

Environmental Management Systems Section Meeting on Thursday IAIA '07 (Seoul, Korea)

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1. General Discussion

- EMS is tool for follow-up
- Can be used to assist with contractor management (EMS should be a contract requirement that is monitored)
- Competent Authorities may not have responsibility to require EMS, and they may not have the capacity to monitor

2. Direction of EMS Section

- Discussion of possible name change to make this Section broader and more integrated with other IAIA sections: Integrated Management Systems, Environmental Risk Management, Corporate Social Responsibility, other ideas??
- Continue to focus on follow-up and monitoring
- Continue including financial institutions and Project proponents

3. Discussion of use of EMS listserv

- Only three messages sent through Listserv over the past year. Is it possible to make this a more effective communication and information sharing tool?

4. Vote for Chair

- Debra re-elected (with understanding that people attending this Section meeting will assist with tasks)

5. Tasks for 2007-08

- Choose new name for Section
 - i. Action required by: EMS Section Meeting Attendees at IAIA '07 and '06
 - ii. Task to be completed by mid-September [Debra to present to the Board at mid-term board meeting]
- Update Website Information on Section and update description appearing in IAIA Handbook
 - i. Action required by: Luis and Sandra
 - ii. Task to be completed by: Draft text should be circulated to EMS Section Meeting attendees soonest, and then finalized and submitted to IAIA HQ

- Input Key References related to EMS (ISO 14001, IFC Performance Standards, Equator Principles)
 - i. Action required by: Carmen and Debra
 - ii. Tasks to be completed soonest
- Develop Case Studies / Sector Experience to circulate
 - i. Action required by: U.R.B., W.A.D.D., Kanthi
 - ii. Tasks to be completed by end of 2007
- Plan for IAIA '08 - organize an Equator Principles and Financing Institutions Concurrent session
 - i. Action required by: Marina and Debra
 - ii. Tasks to be completed by IAIA '08 timeline for draft schedule
- Plan for IAIA '08 – approach possible presenters
 - i. Action required by: EMS Section Meeting Attendees at IAIA '07
- Evaluate effectiveness of this Section
 - i. Action required by: EMS Section Meeting Attendees at IAIA '07 and '06
 - ii. Task to be completed in time to submit to mid-term board meeting

Cc.: Andrej Ursic, Angela Pinilla, EMS Section Meeting Attendees at IAIA '06