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8-11 APRIL 2014

VIÑA DEL MAR, CHILE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greg Radford

Greetings! I am pleased to welcome you to our first newsletter of 2014. This year will be a transition year for IAIA, which is both sad and exciting. Rita Hamm has retired as our dedicated and compassionate leader, and this is a big loss for the IAIA family. Rita has worked tirelessly for decades to ensure IAIA's success and longevity. A successful team is a group of many hands but of one mind; Rita was the ultimate team player. We were fortunate to work with Rita and wish her a happy retirement!

The Board of Directors has initiated the process of hiring our next Executive Director. An external HR professional was hired to manage the recruitment process and to report to the Board. The job opening was posted in December and January and we are excited to be able to hire our next Executive Director in 2014. In the interim, we are very fortunate that Wes Fisher accepted the Board's request to act as Interim Executive Director to ensure everything continues to run smoothly. Wes has been involved with the management of IAIA for many years and is well known to our HQ staff. Thanks, Wes!

Our annual conference scheduled for 8-11 April 2014 is fast approaching, and a huge amount of work has been happening behind the scenes to make the "Impact Assessment for Social and Economic Development" conference in the beautiful Viña del Mar, Chile, a huge success. The Chilean organizing committee was very active at the Calgary annual conference, and they have since been working tirelessly to organize a fantastic conference in the coastal city of Viña del Mar. The technical visits alone are worth the trip! Registration is open, so I hope you register soon to guarantee your spot (the conference facility does have a maximum).

See you in Chile!

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SOUTH ASIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE 2013: RAISING THE BAR ON REGIONAL COOPERATION

The Government of Pakistan and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) jointly organized the South Asian Environmental Assessment Conference 2013 (SAEAC 13) in Islamabad, Pakistan, from 4-5 December 2013. As the first IAIA-supported conference in the region, it brought together over 300 environmental professionals and policy makers from 14 countries. SAEAC 13 was organized under the National Impact Assessment Programme in Pakistan, which is funded by the Netherlands Government and supported by the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment.



Panelists at SAEAC 13



Session posters on display

SAEAC 13 served as a forum to facilitate cross-fertilization of ideas and experiences between South Asian countries and to promote South-South cooperation. The theme of the conference was "Raising the Bar on Regional Cooperation," and it was the first time that South Asian experts engaged in a dialogue on how to address regional challenges such as climate change and trans-boundary water sharing using impact assessment tools.

Sixteen technical sessions were conducted on context-specific issues in the South Asian region. Five pre-conference training courses were offered that addressed capacity needs of the regional professionals in specific areas of impact assessment.

A media launch event formally introduced SAEAC 13 to prominent local and international media representatives, and a poster exhibition on impact assessment was also organized to demonstrate work of Pakistani design students. Delegates were offered a taste of the Pakistani culture at the opening evening, which was filled with local food, music, and dance.

SAEAC 13 was a high-profile event, with Mr Sartaj Aziz, the Advisor to the Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs inaugurating the conference in the presence of various notables. IAIA was represented by Dr. Miguel Coutinho, President-Elect, at the conference. At the close of SAEAC 13, delegates adopted the "Islamabad Declaration on Impact Assessment – A Common Vision on Environmental Assessment for South Asia." The Declaration recognizes the role of EIA/SEA in addressing challenges of sustainable development in the region. The delegates committed to taking this forum forward to strengthen environmental assessment in the region.

For more details on the conference and its proceedings, please visit www.saeac13.pk

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2014 IAIA Award Winners

These recipients will be formally recognized at IAIA14 in Viña del Mar, Chile. See <http://www.iaia.org/about/iaia-awards.aspx> for complete awards criteria and a description of each winner's project or service. Thank you to those of you who submitted nominations for the Awards Committee to consider.

Global Environment Award

John Ruggie

Individual Award

Frank Vanclay

Rose-Hulman Award

Lex Brown

Outstanding Service to IAIA

Weston Fisher

Corporate Initiative Award

International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM)

IAPA Best Paper of 2013

Edwina A. Loxton, Jacki Schirmer, and Peter Kanowski. "Exploring the social dimensions and complexity of cumulative impacts: a case study of forest policy changes in Western Australia." March 2013. Vol. 31, No. 1, pp. 52-63.

Institutional Award

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Regional Award

Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e dos Recursos Naturais Renováveis (IBAMA)

Please take time to honor these people and organizations that truly make a difference.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS

At its November 2013 meeting in Santiago, Chile, in support of IAIA's Strategic Action Plan (SAP) and in general business, the Board of Directors:

- Approved the appointment of Wes Fisher to serve as interim Executive Director following the retirement of Rita Hamm and prepared the job posting for the permanent position.
- Approved two new Associated Organizations: Environmental Institute of Australia/New Zealand and SIFÉE (Francophone Secretariat).
- Approved all Committee nominations.
- Approved the 2013 operational budget.
- Discussed implementing an IAIA sustainability policy for event management; IAIA members will have the opportunity to comment on a draft policy in 2014.
- Agreed that Sections and recommended conference presenters will be invited to record short videos for posting on the website.

Full minutes are available at www.iaia.org (log in) > Admin & Member Services > Board & AGM minutes.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 9 April 2014
Enjoy Hotel & Casino
Viña del Mar, Chile

This is the annual business meeting of the Association. All conference participants are encouraged to attend.

Tentative Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions, and confirmation of the 2013 AGM minutes.
2. IAIA 2013-14: What have we done and where are we going?
3. Treasurer's presentation of the financial report.
4. IAIA Honors Excellence: Presentation of the Rose-Hulman Award.
5. Address by the Rose-Hulman Award recipient.
6. Any issues submitted in writing by members.
7. Informal discussion.

RESEARCH CORNER

INPUT INVITED FROM STUDENTS, SCHOLARS

One of IAIA's strategic goals is to make contributions, advancements and disseminate IA research. Among IAIA's members are several junior and established scholars who are passionate about impact assessment (IA) and bring that enthusiasm into their research. Master's and Ph.D. students in particular are close to the "sharp end" of innovative and original IA research, contributing to the advancement of the theory and practice of IA and providing up-to-date breadth and depth of knowledge on cross-cutting themes and topical issues.

The IA Research Corner is intended to provide students, as well as more senior scholars, an opportunity to inform other IAIA members about their research topics, disseminate knowledge, communicate findings, or seek contributions.

Contributions to this feature are invited. Text should be no longer than 300 words and may be sent to shelli@iaia.org.

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NEW IFC PUBLICATION ON CUMULATIVE IA

This *Good Practice Handbook on Cumulative Impact Assessment and Management: Guidance for the Private Sector in Emerging Markets* proposes a six-step process to assist private sector companies in emerging markets identify cumulative impacts and guide them in the effective design and implementation of measures to manage such cumulative effects. Download the publication at http://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/topics_ext_content/ifc_external_corporate_site/ifc+sustainability/publications/publications_handbook_cumulativeimpactassessment.

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NEW FASTIPS & TRANSLATIONS AVAILABLE FROM IAIA

FasTips No. 6, Mitigation, is now available! Mitigation is an integral part of impact assessment, and it aims to enhance positive impacts and avoid, reduce, remediate or compensate for negative impacts. The document can be downloaded at <http://www.iaia.org/publications-resources/fastips.aspx>. There you'll also find other FasTips on biodiversity assessment, governance, climate smart decisions, ethics, and IA.

Several FasTips documents are also now available in Portuguese and Spanish:

Español -- FasTips 1: Evaluación de Impactos; FasTips 2: Ética; FasTips 3: Decisiones Inteligentes para el Clima

Português -- FasTips 2: Ética; FasTips 3: Decisões Climáticas Inteligentes; FasTips 4: Governança

See these and other documents on IAIA's **Publications and Resources** web page: www.iaia.org/publications-resources/.

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Check us out on Facebook by searching for "IAIA - International Association for Impact Assessment." The purpose of this page is to expand IAIA's reach, network to new people, and draw them to the more expansive information and resources on IAIA's Web site.

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Want to ask a question of all IAIA members? Get Section members' opinions on a topic? Continue a discussion started at a conference to involve those who didn't attend the conference? Check out **IAIAConnect!**

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FOCUS ON AFFILIATES: **AEIAN (PILOT AFFILIATE)**

AEIAN HONORS OUTGOING DIRECTOR OF EA IN THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

On 26 September 2013, the Association for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nigeria (AEIAN), IAIA's pilot affiliate in Nigeria, held a special session to honor the retiring Director of Environmental Assessment in the Federal Ministry of Environment, Dr. Mrs. M.T. Odubela. Dr. Odubela is an astute environmentalist and one of the pillars of the AEIAN in Nigeria. She distinguished herself driving key improvements in IA practice in Nigeria during her tenure.

The Director of Environmental Assessment has key responsibility for managing the national IA framework in Nigeria. We wish Dr. Odubela happy retirement.

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Dr. Ameyan presents a plaque to Dr. Odubela, flanked by Dr. Okono and Ms. Philo Adinye



Dr. Odubela at the farewell ceremony

FOCUS ON AFFILIATES: **IAIAsa**



Participants discuss EIA at a course presented by Sean O'Beirne in Nelspruit.

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MPUMALANGA BRANCH HOSTS EIA COURSE

The IAIAsa Mpumalanga branch hosted a course entitled "Upping the EIA game: From process to method," presented by Sean O'Beirne in Nelspruit, on Tuesday, 2 December 2013. The day was filled with interesting discussions among a wide variety of specialists, practitioners, developers and even some department officials around the current problems faced in the EIA process. Sean proposed some interesting ideas on EIA in an ideal world, spelling out both process-related and technical qualities. The afternoon was filled with philosophical conversations around science and defining sustainability as well as an interactive group activity. Defining sustainability in terms of human welfare as well as an introduction to the concepts of impact mapping concluded a long but informative day. We would like to thank Sean O'Beirne for an interesting, interactive and informative day that left all participants thinking a little harder about the challenges faced within our industry.

■ **KIM DALHUIJSEN**

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FOCUS ON AFFILIATES: **IAEA (PILOT AFFILIATE)**

IRANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (IAEA): A NEW PILOT IAIA AFFILIATE

IAIA is pleased to welcome the Iranian Association for Environmental Assessment (IAEA) as a new pilot affiliate. IAEA is located at No.37 (6th Floor), Ghods Str., Enghelab Ave. in Tehran, Iran and can be reached by phone at +9821 88972473. For more information, visit www.iraneia.ir.



WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIC PLANNING & MANAGEMENT



Workshop participants discuss IAEA

A one-day participatory training and workshop was held 10 October 2013 for IAEA. Hosted by Shahid Beheshti University's Environmental Science Research Institute (ESRI), IAIA member Behzad Raissian facilitated the workshop to build capacity on "Sustainable Strategic Planning and Management." The CEO of IAEA, Mrs. Naghme Mobarghei, Assistant Professor of Environmental Planning at Shahid Beheshti University, and 17 other practitioners participated in the workshop, which covered strategic planning and management, fundamentals and application for NGOs, and the Iranian IA system. Participants then worked together to identify IAEA's key strategic objectives and outline its mission statement, and will continue working in the future to develop a long term vision, mission and values in line with IAIA's own mission statement and to develop annual action plans.

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January

- 1 Global Family Day

February

- 12 Darwin Day
- 22 World Thinking Day

March

- 8 International Women's Day
- 20 World Frog Day
- 22 World Day for Water
- 29 Earth Hour (20:00 local time)

Have you or an IAIA member you know recently made news, celebrated a promotion, retired, published a book, or completed a major project?

Please send the information to the newsletter and share it with the IAIA community!

IN MEMORY



IAIA Headquarters was saddened to lose one of our own recently. **Jeff Torresson**, IAIA's webmaster since 2008, lost his battle with cancer in December 2013. Jeff made great improvements to IAIA's existing basic online session and abstract management system and was planning to debut a more advanced system for 2014. He was always very proud of his involvement with IAIA, and we were proud to know and work with him. As IAIA's first webmaster, Jeff is part of IAIA's legacy, and he will be missed. Jeff leaves behind three young sons, and the IAIA Board of Directors has set up a CollegeSAVE account for each of them in Jeff's honor. Please contact info@iaia.org for the account details if you are interested in contributing.

Emelia Brew-Butler, long-time IAIA member and part of the IAIA09 Steering Committee, passed away in July 2013 after a short illness. Emelia, a trained scientist and experienced development practitioner, most recently led the Ghana Tourism Development Company, Ltd in Accra, Ghana. She also had served as Treasurer and Vice-President of the IAIA-Ghana affiliate. We remember and appreciate her many contributions to IAIA.



CALL FOR CONFERENCE HOSTS

Are you interested in hosting a future IAIA annual conference in your country?

The Board evaluates many factors, including location; proposed theme in relation to the IAIA mission, vision and values; quality of the proposal; and potential financial outcome.

Contact Jennifer Howell at IAIA HQ (jen@iaia.org) to express your interest and receive information on preparing an effective proposal.

Mark Your Calendar

IAIA & AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

22nd Annual AQEI Congress. 13-14 February 2014. Montréal, QC, Canada. www.aqei.qc.ca/neuf/Congres2014.html

Training on Surveillance & Monitoring. 4-5 April 2014. Ebolowa, Cameroon. www.acameeonline.org

Workshop on Organized Reasoning & EA. 29 April-1 May 2014. Vancouver, BC, Canada. www.iaia-wnc.ca

EIA Congress 2014. 29 September-1 October 2014. Bad Honnef, Germany. www.uvp.de/en/eia-congress-2014

IAIA14 Impact Assessment for Social & Economic Development. 8-11 April 2014. www.iaia.org

OTHER MEETINGS

International Conference on Environmental Science & Technology. 9-13 June 2014. Houston, TX, USA. www.aasci.org/conference/env/2014/index.html

European Conference on Sustainability, Energy & the Environment. 3-6 July 2014. Brighton, United Kingdom. www.iafor.org/iafor/conferences/ecsee2014

International Conference on Energy. 12-13 August 2014. Colombo, Sri Lanka. www.energyconference.co

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

1 September - 30 November 2013

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IAIA IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Subject to change; watch for updates!

January 2014

- 9IAIA Board of Directors election
- 31IAIA14 last date authors may register and pay in full to be included in final program (extended deadline)
- 31IAIA14 Early Bird rate ends (extended deadline)

February 2014

- 1Board election ballots tabulated; results announced
- 15IAIA14 training course and technical visit registration deadline
- 15IAIA14 optional draft papers due
- 15IAIA14 mentoring program application deadline

March 2014

- 1Newsletter articles due
- 15Board action items, annual reports and Annual General Meeting action items due
- 19IAIA14 pre-registration deadline and cancellation deadline

April 2014

- 1IAIA15 First Announcement posted
- 6-7IAIA14 pre-conference training courses and technical visits
- 8-11IAIA14 in Viña del Mar, Chile

May 2014

- 8IAIA14 evaluation surveys distributed

June 2014

- 1Newsletter articles due
- 15IAIA14 final papers due
- 16IAIA15 Second Announcement posted
- 16IAIA15 session proposals open

Quotable

Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.

MAHATMA GANDHI

IAIA Newsletter

Next issue: April-May-June 2014

Submission deadline: 1 March 2014

Professional practice articles should be a maximum of 150 words. Send submissions or questions to professional practice news editor **Bram Noble** (b.noble@usask.ca).

General interest articles should be a maximum of 300 words. Send to **Shelli Schneider** (shelli@iaia.org). Suggestions, comments, and story ideas are always welcome.