IAIA Council Meeting Highlights

26 May 2006*

The IAIA Council serves as an advisory resource to the IAIA Board of Directors and meets during the annual conference. The Council is composed of the Board, all Committee chairs, representatives of Affiliates and Branches, the CEO and Headquarters representatives, and the conference program chair(s) for the current-year conference and any future known conferences. Council meetings are open for any IAIA member to attend. The council met 26 May in Stavanger. Issues brought to the attention of the Board included:

- A regional meeting proposal from South Africa in 2007
- Action item regarding green policies from the Publications Committee's report
- Changes to IAPA, attempts to get into the SSCI index, discontinuation of associate editor positions
- Review the SAP regarding the terminology of IAIA's status as a "networking" authority for clarity
- Announcement of Portuguese Affiliate meeting in October 2006; invitation for the IAIA Board to hold its mid-term meeting in conjunction
- New, more structured and transparent process for training course review and selection developed by the Training & Professional Development Committee
- Introduction of proposal defining lead IA practitioners and administrators
- Status of CBBIA program funding and continuation of the project
- Sections requesting guidance on evaluating their status tri-annually, role on conference program committees, look at ways to minimize topical interests dominating the organization

* To emphasize the importance of Council contributions, and to inform IAIA members about Council discussions, the Board of Directors decided in May 2006 to begin publishing Council highlights in the newsletter and online.