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**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**UNEP Initiative on Integrated Assessment and Planning for Sustainable Development**

Integrated assessment and planning seeks to integrate environmental, social and economic objectives and can be applied in a broad range of sectors. A new UNEP initiative on Capacity Building for Integrated Assessment and Planning for Sustainable Development aims to develop this assessment tool and enhance the capacities of countries to apply it. This assessment tool will be developed through pilot studies conducted in eight developing and transitional countries. These countries will designate a national institution that will work in close partnership with the government concerned and in collaboration with the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The national institution will implement the pilot projects and help build capacity in the country for integrated assessment and planning for sustainable development, with technical assistance and financial support from UNEP. • Hussein Abaza • UNEP • Hussein.ABAZA@unep.ch

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**HIA Information on the Web**

Health impact assessment (HIA) is an emerging topic in the environmental assessment community, both at project and strategic level. There are some valuable URLs for getting a lot of HIA information. Two of them I would like to suggest without neglecting other ones. Browsing to <http://www.who.int/hia/en> the World Health Organization (WHO) offers definitions, FAQs, case studies, tools and methods, links (HIA network) and other information. The Netherlands School of Public Health provides a search function, different documents and other issues at <http://www.hiadatabase.net>; moreover, interested experts are given the possibility to publish their own documents into this website. • Ralf Aschemann • Austrian Institute for the Development of Environmental Assessment - An !dea • office@anidea.at

**Best Practices in Public Participation**

Emerging from public participation sessions at Marrakech led by professors Pierre André of the Université de Montréal and Bert Enserink of the Technology University of Delft, a short draft document on "Best Practices in Public Participation" is under development. The authors will circulate it to session participants and members of the Public Participation Section of IAIA in the next few months; they will review a revised draft at IAIA'04 in Vancouver. A special issue on public participation will be proposed to the editor of IAPA. Readers with a special interest in this subject may email < andrep@UMontreal.ca > and < b.enserink@tbm.tudelft.nl > . • Des Connor • Connor Development Services Ltd. • connor@connor.bc.ca

**Vancouver awaits IAIA delegates in 2004!**



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# ••• From the President

Do you think of IAIA largely in terms of the annual meeting?

IAIA is steadily changing into an organisation that is very active between the annual meetings, in pursuit of its mission.

**S**urely not the old fallback of newsletter editorials: membership? The usual rallying call to pay up, and support the goals of IAIA....? Well, maybe, but first a confession.

Headquarters informed me just recently that I was in danger of having to send myself a letter to remind me to pay my annual subscription, signed the President of IAIA. Oops. The usual problem: I put the form on the desk, meaning to get on to it that week, then the work piled on top of it and it languished until frantically excavated just the other day. How many people does this happen to? More than a few, I'd guess, and I know HQ staff are always looking for innovative ways to remind people to pay their subscription on time, before they start losing privileges, such as issues of *IAPA*. We'll keep looking at ways to simplify paying subscriptions each year and so avoid these sorts of problems, but I suspect there are other reasons people don't pay their subscriptions, and a key one is probably that they think of IAIA largely in terms of the annual meeting. Perhaps they took out membership to attend a recent meeting but can't see themselves getting to the next one: so why bother maintaining membership?

The answer to that question is important for all IAIA members, because we are seeing IAIA steadily changing into an organisation that is very active between the annual meetings, in pursuit of its mission to promote and support impact assessment practice at the international level. That means it is possible to miss an annual meeting but still feel involved in the development of IA. For example, the SIA principles released earlier this year were the result of five years of work by the Social Impact Assessment Section members, much of it outside the annual meetings. The IAIA briefing paper to the World Summit on Sustainable Development was put together largely by e-mail in the months preceding the summit. Similarly, IAIA sent a letter to the World Trade Organization at Cancun, informing them of the motion voted on by members encouraging the use of IA in trade negotiations; although initiated at the Marrakech meeting, most of the work on that initiative took place in the following three months. A number of committees have to be very active year round. A good example is the Training and Professional Development Committee, currently under the dedicated leadership of Lee Wilson, which coordinates the selection of pre-meeting training courses in addition to other responsibilities. And, of course, your Board of Directors holds its mid-term soon, to discuss, among other things, the progress being made on strategic action plan activities over the last few months. The coming months will see progress on a variety of fronts, including the IAIA Action Plan for Capacity Development, the Biodiversity Grant project, and putting the UNEP EIA manual on the IAIA web site as an initial step in developing IAIA's role in supporting capacity development activities.

In short, there is a great deal of activity underway, and the future of IA as a major method for assisting countries, organisations, communities and individuals to achieve their particular social and environmental goals (sustainable development, better health and wellbeing, informed decision-making, community participation...) will be greatly helped by the continuing involvement of IAIA members from year to year. This is the only way we can build the momentum to create and sustain change. The meetings are important, but there is important work during the rest of the year: choose to be involved, to make a difference...and yes, get those subscriptions in each year!

**Richard Morgan, President**

## Resources

### *Draft SEA of North Sea Oil and Gas Available*

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has recently conducted a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the area north and west of Shetland and Orkney. The objective of the SEA is to determine the suitability of the area for licensing of future oil and gas exploration and production. An important part of any SEA is the involvement of a full range of stakeholders in the consultation preceding potential developments. The draft assessment document for the area known as SEA4 (area North and West of Shetland and Orkney) is available at [www.offshore-sea.org.uk](http://www.offshore-sea.org.uk) or by application to Christine Weare, DTI Oil and Gas, Atholl House, 86-88 Guild Street, Aberdeen, AB11 6AR - UK.

### *SIA of Prisons: First Ex-Post Assessments on New Zealand Carried Out*

"Social Impact Assessment of Prisons in New Zealand: 4 Case Studies" by James Baines, Brigid Buckingham and Bronwyn Morgan. The case study reports contain detailed descriptions of the prison facilities and activities as well as the host community and the off-site effects experienced by neighbours in the host community. For more information contact Erik at Taylor Baines [erik@tba.co.nz](mailto:erik@tba.co.nz)

## Welcome to Canada! Bienvenue au Canada!

**This greeting will await you in April when you travel to Vancouver on Canada's spectacular Pacific coast to learn about the latest developments in impact assessment.**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment – IAIA'04 for short – will take place April 26-29, 2004, at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre in Vancouver. Its **theme: Impact Assessment for Industrial Development — Whose Business Is It?** The conference will be preceded on the weekend of April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> by training sessions and by a program of technical tours that takes full advantage of the superb natural setting of the city of Vancouver.

We, the presidents of the three Canadian affiliates of IAIA, cordially invite you to attend. Come share with your colleagues from Canada and around the world the excitement and challenges of the rapidly evolving field of impact assessment. Hear how private sector enterprises are working with government, Aboriginal people and a wide range of stakeholders to implement state-of-the-art impact assessment. Learn more about how they are integrating environmental management systems, triple bottom line accounting, adaptive management and sustainability into their day-to-day business practices. Contribute to the discussion of how we can secure a sustainable future for our planet, and particularly, how impact assessment can play an important role in achieving that objective. Bring your ideas on how to make impact assessment more effective and efficient.

Canada, the host country, is a vast and beautiful land, stretching from mid-latitudes to the Arctic. It is breathtaking in its diversity and scale. It has tens of thousands of kilometres of coastline on the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic oceans. It possesses some of the most extensive and magnificent natural landscapes remaining on Earth; fully one-fifth of the earth's fresh water; and great cosmopolitan cities. Vancouver, a major port city on Canada's mountainous Pacific coast, is universally acclaimed as being one of the world's most spectacular cities. It also lies close to Canada's border with the United States and possesses a mild and agreeable climate.

Canada has a long and fascinating human history which started thousands of years ago with the arrival of the ancestors of its Aboriginal peoples. Only a few hundred years ago, Europeans arrived, first to exploit abundant resources of fish and furs, and then to colonize the land. The French were Canada's first permanent European colonists, to be followed by the British. (Both French and English are constitutionally recognized as official languages.) Subsequently, immigrants from all parts of the world have created a truly multicultural Canadian society, which serves as an important and evolving model for finding strength in cultural diversity. The principles of "peace, order and good government" are important touchstones for Canadians, and those very words are enshrined in our constitution.

Because so much of our economy has been, and continues to be, based on exploitation of renewable and non-renewable natural resources, Canadians have been sensitised to the negative environmental, social and economic costs that in many instances have resulted from those activities. We recognize the importance of managing the development and use of our resources in a responsible manner that addresses not only our immediate needs, but those of future generations.

Impact assessment has consequently played an important role in Canada, and the principles of impact assessment and sustainable development are increasingly being internalized by Canadians, and are being reflected in the way we do business. For those reasons we are excited about the theme of the conference and delighted to play host to the world impact assessment community.

Please join us in Vancouver for IAIA'04. Bring your knowledge, experience, hopes and wisdom to share with us and your colleagues from around the world. Encourage your close colleagues to attend, and bring along your friends and family so that they may have the opportunity to enjoy one of the world's most spectacular cities. Plan to see more of Canada while you are here.

**Arrive in April when we will say to you in person: Welcome to Canada! Bienvenue au Canada!**

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### Being a Mentor: IAIA '04

According to Homer's *Odyssey*, when Odysseus went to fight in the Trojan war, he left his son in the hands of a wise old man named Mentor. The word mentor has come to mean "a wise and responsible tutor – an experienced person who advises, guides, teaches, inspires, challenges, corrects, and serves as a model."

What about you? Would you consider working with students and early professionals to help them make the most of their conference experience in Vancouver? See the '04 Preliminary Program for details!

## Delegates' Frequently-Asked-Questions (Conference FAQs)

**Q.** I'm a presenter/speaker/organizer/session leader. Do I have to pay registration fees?

**A.** Yes. Conference fees pay for the venue and all related services as well as fund IAIA's operating expenses throughout the year, since member dues do not cover the per-member cost of products and services such as the journal, newsletter, listservs, website, special publications and more. IAIA seeks to keep costs to a minimum and affordable to as many people as possible; although conference costs are rising substantially, IAIA fees have been raised only minimally. We appreciate everyone's professional contributions, but since more than 60% of all delegates are also presenters, to keep IAIA operational, the dollars of each and every participant are needed, too.

**Q.** I'm a student/from a developing country/my company doesn't support me. Is financial assistance available, or can you waive my fees?

**A.** No. IAIA is a non-profit association which relies on conference fees and member dues to pay for conference expenses and provide services. IAIA actively seeks funding throughout the year, and publishes announcements if and when any funding to under-

write delegate expenses becomes available. A pilot program for student fee waivers is being initiated at IAIA'04; see the IAIA'04 preliminary program for details.

**Q.** What is the process for placement of my presentation on the program?

**A.** For consistency from year to year, to ensure that every abstract is accounted for, and to decrease the workload on the volunteer organizing committee, abstracts are collected at one point of contact: IAIA HQ. HQ screens your abstract for compliance with submission instructions and overall suitability for the conference as determined by the Program Committee. HQ sends you either a rejection notice or a preliminary acceptance as quickly as possible so that you can begin to make travel and financial plans. HQ assigns your abstract an ID number and forwards it to the Program Committee, which carries out a thorough review and assigns your abstract to an appropriate session leader. The session leader also reviews your abstract, confirms its suitability in that session with the program committee, and tentatively places it on the program. Your registration form and fees are required by 29 February. Following receipt and processing of your registration and fees in HQ, your session chair contacts you to

confirm your place on the program and provide further information and instructions about your session, and to work with you, if necessary, to fine-tune your presentation. If you do not register by 29 February, the session chair removes your presentation from the program.

**Q.** Why is the presenting author required to pre-register and pre-pay for the conference?

**A.** The requirement of registration and fees helps to guarantee the presence of presenters listed in the final program. In its testing phase, this policy reduced the number of last-minute drops and no-show presenters by over 50%, greatly increasing the professionalism and quality of the program for all delegates.

**Q.** Why must I pre-pay for technical visits and training courses?

**A.** These activities are held if the minimum number of participants is met. Pre-payment implies commitment and reduces the chance that the activity will be cancelled at a late date due to low enrollment. It also allows IAIA to be considerate of instructors' and vendors' time and allows us to cover the fixed costs incurred regardless of the number of participants.

### New in 2004!

Online abstract submission

Online conference registration

Find a room at

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And more

See the IAIA'04 Preliminary Program for details!

### Opportunity to Provide Input

## SAIEA Undertakes 2-Year Capacity Development Project; Input Sought

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation describes "good" governance as being essential for sustainable development. Coupled with this is the African New Partnership for Development of Africa (NEPAD) initiative which views good governance as an essential element of the peer review process. Most consider good governance to mean transparent decision making, access to information and justice, public participation, coherence, subsidiarity (decisions taken at the appropriate level), respect for human rights and accountability. A well-planned and implemented EIA or SEA does respect all these conditions for good "environmental" governance. However, in Africa, one of the elements of the EIA process which is quite weak is public participation. This has large opportunity costs in terms of community empowerment, environmental performance and displaying true democratic reform through the NEPAD peer review process. The Southern African Institute of Environmental Assessment is undertaking a two-year capacity development project to address the EIA and public participation process in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) region. Activities will include background analysis, tool development, network building, training and case study application. The project is just beginning. Therefore, IAIA members are invited to contribute their knowledge, advice and opinions to help guide the project's outputs. Peter Croal has been seconded for two years from the Canadian International Development Agency to manage this project: Peter Croal, Technical Advisor Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment P.O. Box 6322 Ausspannplat Windhoek, Namibi Phone + 264 61 22057 Cell 081283340 Fax + 264 61 259183 Peterc@saiea.com www.saiea.com

## More Comprehensive EIA Regulations in the UK

The devolved administrations in the UK (Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Westminster for England) have been busily tightening up the last few gaps in their coverage of projects covered by the EU Directive on EIA. Between 2001 and 2003 all four administrations passed regulations setting up new consent procedures for use of previously uncultivated land and semi-natural areas for intensive agriculture. In 2002 regulations were introduced bringing wave and tidal energy electricity generating stations of 1 MW or more into the consent regime governed by the Electricity Act and its subsidiary EIA Regulations. And, most recently, Scotland has amended its Planning Act and subsidiary EIA Regulation to bring irrigation, drainage and other water management for agriculture into the development control system and its associated EIA regime. New rules on consenting and EIA for marine aggregate extraction are also expected soon.

There are parallel regs in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. The regulations may be found at [www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/stat.htm](http://www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/stat.htm) (use the "Search" facility). The direct URLs:

- EIA (water management) (Scotland) Regs 2003:  
[http://www.scotland-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/cgi-bin2/hmso\\_hl?DB=hmso-new&STEMMER=en&WORDS=water+manag+&COLOUR=Red&STYLE=s&URL=http://www.hmso.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/ssi2003/20030341.htm#muscat\\_highlighter\\_first\\_match](http://www.scotland-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/cgi-bin2/hmso_hl?DB=hmso-new&STEMMER=en&WORDS=water+manag+&COLOUR=Red&STYLE=s&URL=http://www.hmso.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/ssi2003/20030341.htm#muscat_highlighter_first_match)
- EIA (uncultivated land and semi-natural areas) (England) Regs: [http://www.scotland-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/cgi-bin2/hmso\\_hl?DB=hmso-new&STEMMER=en&WORDS=uncultiv+land+&COLOUR=Red&STYLE=s&URL=http://www.hmso.gov.uk/si/si2001/20013966.htm#muscat\\_highlighter\\_first\\_match](http://www.scotland-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/cgi-bin2/hmso_hl?DB=hmso-new&STEMMER=en&WORDS=uncultiv+land+&COLOUR=Red&STYLE=s&URL=http://www.hmso.gov.uk/si/si2001/20013966.htm#muscat_highlighter_first_match)
- Unfortunately, the Scottish Natural Heritage guidance document is not available electronically. SNH can be contacted via [www.snh.gov.uk](http://www.snh.gov.uk).

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## Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Capacity Building in Lao PDR

In March 2003, the World Health Organization conducted an HIA capacity building workshop in the Lao People's Democratic Republic for staff from the Ministry of Health. It addressed HIA concepts, methods and procedures and essential functions of health ministries in HIA, and engaged participants in screening and scoping, preparing HIA Terms of Reference, and appraising an HIA report. As follow-up to the Lao workshop, WHO will encourage other countries in its South East Asia and Western Pacific Regions to organise similar national workshops, using the Lao workshop as a model. WHO and the Danish Bilharziasis Laboratory are also organising a "Health Opportunities in Development" training course in Lao in October/November 2003, aimed at developing intersectoral decision-making and negotiating skills in support of HIA.

A CD ROM report of the Lao workshop is available from the World Health Organization. Water, Sanitation and Health (WSH), Avenue Appia 20, CH-1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland or at [www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/resources/hia/en/](http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/resources/hia/en/). • Robert Bos • WHO • [bosr@who.int](mailto:bosr@who.int)

## Brazilian Congress Approves Law on Public Access to Environmental Information

Law 10650 on "public access to data and information filed in government agencies which are part of the National System on Environment" has recently been approved by the National Congress. Resulting from a bill introduced in 1998, the new law makes such information available to "any individual, independently of any need to show specific interest." The National System on Environment is a network of federal, state and local environmental agencies; thus the law applies to all three government levels. Welcomed by NGOs, the law is seen as a step towards implementing both Agenda 21 and the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (although Brazil is not part of this convention). Full text is available at [www.senado.gov.br/legisla.htm](http://www.senado.gov.br/legisla.htm). • Luis Enrique Sánchez • Escola Politécnica da USP • [lsanchez@usp.br](mailto:lsanchez@usp.br)



Mark Your  
Calendar

**REWAS 2004, Global Symposium on Recycling Waste Treatment and Clean Technology** will be held in Madrid, Spain, IFEMA-Campo Ferial Juan Carlos I, 26-29 September 2004. For information [www.inasmet.es/rewas04](http://www.inasmet.es/rewas04).

## E-News News and Tips

IAIA respects our members' time and privacy. HQ sends monthly e-news to IAIA members to inform and remind members of important or time-sensitive events, but we limit our mass e-mail to this service and do not sell or rent our membership list to individuals or businesses. Unfortunately, easier access to information is a byproduct of the electronic age and exposes anyone using e-mail or the Internet to spam, computer viruses, and other hazards to computer or personal security.

Some content on the IAIA web site, including the member directory and lists of conference participants, will close to non-members in late October 2003. This measure should provide additional protection to IAIA members. In the meantime, if you have been receiving spam from someone linked or claiming to be linked to IAIA, please inform HQ.

In general, tips to protect yourself against fraud, viruses, and other e-risks: Do not respond to unsolicited business proposals from any person or organization. Do not open attachments you do not expect or from people you do not know. Do not respond to spam; often this simply verifies your address to the spammer. You may wish to set up a secondary e-mail address to use for online chat or news postings. Be sure your anti-virus software is up-to-date. Contact your service provider for more information and resources.

Members will need their IAIA Member ID numbers to access the members-only section of the web site.

Your ID number can be found on your mailing label, receipts and correspondence from IAIA, and your membership card.

If you cannot find your membership number, contact IAIA member liaison Ana Hallstrom at [info@iaia.org](mailto:info@iaia.org).

## Disasters, Conflict and Other Crises Section Expands, Invites Participation

Disasters, conflict and other crisis events have short and long term impacts. Opinions differ on whether crises cause, or are simply a catalyst for, significant change. In general, disaster and conflicts can lead to temporary breakdowns or total collapse of environmental governance tools. It is clear that impact assessments which do not consider possible disasters and crises can produce inaccurate results. The consequences of inaccurate assessments can range from inconvenience in project implementation to, in the extreme, levels of mortality which exceed pre-project levels. Unforeseen consequences, in cases of conflicts, may lead to permanent losses of environmental and resource systems.

A small group of IAIA members has been focusing attention on disasters and crisis at recent IAIA meetings. At Marrakech, papers on disaster and conflict were presented in two sessions, with case studies coming from Africa, Europe, and Asia. Following the sessions, a decision was made to transform the existing IAIA Disaster Management Section into a broader-based Disasters, Conflict and Other Crises Section.

The Disasters, Conflict and Other Crises Section intends to:

- Provide a forum for discussions on how to adapt and apply existing or develop new impact assessment principals and procedures in disasters, conflicts and other crises.

- Increase the awareness of mainstream assessment professionals of the links between disasters, conflicts and other crisis and impact at social and individual levels.

To these ends, the section will:

- Promote the presentation of papers and discussion on disasters and other crises at IAIA meetings.
- Promote the publication of papers on impact assessment and disasters and crises in professional journals.
- Encourage discussions with the mainstream IAIA community on considering disasters and other crisis in normal impact assessment.

IAIA members are encouraged to join the Disasters, Conflict and Other Crises Section and particularly to share experiences about how disasters or other crises have impacted the assessment process or outcomes.

Paper and discussion sessions on impact assessment and disasters and other crises are planned for IAIA'04. IAIA members are encouraged to consider submitting a paper or attending the discussion forum to learn more about the links between impact assessment and disasters and other crises. Section contacts: Charles Kell [72734.2412@compuserve.com](mailto:72734.2412@compuserve.com) and Michel A. Bouchard [michel.a.bouchard@aiiei.org](mailto:michel.a.bouchard@aiiei.org)

## IAIA Web Site: Members-Only Sections Coming Soon

*Special interest pages expanded as need and interest grow*

Initiated with the 2001 recommendations of the Professional Products and Standards of Service Task Force chaired by Elvis Au, and supported by IAIA's current Strategic Action Plan, portions of the IAIA web site will be open to IAIA members only beginning in late October 2003.

IAIA's goal is to emphasize the numerous and valuable resources available on the web site as a service and benefit to members, and to uphold IAIA's reputation as a strong networking organization within its membership while providing a measure of privacy and security from casual Internet users.

General information about IAIA, annual conference announcements, and other content will remain "open." Closed content will include organizational information such as

the searchable member directory and annual reports, networking resources such as the listservs and the Learning Exchange, and material or documents available for a fee outside IAIA, including online access to *IAPA*.

Recent activities and renewed interest in Committees, Sections, and Affiliates and Branches has prompted reinstatement and expansion of separate "pages" for news and information from these groups. Each group will be asked to elect a representative to act as a web liaison, responsible for providing updated information to HQ for posting online.

In addition to the members-only pages, the design and appearance of the web site has been (and will continue to be) updated. User-

friendly features and additional interactivity are also being added. All features are evaluated for inclusion, taking into account that Internet access is limited in some nations.

Planning, technical work, and transfer of files has been ongoing at HQ over the last several months, with the help of interns to manage the workload and with the assistance and input of a Web Task Force and oversight from the Publications Committee to determine content and placement of materials. Thank you to all who have contributed to this effort!

We hope the "new" web site will prove to be an even more valuable part of your IAIA membership, and we welcome suggestions as its development continues in the coming months.

## **World Bank Launches Grants Facility for Indigenous Peoples**

The World Bank has launched a new initiative, the "Grants Facility for Indigenous Peoples," which will provide small grants directly to Indigenous Peoples' organizations to support the design and implementation of culturally appropriate sustainable development programs. Indigenous leaders and organizations have been actively involved in the design of the Grants Facility and will be majority members of the Grants Facility Board. To be eligible for a grant, the proponent of the proposal must be a non-profit Indigenous Peoples organization or community legally registered in the country of grant implementation and be in good standing with a record of achievement in the community. Currently only projects proposed in borrower countries of the World Bank are eligible for funding. A formal Call for Proposals was posted in late September 2003 at <http://www.worldbank.org/indigenous>. • Jean-Roger Mercier • World Bank • [jmercier@worldbank.org](mailto:jmercier@worldbank.org)

## **World Water Development Report Available**

The World Water Development Report was launched in March 2003 at the Third World Water Forum in Kyoto. It is a joint work of 24 United Nations agencies. In the section on health is ample reference to health impact assessment of water resources development projects and the further follow up (pages 116-117). In the conclusions, reference is made to the Report of the World Commission on Dams and the fact that the procedures they propose for dams should apply to all water resources development (this implicitly covers impact assessment). The Report is on line at the UNESCO website: [www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org). • Robert Bos • WHO • [bosr@who.int](mailto:bosr@who.int)

## **Health Impact Assessment in Water Resources Development**

The World Health Organisation has recently updated its Water, Sanitation and Health webpages ([www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/en/](http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/en/)), including new initiatives in Health Impact Assessment. WHO defines Health Impact Assessment (HIA) as a combination of procedures, methods and tools by which a policy, programme or project may be judged as to its potential effects on the health of a population, and the distribution of those effects within the population. The Water Sanitation Health programme of WHO's programme focuses its HIA efforts related to water resources development on HIA methodology development and HIA capacity building. It maintains close links with WHO's broader HIA programme and with IAIA, with which WHO has a Memorandum of Understanding. WHO has developed and tested a problem-based learning course for the development of intersectoral decision-making skills in support of HIA. A Manual for this course was launched in April 2003 at a Danida-sponsored HIA Symposium in Copenhagen and can be downloaded at [www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/resources/hia/en/](http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/resources/hia/en/). • Robert Bos • WHO • [bosr@who.int](mailto:bosr@who.int)

## **Environmental Justice Bibliography Database Available**

The Environmental Justice Bibliography Database (EJBib) is a fully-indexed bibliography of published materials relating to environmental justice, as well as such related topics as risk assessment and social justice. Intended as a research tool, the database is a project of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Justice. One aim of the bib-

liography is to identify significant references to environmental justice in a wide range of literature.

The database represents an ongoing effort that already contains more than 2600 records documenting the environmental justice dialogue. Currently, materials included in EJBib come from various Internet databases of legal, medical, engineering, urban planning, and science periodical articles and books, as well as materials in non-print formats, such as documentary videos, interactive programs on CD-ROM, and other electronic media. To access, go to <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ejbib/>. • Source: ENVPUBS-L digest 265 • J. Timmons Roberts • The College of William and Mary

## **"Role of Nation States in International EAs" Working Paper Released**

The working paper "The Changing Role of Nation States in International Environmental Assessments: The Case of the IPCC" analyses the interaction processes between public policy making on the national and international level on the one side and scientific research and policy advice on the other.

By analysing the case study of the IPCC, the paper focuses on the role individual nation states played in international assessments, how this role changed over time, and why. It shows that there is a tendency of increasing internationalisation in the field of climate research and climate policy that limits the specific influence of individual nation states.

The working paper can be downloaded at [www.glogov.org/workingpapers/index.html](http://www.glogov.org/workingpapers/index.html). • Source: ENVPUBS-L Digest 265 • Hans-Dieter Sohn • MecGlo Research Group

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## October 2003

- 7 ..... Newsletter, IAIA '04 preliminary program, ballots mailed
- 18-20 ... Mid-year Board meeting
- 25 ..... Action items for mid-year Board meeting due
- 25 ..... Committee and Liaison mid-year reports due
- 31 ..... Web site to members-only sections

## December 2003

- 15 ..... Newsletter deadline
- 15 ..... Early Bird registration ends

## January 2004

- 1 ..... Newsletter mailed
- 1 ..... Ballots tabulated, election results announced
- 15 ..... Abstract deadline (papers and posters)
- 15 ..... Student conference fee waiver applications due
- 31 ..... Regular registration rate ends

## February 2004

- 29 ..... Last date authors may register for inclusion of papers/posters on IAIA '04 program
- 29 ..... Last day to qualify for Quickpass
- 29 ..... Technical visit registration deadline
- 29 ..... Social event registration deadline
- 29 ..... Requests for exhibit space due
- 29 ..... SEP/Mentor program participants forms due

## mARCH 2004

- 1 ..... '04-'05 committee assignments completed
- 1 ..... Action items for Board, Annual General Meeting due
- 15 ..... Newsletter deadline
- 15 ..... Training course registration deadline
- 15 ..... Annual Affiliate, Branch, Committee, Liaison, Task Force, Section and Project reports due

## April 2004

- 1 ..... Newsletter mailed
- 1 ..... Training course instructors to finalize agreements
- 1 ..... Requests for inserts in delegate packs due
- 1 ..... Requests for special audio-visual equipment due
- 1 ..... Raffle items donation deadline
- 1 ..... Board and AGM agendas set
- 7 ..... Sheraton hotel reservation deadline
- 26-29 ... IAIA '04

IAIA Calendar of Important Dates & Deadlines  
Subject to change - watch for updates