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## What Does the Future Hold for IAIA? President Elvis Au

It is indeed my great pleasure to be the President of IAIA. Under the leadership of Hobson Bryan and Mary Lou Morris, IAIA has gone from strength to strength.

What does the future hold for IAIA? How should we now position ourselves collectively? I invite you to join me in a journey to look back, to look around, and to look at what may be ahead for IAIA. The farther you look to the future, the farther you need to look to the past.

The International Association for Impact Assessment has 20 years of solid history, inaugurated in 1981 with 160 founding members. The by-laws state that "the Association has as its primary purpose the betterment of society through the encouragement of improved policymaking processes concerning the analysis of future consequences of present decisions."

Since 1981, IAIA has gone through a process of growth and internationalization. The number of full IAIA members has grown to 1,000. In the year 2000, the number of professionals/individuals involved with the Affiliates was about 1,500, and the number of nations represented by our members has increased from 23 in 1983 to 111 presently.

The development in the past five to six years was very significant. Thanks to the leadership of the past Presidents, Maria Partidario, Pierre Senecal, Alex Weaver, Hobson Bryan, and Mary Lou Morris, the process of internal consolidation and restructuring within IAIA has developed significantly.

So looking back, what have we built? We have built a body of knowledge and practices relating to impact assessment, as well as a global network of members and organizations. This network of relationships and trust did not come easily and was built by the efforts of many members over a **long** period of time.

While celebrating our previous successes, we cannot afford to be complacent. The trouble of our times is that the future is not what it used to be.

There are many forces at work around the world. The force of globalization seems unstoppable, while environmental and social degradation continues. The global, regional, and corporate governance issues are still troublesome. Many individuals and governments are grappling with what the new "knowledge" economies mean and how they should respond to this new trend.

According to the *Global Environment Outlook* compiled by the United Nations Environment Program in year 2000, there are key over-riding trends:

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- The global human ecosystem is threatened by grave imbalances in productivity and the distribution of goods and services.
- The world is undergoing accelerating change, with internationally-coordinated environmental stewardship lagging behind economic and social development.

According to the *Global Environment Outlook*, the key environmental challenges include air pollution, land and water resource management, energy-related issues, use and conservation of forests, and greenhouse gas emissions. There are now major discussions about the environment and development under the World Trade Organization, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and the implementation of the Kyoto agreement.

Our members, governments, and industries may ask: "What services or benefits do I get from IAIA?" "How can IAIA help to develop and disseminate best practices on impact assessment and help capacity building?" "How can IAIA help shape better decisions and a better world?"

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## EIA Meeting Held in Bulgaria . . . . .

Lyudmil Ikonov, Bulgaria, participated on behalf of IAIA in the Second Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, which took place 26-27 February 2001 at the Kempinski Hotel Zografski in Sofia, Bulgaria. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council of the Economic Commission for Europe, and at the invitation of the Government of Bulgaria. The meeting of the Parties was preceded by a Seminar on the tenth anniversary of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context.

The statement, delivered by Lyudmil on behalf of IAIA, was focused on the globalization of the contemporary economic development, on the various kinds of transboundary impact which modern industrial and land-use project have or may have, and on the professional interest of IAIA and its members and the contribution they are capable and willing to make to the process of assessing and mitigating this impact.

In addition, Lyudmil made a short statement, expressing the wish of IAIA to participate in the work on the protocol and to contribute as EIA professionals, first of all in the drafting of its methodological

aspects, and stressing the fact that IAIA has a broader view on SEA, not only as an assessment of the environmental but also of the social, cultural and health impact of

large scale activities and projects.

*For more information about the meeting, contact Lyudmil Ikonov (ikonov@mt-link.bg).*

### CEC Adopts SEA Directive

After more than ten years of extensive discussions and negotiations, on 31 May 2001 and on 5 June 2001, the Council of the European Communities (CEC) formally adopted the 'SEA directive' (directive on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programs on the environment) after a political agreement of the environment ministers had previously been reached on 16 March 2001. The Directive will enter into force after its publication in the Official Journal, and member states will have three years for integrating SEA into their national systems.

*Thanks to member **Thomas Fischer**, Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS), for forwarding this notice to IAIA News.*

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Without a doubt, IAIA is at a crossroad, and at a defining moment. It's time that we look to the future with great optimism and courage. We could look into the future in three directions: international connection and influence, regional connection and influence, and professionalism in impact assessment. We must move along these three directions at the same time, with the same vigor and determination.

In enhancing IAIA's international connection and influence, we need stronger, more proactive participation at international forums. We should build synergies with other international organizations. We must harness the potential, talents and networks of all our members, and we must expand the membership base.

To strengthen our regional connection and influence, we need to spearhead the setting up of branches in different regions and nations, since they would function as our mouths and ears at the local levels and as the windows for building cooperation with local agencies. We should build mutually beneficial relationships with our affiliates and associated organizations. We need to build synergies with governments and corporations.

To raise IAIA's professional status and influence, we need to do more to advance best practices in impact assessment. We need to raise the professional standing of our members. It is time that IAIA consider initiating a world status report on impact assessment on a bi-annual or tri-annual basis, in conjunction with other partners.

Our success will eventually be measured against the extent to which we influence decision making in different parts of the world, the extent to which we empower individuals with knowledge about the future consequences of human actions and right

actions to take, whether we become a truly global professional organization that is respected by the world community, and whether we create a strong sense of pride among our members.

Our focus in the coming years must be on making IAIA a "leading organization that advances innovation, development and dissemination of best practices in impact assessment." We now have techniques such as environmental impact assessment, social impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment, health impact assessment, and recently sustainability impact assessment. We must realize the full potentials and benefits of these techniques for the very purpose of the existence of IAIA for the betterment of society through improved policymaking processes.

The future looks very promising for IAIA, and all of us are at an exciting moment in the history of the organization. The next 20 years will likely be more challenging than the past 20 years. I look forward to working with all of you to realize the goals of IAIA. I would like to appeal to you to take an active part in this unique global network.

Thank you.

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*This is a condensed version of the Presidential address delivered by Au at IAIA '01. For the full text, please see the IAIA web site under News or Annual Meeting (www.iaia.org).*

## Impact Assessments - What Do Decision-makers Make of Them?

**A research report based on a poster presented at the NZAIA 2001 conference...and applicable to IAIA '02's major theme!**

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The ultimate goal of impact assessment is to inform decision-makers of the likely effects of their decisions. In New Zealand, the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) should fulfill that same objective for resource consent decision-making under the Resource Management Act. Is the environmental effects information actually used in making the decisions for which it was intended? What factors determine how it is used? These questions are the main drivers behind a Ph.D. study (in progress) into impact assessment effectiveness.

To date there has been much focus on the quality of impact assessment, and on impact assessment techniques. The inherent assumption underlying this effort seems to be that better, and more complete, infor-

mation will lead to improved decision-making. Previous research, however, suggests that such a rational link between information and decision-making may not be sufficient to explain what happens in practice. This research looks at how decision-makers, with varying values, decision objectives and capacities, deal with the effects information that is presented to them.

Building on previous research into impact assessment and decision-making, and drawing from varying fields of theory, I have developed a decision-making model. This model is compared to the New Zealand impact assessment decision-making practice in a series of resource consent case-studies. A range of local councils throughout New Zealand are included, 1 unitary council (combining regional and district functions), 3 regional and 7 district councils, leading to a total of 11 councils, and 19 consent case-studies.

In each case-study the impact assessment information is analyzed, the decision process observed and the decision-makers interviewed. Three psychosocial

methods (3CM, SAGE and Q-methodology) are used to assess cognitive information maps, values and the decision-maker type for each decision-maker studied.

The analysis of the case-study information is at an early stage, but some broad preliminary observations can be made:

*Decision-making is an "art" more than a science, as with other decision situations observed, resource consent decision making is not necessarily based on strictly rational decision processes.*

*There is notable variation in the goals that decision-makers try to achieve through their decision-making.*

*Uncertainty in impact assessment information poses a great challenge to decision-makers. Especially when experts disagree on the predicted impacts.*

*Decision-makers are often presented with both quantitative effects information, presented by professionals, and potential experiences of effects as articulated by public participants. These two categories of information can be expressed in*

*very different "languages," making it difficult for decision-makers to accommodate both in the same decision process.*

Obviously, decision-makers are "only human"; capacities to deal with effects information may be limited. People may adopt decision-making heuristics (such as disregarding uncertainty, or adopting known decision alternatives instead of considering new alternatives) when overwhelmed by information. It should not be assumed that, once an adequate impact assessment has been provided, the decision will take care of itself. In order for AEEs, and impact assessment in general, to be more effective, the link between the effects information and the decision process it feeds into, needs to be considered more carefully.

This research project will be completed this year and more detailed insights into which factors determine information use by decision-makers will be forthcoming!

*Editor's Note: We hope to see Bobbi at IAIA '02 for an update!*

## Hopkins Report: Cities Will Determine Living Standards for Mankind

Within five years half the world's population will live in urban areas, placing cities--especially those in developing countries--at the forefront in determining the kind of world that lies ahead, according to a new report from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Released ahead of the UN General Assembly special session which will review progress of the Istanbul 1996 Habitat II agenda setting out "approaches and strategies towards the achievement of sustainable development of the world's urban areas," the 4-page Population Reports issue is a preview of a longer report to be published next year. The full text of the preview edition can be found at: <http://www.jhuccp.org/pr/urbanpre.stm>.

Noting that almost all population growth will take place in the cities of developing countries, the report, published by the Johns

Hopkins Population Information Program, points out that, after Tokyo, developing country cities Bombay, Lagos, Dhaka, and São Paulo will head the list of "megacities" in 2015. Each will have over 20 million people. These cities, in addition to Karachi, Mexico City, and Shanghai, will be larger than New York with 17.4 million and Los Angeles with an estimated 14.1 million. Fifteen years later, by 2030, some 60% of the world's population will live in cities.

In many cities the rapid growth has overwhelmed the capacity of municipal authorities to respond. "Over 600 million people in cities of developing countries cannot meet their basic needs for shelter, water, food, health, and education," according to the report. Why are cities in developing countries growing so quickly?

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# IAIA '01: A Review

334 participants from 52 countries gathered for the first IAIA conference held in South America, both creating and taking advantage of excellent opportunities for diverse discussion on IA.

As you could have guessed, a majority of IAIA '01 participants (35%) hailed from South America. North America and Latin America (27%) and Europe (23%) were well represented. 6% of delegates traveled from Asia, 5% from Africa, and 4% were from Australia and Oceania.

Cartagena was a beautiful host city and treated IAIA very well! *Muchas gracias, Cartagena!*

## IAIA Delegates Venture to the Amazon

It is a GREAT PITY that only three of those attending the Cartagena meeting took up the offer of the post-conference trip to the Amazon. It was a mind-expanding experience, and not least because all our fears and trepidation were unfounded—the town was so isolated that we felt perfectly secure, and we wandered around exploring without any apprehension.

Temperatures were lower than in Cartagena, and the humidity wasn't bad either. Mosquitoes were not a problem—they are worse in Canada and Africa. Ordinary repellent kept the few there were at bay.

The rain forest was incredible...so vast and pristine away from the river, which was an experience all in itself—more like a flowing lake than a river. The tributaries and lagoons were very calm and beautiful. The Victoria Regina water lilies were special, as were the thousands of dolphins (two Amazonian freshwater species—one pink, the other gray). The Indian villages and cultures were interesting, with many seeming similarities to the Maori of New Zealand; for example, tattoos and communal meeting places appeared to be similar in design and function.

We traveled by small boat almost the entire length of the Colombian Amazon—Colombia has the shortest length of the Amazon under its jurisdiction, some 250 kms. In less than one hour one travels through Colombia, Brazil, and Peru, and although the geographical boundaries are close, the development philosophies of these countries are markedly different.

This tour provided a glimpse of a part of Colombia very different from Cartagena. My IAIA companions and I found this to be a most worthwhile, interesting, and educational experience that complemented our attendance of the Cartagena conference. The only "problem" with the time I spent in Amazonas was that it was far too short.

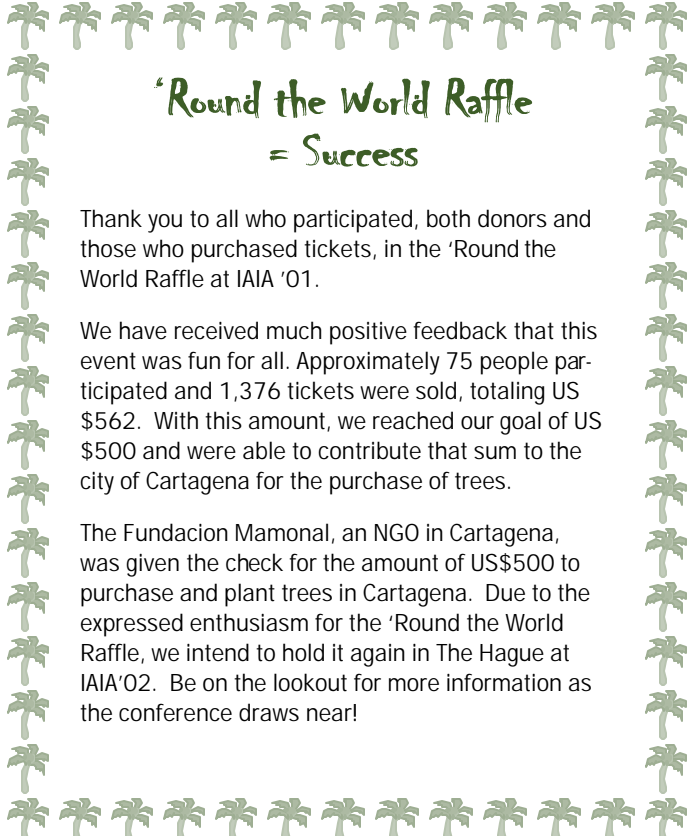
Richard Fuggle, University of Cape Town, South Africa

*Several pre- and post-conference excursions were available to IAIA '01 delegates. Richard Fuggle, South Africa; Vasoo Tsiaoussi, Greece; and Vasna Ramasar, South Africa; took advantage of this opportunity and toured the Amazon River area. Thanks to Richard for sharing his experience; feel free to contact him for more information (fuggle@enviro.uct.ac.za).*

*The 21st annual meeting of IAIA has come and gone, but it will never be forgotten!*



Technical visits were enjoyed by many. Maria Partidario and William Veerkamp are shown above during their technical visit to Rosario Islands. *Photo by Stephen Granger.*


  
 'Round the World Raffle
   
 = Success

Thank you to all who participated, both donors and those who purchased tickets, in the 'Round the World Raffle at IAIA '01.

We have received much positive feedback that this event was fun for all. Approximately 75 people participated and 1,376 tickets were sold, totaling US \$562. With this amount, we reached our goal of US \$500 and were able to contribute that sum to the city of Cartagena for the purchase of trees.

The Fundacion Mamonal, an NGO in Cartagena, was given the check for the amount of US\$500 to purchase and plant trees in Cartagena. Due to the expressed enthusiasm for the 'Round the World Raffle, we intend to hold it again in The Hague at IAIA'02. Be on the lookout for more information as the conference draws near!

# Congratulations to All Award Winners . . . . .

2000-2001 awards were presented 1 June 2001, at the Heredia Theater, Cartagena, Colombia, in conclusion to the 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of IAIA

## IAIA Global Environment Award

**Maurice Strong** was the inaugural winner of the Global Environment Award for his outstanding contribution to the global awareness of the environment, especially through his involvement in the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio and the 1972 Stockholm Conference.

### Acceptance Message from Maurice Strong

*The high compliment you pay me is especially appreciated in that I am privileged to be the first to receive this award and regret that I am not able to be with you today to receive this award in person. I am grateful that Ms. Zillah E. Mendez, the Canadian Honorary Consul, is able to accept the award on my behalf.*

*As one who has been active in the environment and sustainable development field for many years, I am heartened to learn of the rapid growth in membership and high quality of participation that has been enjoyed in the IAIA since its creation in 1980.*

*The discipline of impact assessment has evolved greatly in the last 20 years, and through your valuable work in areas like cumulative impact assessment, the environmental impact assessment community has made a major and indispensable contribution to the evolution of the concept of sustainable development and its practical applications, and I have been a great admirer and benefactor of its work in sustainable development. Clearly we all work to share knowledge, develop capacity and promote ecologically sustainable development between individuals and organizations involved in the planning and management of environmental and social change, in order to enhance the quality of life for all.*

*I would also like to commend the IAIA's commitment to environmental justice and the preservation of human rights, an area of great interest to me through my work at the United Nations and the University for Peace in Costa Rica, and the Earth Council. Many of the principles and techniques you have developed have helped to integrate the process for development of the Earth Charter, a statement of basic moral, spiritual and ethical principles designed to guide organizations around the world towards sustainable development. In order to enhance the quality of life and the future prospects of all the Earth's people, millions of people have joined this movement and I invite you to be part of it.*

*I am asking the Earth Charter in San Jose, Costa Rica to send you information on the Earth Charter, and I am asking you to consider it individually, and I hope your organizations may also endorse this set of basic principles for promoting and achieving sustainable development.*

*I very much share your goals and your hopes for the future. I am fully with you in spirit as you meeting in Cartagena, and hope to be able to join you next year at your meeting in The Hague.*

*Again, my heartfelt gratitude and my best wishes to all of you for a most successful meeting.*

*Maurice F. Strong*

## Rose-Hulman Award

The Rose-Hulman award was presented to **Professor Henk Becker** for a lifetime of work promoting social impact assessment at the policy area, for research in to the impact of macrosocial change on generation, and for his role in establishing IAIA in Europe.

### Acceptance Message from Henk Becker

*I consider it a great honor to receive the Rose-Hulman Award. I deeply regret not to be able to accept it in person at the annual meeting of IAIA in Cartagena.*

*I had the privilege to enter the field very early. In the 1960's the field was still called 'analysis of consequences.' In the 1970's new varieties like environmental impact assessment and technology assessment emerged. Later on impact assessment branched out and social impact assessment became one of these branches.*

*In the early days we hoped but could not foresee that in the long run impact assessment would become standard practice, in many cases even a legal requirement, like it is now in countries like the Netherlands.*

*To me receiving the Rose-Hulman Award is not only a recognition of my modest contribution to the field but primarily an appreciation of the work done by all those who contributed to social impact assessment as a component of integrated impact assessment.*

*Thank you.*

*Henk Becker*

## Regional Award for Contribution to Impact Assessment

**Juan Quintero** received the IAIA Regional Award for Contribution to Impact Assessment for the practice of, and promotion of, impact assessment in Latin America.

## Institutional Award for Contribution to Impact Assessment

**The World Commission on Dams** received the award for its contribution to the policy debate about the environmental and social impacts of large infrastructure projects, and for urging that due consideration be given to incorporation of impact assessment in consideration of any project. This presentation will be mailed to all IAIA members with the next newsletter.

## Individual Award for Contribution to Impact Assessment

**Martin Birley** was presented with the Individual Award for Contribution to Impact Assessment for his excellence in intellectual contribution to the development of health impact assessment as a subfield of impact assessment.

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## Thank You to the Sponsors of IAIA'01 .....

IAIA would like to send out a special **thank you** to all those who sponsored IAIA'01 and helped create a great conference!

- **Bayer:** baseball caps, pens and paper pads and folders that were included with all delegate sacks
- **Empresa de Agua, Alcantarillado y Aseo de Barranquilla, (AAA)** (Water, Sanitation and Solid Waste Company of Barranquilla): black delegate sacks
- **British Petroleum:** is providing funding for the proceedings on CD-ROM (still under preparation)
- **Corporacion Autonoma Regional del Canal del Dique, Cardique** (Canal del Dique Regional Environmental Authority): translators
- **Corporacion Autonoma Regional del Valle del Rio Cauca, (CVC)** (Cauca River Valley Regional Environmental Authority): organic coffee and the coffee breaks
- **Corporacion Autonoma Regional del Valle del Rio Bogota, CAR** (Bogota River Valley Regional Environmental Authority): coffee breaks
- **Monomeros Colombo Venezolanos:** coffee and translation services on the final day
- **Conservation International - Colombia:** organic coffee.
- **Dr. Carlos Diaz Redondo, Mayor of Cartagena:** welcoming reception
- **Gas Trans Boliviano, (GTB):** Award ceremony, wine toast and co-sponsor of the Awards Luncheon
- **Transportadora Brasileira Gasoduto Bolivia Brasil, (TBG):** Sponsored lunches for Tuesday and Wednesday
- **Ecology and Environment:** coffee breaks and co-sponsor of the Awards Luncheon
- **Dutch Embassy in Colombia: Embajada de Holanda:** sponsored lunch on Thursday and other miscellaneous expenses.
- **The Water and Sanitation Company of Cartagena, ACUACAR** and the **Fundacion Mamonal** contributed funding toward the technical visits, including hats and t-shirts for those who participated in the Water Bodies visit
- We would also like to thank **ARTCART, H. Stern Emerald Jewelers,** and **Aretsanias de Colombia** for providing IAIA'01 participants easy accessibility to native Colombian jewelry, hand-crafts and art, right in the convention center!

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### Corporate Award for Good Environmental Practice

**Gas Trans Boliviano S.A. (GTB) and Transportadora Brasileira Gasoduto Bolivia-Brazil S.A. (TBG)** along with associated parties, were presented with the Corporate Award for Good Environmental Practice for their commitment to best environmental management practice in the use of impact assessment and mitigation during the design and construction of the Bolivia-Brazil pipeline (GASBOL).

### Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal (IAPA) Best Paper

**William Ross'** paper "Reflections of an Environmental Assessment Panel Member" was selected as the IAPA best paper for the 2000-2001 year. IAPA 18(2) pp:91-98.

### IAIA '01 Best Poster Award

**Hendrik Snow** and **Hobson Bryan**, University of Alabama, for their poster, "Integrating Social Assessment Into Biophysical Research: A Project Evaluating Methylmercury in the Rivers of Alabama and its Social Implications."

### Outstanding Service to IAIA

**Jo Treweek**, for general contribution to IAIA and specifically for establishing and promoting Sections.

**Bill Jones**, for his assistance to the IAIA Board of Directors in strategic planning.

**Terry Williams** and **Maurice Gray**, for work in the Indigenous Peoples Section.

**Paul Scott**, for services as Associate Editor of IAPA.

**John Page**, for his ongoing role as professional Practice Editor of IAPA.

**William Page and the team at Beech Tree Publications**, for their outstanding service to IAIA in the publication of IAPA.

### Certificates of Appreciation

**Abdoulaye Sene** and **Parvaiz Naim**, retired International Cooperation Committee co-chairs.

**Pierre Andre**, retired Training and Professional Development Committee chair.

**Charlie Wolf**, retired UN New York Liaison.

**Markus Eggenberger**, retired UN Geneva Liaison.

**Normand Trempe**, retired Director of Francophone Secretariat.

**Juan Quintero, Juan Carlos Garcia de Brigard, Ernesto Sanchez-Triana, Gerardo Vina, Leonard Ortolano, Claudia Sanchez, Fabio Arjona, Claudia Arias Cuadros, Gonzalo Arango, Guillermo Acevedo and Libardo Montealegre**, IAIA '01 conference organizers.

## EIA of IAIA'01

This year for the first time IAIA is assessing the impacts of its own conference. A task force of IAIA members has been working in Cartagena on scoping the significant issues and consulting the public, i.e. conference delegates. Impacts of air travel (related to CO<sub>2</sub> and other pollutant emissions) and impacts on local businesses rank among the most important. Data is still being compiled in order to assess those and other impacts and a draft report will be made available to the public likely next August. The team in The Hague is already working on preparing an EIA for IAIA'02.

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## Reminders

- ◆ The IAIA HQ staff would like to encourage all who participated in IAIA'01 to complete and return the conference evaluation forms. It is important to gain knowledge from your feedback, in order to make subsequent conferences better for everyone.
- ◆ The CD-ROM containing the proceedings from IAIA'01 should be completed at the end of August. Watch the website for updates as August draws near.



## Reports from the E7 Social Trust Working Group Available. . . . .

*Between 1998 and 2000, research was collected by the E7 Social Trust Working Group in order to prepare two reports, Social Trust and the Electricity Industry-An E7 Contribution, and Social Trust Aspects of Rural Electrification. Several people and agencies aided the E7 group with input and guidance, including IAIA.*

*During the IAIA '00 conference in Hong Kong, E7 hosted the "E7 Workshop on Social Trust Guidelines," which enabled IAIA members to contribute to E7's research.*

*The following is a brief description of each report from Peter Leonard, E7 Trust Working Group Chairman.*

### **Social Trust and the Electricity Industry-An E7 Contribution:**

This report on social trust and the electricity industry explores the need for and the process of building trusting relationships between companies and their various stakeholders. A set of principles, guidelines and implementations suggestions related to social trust are proposed for electric power companies.

The report is a contribution to a growing body of work that acknowledges the importance of social matters in the electricity industry.

### **Social Trust Aspects of Rural Electrification:**

The E7 is implementing two rural electrification projects as a part of its contribution to global sustainable development. In implementing these projects, various difficulties were faced and numerous lessons were learned. During 1999-2000, the E7 Social Trust Working Group reviewed the E7 rural electrification experiences and studied other rural electrification projects, primarily in Asia. These tasks were undertaken to learn more about rural electrification and to improve the implementation of future projects.

These two reports make recommendations and suggestions for the electricity industry to facili-

tate greater social trust as well as for including social trust dimensions in rural electrification. In doing so we must emphasize flexibility, since every situation and every utility organization is unique.

It is our hope that these documents will provide assistance for handling a variety of settings, stakeholders, and industry organizations and contribute to the improvement of future rural electrification projects.

*For more information on the E7 Social Trust Network activities or a copy of the report, contact Peter Leonard (leonard.peter@hydro.qc.ca).*

## Summary of IAIA Annual General Meeting . . . . .

11:00am-12:30pm 30 May 2001

Barahona 4, Cartagena Convention Center, Colombia

1. President Mary Lou Morris opened the meeting, introduced current Officers, Directors, and Council Members and welcomed attendees.

2. Morris reviewed the agenda and requested a motion for approval of IAIA'00 AGM minutes.

**MOTION:** That the 2000 AGM minutes be approved. Bill Kennedy, Bernice Goldsmith. Motion carried.

3. Morris announced election results and introduced new Officers and Directors.

4. Morris reported that a major accomplishment the past year was implementing proactive rather than reactive administrative systems in response to increasing requests to provide an organized package of information for sponsors, meeting hosts, and IAIA marketing efforts, and in the future to broaden the effectiveness and reach of IAIA's professional services.

5. Secretary Paula Caldwell noted that the HQ had put together the Annual Report, which highlights major '00-'01 activities. An IA of IAIA '01 is being done by a team headed by Luis Sanchez.

6. Treasurer Stephen Granger highlighted: IAIA has been compensated sooner than expected from the move to a full time office by increased income stream through the efforts of the HQ's enhanced administrative capacity and marketing ability. The financial year has been changed to the calendar year rather than June-May. We are looking at ways to increase membership and to expand the organization through Affiliates & Branches, marketing, etc., as international membership is static or slightly declining.

Future budgets will reflect benefits of expenditures to the organization.

7. Training and Professional Development Committee Chair Pierre Andre, Public Affairs Committee Chair Andrea Athanas, and Awards Committee Chair Frank Vanclay briefly highlighted committee activities. Written reports are available on the web site.

8. On behalf of the Biodiversity Section, Arend Kolhoff requested a motion to endorse a statement prepared by the Section.

**MOTION:** That the Annual General Meeting endorse the submission of a statement to the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) in November 2001. This statement will be prepared by the Ecology and Biodiversity Section and submitted to the IAIA Board for approval on 2 June 2001. This statement will summarize and introduce the results of IAIA's activities in this area in response to Decision V/18 as requested by the CBD. Andrea Athanas, Peter Croal. Motion carried.

9. Bernice Goldsmith reported on the Francophone Secretariat meeting held in April 2001.

10. Job van den Berg reported that IAIA '02 will be held in The Hague; a team is very creatively preparing this meeting.

11. Jo Treweek reviewed the strategic planning process and reported that the plan is at the point of being operationalized through action items and budget.

12. Close of meeting. Morris noted the ongoing efforts of the HQ staff, noted special thanks to Jo Treweek, Luis Sanchez and Hobson Bryan for their contributions and efforts as they leave the Board, and closed the meeting at 12:40 pm.

*Further details and copies of the reports are available on the website under News, or through the HQ.*

*(Hopkins Report, Continued from page 3)*

Between 1960 and 1990, excluding China, an estimated 60% of city growth came from births (minus deaths) in the urban population, and some 40% came from migration into cities from rural areas and from the expansion of urban boundaries.

Cities in developed and developing countries have a huge impact on the natural environment. Cities generate close to 80% of all carbon dioxide and account for 75% of industrial wood use. Some 60% of freshwater withdrawn for human use ends up in urban areas--either directly for use in factories, for drinking and sanitation, or indirectly through the consumption of irrigated crops. Alarmed by massive population growth, worsening health, living, and environmental conditions, some experts worry that cities in developing countries have become unmanageable. Others are more optimistic, observing that with good management cities can grow even larger without making residents worse off and without ruining the surrounding environment, according to the report. Authors Don Hinrichsen, Richard Blackburn, and Bryant Robey

point out that meeting the family planning needs of city residents is a promising strategy not only for improving health but also for slowing population growth to buy time for other sustainable, environmentally-friendly policies to take effect. Such policies include better urban planning, more public transportation, better sanitation and rational water use policies, energy conservation, urban farming, and waste recycling.

For more information, contact Stephen Goldstein or Kim Martin at Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs, 111 Market Place, Suite 310, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, USA. Tel: 410 659-6300. Fax: 410-0659-6266; e-mail: [press@jhuccp.org](mailto:press@jhuccp.org). WEB SITE: <http://www.jhuccp.org> PRESS ROOM: <http://www.jhuccp.org/pressroom>

*Thanks to member Robert Bos, WHO-Geneva, for forwarding this press release to IAIA, as follow up to the plenary at IAIA '01 on urban sustainability, especially as it relates to the presentation by Hobson Bryan.*



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

# IAIA'02 Training Courses and Workshops

IAIA will again be offering pre-conference training courses and workshops in conjunction with the annual meeting to be held in The Hague in 2002. These courses and workshops have traditionally been offered by IAIA members for IAIA members and have been popular among members and prospective members alike. The pool of expertise available within IAIA means that the training offered is of a very high standard, and we should like to maintain this standard in the next round of courses to be offered in The Netherlands.

In 2000 the IAIA Training and Professional Development Committee drafted a policy and guidelines for the conduct of training courses offered under the banner of the organization. Courses offered in 2002 will need to conform with the policy and guidelines. To ensure that the requirements of the policy and guidelines are met IAIA needs to be rigorous in its evaluation of potential courses and workshops. An outline of the information required for evaluation is given below to assist prospective course presenters and workshop conveyors in preparing proposals for consideration by the TPDC.

### Proposal Content:

1. Title of course or workshop
2. Specify either a training course or workshop
3. Summary of proposal-Describe the course/workshop (max. 300 words)
4. Purpose of training course/workshop
5. Relationship of topic to the theme of conference. The IAIA'02 theme is "Assessing the Impact of Impact Assessment" (IA effectiveness)
6. Learning objectives
7. Course outline and program
8. Language of offering: English, Dutch, or other (specify)
9. Length of course (1 or 2 days)
10. Target audience
11. Level of knowledge and experience in EIA required by participants (specify one only): Introductory, Medium, or Advanced
12. Venue: Specify room and equipment requirements
13. Minimum number of participants. (Note that a course or workshop may be canceled by IAIA, in consultation with the course instructors, if a minimum of 10 course participants are not registered by the registration cut-off date.)
14. List and brief description of training or other materials the participants will receive during the course.
15. May IAIA sell this material to non-participants on request?
16. Provide names and a brief abridged curriculum vitae (one half page) which outlines qualifications and experience of presenters with particular reference to providing training.
17. Provide two refereed reports on training skills based on similar training courses/workshops offered by the presenter(s) in previous years. Include course evaluations if available.
18. Number of times the course has previously been proposed and delivered at IAIA conferences in the last three years
19. Number of times, where and to whom the course/workshop

was offered outside of IAIA conferences in the last three years.

The local organizing committee will be invited to identify one or two specific courses and/or workshops which are of local relevance to the European Union. IAIA members will be invited later in this year to offer these courses and/or workshops.

Proposals will be evaluated by a subcommittee of the Training and Professional Development Committee, who will forward recommendations to the Board for approval. Evaluations will be based on the criteria outlined above. The number of courses and workshops offered will depend on the quality of the proposals and their relationship to the theme of the conference. The conference facilities may also be taken into account. The TPDC will also endeavor to represent a balance of subject matter that is introductory in nature to more advanced material.

It is IAIA policy that presenters of training courses and workshops receive the income from these events. The organization retains an administration fee of US\$1000 for a one-day course/workshop and \$1500 for a two-day course/workshop. The administration fee covers the costs associated with meeting space, registration, and audio-visual equipment (one overhead projector, one slide projector, one flip chart). This fee excludes costs of meals, transportation, accommodation and additional A/V equipment, if required. Meals, transportation, accommodation and additional equipment costs are covered by training course/workshop registration fees. One-day workshop fees are set at US\$200 per participant. Two-day workshop fees are set at \$400 per participant. The registration cutoff date will be 1 April. You will be contacted by the IAIA Headquarters shortly after 1 April regarding your course specifics and be requested to complete and return your training contract by 15 April.

Proposals for training courses or workshops should be submitted electronically to the IAIA Headquarters ([rita@iaia.org](mailto:rita@iaia.org)) on or before 12 October 2001. Proposals received after 12 October 2001 will not be considered.

Benita Olen, South Africa  
Committee Chair  
Training and Professional Development Committee

### It's Time...

...for you to make IAIA feel like home, in YOUR home! The IAIA Board of Directors is now accepting applications for bids and proposals for future conference venues. Do not hesitate to submit proposals; you never know where IAIA may visit!

Wouldn't you love to let other IAIA members explore and experience your country and what it has to offer? See the Guide to Meeting Hosts on the website under Annual Meetings, or contact Jennifer Howell ([jen@iaia.org](mailto:jen@iaia.org)) for further application details.

## ICC Dissolved, Activities Merged with Other Committees . . . . .

Bringing the principles of impact assessment best practice to all communities of the world is fundamental to IAIA's vision and mission. Dissemination of good practice in impact assessment and the capacity building required to achieve it throughout the world is an objective that should be pursued and delivered by IAIA through all its activities.

After substantial discussions and consultations, the Board and Headquarters have concluded that the objective of enhanced international cooperation and capacity building is fundamental to the work of the organization and covers a very wide range of activities. In order to rationalize the committee's organizational structure, the decision has therefore been taken to dissolve the International Cooperation Committee (ICC) and to ensure that primary responsibility for its activities is taken up by the Board. Some of the responsibilities of the ICC had already been assumed by other IAIA Committees with overlapping interests.

All members who are interested in participating on committees in the future, please contact Headquarters.

### The Public Affairs Committee

- promotes links with associated organizations
  - provides a communication forum to support the activities of representatives
  - identifies and recommends additional opportunities for IAIA representation
  - maintains regular reporting to the board and international headquarters
  - develops guidelines to assist IAIA representatives
- Chair: Andrea Athanas

### The Training and Professional Development Committee

- promotes professional development in impact assessment
  - promotes, develops and nurtures EIA resources and professional networking capacity among IAIA members
  - promotes training development with IAIA membership
- Chair: Benita Olen

### The Branches and Affiliates Committee

- ensures regular and open lines of communication among and between branches, affiliates, board and international headquarters
  - identifies, discusses and resolves issues of common concern
  - encourages cooperation of committee members with respect to existing policies and administrative processes of IAIA
  - assists in development and evolution of the most effective cohesive arrangements for branches and affiliates to further the goals, visibility and support base of IAIA
  - shares organizational experiences to enhance performance of each group
  - recommends possible target regions for additional branches and affiliates
- Chair: Betty Hansen

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## Become a Book Review Editor for IAPA . . . . .

*Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal* needs a new book review editor (or editors) as Stewart Lockie retires from the post. IAIA is seeking applications from subject-based reviewers, each supplying two or three reviews per issue (four issues a year), with one reviewer to act as the coordinating Book Review Editor. The subjects are

- environmental impact assessment
- strategic environmental assessment
- social impact assessment, including health impact assessment, etc
- third-world and development (especially economic) issues relevant to impact assessment
- technology assessment, risk analysis, etc.

As a book review editor, you would be asked to keep an eye on new books (publishers and your library can be helpful), select a few for review every three months or so, line up reviewers (the IAIA listserv system can help you send out requests for a reviewer), chase them up if they are late, scan the review to check if

it looks reasonable, and pass it to IAPA. If sometimes you wish to review a book yourself, you can. Review copies of books are supplied free by publishers. The tradition is that the reviewer keeps the book.

What's in it for you? Well, many people enjoy monitoring what new books are around, and welcome the opportunity to maintain or increase their range of contacts through commissioning reviews. It increases your visibility in the academic community. It is a way into involvement in journals and publishing if that interests you. The way we are endeavoring to split this job means that the workload is not great.

Please contact Christopher Wood and Carys Jones (co-editors) by e-mail at [editor.iapa@man.ac.uk](mailto:editor.iapa@man.ac.uk) with a brief statement of why you think you should be appointed, your area of interest, and a summary CV.

Christopher Wood  
University of Manchester

## Book Reviewers Needed . . . . .

I am looking for people to do reviews for the following books in the IAIA journal, *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*:

- Sullivan, R. and Wyndham, H. 2001. *Effective environmental management: principals and case studies*. Allen and Unwin: Sydney.

This book is very much applied to Australia, so it would be helpful if the reviewer had either experience or interest in Australia.

- Cernea, M. and McDowell, C. eds. 2000. *Risks and reconstruction: experiences of resettlers and refugees*. The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
- Kurian, P. 2000/ *Engendering the environment? Gender in the World Bank's environmental policies*. Ashgate, Aldershot.
- Picciotto, R., Wicklin, W. van and Rice, E. (2001) *Involuntary resettlement: comparative perspectives*. World Bank Series on Evaluation and Development Volume 2. Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick.

If you are interested in undertaking a review, please note the policy of IAPA that all reviews should be completed within two months of receipt of the book. If you are not sure what is involved in reviewing a book, please contact me and I will forward the IAPA book review guidelines.

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## Resources

The Full Meeting Report of the WWF International and Fundaci3n Futuro Latinoamericano held in Quito, Ecuador 6-8 March 2000 is now available. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the report, contact : WWF International • Avenue du Mont-Blanc • 196 • Gland • Switzerland • Tel: +41 22 364 9111 • Direct: +41 22 364 9012 • Fax: +41 22 364 0640 • ddupuis@wwfint.org • www.panda.org

The National Council for Science for the Environment announces the availability of a climate change briefing book compiled by the Library of Congress Congressional Research Service. The report is located on the NCSE web-site at <http://www.cnie.org/nle/clim-7/index.html>.

The E7 Social Trust Working Group Reports *Social Trust and the Electricity Industry-An E7 Contribution* and *Social Trust of Rural Electrification* are now available. Contact the E7 Secretariat: 1155 • Metcalfe Street • Suite 1120 • Montreal • PQ • CANADA • H3B 2V6 • Tel: +1 514 392 8875 • Fax: 1 514 392 8900 (See pg. 7 for more information)

67 new and updated CRS Reports for May of 2001 are now available. Topics include agriculture and air quality. They can be found at <http://www.cnie.org/nle/updates/newbycat2001may.htm>.

## Special Thanks

We would like to say a special **thank you** to **Bernice Goldsmith** and **Tom Mason** for their donations of materials for reconstruction of IAIA's resources and archives after last June's flood. - HQ

## Award/Board Nominations

The 2001-2002 Awards and Board nomination forms are ready!

- ◆ You will find an awards nomination form included with the newsletter. Please complete and return to Awards Committee Chair Frank Vanclay.
- ◆ You will also find enclosed a flyer regarding nominations for the 2002 election. Please submit your nominations for IAIA member candidates to stand for office in the 2002 IAIA election to Nominations Committee Chair Shirley Conover (aberecl@eagle.ca), or to Rita Hamm (rita@iaia.org).

## Listservs

- ◆ The transfer of IAIA listserv administration from Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, Australia, to the IAIA International Headquarters was completed 11 April 2001. Available lists are IAIA\_NEWS, IAIA\_SIA, IAIA\_STRATEGIC, IAIA\_HEALTH, and IAIA\_BIODIV&ECOLOGY. Complete listserv information is posted on the IAIA Web site under Networking. Many thanks to Frank Vanclay for his time and effort in hosting the listservs at CSU!

## Annual Report Available

- ◆ The IAIA 2000 annual report is now available from the HQ office. Contact Bridget John (bridget@iaia.org) for more information.

## Inserts

The following items have been inserted with this issue of your newsletter:

- ◆ 2001-2002 award nomination form
- ◆ 2001-2002 Board nomination form
- ◆ Conference proceedings on CD-ROM from the IAIA'00 meeting in Hong Kong.
- ◆ An IAIA coaster as a commemorative 20th Anniversary present!
- ◆ '02 Call for Papers
- ◆ A membership brochure has been included to allow you to introduce a friend to IAIA. Keep in mind IAIA HQ has plenty available, for all of your friends!

## Welcome ... Welcome Back!

New and returning IAIA members 15 March 2001–15 June 2001

**Julio Enrique Hernida**, ARGENTINA; **Sayed Chowdhury**, AUSTRALIA; **Janelle M. Boyle**, AUSTRALIA; **Chrissy Grant**, AUSTRALIA; **Willem Defloor**, BELGIUM; **Carlos Gonzalo Saavedra**, BOLIVIA; **Neise Carualho**, BRAZIL; **Gustavo Ferreira**, BRAZIL; **Edio Da Luz**, BRAZIL; **Pascale Mera**, CANADA; **Michel A. Bouchard**, CANADA; **Jeffrey Green**, CANADA; **Tamara Skillen-Haynes**, CANADA; **Michel Gariepy**, CANADA; **Raymond Lamoureux**, CANADA; **Ron Spurr**, CANADA; **Benoit Gagnon**, CANADA; **Don McKinnon**, CANADA; **PWGSC**, CANADA; **Kuang-Huei Huang**, CHINA; **Chao-Hsu Chen**, CHINA; **Juan David Quinones**, COLOMBIA; **Juan Carlos Garcia**, COLOMBIA; **Andreas Humi**, COLOMBIA; **Douglas Pachico**, COLOMBIA; **Luz Angela Pinilla Urzola**, COLOMBIA; **Raul Insignares**, COLOMBIA; **Marta Emilia Rueda**, COLOMBIA; **Marco Cardenas**, COLOMBIA; **Eva Tylova**, CZECH REPUBLIC; **Jiri Guth Jarkovsky**, CZECH REPUBLIC; **Indhira De Jesus**, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; **Anan Helal**, EGYPT; **Ahmed Hassan Okelly**, EGYPT; **Alex Scott-Samuel**, ENGLAND-UK; **Steffen Erler**, ENGLAND-UK; **Helen Byron**, ENGLAND-UK; **Sally Enty Donkor**, GHANA; **Peter Claver Acquah**, GHANA; **Irene Opoku**, GHANA; **Denise Fraser**, GUYANA; **Per Bertilsson**, GUYANA; **Petrie Van Gent**, HONDURAS; **Ander Chow**, HONG KONG, CHINA; **Jernej Stritih**, HUNGARY; **Giuseppe Giannella**, ITALY; **Shigeru Komori**, JAPAN; **Toshiharu Sasaki**, JAPAN; **Han Sangwook**, KOREA; **Henrik Lindhjem**, NORWAY; **Abdur Rahim Basit Khan**, PAKISTAN; **Direccao Geral do Ambiente**, PORTUGAL; **Elsa Albuquerque**, PORTUGAL; **Julieta Macedo**, PORTUGAL; **Alberto Marcolino**, PORTUGAL; **Vasna Ramasar**, SOUTH AFRICA; **Ricardo L. Duenz, Jr.**, SOUTH AFRICA; **Joan Heming**, SOUTH AFRICA; **Jose Simeon Rodriguez**, SPAIN; **Pilar Garcia Goyeneche**, SPAIN; **Spanish Professional Association of Real Estate Mercantilers**, SPAIN; **Juan Francisco Martinez Goberna**, SPAIN; **Mans Nilsson**, SWEDEN; **Stina Lundstrom**, SWEDEN; **Yasmin Von Schirnding**, SWITZERLAND; **Ramesh Shademani**, SWITZERLAND; **Rafiq Diab**, SYRIA; **Wiput Phoolcharoen**, THAILAND; **Decharut Sukkumnoed**, THAILAND; **Pattapong Kessomboon**, THAILAND; **Anupong Sujariyakul**, THAILAND; **Joe W. Kolb**, USA; **Anis Dani**, USA; **Joan Pope**, USA; **Michael S. Hamilton**, USA; **Mel Willis**, USA; **Gene Kersey**, USA; **Greg Odegar**, USA; **Mark Hodges**, USA; **Rachel Dagonitz**, USA; **Carl M. Gallegos**, USA; **Pandora Sneathkamp**, USA; **Henry Koltys**, USA; **George F. Blankenship**, USA; **Eleoforo Mayorga-Alba**, USA; **Paul A. Dulin**, USA; **Carmen Delgado**, VENEZUELA; **James Fox**, VENEZUELA; **Joel Naranjo**, VENEZUELA; **Adalberto Nunez**, VENEZUELA; **Jadranko Simic**, YUGOSLAVIA

New Corporate Member

**Spanish Professional Association of Real Estate Mercantilers**, SPAIN

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**Submissions due:** 15 September 2001

Articles should be a maximum of 500 words and of interest to a majority of IAIA members. Send to editor Jennifer Howell (jen@iaia.org) or mail/fax to the HQ. Suggestions and comments are always welcome.

## IAIA Calendar of Important Dates and Deadlines 2001-2002 (Subject to change - watch for updates)

### 2001

- July** 1 Newsletter, IAIA '02 Call for Papers mailed
- September** 1 Deadline for awards nominations  
15 Newsletter deadline  
15 Last day to send nominations for Board of Directors to Nominations Committee
- October** 1 Deadline for submission of IAIA '02 training course proposals  
1 Newsletter, IAIA '02 update mailed  
1 Action items for mid-term Board meeting due  
1 Committee and Liaison mid-term reports due  
30 Nominations Committee members submit final slates of nominees to Committee Chair  
31 TPDC selection of IAIA '02 training courses complete  
Tentative mid-term Board meeting
- November** 1 Nominations Committee Chair sends approved slate of nominees to IAIA HQ
- December** 1 IAIA '02 abstract deadline  
1 Last day to request special meeting/program space at IAIA '02  
15 Newsletter deadline  
31 Last day for IAIA '02 Early Bird rate

### 2002

- January** 1 IAIA '02 preliminary program, newsletter, ballots for '02-'03 election mailed
- February** 28 Last day to pay regular registration rate
- March** 1 Ballots for '02-'03 election tabulated, new officers announced  
1 Deadline to request booth/exhibit space at IAIA '02  
1 '02-'03 committee assignments completed  
15 Newsletter deadline
- April** 1 Deadline for registration and payment of registration fee in order for presentation to be included in IAIA '02 final program  
1 Last day to register for IAIA '02 training courses  
1 Newsletter, IAIA '02 update mailed  
15 Last day to finalize instructors' training agreements
- May** 1 Affiliate, Branch, Committee and Liaison annual reports due  
1 Action items for Board and AGM meetings due  
1 Raffle donations deadline  
15 Agenda for AGM and Board meetings set
- June** 15-22 IAIA '02
- July** 1 Newsletter deadline  
15 Newsletter, IAIA '03 Call for Papers mailed