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Transboundary EIA Agreement Signed Among Seven Southeast Europe Countries

Environment ministers and high-level representatives from Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia adopted and signed an Agreement that will provide for further implementation of the Espoo Convention. The Agreement was signed during the fourth meeting of the Parties to the UNECE Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, Finland 1991), which took place 19-21 May 2008 in Bucharest.

The "Bucharest Agreement" includes detailed provisions for consultations between the countries concerning all major projects under consideration that might have an adverse transboundary environmental impact. The Agreement details means for providing information to authorities and the public, as well as opportunities to comment for both the countries and the public affected.

Bosnia and Herzegovina may join the Agreement later. Of the seven signatory countries, Serbia is the most recent Party to the Espoo Convention, having acceded on 18 December 2007. Montenegro expects to become a Party to the Convention by the end of 2008. • Nick Bonvoisin • United Nations Economic Commission for Europe • nicholas.bonvoisin@unece.org

European Union Evaluation Report on the EIA Directive Published

The EU's Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry has published a report that evaluates EIA Directive 85/337 (as amended) across six member states (UK, France, Germany, Netherlands, Poland and Spain). It finds that stakeholders generally recognize the value of EIA in preventing harmful impacts, understand impact significance, and are more aware of the need for sustainable development. EIA costs ranged from 1% of the project total for smaller projects down to 0.1% for larger projects, and can take 20-25% of project planning time, but information requirements are generally the same irrespective of EIA.

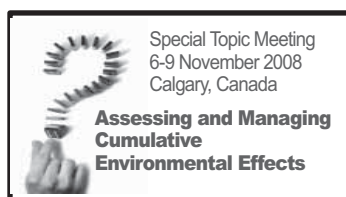
Based on principal problems identified by industry stakeholders, the report emphasizes the importance of improved training/resources for competent authorities, consultees and consultants, improvements in screening, and scoping procedures with firm timetables. Other recommendations include incorporating requirements of other laws, better pre-application screening of projects and IA needs, quality control of procedures, increased size thresholds, and simplified procedures for small projects.

Recommendations to the EU on ways of improving EIA range from a "hard" regulatory response such as a new Regulation or amended EIA Directive and guidance, to "softer" advice that may be taken up nationally by member states. Several IAIA members consulted on the study, advising on the benefits of EIA and relevant practices and procedures. The report can be found at <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/dgs/eval.htm>. • Adam Boyden • Nicholas Pearson Associates • adam.boyden@npaconsult.co.uk

Bystroe Canal Project to Be Reconsidered

During the Meeting of the Parties to the UNECE Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) in Bucharest 19-21 May 2008, the Ukraine delegation committed to reconsider its decision to fully implement the so-called Bystroe Canal Project (the Danube-Black Sea Deep-water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta). Ukraine also stated that it would not undertake the second phase until its obligations under the Convention were fulfilled.

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Impact Assessment for Creating a Sustainable World

• Sachihiko Harashina • Tokyo Institute of Technology • Sahara@depe.titech.ac.jp

To create a sustainable world is the common goal of human beings, and since impact assessment should be a major tool for securing this goal, the mission of IAIA is very important. With IAIA's vision to be "the leading global network on best practice in the use of impact assessment for informed decision making," I believe that our colleagues also have a common vision to make IAIA the international forum for securing this goal.

I am the first president from Japan in the almost thirty-year history of our society. We have only occasionally had a president whose primary language is not English, and we have had only one other president from the eastern part of the world. As EIA systems have been developed mostly in English-speaking countries, it is quite natural that IAIA was led mostly by people from western countries. But now that we have become a big organization, with members from more than 120 countries, we have to make IAIA more global for creating a sustainable world.

I would like to remove barriers that prevent IAIA from being truly global. The major barriers are language and the differences in economic situations. To surmount the former, we should be more careful in using English as an international language and to make innovations for clear communication while operating IAIA meetings. To resolve the latter, developing countries should support those needing assistance to attend various meetings. We also need to extend the use of Internet services to provide and exchange information at a cheaper cost.

Lastly, I would like to stress ethics. We passed the Code of Conduct, to be signed voluntarily by self-ascribed professional members of IAIA, at the Annual General Meeting held in Perth on 8 May 2008. I think it is quite important to make our society trusted by the world. As IA experts and members of IAIA, we provide relevant information for decision-making on major human action such as policies, plans, programs and projects that might have big impacts on the environment and society; therefore, we should behave honestly and neutrally to be trusted. As the theme of IAIA08 was "The Art and Science of Impact Assessment," we should provide not only scientific information but also opinions of the people to fairly support the wise judgments of decision-makers.

And this is a way for securing human well-being for the future generation. Thus the theme of IAIA09 at Accra, Ghana, is "Impact Assessment and Human Well-Being." Let us meet in Accra next year.



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Participants in the Aboriginal Culture Experience technical visit. Courtesy Jing Du. Photo by Ryo Tajima.

People from different nations and countries dance the "djitti djitti" together with face painting; can you imagine that? Thanks to IAIA08 for giving us such an opportunity to experience aboriginal culture together.

It is believed that you can benefit from all parts of IAIA conference. So next time, join us! • Jing Du • Tokyo University of Technology • Japan



Pause in networking for a photo (left to right): Luis Desdentado, Iñigo Sobrini, Paola Gazzola. Courtesy Iñigo Sobrini. Photo by Manuel Diaz.



Serious business: The Netherlands (Bobbi Schijf and Rob Verheem) takes on Kenya (Faith Waruguru and Nick Okello) in the inaugural IAIA World Cup Table Football Championship. Courtesy Nick Okello.



The 21st Century Dialogue was an "Innovations in Participation" session where participants identified emerging themes and priorities on a topic in real time.



A more traditional session utilizes the panel format for in-depth discussion.



Over 700 delegates attended IAIA08. How many did you meet? Quite a few—and many you might not have met otherwise—if you participated in "Speed Networking."



Awards were presented in three "Best Poster" categories, including Public Choice.



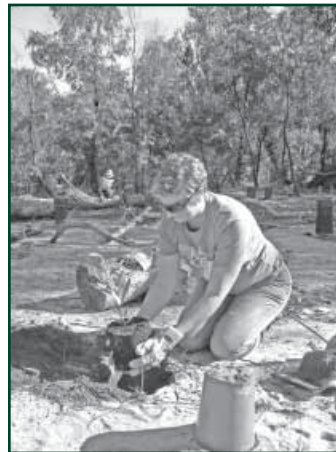
Sponsors, vendors, organizations and IAIA09 representatives were on hand to provide information.

IAIA08 Conference Delegates Practice What They Preach

Delegates to IAIA08 offset their carbon emissions by planting trees at Yanchep National Park, an hour's drive North of Perth, Western Australia.

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), which was one of the hosts of the conference, provided access to the park for the tree planting project.

Planting program coordinator John Bailey said that over 120 conference delegates had each paid an additional \$40 to take part in the carbon offset activity.



Margo Watkins gets her hands dirty.

A lucky few were also able to get their hands dirty by planting the trees. Assisted by local volunteers and DEC staff, 2,000 trees were planted.

The seeds from which the trees have been grown were specially selected to be locally appropriate and have been cared for by volunteers.

The planting was not only a practical and meaningful way to contribute to the carbon offset program for IAIA08 but a wonderful opportunity to experience the Australian bush and learn about our natural heritage. • John Bailey • Murdoch University • J.Bailey@murdoch.edu.au

IAIA08 Conference Proceedings

At newsletter press time, IAIA08 conference proceedings are in preparation. As per previous communications, and as resolved at the IAIA Board meeting in October 2007, our aim is to produce high-quality and widely-accessible proceedings to be published on the IAIA Web site. An option was provided for presenters to prepare a short written paper for peer review and possible inclusion in the proceedings, and we are very pleased that so many presenters took up this option by the deadline of 31 March 2008. These papers will form the heart of the IAIA08 proceedings and will be available online to access and cite. • Angus Morrison-Saunders and Jenny Pope, IAIA08 co-chairs • a.morrison-saunders@murdoch.edu.au and jenny@integral-sustainability.net

IAIA08 Audio Files Available

The IAIA08 recordings of keynote presentations and most theme forums are now available at <http://www.iaia.org/iaiaconference/?p=Page&id=69>. In order to maintain audio quality and integrity, the files have not been edited. The files range in size from about 5mb to 115mb and may require 10 minutes or more to download.

IAIA08 Evaluation Survey

An online evaluation survey was distributed to all IAIA08 participants. Thank you to those delegates who responded; your feedback helps to plan and improve future conferences. Survey results will be summarized in the October newsletter.

*More photos will be available in the online proceedings!
See www.iaia.org > IAIA08*

Mark Your Calendar

➤ Upcoming IAIA Events

6-9 November 2008. Assessing and Managing Cumulative Environmental Effects. IAIA special meeting. Calgary, Canada. www.iaia.org

23-29 May 2009. Impact Assessment and Human Well-Being. 29th Annual Meeting of IAIA. Accra, Ghana. www.iaia.org

➤ Upcoming Affiliate/Branch Events

10-13 August 2008. Benchmarking Best Practice for Integrated Environmental Management. IAIA 2008 National Conference. Bela-Bela, South Africa. www.iaia.co.za/home

8-11 September 2008. Évaluation environnementale et énergie. Conférence internationale — Québec 2008 SIFÉE-AQÉL. Québec, Canada. www.aqei.qc.ca

27-28 November 2008. Assessing Impacts in Coastal and Lake-Front Environments. Nelson, New Zealand. www.nzaia.org.nz

Mentoring Program Grows

Initiated at IAIA04, IAIA's mentoring program continued at the annual conference in Perth. This program is intended to facilitate and encourage dialogue, discussion, the exchange of ideas and experiences between the more established IAIA members (mentors) and those who are new to the IA field or new to IAIA (mentees). When possible, mentors and mentees are matched based on similar IA interests.

At IAIA08 more than 13 students and early professionals benefited from the guidance offered by established professionals and members of IAIA. On their behalf, I would particularly like to thank the IAIA members who volunteered to take part in this year's mentoring programme: C.A. Moghe, Patrick Duffy, Anna Axelsson, Bobbi Schijf, Arend Kolhoff, Ineke Steinhauer, Ralf Aschemann, Yaw Amoyaw-Osei and Julieta Pisanty-Levy.

If you would like to become a volunteer mentor and have your name added to the mentor database, please contact Paola Gazzola (gazzola@liverpool.ac.uk), indicating the areas or aspects of IA in which you are interested.

• Paola Gazzola • University of Liverpool • gazzola@liverpool.ac.uk

Experiences of a Student and Early Professional at IAIA08

I am an MSc Kenyan student at the UNESCO IHE, Delft Netherlands, working on an EIA-related thesis, and I presented a paper titled "Breaking Kenyan Barriers to Public Involvement in EIA Activities" as well as a poster titled "EIA Research Activities at UNESCO IHE."

The paper, based on my MSc thesis, examined the main barriers to public involvement in Kenya and their possible solutions. It also investigated the potential for SEA to become a bridge for better public involvement and concluded that while EIA opens up an arena for deliberation between concerned parties, mechanisms that restrict



Nick Okello (center) poses with two of the poster judges, Richard Fuggle (left) and Charlotte Bingham.

public involvement (inaccessibility of information, inadequate EIA guidelines awareness, and weak institutional capacity) in developing countries still require surmounting.

This being my first major conference, the experience was exhilarating. Out of the 40 well-prepared posters, mine was awarded the "Best Poster

(Judges' Choice)." The poster, "EIA Research Activities at UNESCO-IHE," highlighted EIA research objectives and some examples of EIA studies done by students from various developing countries (Kenya, Nepal, Ethiopia and Yemen). The judges were impressed by the quality of information, structure, and eye-appeal of the poster.

In addition, I played a role as a table facilitator for 21st Century Dialogue, a relatively new concept used to enable large numbers of people to participate in a discussion, capture and prioritize in real time the issues that emerge. I also joined the Students and Early Professionals (SEP) group that aims to bolster the role of students and early professionals within the IAIA. As a member of SEP, I enrolled for the mentorship program as a mentee. This mentoring program was useful particularly for orientation; kudos to organizer Paola Gazzola. • Nick Okello • MSc. UNESCO-IHE • okell4@unesco-ihe.org

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Environment Assessment Professional Development Fellowship and IAIA08

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We are a group of inspired, motivated, passionate and confident young indigenous Africans determined to change the face of Africa through our commitment to advancing environmental issues in Africa and increasing the level of participation and quality of work in impact assessments in Africa by Africans and in partnership with those dedicated to Africa's sustainable development agenda.

We are proud to be part of the Environmental Assessment Professional Development (PD) Fellowship programme initiated by USAID's Environmental Capacity Building Program, in collaboration with the Capacity Development and Linkages for Environmental Assessment in Africa (CLEAA), the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office (IUCN ESARO) and the Southern Africa Institute for Environmental Assessment (SAIEA). The Swedish Development Agency (SIDA) sponsored the PD fellows to attend the IAIA08 conference.

This being our first IAIA conference, we found it incredible and awe-inspiring to interact, learn, share experiences and be part of a large contingent of over 700 environmental scholars and practitioners of diverse cultures and backgrounds. We learned that, although different in scale, there are common impact assessments and environmental concerns in both developing and developed countries that make it possible and worthwhile to collaborate and partner for the purpose of finding solutions.

Our experiences and outcomes from the conference were varied. Nevertheless, we all concluded that not only did the conference provide us with the opportunity to create an interactive networking system, it also enabled us to establish solid friendships and gain invaluable new knowledge and skills applicable to Africa and to the objectives of the PD fellowship programme. Furthermore, members of this fellowship joined two special-interest groups within IAIA: the Students and Early Professionals (SEP) group and the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Section. The PD Fellows intend to become proactively involved in this society and contribute earnestly to the proceedings of the IAIA09 conference in Ghana.

• Easther Chigumira • University of Zimbabwe • echigumira@gmail.com



2008 PD Fellows on the urban renewal technical visit of the Midland area in Perth, Australia (left to right): Charles Mwesige Mutabazi, Wanjiku Githinji, Easther Chigumira, Faith Waruguru, Rebecca Zengeni, Serah Wambui Kiragu, Severin Kalonga and Abdulrahman Salim Issa (coordinator of CLEAA)

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Sponsorship opportunities are available for the special meeting on cumulative effects and IAIA09! Contact Bridget John at IAIA Headquarters (bridget@iaia.org) for more information.

••• IAIA08 Yearbook

IAIA08 Delegates by the Numbers

Australia.....	286	Ethiopia.....	2
USA.....	38	Fiji Islands.....	2
Canada.....	35	Honduras.....	2
New Zealand.....	31	Ireland.....	2
Republic of Korea.....	27	Kosovo.....	2
South Africa.....	27	Micronesia.....	2
United Kingdom.....	20	Namibia.....	2
Japan.....	18	Singapore.....	2
The Netherlands.....	18	United Arab Emirates.....	2
Vietnam.....	18	Zambia.....	2
China-PRC.....	14	Zimbabwe.....	2
Ghana.....	14	Albania.....	1
Sweden.....	11	Bangladesh.....	1
Mozambique.....	8	Belarus.....	1
China-SAR.....	7	Benin.....	1
India.....	7	Bolivia.....	1
Italy.....	7	Cook Islands.....	1
Norway.....	7	Costa Rica.....	1
Tanzania.....	7	Ecuador.....	1
Thailand.....	7	Egypt.....	1
Denmark.....	6	Iran.....	1
Kenya.....	6	Kiribati.....	1
Spain.....	6	Lebanon.....	1
France.....	5	Macedonia.....	1
Mexico.....	5	Malawi.....	1
Brazil.....	4	Malaysia.....	1
Germany.....	4	Mauritania.....	1
Iceland.....	4	Morocco.....	1
Laos.....	4	Nepal.....	1
Portugal.....	4	Pakistan.....	1
Austria.....	3	Peru.....	1
Belgium.....	3	Poland.....	1
Botswana.....	3	Russia.....	1
Cambodia.....	3	Serbia.....	1
Czech Republic.....	3	Solomon Islands.....	1
Finland.....	3	Sudan.....	1
Indonesia.....	3	Switzerland.....	1
Madagascar.....	3	Taiwan R.O.C.....	1
Philippines.....	3	Timor-Leste.....	1
Samoa.....	3	Tuvalu.....	1
Saudi Arabia.....	3	Ukraine.....	1
Uganda.....	3	Total.....	747
Bulgaria.....	2	Countries.....	85
Colombia.....	2		

Region	Delegates	Percent
Australia & Oceania.....	329	44%
Asia.....	125	17%
Europe.....	118	16%
Africa.....	85	11%
North America.....	81	11%
South America.....	9	1%
Total.....	747	100%



Capacity building is a major component and outcome of IAIA's annual conferences. Pictured are participants from the South Pacific sponsored by the Australian Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and AusAID.

Left to right: Lachlan Wilkinson (Australia), Madeleine Fletcher (Australia), Alex Makini (Solomon Islands), Jude Kohlhasse (Samoa), Fiona Sapatu (Samoa), Simpson Abraham (Federated States of Micronesia), Vavia Tangatataia (Cook Islands), Christina Fillmed (Federated States of Micronesia), Kilifi O'Brien (Tuvalu), Una Bera (Fiji), Tapa Suaesi (Samoa). Not pictured: Jobe Davetanivalu (Fiji) and Taouea Titaake (Kiribati).

• Lachlan Wilkinson • Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts • Lachlan.Wilkinson@environment.gov.au

IAIA09 Call for Training Courses

IAIA's training courses are an important element of the Association's continuing effort to promote and advance professional development and excellence in impact assessment. In 2009, IAIA again plans to organize high-quality training courses in association with its annual conference. The Board of Directors and the Training and Professional Development Committee (TPDC) are therefore inviting proposals for training courses to be delivered at the 29th annual conference, which will be held in Accra, Ghana, 23-29 May 2009. It is anticipated that training courses will be delivered as part of the pre-conference program 23-24 May.

Training courses may cover any aspect of impact assessment, but priority will be given to proposals that address member-driven demand for intermediate and advanced level training and for courses on the topics listed below (the list is not exclusive). Proponents who have previously taught courses at IAIA conferences are encouraged to

upgrade and/or innovate the content and level of the course to allow previous participants to attend the courses again.

1. Sustainability assessment
2. Strategic environmental assessment
3. Health impact assessment
4. Participation and indigenous people in IA
5. Social impact assessment
6. IA in developing countries
7. Integrating biodiversity in IA
8. Quality review and auditing for impact assessment
9. Cumulative effects and follow up in impact assessment
10. Tools for impact assessment (resource economics, GIS, IT)
11. General professional capacities (ethics, leadership, capacity building)
12. Environmental management plans and systems

Proposals must be submitted to IAIA Headquarters (jen@iaia.org) by 20 August 2008 and should comply with the com-

plete structure and content requirements provided online (www.iaia.org > IAIA09). Failure to provide adequate documentation will result in the rejection of a proposal. Please do not simply copy and resubmit prior proposals, as the requirements have changed and the courses offered need to be innovative as well as up to date. Proposals in previous formats will not be accepted.

Course proponents will be notified about the outcome of their application by 1 October 2008.

The Board and TPDC emphasize that the credentials and commitment of the proposed trainers are key selection criteria. Later withdrawal or substitution of trainers undermines the initial course selection process and misleads participants. Thus selected trainers are expected to follow through and maintain IAIA's reputation for course excellence. • IAIA Training and Professional Development Committee • Arne Dalfelt, chair • adalfelt@online.no

2007-2008 Awards Presented in Perth

■ *IAIA Global Environmental Award*

Elizabeth Dowdeswell, for her outstanding, sustained and unique contribution to the field of environmental assessment. IAIA notes her work as President of the Canadian Nuclear Waste Management Office, particularly her efforts to engage Canadians to find a solution for the future management of Canada's used nuclear fuel. IAIA also recognizes her leadership role as a former Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Program in its transformation into a modern organization by developing programs for state-of-the-environment assessment, reporting and environmental law.

■ *Rose-Hulman Award*

Robert Sippe, for his sustained and significant contribution to EIA practice both regionally and internationally and for his constant dedication to improving and promoting impact assessment around the world. Robert has made a significant contribution to knowledge and the advancement of EIA practice worldwide through various presentations at IAIA conferences and publications and the ongoing education of EIA practitioners.

■ *Corporate Award*

Water Corporation of Western Australia, for its important role in the sustainable management of a precious and scarce resource, and maintaining an in-house group of environmental professionals who work closely with the Western Australia Environmental Protection Authority to

facilitate effective and innovative environmental impact assessment.

■ *Institutional Award*

Canadian International Development Agency, in recognition of its excellent guidelines and publications in environmental impact assessment and its support of environmentally sustainable projects, its role in supporting the activities of such programs as the Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment through seconding expertise and encouraging public participation in projects, the development of tools to support the consideration of climate change issues into strategic environmental assessments as well as the application of Indigenous Peoples knowledge and issues in development programming, and support of IAIA in the development of the Impact Assessment Training Course database and the Learning Exchange.

■ *Regional Award*

Barry Carbon, for his major contributions to the development of environmental impact assessment internationally, and particularly in Australia and New Zealand. His leadership within the Environmental Protection Authority in Western Australia resulted in environmental legislation that is recognized internationally as a model framework for impact assessment.

■ *Outstanding Service to IAIA*

Julietta Pisanty-Levy, in recognition of and appreciation for her total commitment to the profession of impact assessment, to this organization, to

its leadership, and to its members. An IAIA member since 1986, Julieta has served on the Board of Directors and the Nominations Committee, has been a valuable resource for Board and staff members over the years, and has been a willing and joyful translator more times than can be counted.

■ *Special Appreciation to Retiring Board Members 2005–2008*

Ross Marshall, United Kingdom

Angus Morrison-Saunders, Australia

■ *IAPA Best Paper*

"Methods for Addressing Climate Change Uncertainties in Project Environmental Impact Assessments." **Philip Byer** and **Julian Scott Yeomans** (June 2007, Vol. 25 Issue 2, p85-99)

■ *Best Poster of IAIA08: Judges' Choice*

"Breaking Kenyan Barriers to Public Involvement in Environmental Impact Assessment." **Nick Okello**, **Wim Douven**, **Jan Leentvaar** and **Lindsay Beevers**

■ *Best Poster of IAIA08: Public Choice*

"Equator Principles & IFC Performance Standards Concordant Brisas Gold Mine International ESIA." **Viktor Raykin**, **Don Proebstel**, **John G. Aronson**, **W. Wayne Forman** and **Mehrdad Nazari**

■ *Best Student Poster of IAIA08*

"Turtle Watch: Community Contribution to Environmental Impact Assessment." **Elaine Lewis**, **Catherine Baudains** and **Caroline Mansfield**

Nominations are now being accepted for 2009 awards.

For criteria and nomination instructions, please contact Robert Connelly, 2009 IAIA Awards Committee Chair (Robert.Connelly@sympatico.ca).

Nominations should be submitted individually and confidentially.

Calendar

11 July

World Population Day

9 August

**International Day of the
World's Indigenous People**

8 September

International Literacy Day

13 September

International Chocolate Day

16 September

**International Day for the
Preservation of the Ozone
Layer**

Seminar on the Environmental Impacts of Armed Conflicts in Africa Calls for the Mobilization of Civil Society

A seminar on the theme "Armed Conflicts in Africa: Their Impacts on the Quality of Life, Human Health and Biological Diversity" was organized in Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of Congo, from 26-28 May 2008 by the Consortium for the Environmental Assessment of Armed Conflicts in Africa (PECA-RDC) with the collaboration of The Secretariat for Environmental Assessment in Central Africa (SÉEAC) and The National Association for Environmental Assessment in Democratic Republic of Congo (ANEE-DRC) and the support of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Capacity Linkages and Exchange for Environmental Assessment in Africa through the Partnership for the Environmental Assessment in Africa (CLEAA/PEAA), the Francophone International Secretariat for the Environmental Assessment (SIFEE), and McGill University of Canada.

The main objective was to mobilize and sensitize countries and international organizations on the importance of the preservation of the quality of

life, human health and biological diversity in Africa, in peace, conflict and post-conflict periods.

The seminar was attended by over 100 participants from the following countries and institutions: Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Congo Republic, Gabon, Mali, Norway, Sudan, Sweden, Rwanda, United Nations Environment Programme, The Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment, and the Observatory of the Dryness in Sahel (OSS).

The communiqué issued at the end of the seminar, among others, called for the African civil society to mobilize over the dramatic consequences of armed conflicts on the biophysical and social environment so that this critical issue becomes part of the international agenda. For more information, see sifee.org/Kinshasa_2008/kinshasa_2008.htm or contact Dieudonné Bitondo. • Dieudonné Bitondo • Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Environmental Assessment in Central Africa (SEEAC) • bitondodieudonne@yahoo.fr

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Bystroe Canal Project to Be Reconsidered

Ukraine also announced that it would fully comply with the Convention for other projects in the Danube Delta, such as a planned hydro-power station on the border with Moldova. The Delta, spanning the border between Romania and Ukraine, is rich in biodiversity and includes UNESCO Biosphere Reserves and a World Heritage site.

Stating that Ukraine had been in non-compliance with its obligations under the Convention, the Parties asked Ukraine to take a series of corrective steps to assure compliance by the end of

2009. The Convention requires that member States notify and consult each other on all projects that might have an adverse transboundary environmental impact.

In July 2006, a group of scientific experts set up under the Convention concluded that the Bystroe Canal Project would have "significant adverse transboundary effects" on the environment and that the provisions of the Convention should be applied. The first phase of the Project, aimed at boosting the local economy, was completed in August 2004. • Nick Bonvoisin • United Nations Economic Commission for Europe • nicholas.bonvoisin@unece.org



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IAIA hosts a number of special-interest discussion groups, including a climate change listserv that is intended to identify the role of IA (including social impact assessment) in addressing climate change issues around the world.

The current climate change listserv membership of about fifty persons is diverse and well-distributed globally, but more representation from IFIs would help focus discussions on how best to move us forward productively. Two-minute surveys are used to garner opinions from members to help keep discussion focused on the broad IA community and to minimize the time required to provide your input. If you have an interest in climate change and IA, please join this IAIA listserv. • Norval Collins, CEF Consultants, ncollins@cefconsultants.ns.ca

Find the complete list of IAIA listserv discussion groups and instructions for joining them under the “Resources and Networking” menu at www.iaia.org.



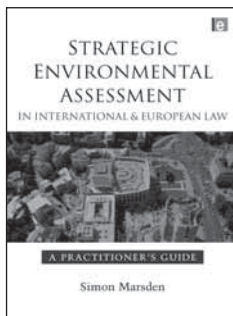
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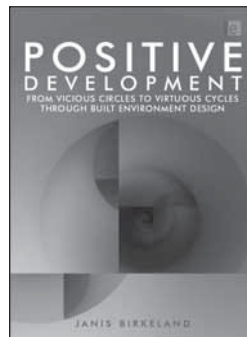
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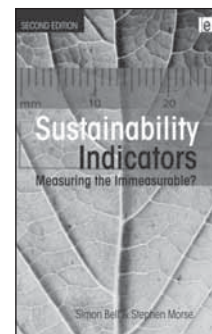
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Coffin, Otter-Tetreault Chair Indigenous Peoples Section

During IAIA08, Antoine Coffin (New Zealand) and Chantal Otter-Tetreault (Canada) volunteered and were chosen by Section members as new co-chairs of the Indigenous Peoples Section (IPS). Coffin and Otter-Tetreault take over for Bob Tai, who retired as the Section chair. Many thanks to Bob for his several years of leadership!

The IPS has set up a working party to assist the co-chairs with any area that may require help from time to time. The main focus of activity will be developing a purpose and principles document for the IPS (see related article above).

The IPS addresses indigenous issues in impact assessment, including developing guidelines for the recognition and full inclusion of indigenous concerns in all aspects of impact assessment, traditional knowledge, and impact assessment capacity building for indigenous people. Any IAIA members wishing to join the IPS are invited to send their names to Shelli LaPlante at IAIA Headquarters (info@iaia.org).

ENVILEAD Kenya Seeks Partner for Environmental Auditing

ENVILEAD Kenya, an environmental NGO, has recently been approached by small scale enterprises and community based project committees to assist them with carrying out environmental audits (specifically cumulative impacts) for their projects and businesses, to enable them to meet statutory requirements by NEMA. ENVILEAD Kenya is looking for other organizations to partner with on this project. If you have any information, please contact Alan Cheruiyot Kirui (alankirui@yahoo.com). • Alan Kirui • Kenyatta University •

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IAPA Seeks Inclusion in SSCI

Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal is IAIA's journal. It is one of the few journals in the world fully dedicated to impact assessment. It is within IAIA aims to continue improving this journal and keep it at the level of the best international journals. An important step is to have *IAPA* indexed in the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI); this will improve the international recognition of *IAPA* as being among the best.

To achieve this status, *IAPA* needs to be cited in other journals that are already in the SSCI. And it needs to receive good and even excellent articles. You can help us in this effort. If you are submitting a paper to another journal, please make sure that the journal is already in the SSCI and please cite *IAPA* papers. And if you are submitting a paper to *IAPA*, remember that *IAPA* goes to over 120 countries, to libraries as well as to members, and is widely read by policy makers, consultants, etc., and by academics and students.

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IAPA: Free Online

Did you know? Full online texts of papers in *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal* since March 1999 are free to IAIA members through IngentaConnect. Tables of contents, abstracts and index, and a contents alerting service are also available.

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New Newsletter Feature Announced

IA Research Corner Input Invited from Students, Scholars

One of IAIA's strategic goals is to make contributions, advancements and disseminate IA research. Among IAIA's members are several junior and established scholars who are passionate about impact assessment (IA) and bring that enthusiasm into their research. Master's and Ph.D. students in particular are close to the "sharp end" of innovative and original IA research, contributing to the advancement of the theory and practice of IA and providing up-to-date breadth and depth of knowledge on cross-cutting themes and topical issues.

Within this context, IAIA is launching a new feature in its newsletter, an "IA Research Corner." The IA Research Corner is intended to provide students, as well as more senior scholars, an opportunity to inform other IAIA members about their research topics, disseminate knowledge, communicate findings, or seek contributions.

Contributions to this new feature are invited. Text should be no longer than 300 words and may be sent to jen@iaia.org. • Paola Gazzola • University of Liverpool • gazzola@liverpool.ac.uk

IAIA Accepting Applications for IAPA Editor/Co-Editor

IAIA invites applications for the role of editor or co-editor of *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal* (*IAPA*), the international journal of IAIA. This call for new editors is open from 1 May to 31 July 2008 inclusive.

For information and application details, visit www.iaia.org > Publications > IAPA Journal. If you wish to discuss the nature of the work or have other questions, feel free to contact Maria Partidario, Chair of IAPA Editorial Advisory Board (mrp@civil.ist.utl.pt), Colin Kirkpatrick or Carys Jones, Editors (editor.IAPA@manchester.ac.uk) or Bill Page, Publisher (page@scipol.co.uk or + 44 1483 824871).

Information for Potential Board Members

If you are interested in serving on the IAIA Board of Directors, please log in as a member and visit www.iaia.org/modx/index.php?id=114 for information about the nomination process and the duties and responsibilities of Board service.

By-Laws Revisions

The IAIA Board of Directors agreed at its mid-term Board meeting in September 2007 to review the Association's by-laws in light of potential new membership categories and the evolution of Association operations subsequent to the last revision in the by-laws in 1999.

Members in attendance at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Perth approved the bylaws. View the amendments approved by members at www.iaia.org (log in) > Admin & Member Service > Board of Directors Info & News.

Coming in October...

See the next issue of the newsletter for highlights of the Board, Council, and AGM meetings in Perth; information on new Board members; and explanation of the new membership categories approved by the Board.

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July 2008

1 Newsletter, IAIA09 First Announcement mailed

August 2008

1 Board nominations due
8 Paper/poster submissions due for Cumulative Effects special meeting
20 IAIA09 training course proposals due

September 2008

1 Cumulative Effects special meetings deadlines: author registration, booth reservations
1 TPDC sends IAIA09 training course recommendations to HQ/Board
1 Newsletter articles and awards nominations due
10 IAIA09 session, theme forum, and special meetings proposals due (any event that is to be considered for inclusion in the preliminary program)
12 List of confirmed IAIA09 training courses due
15 Early Bird deadline for Cumulative Effects special meeting
15 Nominations Committee sends slate of potential Board candidates to HQ
30 Cumulative Effects special meeting: deadline for requests for inserts in delegate packs
30 HQ sends slate of Board candidates to Board

October 2008

1 Newsletter, ballots for Board election, IAIA09 preliminary programs mailed
6 Group rate at Westin ends for Cumulative Effects special meeting
8 Midyear reports and Board action items due
21 Pre-registration deadline for Cumulative Effects meeting

November 2008

6-9 Assessing and Managing Cumulative Environmental Effects special meeting
9-10 Mid-term Board meeting

December 2008

1 Newsletter articles due
19 IAIA09 Capacity Building Stipend applications due

January 2009

1 Newsletter mailed
1 Board election ballots mailed
15 IAIA09 paper and poster submissions deadline

February 2009

1 Newsletter articles due
10 IAIA09 Early Bird deadline
15 IAIA09 Student fee waiver deadline
28 Last date authors may register and pay in full to be included in IAIA09 final program; IAIA09 technical visits, training courses, social events, and Quickpass registration deadline

March 2009

1 Newsletter articles due
30 Training course instructor agreements due
30 IAIA09 deadlines: requests for inserts in delegate bags, hotel conference rate, mentor program, exhibitor reservations

April 2009

1 Newsletter mailed, Board election results announced
23 Board and Annual General Meeting (AGM) action items due
23 Annual reports due

May 2009

5 Pre-registration for IAIA09 closes
23-29 IAIA09
29-30 Board meeting

June 2009

10 Newsletter articles due

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