

Opportunity to Receive Training/Travel Stipend (Financial Support)

The International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) is pleased to announce that stipends are available for a limited number of participants from selected developing countries/countries in transition to attend IAIA07. The financial support is available from grants provided by the Swedish International Development Agency. Additional funding from the Norwegian Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Korea and other potential sponsors may be forthcoming, but that is not yet confirmed due to the early date of this announcement.

Who would qualify for the stipends?

Applicants who meet the following criteria will be given the highest consideration:

Experience/Background

- [a] Impact assessment professionals with 5-10 years professional experience in impact assessment.
- [b] Impact assessment professionals working in a leadership position in government, agency, or consultancy.
- [c] The sponsorship from the donors may give selection preference to citizens of countries where they have ongoing involvement. Other donors may have other areas of preference.

Aptitude for Learning & Leading

- [d] Applicants who demonstrate their capacity to present a meaningful paper/poster related to the themes of IAIA07, based on their professional experience
- [e] Applicants who justify their interest in pre-conference training
- [f] Applicants who are willing to and in a position to train/mentor other in-country impact assessment professionals.

Interest and Involvement in Impact Assessment

- [g] Applicants who have an interest in networking either to encourage establishment of a local network or to support/expand the activities of an established impact assessment network.
- [h] Applicants who are willing to promote impact assessment to in-country decision makers for better understanding and implementation.

How to apply

Complete applications must be received by 31 December 2006. Contact green@iaia.org for an application form. Include your name and C-B-S in the subject line of your message.

Successful applicants may receive all (or part) of the following:

- Payment of IAIA07 conference registration fee.
- Payment of IAIA07 pre-conference training course fee.
- Payment of IAIA07 technical visit.
- Most direct economy airfare.
- Lodging for the duration of the conference.
- A modest daily allowance to cover meals and miscellaneous expenses.
- A three-year membership in IAIA.
- Payment for travel insurance up to \$50.
- Payment for visa fee (note: the travel costs for acquiring a passport/visa to participate will not be reimbursed without prior approval from the sponsors).
- Other opportunities to network with IAIA07 capacity grant recipients and other IAIA members.

Other requirements

- Applicants must fax a copy of their valid passport at the time of application. (Fax +1 701 297 7913)
- Applicants will be expected to remain in Seoul from approximately 1-9 June, depending on the applicant's choice of technical visit and any pre- or post-conference briefing sessions scheduled by the donors.
- Applicants will be expected to attend and participate in all scheduled events.
- Applicants must submit a trip report to their immediate supervisor (copied to IAIA HQ); the Certificate of Achievement and the IAIA membership for the second and third year will be withheld until this report is received.
- Applicants shall submit comments and evaluations of the value of their conference participation to IAIA as requested.

Please share this information with anyone you know who may qualify; preference will be given to first-time applicants.