-disciplinary organization for environmental practitioners interested in improving decision-making that has future environmental consequences. IAIA has over 2,500 members in more than 100 countries. The IAIA Awards Committee selects award winners who represent best practice in impact assessment or for contribution to environmental policy and management.

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