WIKI WEB GIS IN ACTION ON GOOGLE MAPS!

After official presentation during the IAIA SEA Conference in Prague and after four months of testing, WIKI WEB GIS is now in action and freely available for every player, consultant, institution, organization or association interested in impact assessment and participation. It is a GeoSocialForum for public participation, based on Google Maps, enforcing practical sustainability knowledge and based on the WIKI 2.0 approach.

The web pages have been visited more than 56,000 times in five weeks by users exploring stressor maps, verifying environmental impacts around their homes, and networking on sustainability and environmental issues.

Everyone can subscribe, selecting a field of interest (for example EIA, SEA, HIA, urban planning, air quality); publishing on GIS-Post with photos, web links and contents; and involving other people into discussion in Geo-forum directly on Google Maps.

WIKI WEB GIS is also usefull for institutions opening official web pages and publishing their environmental data, information and strategies, for example, publishing Plans and Projects (free .shp file directly on Google Maps) and networking on SEA participation.

Several applications for IAIA players will be soon available, such as ScoreMap, a web tool obtaining instant ranking impacts maps based on the EPA risk assessment based approach.

Try it at www.q-cumber.org and contact info@iaiaitalia.org if you would like to receive more information.

Plans include translating the site into English in May 2012 and involving other nations; discussions to expand the system and involve more people, particularly young people, in the project will be held at IAIA12 in Porto.

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EIANZ OFFERS PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION INITIATIVE

The Certified Environmental Practitioner (CEnvP) Scheme is an initiative of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ), in a move aimed at boosting community and business confidence in environmental professionals. Certification is open to experienced practitioners who have a minimum of five years of relevant work experience and who can fulfill the criteria as set out in the application materials. For more information, see www.eianz.org/aboutus/certified-professionals.
“IAIA is urging the Rio+20 Conference Secretariat and participant countries to adopt in the Conference Final Declaration a statement on the value of systematically applying Strategic Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment to efforts to better manage environmental and natural resource assets globally and locally. IAIA is specifically asking that SEA and IA “be recognised by States as effective high level decision support processes that can assist in the implementation of political commitment to Sustainable Development and Green Economy initiatives.” The IAIA statement, drafted by Peter Croal (CIDA) with contributions from Barry Dalal-Clayton, Nick King, Rishi Basak, and Luis Sánchez, is on our website but has also been posted on The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) web site at www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/index.php?type=12&page=view&n=285&menu=20&str=Strategic+Environmental+Assessment&style=exact&x=35&y=12.

IAIA Board member Wes Fisher represented IAIA at the Second Intercessional Meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (known as Rio+20) first in a one-day capacity building workshop for major groups and other stakeholders on the 14th of December and then as IAIA’s representative at the official gathering at UN Headquarters from 15-16 December. There he had an opportunity to promote the IAIA statement with multiple stakeholders and various national government and UN representatives preparing for Rio+20. IAIA is pleased to note that as of 20 April 2012, search results at the UNCSD site www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/futurerevewant.html indicated that inputs to the Compilation Document mentioned SEA 43 times in 21 different submissions. However, no direct mention has yet been made of SEA or IA in The Future We Want - Zero draft of the outcome document (Jan 10, 2012). We are joining forces with the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE) in the hope that there may still be explicit recognition at Rio+20 of the importance of SEA and IA and the continuing value of SEA, IA and environmental compliance and enforcement to both global and local sustainability.”

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2012 AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

These recipients will be formally recognized IAIA12 in Porto. See www.iaia.org/iaia-awards.aspx for complete awards criteria and a description of each winner’s project or service. Thank you to those who submitted nominations for the Awards Committee to consider.

Global Environment Award
International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE)

Rose-Hulman Award
Peter Croal

Corporate Initiative Award
International Center for Environmental Management’s (ICEM)

Anglo American’s Socio-Economic Assessment Toolbox (SEAT)

Institutional Award
Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)

Regional Award
Redes Energéticas Nacionais (REN)

Individual Award
John Boyle

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

IAIA13: Save the date!
27 May – 1 June 2012

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BE A MENTOR. FIND A MENTOR.

The best mentoring relationships are intentional, where an older, wiser, seasoned person agrees explicitly to take some promising young person under his or her wing. Usually, not only do the mentor and protégée profit, but the organization or profession does as well. IAIA has a mentoring program as part of its annual conferences, where Sustaining Members and others in the organization agree to share their wisdom, experience, and contacts with those new to the profession.

New to IAIA and new to IA? Why not find yourself an IA mentor?

Is there a member of IAIA you would like to be like when you are an experienced IA professional? Someone who seems to know a thing or two about life in the impact assessment world—in your part of the world or a half a world away? Someone wise in the ways of impact assessment? Ask. Make the contact. You just might find yourself inheriting the mantle of a saint in the world of IA.

CASE STUDY: MENTORING WORKS!

IAIA member Patrick Duffy was one of the first volunteer mentors when IAIA started its conference mentorship program at IAIA04 in Vancouver. Since then, he has mentored at least one (often several) students or early professionals at each of IAIA’s conferences, and he still maintains contact with many of them. Recently he was instrumental in making connections for one of his “mentees” which ultimately landed the Nigerian Environmental scientist a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Stirling, UK, as a commonwealth academic research fellow.

Patrick met Ijeoma Vincent Akpu at the pre-conference mentor meeting at IAIA09 in Accra, Ghana. While at the conference, Patrick visited with Ijeoma to learn more about her areas of interest and introduced her to conference delegates. After the conference, he stayed in contact with Ijeoma and maintained discussions on her career prospects and available opportunities for professional development.

When it came time for Ijeoma to search for a post-doctorate program, Patrick helped her conduct research on various institutions and helped in recommendation letters. Ultimately, however, it was Patrick’s connection and friendship with a retired scientist from Fisheries Canada that led to Ijeoma to the University of Stirling. Patrick had never considered Stirling until his friend suggested it to him while they were discussing the extent of Patrick’s search. The program seemed perfect, and with a few contacts made by Patrick’s friend, they found out that Ijeoma was eligible for a scholarship. On 14 February 2012, Ijeoma left Nigeria to assume her fellowship at the University of Stirling.

Although no requirements are placed on mentor volunteers, it was IAIA’s hope when the program started back in 2004 that there would be a long-term connection between mentor and mentee, something beyond the brief period of the conference. While that is not true in every case, it certainly has been true for Patrick, a fact for which Ijeoma is grateful.

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?

Log in at http://iaiaconnect.iaia.org, choose a group, and post your issue.

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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 jen@iaia.org.
RESOURCES: “BORN IN THE USA” SPECIAL ISSUE OF UVP-REPORT AVAILABLE

“Born in the USA” is the title of a recent special issue of the German journal UVP-report dealing with the 40-year-long history of EIA in the USA. In light of 20 years of EIA experience in Germany, authors from North America provide brief insights into the practice of EIA and SEA in the American “home country” of these instruments and highlight important conclusions for Germany as well. The articles written in English cover issues such as readability of EIA documents, US state level EIA regulations, the role of EIA in federal land management, EIA in renewable energy development, consideration of greenhouse gas emissions in EIA, and the experiences with the Canadian EIA registry.

UVP-report is published quarterly by the EIA Association of the German Speaking countries (UVP-Gesellschaft) which is an affiliate member of the IAIA. The association focuses on environmental protection and development by means of EIA, SEA, sustainability appraisal, and environmental planning/management systems. In addition to the journal, it offers biennial conferences and expert forums, thematic working groups and support for early professionals. See the web site www.uvp.de/index.php/en, or for more information contact Aranka Podhora (Podhora@uvp.de) or Marie Hanusch (hanusch@uvp.de).

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NEW SECTION COORDINATORS

Pamela Gunther has left her position as chair of the AFF and Energy Sections to take on her new role with the Board of Directors.

Patrick Duffy, John Fry and Ijeoma Vincent-Akpu will co-chair the AFF Section, with Duffy as the primary contact through IAIA12.

Steev van Baalen will chair Energy.

We thank all member volunteers for their time, and acknowledge Pamela’s leadership of these active Sections.

IAIA ENDORSES TRAINING COURSES

Historically IAIA has offered training courses only in conjunction with our annual conferences. Now, thanks to a program developed by IAIA’s Training and Professional Development Committee (TPDC), you may see IAIA’s logo on some of these same courses offered outside of our annual conference.

If you see a special IAIA-endorsement logo on a course flyer, that means the course has been vetted by the TPDC and was delivered successfully (as measured by participant evaluations) at an IAIA conference or special event within the past six years. This is a new program, and we look forward to being able to offer an increasing number of training courses to impact assessment professionals around the world.

WELCOME, NEW PILOT AFFILIATES

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AQEI CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

IAIA’s Québec (Canada) Affiliate, Association québécoise pour l’évaluation d’impacts (AQÉI), celebrated its 20th anniversary in November 2011 with presentations, the annual general meeting, and “a lot of fun,” according to one participant.

For more photos and information, including downloadable slides and presentations, see www.aqei.qc.ca/neuf/AGAet20eAnniversaire.html. We look forward to AQÉI’s 30th anniversary, and wish all of our Affiliates equally long and successful sustained vitality.

Luc Ouimet
AQEI founding President.

Past Presidents (left to right): Pierre André (representing Peter Leonard), Antoine Moreau, Ginette Lajoie, Gilles Côté (representing Pierre Senécal) and Luc Ouimet.

In May 2011, IAIA distributed a survey to its members, asking for feedback on IAIA’s special interest Sections. The survey asked questions about Sections in general and gave respondents an opportunity to answer a set of questions about specific Section(s) in which they participate. The survey had a 40% response rate, with 505 IAIA members completing the survey.

Although the survey closed immediately prior to IAIA11, raw results were given to Section chairs in Puebla. Chairs received the results to the general questions as well as results for their specific Section.

Below are highlights from the questions about Sections in general.

- 50% of members have joined a Section.
- 59% of IAIA members agree or strongly agree that their membership in IAIA is enhanced by the existence of Sections, while 37% are neutral on that point.
- Of the members who have not joined a Section, 41% are aware of Sections but do not know enough about how they operate in order to join any. Another 32% said they did not have the time to participate, while 28% indicated they do not know about Sections at all.
- Regardless of the reason they have not yet joined a Section, 58% would be interested in joining one, while 32% are unsure.

- 54% of IAIA members think we have about the right number of Sections, while 13% think we have too many and 3% say we have too few.

About Sections
Sections provide a focus for special interest areas within IAIA membership. They provide a forum for active topical debate and for developing and promoting best practice in that area. They also work to strengthen links with other relevant organizations and other IAIA Sections.

Sections meet each year at IAIA’s annual conference, and they are very involved in the developing the program for each conference by organizing sessions and theme forums. Between conferences, Section members network, monitor and share developments within the special interest area. Some Sections have developed Key Citations and/or Best Practice documents.

Each Section has its own “group” on IAIAConnect, IAIA’s professional online community. To see a list and description of IAIA Sections, as well as hotlinks to each Section’s group on IAIAConnect, visit www.iaia.org/sections.
FIRST ISSUE OF IAPA WITH TAYLOR & FRANCIS PUBLISHERS RELEASED

We are delighted to announce that a special IAPA issue on “The State of the Art of Impact Assessment” (Vol 30 (1) 2012) is now available online.

As this is the first edition of *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal* (which is now in its 30th year) to be published by Taylor and Francis, it has been made free access to all. Papers in this special issue may be accessed at www.tandfonline.com/r/iapa.

We believe that the six papers, covering Strategic Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment, Social Impact Assessment, Policy Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, and Sustainability Assessment provide a comprehensive and insightful overview of the current state of these fields of practice, and point to some interesting and challenging directions for the future.

We hope you will find them useful. Please feel free to circulate this link to your networks.

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SPECIAL ISSUE EDITORS

CALL FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS 2013

You have the opportunity to nominate outstanding colleagues, peers, and organizations for their extraordinary contributions to the field of impact assessment and IAIA.

See the award categories online at http://www.iaia.org/about/iaia-awards.aspx. Online nominations will open soon. Until online nominations open, you may e-mail the name and justification to info@iaia.org.

Following the Awards Committee’s review and selections, winners will be honored during IAIA13 in Calgary, Canada.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Congratulations to Greg Radford, President-Elect Pamela Gunther, Director Juan David Quintero, Director

With sincere thanks to all members who stood for election and to all members who voted, and with appreciation to Jonathan Allotey, Wes Fisher, and Lea den Broeder, who have completed their terms.

CALL FOR NEWS

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!
INTERNETIONS INVITED ON CAREER CENTRAL
Employers and students, check it out!
Employers and recruiters can access the most qualified talent pool with relevant work experience to fulfill staffing needs. Special rates for employers seeking interns; for job seekers, the service is always free! See http://jobboard.iaia.org/today.

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 Rita Hamm at IAIA HQ (rita@iaia.org) to express your interest and receive information on preparing an effective proposal.

FOLLOW IAIA ON FACEBOOK
Check us out at www.facebook.com/pages/IAIA-International-Association-for-Impact-Assessment/311623229112. The purpose of this page is to share the page with contacts who don’t have a Facebook account, start a discussion, and please check out the page, as you might be interested. Even if you don’t have a Facebook account, please check out the page, as you will be able to view everything.

April
7 World Health Day
22 Earth Day

May
15 International Day of Families
18 International Museum Day
21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
22 International Day for Biological Diversity

June
8 World Ocean Day
11 World Population Day
16 International Day of the African Child
20 World Refugee Day

WANTED: YOUR FAVORITE PHOTO
Please send your favorite photo of an IA-related project as a high resolution TIFF (minimum 4”x6” 300 dpi), together with a description of the photo, to jen@iaia.org. Select photos will be featured in upcoming newsletters.

SCHIFFRIN WINS DRAWING
The winner of the drawing for a free conference registration for IAIA12 abstracts submitted by 31 December is Andrew Schiffrin.
Congratulations, Andrew!

IAPA SEEKS INCLUSION IN SSCI
Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal is IAIA’s journal. It is one of the few journals in the world fully dedicated to impact assessment. It is within IAIA aims to continue improving this journal and keep it at the level of the best international journals. An important step is to have IAPA indexed in the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI); this will improve the international recognition of IAPA as being among the best.

To achieve this status, IAPA needs to be cited in other journals that are already in the SSCI. And it needs to receive good and even excellent articles. You can help us in this effort. If you are submitting a paper to another journal, please make sure that the journal is already in the SSCI and please cite IAPA papers.
And if you are submitting a paper to IAPA, remember that IAPA goes to over 120 countries, to libraries as well as to members, and is widely read by policy makers, consultants, etc., and by academics and students.

Submit papers to editors Angus Morrison-Saunders (A.Morrison-Saunders@murdoch.edu.au) and Francois Retief (francois.retief@nwu.ac.za).

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OTHER MEETINGS


IAIA & AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES


MARK YOUR CALENDAR

World Ocean Day
World Health Day
International Day of Families
International Museum Day
World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
International Day for Biological Diversity

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IAIA IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Subject to change; watch for updates!

April 2012
8................ IAIA12 draft papers due
20............. Newsletter mailed
30............. Board action items, annual reports and Annual General Meeting action items due

May 2012
27–1 June IAIA12
June 2012
10............. Newsletter articles due
July 2011
1............. Newsletter, IAIA13 first announcement/call for sessions mailed

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And more! Visit IAIA’s home page (www.iaia.org) to get connected.

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Is your membership information complete and up to date?

IAIA members, is your directory information complete? Have you included your language(s), professional specialties, or areas of expertise? Including these details on your profile increases networking opportunities and helps other members find you in the Member Directory and on IAIAConnect. Update your details online by logging in as a member at www.iaia.org and clicking Manage My Membership > Edit Information.