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Banks Adopt Environmental and Social Guidelines

A group of the world's leading banks have come together and pledged to make the International Finance Center's (IFC's) environmental and social safeguards and the IFC-WBG environmental and social guidelines mandatory for their project financing globally. This initiative is called the "Equator Principles," and the banks adopting the principles are ABN-AMRO, Barclays, Citigroup, Credit Lyonnais, Credit Suisse Group, HVB Group, Rabobank, Royal Bank of Scotland, WestLB, and Westpac, who together represent some 30 percent of the syndicated loan market and some \$14.5 billion in lending annually. Additional banks have indicated they intend to adopt the Equator Principles. While the Equator Principles represent months of negotiations, which IFC helped facilitate, they also represent a starting point; IFC will clearly have more opportunities to use its environmental and social expertise for business development.

More information about the Equator Principles can be found at equatorprinciples.ifc.org.

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United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Adopts Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

The first international treaty on SEA was adopted 21 May 2003 during the Ministerial Environment for Europe Conference in Kiev, Ukraine. Thirty-five European and Caucasian countries together with the European Community signed the Protocol. The Protocol will come into force once 16 UNECE member states have ratified it. Accession to the Protocol is also open to states outside the UNECE region, subject to approval by the Meeting of the Parties.

The Protocol obliges Parties to evaluate the environmental consequences of their official draft plans and programmes. The Protocol also provides for the non-mandatory evaluation of policies and legislation. To find out more on the Kiev SEA Protocol, and the related Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, visit the Convention web site www.unece.org/env/eia or e-mail eia.conv@unece.org. • Nick Bonvoisin • Espoo Convention Secretariat, UNECE. Also submitted by Jiri Dusik • Regional Environmental Center for CEE • jdusik@rec.org

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IAIA'03: The Practitioners' Forum was informative—and fun, too! Facilitator Astrid Paulussen leads one of the most lively discussions of the Forum, using a table game to discuss infrastructure planning and impact assessment. Photo courtesy of Kristyn Ebro.

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Through its strategic planning, the Board of Directors of IAIA manages the Association's activities in a coherent, thoughtful, and anticipatory manner. That process will see us, over the next 12-18 months, pursuing growth in membership by targeting younger members and new communities of interest, especially in business. It will also see IAIA developing a stronger relationship with its affiliate members and consolidating the notion of IAIA as a year-round organisation, with activities being carried out among its membership independent of the annual meetings.

The theme of IAIA'03 was capacity building for impact assessment and the conference participants were challenged by the organisers not only to discuss this theme, but to think in terms of specific actions that might be taken by IAIA and its various partners to extend and improve capacity building for IA. This raised the possibility that IAIA might take on rather different functions in the future, perhaps managing capacity building programmes, perhaps going

further and organising and delivering specialist training of various kinds. During coffee breaks, I managed to sample a variety of attitudes and opinions. On the one hand, some people were concerned about losing the traditional character of IAIA, while others did not want to see the Association in effect competing with its members by organising and delivering training courses around the world. Yet others wondered whether IAIA is professional enough to take on the management of capacity building programmes and related activities. On the other hand, some wondered whether we can afford not to change, and not to consider new functions.

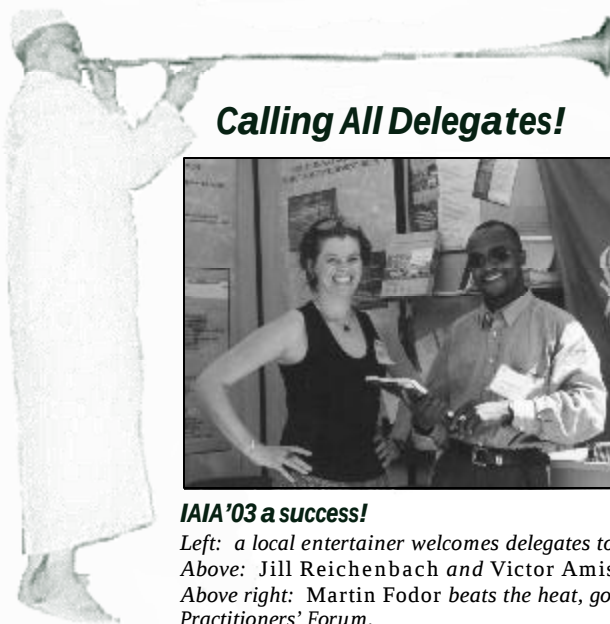
In truth, of course, IAIA has changed considerably over the years, and will continue to do so. For example, IAIA has recently received a substantial grant from the Dutch government to support capacity building for impact assessment in relation to the Convention on Biological Diversity. A testament to the efforts of the Biodiversity & Ecology Section, this provides a model of what

IAIA might do more frequently in the future, without losing its unique character as a network of practitioners sharing a common purpose. The challenge is to manage the process of change in a way that minimises the threat to the core values of the Association, while raising the profile, and effectiveness, of IAIA as the leading champion of IA internationally.

It will be my privilege to serve the Association and its members this coming year and to help IAIA manage, and hopefully enhance, its forward looking, adaptive management processes. I will also look to stimulate discussion of where we might go together in pursuing our common goals for impact assessment.

Finally, the efforts of the outgoing President, Peter Leonard, especially in supporting the organising committee of the recent Marrakech conference, will be very hard to equal and he deserves the gratitude of the whole organisation for his service to IAIA as President over this last year.

- Richard Morgan, **President**



IAIA'03 a success!

Left: a local entertainer welcomes delegates to the Gala Dinner at Chez Ali.

Above: Jill Reichenbach and Victor Amissi Sulubika in the WHO booth.

Above right: Martin Fodor beats the heat, going casual as he prepares for the afternoon's Practitioners' Forum.

Improving Development Effectiveness through Impact Assessment

Marrakech Declaration highlights environmental and social responsibility

Impact assessment is a major process for anticipating and managing environmental, social, and health concerns in the design and implementation of development projects, programs, and policies, according to the Marrakech Declaration released at the closing of the 23rd Annual Meeting of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA), in collaboration with the IAIA Francophone Secretariat and joined by the World Bank, in Marrakech.

By offering stability and transparency in regulations, as well as in national and local administrative practices, these environmental and social impact assessments can, in turn, lead to increased and higher quality investment for developing countries.

"From the conference, we have a tangible result with the Marrakech Declaration and Action Plan for capacity development for impact assessment," said Peter Leonard, President of IAIA. "This is in keeping with the application of the World Summit on Sustainable Development objectives and results and those of the Millennium Declaration. For IAIA, its partners, and collaborators, it is a clear strengthening of its dedication and willingness to put in action our mission to further the development of local, regional, and global capacity in impact assessment."

"Marrakech showed us that the sharing of experience between poor, middle income, and rich countries, from the mini project to the macro project, has proven highly beneficial for all," stressed Jean-Roger Mercier, World Bank Environmental Assessment Specialist and co-chair of this year's conference. "The role of human relationships in building and expanding networks should not be underestimated. The World Bank was pleased to participate in IAIA'03 to expand its contributions in this key area and to enhance its focus on capacity enhancement and utilization in Environmental and Social Impact Assessments."

In their ongoing efforts towards sustainable development, low- and middle-income countries seek optimal paths to stimulate growth while reducing poverty. Impact assessment represents a mechanism for setting priorities, improving development, and increasing both sustainability and quality of investments. Local capacity building for impact assessment is enabling individuals, institutions, and societies to better anticipate, plan, and manage the consequences related to development choices.

The Marrakech Declaration states:

- "that IAIA reaffirms its commitment to capacity development for impact assessment, with particular emphasis on developing countries;
- "that IAIA, in association with other parties sharing the same objectives, will develop an action plan for capacity development for impact assessment;
- that this plan will build on ongoing efforts within IAIA and its partners and be formally presented for adoption at IAIA'04."

This year's gathering in Marrakech of public sector, private sector, and civil society practitioners from five continents was an opportunity for sharing, sharpening, and promoting the "tools of the trade" necessary for developing countries to enhance their impact assessment capabilities.

Highlighting the Moroccan government's commitment to Impact Assessment, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed at IAIA'03, creating the Moroccan Association of Environmental Assessment (ASMAEE). Its objectives are to promote good practices in environmental assessment and impact studies, building on existing efforts in Morocco; and to support and expand the existing efforts for building capacity in impact studies through the private sector, public sector, the national engineering industry, civil society, and academia.

"Morocco is at the crossroads of many civilizations," emphasized Jaafar Boulejiouch, from the Ministry of Land Use Planning, Water and Environment of the Kingdom of Morocco, and co-chair of IAIA'03. "It is a country in full swing and playing a major role within the Mediterranean basin and in Africa. As part of its sustainability concerns, the legal and regulatory tools have been revised to integrate the environmental dimension of development, protect natural resources and control pollution."

• Kristyn Ebro • World Bank • kebro@worldbank.org

Your input helps improve the format and content of future conferences! If you haven't completed your IAIA'03 survey, please do so today and send to IAIA HQ. The survey is available on page 29 of the final program (also posted online at www.iaia.org > Conference > IAIA'03 Final Program).

IAIA'03 and Marrakech Declaration Making Headlines Worldwide

See IAIA's press release on the World Bank and United Nations web sites!

World Bank Feature Story
<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK%3A20117035%70,,menuPK%3A34457%7EpagePK%3A34370%7EpiPK%3A34424%7EtheSitePK%3A4607,00.html>

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Sponsorship opportunities are available for IAIA'04; please contact IAIA Headquarters (bridget@iaia.org) for information.

IAIA Presents Annual Awards in Marrakech

If you were not able to attend the ceremonies, read the text at www.iaia.org > Conference > IAIA'03 > Award Recipients' Remarks. Speeches will be posted online as available.

- **IAIA Global Environment Award:** Mostafa Kamal Tolba, for outstanding contribution to global awareness of the environment, leadership and direction of UNEP, contribution to the concept of sustainable development, commitment to environmental education, influence in the adoption of a series of major environmental conventions, and commitment in the environmental field as President of the International Centre for Environment and Development.
- **IAIA Rose-Hulman Award:** Christopher Maxwell Wood, for a lifetime of excellence in promoting impact assessment.
- **Individual Award:** Riki Therival, for contribution to the development of Strategic Environmental Assessment and excellence in teaching and research.
- **Regional Award:** Tunisia International Centre for Environmental Technologies, for capacity building in environmental protection and sustainable management of natural resources in Tunisia, Africa, and the Arabic and Mediterranean countries.
- **Institutional Award:** Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (SAIEA), for capacity building in EIA and the promotion of sustainable development in Southern Africa.
- **Corporate Award:** Asian Development Bank, for commitment to environmental management through the establishment of the Environment Division of ADB.
- **Outstanding Service to IAIA:** Angus Morrison-Saunders and Roger Creasey, for implementation of the Professional News Section of the IAIA Newsletter.
- **Certificates of Appreciation:** Jean-Roger Mercier and Jaafar Boulejiouch, for creativity, communication and commitment in the planning and preparation of IAIA'03.
- C.P. Wolf, for participation in the 10th Anniversary Meeting of the Korean Environmental Impact Assessment Association (November 2002).
- IAIA'03 Support Team:** Omar Amraoui, Morocco; Nassim Samir, Morocco; Abdelmourhit Lahbabi, Morocco; Driss Faouzi, Morocco; Zacharia Abednazzar, Morocco; Hanane Damghi, Morocco; Mouna Benmbarek, Morocco; Catherine Gaudette, Canada; Nadiya Ziani, Morocco.
- Retiring Board Members:** Andrea Athanas, Director and Public Affairs Committee Chair; Sachihiko Harashina, Director; Tuija Hilding-Rydevik, Director.
- **Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal (IAPA) Best Paper:** Robert B. Gibson, "From Wreck Cove to Voisey's Bay: the evolution of federal environmental assessment in Canada." IAPA 20(3) pp 151-159.
- **Best Poster of IAIA'03:** Alan Bell, Norval Collins, Cameron Ells, George de Romilly, Alison Rossiter, Robert Young, "Incorporation of Climate Change into the EIA Process—Application of a Practitioner's Guide to Six Case Studies in Canada."

Devon Sponsors Egyptian Officials to IAIA'03

Recognizing the importance of capacity building for Impact assessment in Egypt, Devon Energy Inc., represented by Mr. Michael Saretsky, sponsored three Egyptian officials to attend the IAIA'03. The officials represented the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC), which is the competent administrative authority granting licenses to all petroleum activities in Egypt, the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) responsible for reviewing the EIAs in Egypt, and the East Zeit Petroleum Company (Zeitco) as an operator. • Ahmed Abul-Azm Cairo University • ecma@access.com.eg



Left to right: Ashraf Mostafa (Zeitco), Hassan Taher (Devon Energy Inc.), Aliaa Abu El Nagaa (EEAA), Ahmed Abul-Azm (Cairo University) and Moahmed Farag (EGPC)

Now that the very successful 2003 IAIA annual conference in Marrakech has wrapped up, it is time to start planning for the 2004 conference in Vancouver, April 24 - 29. There are several reasons to come to Vancouver for next year's conference: a great location, exciting and intellectually challenging technical visits, and a strong program -- just to name a few.

Vancouver

Vancouver provides an appropriate backdrop for IAIA'04. The natural beauty and ecological diversity associated with the Vancouver area will provide a reminder to IAIA participants of the important role of environmental assessment in protecting the environment and the liveability of communities.

Vancouver's role as a gateway to the Asia Pacific region will highlight environmental assessment issues beginning to emerge as result of trade and globalization. In addition, the Vancouver region is home to a diversity of environmental assessment case studies. These range from addressing the issues of indigenous peoples, to environmental assessments that focus on both rural and urban issues, to Vancouver's role as host of the 2010 Winter Olympics. Vancouver is also home to some of Canada's leading practitioners of sustainability and companies developing cutting edge environmental technology. This base of knowledge and expertise could be valuable to IAIA participants looking for new approaches to environmental management and protection.

The opening reception is tentatively planned for the magnificent Vancouver Aquarium in Stanley Park. The conference will be in the Sheraton Wall Centre in downtown Vancouver.

Technical Visits

The Local Arrangements Committee is developing the technical visits. Strong candidates include the following.

• **Sea-to-Sky Highway Upgrade and Whistler.** Because Vancouver will be the host of the 2010 winter Olympics, this tour will include an examination of some of the environmental challenges associated

with upgrading the Sea-to-Sky Highway between Vancouver and Whistler as well as some of the proposed new Olympic venues in Whistler. The tour will also include some consideration of how the resort community of Whistler currently manages its environmental challenges.

• **Roberts Bank Port.** This tour would focus on the proposed new container port developments at Roberts Bank to the south of Vancouver.

• **Fraser Estuary.** This tour could involve a boat trip through the Fraser River estuary with an opportunity to examine estuary planning and management, industrial developments along the river and unique environmental features. The tour would conclude with a visit to Vancouver International Airport.

• **Highway/Transportation Projects.** This tour could include new transportation projects proposed for the Vancouver area including new road developments, a new Fraser River Bridge Crossing and a new rapid transit line.

• **Stave Falls Hydro.** This tour would involve a visit to a small hydro power plant near to the east of Vancouver.

• **Howe Sound Pulp Mills and Britannia Mine.** This tour would include a visit to one or more pulp mills near Vancouver and could also incorporate a visit to a mining museum with a focus on efforts being made to clean up an old mine site.

Program

The theme of the Vancouver conference is "industry and impact assessment." With very helpful input from an International Advisory Committee, our Technical Program Committee, participants from the Marrakech conference, and many others, the Program is under active development. The program will include sessions such as social impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment, cumulative impact assessment, environmental follow up, health impact assessment, biodiversity and industry, impact assessment and indigenous people, impact of international trade and many more. Following strong direction from almost all people providing advice, there will be more opportunities for greater integration of the various components of impact assessment. For example, there will be sessions directed at specific industries in which biodiversity impacts, health impacts, social impacts, biophysical impacts, effects on indigenous peoples and follow up will be discussed. These sessions may be conventional with papers presented and substantial discussion or they may be in a workshop format with papers distributed in advance and most time devoted to discussion and decision making. The Practitioners' Forum (or "Indaba") sessions will also be used, as will the popular poster session.

The IAIA Section chairs will quickly be approached about how best to meet Section needs at the conference in a manner that contributes directly to the conference theme.

Book your calendar and prepare your contributions to the conference now. More information will be provided through the newsletter and the IAIA web site. • Bill Ross • Chair, Technical Program IAIA'04 • ross@ucalgary.ca



Vancouver's natural beauty



First Nations' totem poles in Stanley Park



Lion Dancer at Chinese New Year Parade



Members of the IAIA'04 organizing team sign the Letter of Agreement. Front row, left to right: Rita Hamm, Bill Ross, Ginette Lajoie, Lee Doran. Back row, left to right: Ray Lamoureux, Paul Scott, François Boulanger, Peter Leonard

IAIA'04 Training Course Proposal Guidelines

IAIA members are invited to submit proposals for courses or workshops to be presented prior to the annual meeting to be held in Vancouver in April 2004. These courses and workshops have traditionally 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.

IAIA's Training and Professional Development Committee (TPDC) will review all proposals and intends to be rigorous in its evaluation of potential courses and workshops. To ensure an effective review, proposals need to be very responsive to each of the specific requirements set forth below. See especially Section 3, which will be the primary basis that TPDC will use in its evaluation.

SECTION 1. Provide the following basic information about the proposed course.

- Names and addresses of persons who propose the course (include e-mail addresses and fax numbers).
- Title of course.
- Whether the activity is a course (lectures by instructors, may have group exercises) or a workshop (workshop leader serves mostly to facilitate interactions among participants, in accordance with a more or less set agenda). Note that there is no difference in the proposal procedure for courses and workshops.
- Language of offering.
- Number of days (maximum 2).
- Any special requirements: size/layout of room, equipment, minimum or maximum number of participants.

SECTION 2. Description of the course/workshop.

- Narrative description that indicates the purpose, general content, and approach of the course/workshop, and stating what participants can expect to have learned at the conclusion (maximum of 300 words; this will be included in the IAIA'04 preliminary program)
- An outline of the course program, typically 1-2 pages, showing the structure of the course. It is very helpful to identify group exercises and any other activities that depart from conventional lectures. This will be posted on the IAIA web site.
- List and briefly describe all training or other materials the participants will receive during the course. Also, please indicate whether you are willing to sell this material to non-participants on request.
- Identify the particular level of experience or interest that participants need to have in order to get the most from the course. If this information is not provided the TPDC will assume the course is for persons who have basic knowledge of IA, but little or no advanced training.
- Identify how you and your organization provide follow-up support, as for example through e-mail exchanges, web site postings or other networking.

SECTION 3. Demonstrate the qualifications of the presenters and/or the track record of the course.

- Provide a brief abridged curriculum vitae (maximum of one page) which outlines qualifications and experience of presenters with particular reference to providing training. Note that the TPDC reviewers will stop reading at the bottom of page 1; credentials that only show up on later pages will not count!

- Number of times, where and to whom the course was offered in the last three years; this should include IAIA and other presentations.
- Number of times the course was put on offer in the last three years, but not given, and the reasons the course was not given.
- Provide documentation that demonstrates the past success of the course and/or of the presenters. Examples of documentation may include: copies of course rankings and commentaries from prior participants; recommendation letters from IAIA members and others; recommendations from the entities that sponsored or paid for the course; evaluations or anything else that IAIA can use to judge that there is a high potential for a successful course, either because the course has been successful before, or the presenters have a strong record in training. Failure to provide this documentation will disqualify the proposal from consideration.
- Identify the level of certainty that the presenters will attend IAIA'04. The TPDC knows that the future is uncertain, but needs to know if the presenters are already aware of possible conflicts, funding problems, safety concerns or other factors that might cause them to withdraw their proposal. Further, it is essential that presenters indicate the minimum enrollment for the course, and commit to giving the course if that enrollment is reached. Presenters who withdraw their courses after the courses have been accepted and have reached minimum enrollment will not be considered as trainers for future IAIA annual meetings.

Proposals for training courses or workshops should be submitted to the IAIA Headquarters on or before 15 August 2003. Proposals received after that date will not be considered. You will be notified by 15 September whether your course will be offered at IAIA'04.

Courses and workshops will be accepted based on the quality of the proposals. The TPDC will also endeavor to represent a balance between introductory materials and advanced subjects.

It is IAIA policy that presenters of training courses and workshops receive the income from these events. The organization will retain an administration fee per course registrant of US\$ 80 for a one-day course and \$125 for a two-day course. The administration fee covers the costs associated with meeting space, registration, and audio-visual equipment (one overhead projector, one slide projector, one flip chart). Charges for lunch(es) and coffee breaks will be determined based on estimates provided by the venue and will be deducted from gross course revenue. Alternatively, instructors may choose lunch "on your own" outside the venue.

One-day workshop fees for the Vancouver meeting are set at US\$195 per participant. Two-day workshop fees are set at \$375 per participant. The registration cutoff date is 28 February. You will be contacted by IAIA Headquarters shortly after that date regarding your course specifics and be requested to complete and return your training contract by 1 April. (Note that a course or workshop may be canceled by IAIA, in consultation with the course instructors, if the specified minimum enrollment is not registered by the registration cut-off date.)

If you have any questions, please contact IAIA Headquarters or Lee Wilson. • Lee Wilson, Chair, Training and Professional Development Committee • lwa@lwaf.com

Call for Proposals

Training Courses & Workshops

IAIA'04, Vancouver

Proposal for SEA Legislation Submitted

A working group appointed by the Finnish Ministry of the Environment has submitted its proposal for implementing the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC. The proposed legislation retains the general requirement for the assessment of policies, plans and programmes of the Finnish EIA Act of 1994, but adds a formal procedure for the assessment of certain plans and programmes identified by the SEA Directive. The working group listed more than 200 different types of policies, plans and programmes; the SEA Directive applies to relatively few. Those prepared for land use are the largest number of these. Additional examples are those for regional waste management plans and regional development plans. The working group's proposal was accompanied by an assessment of its effects and a consideration of alternatives. The proposal will be widely distributed for comments. The Parliament will debate it in 2004 with the aim of finalising an Act that can enter into force in July 2004. For more information, see <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/eia/sea-legalcontext.htm>. • Mikael Hildén • Finnish Environment Institute • Mikael.Hilden@vyh.fi

Promotional SEA Briefing Paper for Central and Eastern Europe

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Regional Environment Centre (REC) for Central and Eastern Europe have released a promotional SEA briefing paper for supporting the application of strategic environmental assessment (SEA). It introduces the role of SEA in development of policies, plans and programmes. Furthermore, it describes practical lessons learned with pilot SEA projects supported by the Sofia EIA Initiative in countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The paper stresses the numerous benefits that can be gained from application of SEA in transitional countries. Further information can be obtained at <http://www.rec.org/>. • Thomas Fischer • University of Liverpool • fischer@liverpool.ac.uk

German EIA Web

The German EIA Association ("UVP-Gesellschaft") with its headquarters in Hamm (Northrhine-Westphalia) has gone online with its "German EIA Web" in both German and English at <http://www.uvp.de/welcengl.html>. The website contains a lot of useful information in the context of EIA, SEA, environmental management systems, sustainability items and more; all regularly updated by the webmaster. For example, the service includes the following: EIA news, the Association's journal *UVP-report* (five issues per year), EIA leaflets, EIA and EMAS laws and guidelines in Germany, projects and conferences. Moreover, there is a mailing list, a calendar, a comprehensive list of links and a FAQ section. E-mail contact: info@uvp.de. • Ralf Aschemann • Austrian Institute for the Development of Environmental Assessment (An !dea) • office@anidea.at, www.anidea.at

Canada Strengthens Environmental Assessment Law

Bill C-9, legislation to strengthen the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, received final approval on June 11, 2003. Environment Minister David Anderson noted that "the renewed Act is an important step in the evolution of federal environmental assessment in Canada."

The Government of Canada has committed CDN\$51 million over five years to implement these changes, expected to come into force in the fall of 2003. As a result, Canada's federal environmental assessment process is expected to be more predictable, certain and timely. The renewed Act includes measures to improve the quality of assessments while providing additional opportunities for public participation. A new Internet site will make it easier for Canadians to get the essential, timely information needed to participate in the assessment of projects in their communities. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency will take on a greater role, including the establishment of a quality assurance program to promote greater consistency in the application of the Act. More information about the renewed Act is available on the Agency's web site at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca. • Bob Connelly • Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency • robert.connelly@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

Portuguese Guidance on Strategic Impact Assessment for Spatial Planning

The final report of a research project on the development of guidance for Strategic Impact Assessment for Spatial Planning in Portugal was issued in November 2002. This project was commissioned by the Director-General for Spatial Planning and Urban Development, Ministry for the Cities, Spatial Planning and the Environment and developed at the New University of Lisbon, coordinated by Dr. Maria Rosario Partidário. The report, in Portuguese, is being formally revised in view of its publication later this year, and adoption in Portugal to assist spatial planning and impact assessment professionals, and responsible institutions involved in the implementation of the European Directive 2001/42/EC. An English version of this report was prepared and released at IAIA'03 in Marrakech. It is available in CD-ROM, PDF format. For further information or to receive a copy, contact Dr. Maria Rosário Partidário. • Maria Partidário • New University of Lisbon • mp@fct.unl.pt

Resources

■ The United Nations Environment Program Economics and Trade Branch (DTIE-UNEP) announces the publication of *Studies of EIA Practice in Developing Countries*. This compendium is a companion volume to the UNEP Environmental Impact Assessment Training Resource Manual. It contains a series of case studies of EIA (and elements of SEA) practice in developing and transitional countries, prepared by EIA specialists from developing countries to exemplify how the EIA process is implemented in different parts of the developing world and to identify difficulties that are commonly encountered in EIA practice in this context. Copies of EIA reports are not always readily obtainable in many developing countries or they may be too descriptive to be easily translated into a case study. Indeed, relatively few case studies of EIA practice in developing countries are available in the literature of the field. This compendium of cases has been compiled to help fill that gap. Requests for copies of the Study should be sent to: <http://www.EarthPrint.com>.

••• Professional News

Resources

■ The World Health Organization Health Impact Assessment (HIA) website is now live. It provides access to international examples of HIA practice and key documents, tools and methods, evaluations, links with individual-nation HIA websites, and highlights relevant HIA work within WHO, Regional Offices and Collaborating Centres. Visit <http://www.who.int/hia>.

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EIA Law Adopted in Morocco

The Moroccan law on Environmental Impact Assessment was adopted in June 2003 after some ten years of practices outside any legal and regulatory framework. The law introduces the mandatory preparation of EIA for the projects listed in the Law's appendix, and institutionalizes a national EIA committee and regional committees under the umbrella of the governmental institution in charge of environmental management. The committees are composed of representatives from the main departments in charge of environmental media, and the law also requires public consultation. Decisions on project acceptability are made by the governmental institution in charge of environmental management, consistent with advice given by the national or regional committees. All authorizations or approval decisions for a project submitted to EIA can only be granted on the basis of the environmental acceptability. Approval is valid for 5 years before the project is implemented; beyond that delay, the EIA and its review need to be conducted again. • Jaafar Boulejouch • Ministry of Land Use Planning, Water and Environment; Kingdom of Morocco • dpe@minenv.gov.ma. Translated by Jean-Roger Mercier. Submitted by Bernice Goldsmith.

Lessons Learned Database for Dams

The UNEP Dams and Development Project (DDP) has established a database of experiences and lessons learned for dam projects and their alternatives (<http://www.unep-dams.org/goodpractice.php>). In addition to browsing the existing case studies online, you are invited to submit your own case studies directly to the database or by completing an attached submission template and returning it by fax or e-mail. Only a brief summary in English of the submitted case is required, together with an indication of which of the seven WCD strategic priorities are relevant. Related information such as papers, reports or illustrations can be attached to the submission in their original languages if desired. The DDP Secretariat can complete the template on your behalf. Please send all communication relating to this to Wanjiku Kaniaru (Wanjiku.Kaniaru@unep.org). Further information and documents on the DDP are available at www.unep-dams.org. • Alberto Calcagno • UNEP • alberto.calcagno@unep.org

Results of TC 207 Meeting

The 11th plenary of the Technical Committee 207 (TC 207, Environmental Management) of the International Organization for Standardization took place in Bali, Indonesia, June 30th – July 5th 2003. TC 207 continued its work on revision of ISO 14001, environmental communications and Type 3 Environmental Labeling international standards. Another standard relevant to IA currently under development is ISO 14064 on quantification, monitoring, reporting and verification of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from entities and projects. Similarly to IAIA, TC 207 has recently adopted a new vision to be “a leading global forum for the development of international standards that lead to improvements in environmental performance of organizations and their products, facilitate the world trade and contribute to sustainable development.” IAIA is an international (type A) liaison to ISO TC 207. For more information, visit www.tc207.org or contact Aleg Cherp. • Aleg Cherp • Central European University • cherpa@ceu.hu

Framework for New Planning and Building Act: Norway

A specially appointed government commission has presented a review and assessment of the Norwegian planning legislation (NOU 2003:14 Government Commission Report: Improved Municipal and Regional Planning According to the Planning and Building Act), available at <http://odin.dep.no/md/planlegging/planlovutvalg/> (in Norwegian). Some key points of the report follow.

- Proposes a new comprehensive planning system in Norway (and draft Act) that would require a description of proposed plans; more comprehensive plans would require a plan programme (ToR) for how to organise the work
- Incorporate current EIA regulations into general planning procedures in Norway, and require EIA for all plans that may have significant impacts

- The current regional planning system in Norway (i.e., across municipal borders) must be strengthened
- The County council should have the main responsibility for planning at regional (county) level
- Prepare regional planning strategies in the early phase of each 4-year election period
- Establish an objective-oriented, determined and flexible application of county plans as well as subordinate plans
- Include a legally binding land-use analysis as part of the county plans

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Summary of 2003 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 18 June 2003 • 3:15 p.m. • Cristal Room, Palmeraie Golf Palace and Hotel • Marrakech, Morocco

Attendance: +/- 50

1. President Peter Leonard opened the meeting, introduced current and incoming Officers and Directors, introduced Council members, and welcomed attendees.
2. Leonard reviewed the agenda and the minutes of the IAIA'02 AGM were approved by the assembly.
3. Leonard reviewed progress to date and future directions, including IAIA's involvement in the World Summit on Sustainable Development, implementation of the organization's strategic planning, work of IAIA's Committees, Sections, and individual members, IAIA's role in improving the efficiency of IA and capacity building world-wide.
4. Secretary William Veerkamp highlighted activities of the past year, including implementation of a capacity building program through the Biodiversity and Ecology Section; IAIA's ongoing collaboration with Ramsar; and publication of the SIA Guidelines and Principles. Extensive preparation and time was invested in IAIA'03, thanks to Morocco's Ministry of Land Use Planning, Water and Environment and the World Bank. IAIA welcomed francophone colleagues as an integral part of conference. The first IA of an annual conference was completed for IAIA'02. The vision and mission statement have been revised based on input from members. IAIA has signed an MoU with the CBD and has new Associated Organizations in China and Japan and a new Affiliate in Kenya.
5. Stephen Granger highlighted the Treasurer's report on behalf of Bill Jones. IAIA was granted US\$1.5 million from The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the capacity building in biodiversity program. Lessons learned from IAIA'02 have resulted in a more specific and direct conference budget model. The decrease in income for IAIA'02 was due to payments to The Hague that were to have been covered by sponsorships which didn't materialize. The loss shown for IAIA'03 is due to timing, in that payments had to be made ahead of time and registrations were very late for IAIA'03; the budget will be updated as conference financials are finalized. Overall, although additional outside revenue sources must be identified and implemented if we are to continue to grow, revenue forecasts look favorable and the strategic plan presents a road map to follow.
6. Leonard noted that English and French versions of the draft Marrakech Declaration are available and delegates are invited to provide input via Kristyn Ebro of World Bank.
7. Committee chairs and representatives of the Training and Professional Development Committee, the Publications Committee, the Health Impact Assessment Section, the SIA Section, the Trade Section, and EMS Section, and the Washington Area Branch highlighted their activities for the year and future plans.
8. Written submissions to the AGM/issues from the floor: Bernice Goldsmith presented a motion from IAIA to the WTO, the Ministerial Council of the Free Trade Area of the Americas, and the European Union Director General of Trade. Based on feedback from members, Goldsmith will revise the statement and it will be circulated for approval by IAIA members via a regular membership mailing. Frank Vanclay, Eugene Shannon, and Norval Collins commented on the change to the vision and mission statement. Leonard noted that feedback is welcome at any time, and the Board will be evaluating the need to update the vision and mission statement every 2-3 years. Alex Weaver voiced his concern about the decline in reserves and reiterated the importance of developing outside revenue sources. Granger reviewed the work of the Revenue Diversification task force and noted that a number of the task force recommendations are being implemented and other suggestions are welcome. Pierre Andre suggested that the IAIA code of ethics be made more visible. Dieudonne Bitondo suggested that the Marrakech Declaration be sent to governments and industries and widely publicized. Maria Partidario encouraged all individual members to take it upon themselves to disseminate IAIA's work and conference conclusions.
9. Leonard thanked all members in attendance, noting that the Board will do its best to provide the best services to members and fulfill their needs and that IAIA remains a voluntary organization that is "the sum of all its parts and what we pitch in as members." Leonard closed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.



Approved minutes and summaries are available online (www.iaia.org > News > Board of Directors News)

Board of Directors Highlights

21 June 2003 • Marrakech, Morocco

- The Board reviewed progress on IAIA's Strategic Action Plan (SAP), discussed related personal and institutional responsibility and accountability, communication, and resources needed, and updated the plan for 2002-2004.
- Discussions will continue with the Francophone Secretariat regarding joint efforts to increase its involvement as a key partner in IAIA activities and future conferences.
- The Board discussed alternative and more flexible structures, formats, and fees for the annual conference. The host guidelines will also be reviewed and updated to better reflect what IAIA expects from an applicant. Both issues will be considered for IAIA'05.
- By mid-term, the Multilingualism Task Force will be providing an evaluation of lessons learned from IAIA'03, and the task force will meet at IAIA'04 to finalize their position and findings.
- The Board reviewed the revised membership structure that was passed in May 2003 and discussed the pros, cons, benefits and requirements of student and corporate membership and the role of Affiliates and members. Affiliate MoUs will be updated to reflect changes and new services offered by IAIA.
- The Board approved the Publication Committee's request for funding to make *Impact Assessment and Project* available online to members via the members-only section of IAIA's web site.

• • • IAIA Matters

❖ Welcome! ❖

New IAIA Members 16 March - 15 July

Khaled Abbas Sayed, Saudi Arabia; Eduardo Abbott, USA; Aliyu Abdullahi, Nigeria; Mohamed Abu Shammalah, Palestinian Authority; Aliaa Hassan Abu El-Nagaa, Egypt; Herbert K. Acquay, USA; Abdel-lah Afifi, Morocco; Khadija Ait Ali, Morocco; S. Zia Al Jalaly, Pakistan; Ahmed M. Al-Hazmi, Saudi Arabia; Dima Al-khatib, Lebanon; Sadaf Alam, USA; Mahmoud Medhat Allam, Egypt; Hind Ameziane, Morocco; Nurul Amin, Thailand; Rita Andrew, Portugal; Philippe Arrizabalaga, Switzerland; Adenrele Awotona, USA; Edward Ayensu, USA; Magatte Ba, Senegal; Thandi Baartman, South Africa; Abdellah Baroud, Morocco; Jose Eduardo Barroso, Portugal; Rasmata Barry, Canada; Abdulla Basrahi, USA; Monique Beattie, South Africa; Olga Belous, Lithuania; Abdelhamid Ben Abdelfadel, Morocco; Hassane Bendahmane, Morocco; Mouna Benmbarek, Morocco; Lahoucine Benzine, Morocco; Maria Berlekom, Sweden; Laila Berrada, Morocco; Jacqueline Bilodeau, Canada; Umar Bindir, Nigeria; Meriem Bolata, Morocco; Nick Bonvoisin, Switzerland; Pieter Bots, The Netherlands; Ali Bouabid, USA; Claudine Boucheron, France; Lahoucine Bourchiche, Morocco; John Boyle, USA; Edward T. Bristol-alagbaryia, Scotland-UK; EIA Office, British Columbia, Canada; Karina Broche-Derradji, France; Edith Brown Weiss, USA; Grazia Brunetta, Italy; Marie Bystrom, Sweden; Joana Cadete de Rocha Pereira, Portugal; Juan Camón, Spain; Maria Elena Castro, USA; Mohamed Chaibi, Morocco; Alissar Chaker, Lebanon; Mehdi Chalabi, Morocco; Yiu-Keung Chan, China; Joon-Gyu Choi, Korea; My Cherif Chrif, Morocco; Hamid Chriif, Belgium; Alain Cloutier, Canada; David Colbert, Italy; John Bryant (J.B.) Collier, USA; Norval Collins, Canada; Elena Correa, USA; Laurent Couderchet, France; Michel Crowley, Canada; Sofia Arriaga Cunha, Portugal; Mark A. Curtis, Canada; Greg Czernick, Canada; Koassi D'Almeida, Canada; Oritsetimeyin Dada, Nigeria; Purnama Dadang, Australia; Hanane Damghi, Morocco; Nicholas Davidson, Switzerland; Hans de Bruijn, The Netherlands; Elizabeth Delaney, Australia; Darrell Desjardin, Canada; Roseanne Diab, South Africa; Jeannine Djaky, USA; Kouassivi Bougonou Djeri-Alassani, Togo; Luis Domingos Luis, Mozambique; Zakarya Driss, Morocco; Christopher L. Dunn, Canada; Kristyn Ebro, USA; Anders Ekblom, Sweden; Abdellah El Manaoui, Morocco; Hakima El-Haiti, Morocco; Nahid Elbezzaz, Morocco; Oluyemisi Elegbeleye, Nigeria; Louise Emond, Canada; Robyn Enderlin, Philippines; Miguel Equihua, Mexico; Mohamed Abou El Aela Farag, Egypt; Saied Ferdowsi, Iran; Maria Josefina Figueroa, Denmark; Mohamed Abou Firass, Morocco; Martin Fodor, USA; Fuad Fredericks, South Africa; Francois Friend, South Africa; Francois Friend, South Africa; Estansilao Gacitúa Mario, USA; Ana Gato Allende, Spain; Johanne Gelinas, Canada; Karin Gerhardt, Sweden; Helene Gichenje, Canada; Maninder Gill, USA; Charmaine Gomes, Trinidad & Tobago; Maria Antonieta Gomez Balandra, Mexico; Kogi Govender, South Africa; Pierre Guimont, Canada; Saulius Gulbinskas, Lithuania; Theo Hacking, England-UK; Sombat Haesakul, Thailand; Sri Hall, New Zealand; El Kébir Hannou, Morocco; David Hanrahan, USA; Nanette Hattingsh, South Africa; Olavi Hiimeae, Estonia; Mohamed Hjej, Morocco; Robert Hof, Canada; Stan Holman, Canada; Vu Hong, Vietnam; David Howlett, Tanzania;

Joint EA Forum in Ontario

On May 15 and 16, 2003, the Ontario Association for Impact Assessment (OAIA) and the Ontario Society for Environmental Management (OSEM) jointly sponsored a workshop in conjunction with OAIA's annual general meeting. Workshop participants discussed whether changes to the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, made five years previously, had strengthened or weakened environmental assessment in the province. Workshop participants included current practitioners and administrators, representatives of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, municipalities, the legal profession, the consulting community, the ENGO community and academia. The results of the workshop, a summary of which will be available in the near future on the OAIA Web site (www.oaia.on.ca), will feed into a broader initiative on environmental assessment in Ontario being led by the Canadian Environmental Law Association. • Ray Lamoureux • President, OAIA • ray.lamoureux@ceaa.gc.ca

Creasey Steps Down; Fristik Appointed New Professional News Co-Editor

On behalf of IAIA, the Publications Committee wishes to extend our deepest appreciation to Roger Creasey for his service as co-editor of the IAIA newsletter over the last two years. We will miss his input, and wish him all the best as he steps down to pursue other interests within and outside of IAIA.

From a number of very qualified candidates, Richard Fristik has been chosen to replace Roger. Rich is an Environmental Planner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources, Alexandria, Virginia, USA. His background as a practitioner provides a good balance to the academic perspective of co-editor Angus Morrison-Saunders. Welcome aboard, Rich!

IAIA's success depends on members who volunteer their time and expertise -- thank you to Roger and Richard, Angus, those who applied for the position of co-editor, and all newsletter contributors!

IAIA Web Site Upgraded; Members-Only Section to Be Added

Based on a directive from the Board of Directors and the Professional Products and Standards of Service Task Force to emphasize the web site as a service and benefit of IAIA members, the Web Site Task Force has been carrying out a plan to make certain portions of the site accessible to IAIA members only. The goal is to ensure that information left "open" entices site visitors to attend a conference and join the Association, while keeping resources available as a benefit to dues-paid members. Access to the "closed" section will be via your member ID number. An example of an added feature is that IAPA will now be available online via the "members-only" section. The appearance of the site is also being updated and user-friendly features are being added to the greatest extent possible while keeping the site accessible to users with limited systems.

The new site is expected to be completed and live by October 2003. Updated information will be distributed via e-news and/or the newsletter.

Nominations Sought for Board of Directors and Awards

Please send your nominations for the 2003-2004 Board of Directors ballot to Nominations Committee chair Stephen Granger (Stephen.Granger@capetown.gov.za) by 15 July 2003.

Awards Committee chair Hussein Abaza welcomes suggestions for 2004 awards recipients. Please send nominations by 1 September (Hussein.ABAZA@unep.ch).

New Names, Faces at IAIA HQ

Interns Ralf Glowna and Marie-Estelle Voison have completed their internships and left IAIA Headquarters to pursue their careers. We are pleased to introduce our newest team members:

Intern Xavier Fosset is from Rennes, Brittany, France. He has a background in marketing and finance, and upon completion of his Masters degree at Concordia College wishes to pursue a career in international business. Xavier is assisting with IAIA'04 sponsorship and marketing projects.

Intern Sreelatha Anugonda, of Hyderabad, India, holds Masters degrees in chemistry and computer science and is currently pursuing a graduate certificate in software engineering at North Dakota State University. Sreelatha is continuing work on the upgrades and development of the web site.

Napoleon Tiapo hails from Bafanji, Ngoketunjia Division, of the North West Province of Cameroon. Napoleon is the program administrator for the Capacity Building in Biodiversity and Impact Assessment (CBBIA) Project (see story on page 11).

New IAIA Programme on Capacity Building for Biodiversity in Impact Assessment

IAIA is establishing an exciting new programme on capacity building for biodiversity in impact assessment, with initial funding from The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Environment and Development Cooperation and the Biodiversity and Forests Division. This three-year programme will build on the existing work of the IAIA Biodiversity and Ecology Section. Its objective is to provide practical and demand-driven support for the development of capacity for the integration of biodiversity and impact assessment in developing countries. The emphasis will be on working with practitioners, policy makers and other stakeholders to share information and experiences, build expertise and promote good practice. Capacity building measures will include training/knowledge transfer, institution building, and networking. The programme aims to deliver a network of trained professionals in two or three eco-system regions, capacity-building activities to help achieve biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment in a minimum of five countries, and tested training materials for integrating biodiversity into the impact assessment process.

IAIA has recently recruited a Programme Administrator for the programme, Napoleon Tiapo, who will be working in the IAIA HQ in Fargo. Napoleon has previously worked with the World Bank and the Ministry of Agriculture in Cameroon and is currently working on a PhD looking at environmental issues of transportation and logistics. IAIA is about to start recruiting for the role of Technical Programme Manager. The Technical Programme Manager will be responsible for the detailed design and direction of the programme guided by a specially established Steering Committee, including representatives from the IAIA Biodiversity and Ecology Section, the IAIA Board of Directors, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention. • For more information, contact Helen Byron • Chair IAIA Biodiversity & Ecology Section • Helen.byron@rspb.org.uk

New Institutional Membership Fee Calculation

In an effort to make corporate and institutional membership in IAIA more appealing and feasible, the dues structure for this category has been changed, effective 1 July 2003. Previously, a flat US\$1,400 allowed for two full individual memberships, two complimentary conference registrations, and an extra set of all mailings sent to the organization's library.

As of 1 July, corporate/institution dues will be calculated as follows:

$$(P \times \text{US\$80}) + (0.5P \times \$500)$$

where P is the number of people the organization wants to have as full individual members of IAIA.

Example: If XYZ Company wants four of its employees to be individual IAIA members, the dues would be US\$1,320 [(4 x \$80) + (2 x \$500)]. Each of the four employees would be entitled to full membership benefits, including voting rights, journal and newsletter subscription, and access to the members portion of the website. XYZ Company would also be allowed up to four complimentary conference registrations.

This new formula allows an organization to designate as many people as it chooses to be included in the membership. It also offers the same number of complimentary conference registrations. From a financial perspective, the new calculation captures the membership cost for each individual (\$80) and the complimentary conference registration fee for half the number of designated individuals, assuming that not all corporate members will attend the conference each year.

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and to change for the better
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Professional practice articles should be a maximum of 150 words. Send submissions or questions to professional practice news co-editors Angus Morrison-Saunders (angus@essun1.murdoch.edu.au) and Richard Fristik (richard.fristik@usace.army.mil), or see the online Guidelines for News Network Contributors.

General interest articles should be a maximum of 500 words. Send to editor Jennifer Howell (jen@iaia.org) or mail/fax to IAIA Headquarters. Suggestions and comments are always welcome.

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IAIA Calendar of Important Dates & Deadlines 2003-2004

Subject to change - watch for updates

JULY 2003

- 15 Call for training course proposals
- 15 Newsletter, IAIA'04 Call for Submissions mailed
- 15 Board nominations due

August 2003

- 15 Nominations Committee sends slate of potential candidates to IAIA HQ
- 15 Abstract deadline (workshops/sessions/special meetings)
- 15 Training course proposals due

September 2003

- 1 TPDC training course recommendations due to Board
- 1 Nominations Committee recommendations due to Board
- 1 Awards nominations due
- 15 Newsletter deadline

October 2003

- 7 Newsletter, IAIA'04 preliminary program, ballots mailed
- 15 Abstract deadline (papers and posters)
- 25 Action items for mid-year Board meeting due
- 25 Committee and Liaison mid-year reports due
- Mid-year Board meeting

December 2003

- 15 Newsletter deadline
- 15 Early Bird registration ends

January 2004

- 1 Newsletter mailed
- 1 Ballots tabulated, election results announced
- 31 Regular registration rate ends

February 2004

- 28 Last date authors may register for inclusion of papers/posters on IAIA'04 program
- 28 Technical visit registration deadline
- 28 Social event registration deadline
- 28 Requests for exhibit space due

mARCH 2004

- 1 '04-'05 committee assignments completed
- 1 Action items for Board, Annual General Meeting due
- 15 Newsletter deadline
- 15 Training course registration deadline
- 15 Annual Affiliate, Branch, Committee, Liaison, Task Force, Section and Project reports due

April 2004

- 1 Newsletter mailed
- 1 Training course instructors to finalize agreements
- 1 Requests for inserts in delegate packs due
- 1 Raffle items donation deadline
- 1 Board and AGM agendas set
- 26-29 ... IAIA'04