

## IAIA Annual General Meeting 2007

Wednesday, 6 June 2007 • 12:30 – 13:30

COEX Convention Center • Seoul, Korea

Attendance: +/- 125

### 1. Welcome, introductions, and confirmation of 2006 AGM minutes.

President Ross Marshall opened the meeting and introduced current and incoming Officers and Directors. Marshall reviewed the agenda format, continuing the practice introduced in 2005 of presenting the majority of reporting in the annual report and using the AGM to present one or more prestigious awards and to address member questions and concerns. No changes to the agenda were requested. Members endorsed the minutes of the 2006 AGM by a majority show of hands.

### 2. IAIA2006/7: What have we done and where are we going?

Marshall reported that he inherited a financially firm organization, thanks to his predecessor; with tightening of the financial reins, IAIA is stable for the first time, and although we cannot relax, we are in a better position to move forward and we are beginning to give back. While donor assistance is still sought, IAIA is looking to do more in partnerships. The Board is looking at how to drive value-added services to the membership. Membership tiers are being reviewed. We are looking at setting up a registry of IA practitioners, administrators, and trainers, as well as a number of other issues.

**3. Money matters: Questions for the Treasurer.** (See the annual report for financial overview.) Treasurer Alan Kwok reiterated that IAIA was in a healthy financial position at the end of 2006, due to a successful 06 conference and strong membership. Because IAIA is still dependent on revenue from conferences, the Board continues to look at diversification of revenue, in particular via special projects, which raise IAIA's profile and utilize member expertise as well as generating income. (No questions from the floor.)

**4. Award presentation.** Marshall presented William Veerkamp with the 2007 Outstanding Service to IAIA Award, noting that in his unprecedented dedication and service to IAIA, Veerkamp has served in almost every position during his double term on the Board as well as making his own contributions in the environmental field.

### 5. IAIA Presents Excellence: The CBBIA Project

Capacity Building in Biodiversity and Impact Assessment Project Manager Jo Treweek reviewed the aims, process, activities, and products of the project and noted that the project, which was funded by the Dutch government, was hugely beneficial for IAIA and all the persons involved. Peter Tarr, Asha Rajvanshi and Juan Carlos Garcia de Brigard highlighted the project's impacts in Southern

Africa, Central Asia, and Central and South America, respectively. Treweek closed the presentation by thanking IAIA for the chance to conduct the program and supporting it, and encouraging members to help find ways not only to continue this project but to develop other projects of similar interest.

**6. Any debate? Items submitted in writing by members.** No items were submitted.

**7. Have Your Say: Informal discussion of matters that members wish to raise.** Issues raised by members:

- Details on the registry? Marshall noted that the Training and Professional Development Committee is setting up a task force to assess the need and level of support for this idea. By a show of hands, about half of the members present indicated that they supported the Board's move to evaluate and consider the creation of a professional registry system.
- What efforts are being made to secure ongoing funding for the CBBIA project? Treweek reported that as many people as possible have been approached to see what other opportunities might exist. Some interest has been expressed by two organizations, and potential partnerships are being explored. Members are asked to provide input and suggestions for other avenues of opportunity, particularly if anyone has experience tapping into business.
- Efforts are ongoing to get IAIA's journal, *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*, into the Social Science Citation Index. Members can help by writing two articles in the upcoming year, sending one to IAPA, and the other to another journal already in the SSCI and referencing IAPA.

**8. Closing remarks.** Marshall noted that the Council meeting, which also provides an opportunity for members to raise issues or concerns, would be held the following day. Marshall closed the meeting at 13:30pm.