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Towards 2006 • William Veerkamp, IAIA President

To live up to our ambitions, we will have to reach out as an organisation as well as individual members to make it happen.

IAIA'05 in Boston proved to be another successful annual meeting, thanks to many people who have given their best endeavours to turn this event into the true meeting place for friends. Special thanks were rightly given to Charlotte Bingham and Wes Fisher, who as Program Committee Co-chairs put a lot of effort into IAIA'05.

One of the many outcomes of our Boston meeting is that we will have a task force working on the issue of ethics. Another area of concern is follow-up, or as I would interpret it in a wider sense, building IA into the context of project development and operation through ensuring that the outcomes of IA are fed into the development process early enough to allow for changes in design and operation, but also with an eye for the end phase (abandonment) of the project or facilities constructed. IA is seen as a heavy front load activity, but potentially suffers from being disconnected to the design and engineering of projects and hence mitigation measures to identified issues will inevitably be inserted almost as an after-thought.

As I have stated in the secretarial report for 2004 and as we

could witness during our annual conference, IAIA is a very dynamic organization with evergreen goals and targets to meet its mission, vision and core values. I strongly believe in the strength of the organisation; however, to live up to our ambitions we will have to reach out as an organisation as well as individual members to make it happen.

We have to be the forum that brings all stakeholders together. We still witness under-representation of several stakeholders, be it from a geographic point of view or from a partnership in the process of IA, from effected parties through to decision makers. This means that we will have to have a better understanding of what the needs are of the stakeholders who could be involved in the IAIA internal debate.

As an example, we could ask ourselves what the needs are of companies or decision makers when it comes to impact assessment. How can the impact of impact assessment be enhanced in developments? Our next annual conference will take place in Stavanger, Norway, in 2006 and part of the title refers to power. Power both in the sense of energy as well as the power to take, but also to influence decisions. The latter is equally important. Looking at the protests against

economic globalisation taking place at meetings of international institutions or companies, it becomes clear that we live in a world where people do not automatically trust governmental or institutional bodies and companies on their ability to be a force for good in the developing world. People are increasingly demanding to participate in decisions that will affect their lives and are demanding demonstrable evidence that environmental and social impacts are appropriately managed. In this context the IA process and specifically consultation with interested and affected parties are becoming increasingly important to ensure the minimisation of adverse impacts and the optimisation of benefits to the host country and local communities.

One of the highlights of IAIA'05 was that we honoured all those before us and still with us who made IAIA into the organisation we witness today. I would like to thank all our members for their continued support and I count heavily on you in the future.

IAIA will revisit its Strategic Action Plan and revise parts in the light of the ever-changing world around us. We will continue to work on capacity building both through the grants and the sponsorships for our annual conferences, which will allow us to bring people to our meetings.

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IAIA'05 Yearbook



IAIA'05
Ethics and Quality
in Impact Assessment
 31 May-3 June 2005
 Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

IAIA'05 Delegates by the Numbers

USA	147	Madagascar	2
Canada	115	Mauritius	2
England-UK	32	Nepal	2
The Netherlands	26	Pakistan	2
Sweden	23	Russia	2
South Africa	21	Rwanda	2
Mexico	12	Tanzania	2
Republic of Korea	12	Austria	1
Finland	12	Benin	1
New Zealand	11	Botswana	1
Thailand	11	Cambodia	1
Japan	10	Cameroun	1
Norway	10	Chile	1
China-SAR	8	Colombia	1
Iceland	8	Congo, Dem Rep	1
Kenya	8	of the	1
Ghana	7	Denmark	1
Australia	5	Egypt	1
Finland	5	Estonia	1
Italy	5	Gabon	1
Namibia	5	Guinea	1
Germany	4	Hungary	1
Macedonia	4	Ireland	1
Nigeria	4	Korea	1
Portugal	4	Lebanon	1
Scotland-UK	4	Lithuania	1
Belgium	3	Malaysia	1
China-PRC	3	Morocco	1
Czech Republic	3	Mozambique	1
Laos	3	Panama	1
Serbia-Montenegro	3	Peru	1
Spain	3	Philippines	1
Sri Lanka	3	Poland	1
Switzerland	3	Senegal	1
Turkey	3	Trinidad & Tobago	1
Armenia	2	Tunisia	1
Bolivia	2	Uganda	1
Bosnia &	2	Venezuela	1
Herzegovina	2	Vietnam	1
Costa Rica	2	Zambia	1
Croatia	2	Total	588
Guatemala	2	Countries	80
India	2		

Region	# Participants	%
North America	280	48%
Europe	153	26%
Asia	67	11%
Africa	66	11%
Australia & Oceania	16	3%
South America	6	1%
Total	588	100%

With 588 delegates from eighty countries, IAIA'05 was another highly successful conference for IAIA. An additional 42 delegates and special guests participated in pre-conference and special events, for a total of 630 participants.

Keynote speakers Gus Speth, Edith Brown Weiss, and Taimalelagi F. Tuatagaloa-Matalavea generated discussion and debate from the opening session. The greatest dilemma then faced by many delegates was choosing which of the many activities to attend during the very busy week. From the pre-meeting training courses, World Bank Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and State-Level EIA meeting to the plenaries, theme forums, poster displays, and concurrent sessions to the opening reception, Fun Run, and banquet to IAIA business conducted at the Committee, Section, AGM and Council meetings, there was something for everyone.

A Student's Perspective

I am a masters student in biology at the University of Ottawa in Canada, and as the first recipient of the Ontario Association of Impact Assessment's (OAlA's) Annual Student Scholarship, I was given the opportunity to present a research paper entitled "Assessing Impacts of Contamination from a Smelter" at the IAIA'05 conference in Boston. The friendly atmosphere of the conference helped me see the broader implications of my thesis work, as I received input from experts across the globe, from professors to community chiefs. The sessions were dynamic and interactive, and provided perspectives literally from "all over the map." Interacting with people from so many walks of life, but all connected by common interests, made for an exceptional experience. I was able to expand my network and get many exciting leads for future jobs, particularly in the environmental careers seminar and panel discussion designed especially for students. Thanks to OAlA and IAIA for such an incredible opportunity! • Cecilia Tolley



Lighting the way: IAIA's 25th birthday celebration.



American patriot Paul Revere (Paul Dulin) is escorted out of the plenary hall by hotel security after disrupting Charlotte Bingham's welcome speech.



Exhibitors were on hand to discuss the latest tools, materials and publications.



Alan Porter accepts the Rose-Hulman Award.



Serious discussion at the poster session.



Concurrent sessions drew large numbers of attendees.



Richard Fuggle (center), congratulates program chairs Wes Fisher and Charlotte Bingham for a job well done.



SEA Prague organizing team members Jaroslav Machacek, Miroslav Martis, and Vladimir Zdrzil enjoy a moment of relaxation before their work resumes!



Brian Clark sums it up at the closing plenary.

IAIA Presents Annual Awards in Boston

■ IAIA Global Environmental Award: James Gustave Speth

for outstanding contribution to global awareness of the environment, leadership and direction of, 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.

■ Rose-Hulman Award:

Alan Porter, for a lifetime of contributions to the field of impact assessment, including co-founding IAIA.

■ Individual Award: Erica Ison

for development of health impact assessment methods, models, theory and practice.

■ Regional Award: The Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America

for addressing regional environmental concerns within North America, helping to prevent trade and environment conflicts and for promoting enforcement of environmental laws.

■ Corporate Award: ABN AMRO, Project and Finance Sustainability Unit, The Netherlands

for championing the Equator Principles for project finance.

■ Institutional Award:

Health System Research Institute (HSRI), Thailand, for building capacity in health impact assessment in Thailand.

■ Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal (IAPA)

Best Paper: M. Cashmore, R. Gwilliam, R. Morgan, D. Cobb, A. Bond. "The Interminable Issue of Effectiveness: Substantive Purposes, Outcomes and

Research Challenges in the Advancement of EIA Theory," IAPA 22:4, 295-310.

■ **Best Poster Presented at IAIA'05: Broderick Green, Bill Kappel, Bob Gramling, Shirley Laska.** "Anticipating Socioeconomic Effects of Louisiana Coastal Restoration Projects."

■ **Outstanding Service to IAIA: Desmond M. Connor**, for leadership of IAIA's Public Participation Section.

■ Certificates of Appreciation

Charlotte Bingham and **Weston Fisher**, for creativity, communication and commitment in the planning and preparation of IAIA'05.

Stephen Granger, Board Nominations Committee Chair, 2002-2005.

Hussein Abaza, Awards Committee Chair, 2002-2005

Marcel Baglo, William Jones, and Yasmin von Schirnding, Board of Directors, 2002-2005

Rabel Burdge, Editor, "The First 25 Years: An Oral History of IAIA"

With thanks to the 2004-2005 Awards Committee: Hussein Abaza, Chair; Richard Fuggle, Barry Sadler, Amel Benzarti, KC Lam, Jiri Dusik, Rob Verheem, Elizabeth Brito, and Dieudonne Bitondo.

Award nominations for 2006 are now being accepted

E-mail the name of the person or organization you want to nominate, together with the justification, to IAIA Awards Committee chair Jean-Roger Mercier (jmercier@worldbank.org) by 1 September, or download a nominations form at www.iaia.org/Members/password.htm > Administration and Member Services > Awards Nominations 2006.

■ International Experience and Perspectives in SEA

**26-30 September 2005
Prague, Czech Republic**

Due to limited space and to help with special event planning, delegates are asked to register by 30 July.

SEA is part of a family of related tools that have developed rapidly worldwide since the 1990s. International legal instruments are now in place in the European Union and in regions of the UN Economic Commission for Europe. New frameworks for SEA are also emerging in Africa, Asia and Latin America. SEA practice is also beginning within donor assistance activities, including lending operations of International Finance Institutions.

Conference topics will include SEA legislation and policy, SEA practice in various sectors, linkages between SEA and other assessment or planning tools, and improving standards and building capacity for SEA.

To register or for detailed information, including the preliminary program, visit www.iaia.org > Conferences > SEA Prague Main Page.

■ IAIA06. Power, Poverty and Sustainability: How can impact assessment contribute?

**23-26 May 2006
Stavanger, Norway**

The first IAIA annual conference to be held in a Nordic country will address how the various instruments of impact assessment can assist developers, decision-makers and the public to integrate environmental, social and other concerns in myriad fields. Visit www.iaia.org > Conference > IAIA06 Main Page for additional information.



■ ■ ■ Call for Training Courses

IAIA06 Training Course Submissions

Proposal Guidelines

IAIA members and others are invited to submit proposals for courses or workshops to be presented prior to the annual meeting to be held in Stavanger, Norway, from 23-26 May, 2006, with the training courses tentatively planned for 21-22 May. These courses and workshops have traditionally been offered by IAIA members for IAIA members but are 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 would 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.

- a. Names and addresses of persons who propose the course (include e-mail addresses and fax numbers).
- b. Title of course.
- c. 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.
- d. Language of offering.
- e. Number of days (maximum 2).
- f. Minimum and maximum number of participants.

SECTION 2. Description of the course/workshop.

- a. 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; portions of this will be included in the IAIA06 preliminary program).
- b. 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.
- c. List and briefly describe all training or other materials the participants will receive during the course. Please indicate whether you are willing to sell this material to non-participants on request.
- d. 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.
- e. Identify how you and your organization will provide pre-conference communication and post-conference follow-up with registered participants, as for example through e-mail exchanges or networking.
- f. Identify what, if any, materials you would make available for IAIA to post on its website after IAIA06. The purpose of posting this material would be to serve as a refresher for course participants and an enticement for those interested in future offerings of the course.

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

- a. Provide a brief abridged curriculum vitae (maximum of one page) which outlines qualifications and experi-

ence of each presenter 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!

- b. Number of times, where and to whom the course was offered in the last three years; this should include IAIA and other presentations.
- c. Number of times the course was put on offer in the last three years, but not given, and the reason(s) the course was not given.
- d. 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.
- e. Identify the level of certainty that the presenters will attend IAIA06. The TPDC knows that the future is uncertain, but it 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.

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. IAIA 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 processing, marketing, and basic audio-visual equipment (one overhead projector, one slide projector, one flip chart). Any additional equipment will be at the expense of the presenters or deducted from the course revenue. Charges for catered coffee breaks will be determined based on estimates provided by the venue and will be deducted from gross course revenue; they are not included as part of IAIA's administration fee.

One-day training course fees for IAIA06 are US\$195 per participant. Two-day training course fees are \$375 per participant. These fees are provisional and subject to catering and expense negotiations with the venue. Any fee increases will maintain approximately the same profit margin for course instructors.

The registration cutoff date is 15 March. IAIA Headquarters will contact trainers shortly after that date regarding their course specifics and training course contract, which is due 15 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.)

Proposals should be submitted to IAIA Headquarters (rita@iaia.org) on or before 20 August 2005. Proposals received after that date will not be considered. You will be notified in November whether your course will be offered.

Please contact IAIA Headquarters or Lee Wilson with any questions. • Lee Wilson, Chair, Training and Professional Development Committee • lwa@lwasf.com

Affiliate & Sections News ■ ■ ■

IAIASa

IAIASa Annual Conference

The South African Affiliate of IAIA (IAIASa) will be hosting its 11th annual conference 29-31 August 2005 at the Thaba'Nchu Sun in the Free State Province of South Africa. The conference theme "Legislating for Sustainability" focuses on the legislative challenges facing South Africa and the Southern African region in achieving sustainable development.

The birth of South Africa's democracy a decade ago heralded a period of legislative transformation which brought immense development to the field of impact assessment. The environmental, heritage and planning legislation was challenged to evolve in a manner which could support sustainable development in South Africa, whilst protecting constitutional imperatives. In the early 2000s, acknowledgment of the shortcomings of the existing legal structure, and the need to coordinate environmental legislation, catapulted South Africa into a new and ongoing law reform process. There is a growing body of experience and case law that assists in interpreting current legislation and prepares practitioners for debates regarding new legislation. This evolving legal milieu is the foundation upon which IAIASa's work in the impact assessment field is built and engaging in debate regarding reforms is the key to our future.

The conference includes a pre-conference technical visit to the Lesotho Highlands Water Project Dams in the Kingdom of Lesotho and pre-conference training courses followed by three days of stimulating debate in the scenic Free State just minutes from the Maria Moroka National Park and several private game farms. For more information, visit www.iaia.co.za.
• Karen Shippey • Ninham Shand Pty Ltd
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OAIA

Environmental Assessment's Changing World: Implications for Ontario's Practice

The Ontario Association of Impact Assessment recently sponsored a very successful conference in Toronto associated with its Annual General Meeting. Practitioners representing international, federal, provincial, and local agencies as well as the private sector and First Nations shared their experiences and identified trends and innovations in their work.

Participants identified key issues in EA through an open space technology workshop. One session focused on the results of an expert panel review of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The Ontario Minister of the Environment addressed the conference and indicated the government's commitment to reviewing the paper and moving forward to improve the EA process. Several panel members, practitioners and non government agency representatives shared their thoughts on the recently released Expert Panel Discussion paper (see the OAIA website www.oaia.on.ca for the paper). OAIA is using e-consultation as a way to obtain comments from its members. • Pamela Hubbard • OAIA President • phubbard@lura.ca

Public Participation

Public Participation Section: Update from IAIA'05

The Public Participation Section used the opportunity to meet and discuss Section affairs during IAIA'05 in Boston.

Meeting chair Pierre André announced the retirement of Desmond Connor as both chair of the Public Participation Section and as an IAIA member.

Pierre highlighted Desmond's commitment to IAIA, and more specifically to the Public Participation Section. Des was honored by IAIA during the Boston meeting for his outstanding services.

A third draft of the *Public Participation Best Practice Principles* was discussed during IAIA'05. A general agreement on the principles, as well as very useful comments for improvement resulted from this discussion. The Section hopes to finalize the principles during the coming year. Special thanks to the co-authors, Peter Croal, Des Connor and Bert Enserink, as well as to the IAIA members who have been involved during the consultation process starting in 2003.

The Public Participation Section adopted the following objectives for 2005-06:

- Improve the way the Public Participation Section works by delegating more responsibilities to members
- Produce a list of Public Participation Section members
- Discuss and improve the Public Participation Best Practice Principles document (actually 3rd draft) for Board approval
- Lead the Public Participation stream of papers for IAIA'06
- Update the Public Participation Key Citations document
- Exchange information on public participation between members through monthly e-mail and IAIA Newsletter
- Initiate a specific call for papers to be published as part of IAPA issues, and/or in other journals

Pierre André was elected as section chair for 2005-06 and Bert Enserink will act as vice-chair. Some members have agreed to get more involved by taking on some responsibilities: Cynthia Pratt will coordinate the development of Public Participation Key Citations and Martin Haeefe will produce the news for the IAIA Newsletter. • Martin Haeefe • Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board • mhaeefe@mveirb.nt.ca

If you want to join us and collaborate with the Public Participation Section, let us know! You really are welcome. Contact Pierre André at pierre.andre@umontreal.ca.

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■ ■ ■ Professional News

Position Announcement

Senior Water Resources and Environmental Planner Norconsult

The candidate will be a senior professional in possession of a higher university degree with around 15 years of relevant experience, of which at least 5 years are from international projects, preferably from Africa and/or SE Asia.

Significant technical expertise in water resources planning and management is required, ideally also with some knowledge of environmental planning, environmental impact assessment and environmental management.

The candidate should have demonstrable experience of project management and team leadership in an international context and a sound understanding of market trends in the water resources/environment sectors.

Contact via
www.norconsult.no

UNEP EIA Training Resource Manual Available in Arabic

The UNEP *EIA Training Resource Manual* was recently translated into Arabic by Cairo University, Egypt, with support from UNEP. During a regional CITET train-the-trainer EIA workshop at Tunis in September 2004, participants from Syria, Lebanon, Palestine Authorities, Egypt, Jordan, and Iraq confirmed that an Arabic version would facilitate EIA capacity building in West Asia and North Africa. At the heart of the manual is a series of topics focused on the key stages of EIA and related issues. Session outlines, Power Point slides, description of group activities, and references are included, along with practical information for the design, implementation, and evaluation of training courses. The English version of the EIA manual has already been used in numerous training courses and study programmes around the world. The Arabic version is available on CD-ROM, will soon be printed and available at the UNEP's Economics and Trade Branch new website at www.unep.ch/etb/index.php.

• Hussein Abaza • UNEP • Hussein.ABAZA@unep.ch

United Nations Environment Programme Launches Initiative on Integrated Assessment of Trade-Related Policies in the Agriculture Sector

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in close collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), is launching a four-year initiative to build capacity in developing countries to perform integrated assessments of the impacts of trade-related policies in the agriculture sector and, in particular, the impacts on agricultural biological diversity. The initiative will focus on six African, Caribbean and Pacific countries yet to be designated. National institutions in these countries will customize and apply an integrated assessment framework developed by UNEP, and informed by similar efforts of the CBD, IAIA and others.

The integrated assessments will take into account social, environmental and economic impacts of relevant policies. Countries will design and implement a policy response to the outcomes from the integrated assessment, including traditional regulatory policies, economic instruments and voluntary measures, to maximize development gains while minimizing impacts on agricultural biodiversity.

• Emily Lydgate • Emily.LYDGATE@unep.ch

Government of Saskatchewan Announces Regional Environmental Study of the Great Sand Hills, Canada

In January 2005 the Government of Saskatchewan announced that it will conduct a Regional Environmental Study of the Great Sand Hills, southwestern Saskatchewan Canada. The Great Sand Hills, a mixed grassland ecosystem consisting of active sand dunes, rare, and endangered species, is rich in natural gas deposits and under increasing pressure for expanded gas development. Adopting a strategic environmental assessment framework, the study will consider the cumulative social, economic, and ecological effects of human activity in the region. Sustainability scenarios will be assessed and recommendations made to shape future land uses in the area. Further information on the study, including the study's scoping document, background reports, and study terms of reference can be found at www.se.gov.sk.ca/GSH/default.htm. Information will be updated as the study unfolds.

• Bram Noble, University of Saskatchewan, Canada Advisor on SEA, Great Sand Hills Scientific Advisory Committee • b.noble@usask.ca



Calabash Programme Publishes Handbook on Generic Public Participation (PP) Terms of Reference for EIA and SEA

The latest output of Calabash, "Research and Compilation of Public Participation Templates for Terms of Reference Related to Environmental Assessment and Public Participation (EA/PP) in the SADC Region," hopes to address in a practical way the issue that public participation programmes are sometimes not designed well enough to take advantage of the benefits that civil society engagement has to offer.

This publication contains three generic Terms of Reference that can be used as a foundation for a public participation programme related to a point environmental assessment (e.g., mine, factory, refinery), a linear environmental assessment (e.g., roads, pipelines, power transmission cables), and a regional strategic environmental assessment (e.g., river basin management, regional land use planning, energy planning). Also included in the document are guidelines and tips on how to develop Terms of Reference that ensure that all contracting parties achieve maximum satisfaction and results throughout the duration of the relationship for a particular project.

This document is available on the Calabash web site (www.saiea.com > Calabash Project). • Peter Croal • Program Manager, Calabash - Improving Civil Society, Participation in Environmental Governance, Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment • Peter.croal@saiea.com

Members in the News ■ ■ ■

Mary Lou Morris Awarded Member of Order of Australia

Mary Lou Morris has been awarded the honour of Member of Order of Australia (AM) for "service to conservation and the environment, particularly in the field of environmental practices, and through the advancement of a multi-disciplinary approach to managing environmental change." The award was essentially for her extraordinary voluntary contribution to the Environment Institute of Australia (now known as Environment Institute of Australia & New Zealand (EIANZ) and to the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA). Mary Lou served as President of IAIA from 2000-2001.

Those wishing to contact her can do so by email to mlmorris@internode.on.net or by post to 55 Winchester Street, St. Peters, SA, 5069.
• Simon Molesworth • Honorary President, Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ) mole@midnite.net.au

In Memory

Esther Kerario, our friend from Tanzania, passed away on 12 April 2005.

Esther was a current and active member of IAIA. In her most recent communications, she had expressed her interest in attending the Boston conference.

Her death was a great shock, as she was so full of life and still young (early forties). She leaves her son, Edgar (15), daughter Emily (10) and husband Job. Tanzania has also lost a passionate advocate for the environment, and she will be sadly missed. • Ross Marshall • National Environmental Assessment Service Environment Agency • ross.marshall@environment-agency.gov.uk

Des Connor Retires, Is Honored by IAIA-WNC

Few in IAIA or the impact assessment community throughout the world do not understand the importance of Public Participation (PP) in environmental decision-making. Our sensitivity to this important topic is due in part to the steadfast and dedicated efforts that Des Connor has made to the field of PP over several decades of hard work and capacity building. Whether it be his manuals, websites, courses, papers or videos, many of us in the IA field have benefited some way from Des's accomplishments and products. He was also extremely active in IAIA though his work including providing training courses, chairing conference sessions, and leading the PP Section. Without Des's many achievements and vision, PP would not garner the respect and attention that regulators, industry, civil society and practitioners give to it today. Des has deserved a well-earned retirement from the PP and impact assessment field. His legacy will remain in the environmental community for years to come. On behalf of the IAIA membership, we wish Des much happiness in his retirement, and also extend to him a hearty thank you for all he has done for the PP and IA community worldwide.

The Outstanding Service to IAIA Award is being presented to Des at his home in Victoria, British Columbia, by the Western and Northern Affiliate on behalf of IAIA.
• Peter Croal, on behalf of the Public Participation Section

Bob Connelly Retires from CEAA

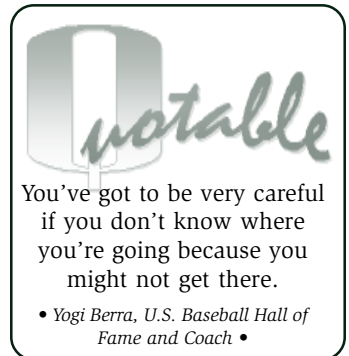
After more than thirty years of distinguished service with the Government of Canada, Robert G. Connelly retired on 30 June 2005 as Executive Vice President of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA).

Bob spent his entire professional career playing a pivotal and often a leading role in developing and implementing the Canadian EIA regulatory regime, including the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

Bob is by all accounts a real gentleman. He is a dedicated professional and a wonderful colleague, but more importantly a warm person and a sincere friend.

In my humble opinion, Bob has done more for promoting environmental impact assessment in Canada than anyone else I can think of. Bob has been a strong supporter of IAIA and an active participant in many of its activities, especially the annual meetings.

His leadership role in developing the Canadian EIA agenda will be missed. However, after having worked tirelessly for so many years, Bob has earned the right to enjoy a more relaxed life with his family and also to find time to play more golf. • M. Husain Sadar • McGill University, Macdonald Campus • husainsadar@rogers.com



The First 25 Years: An Oral History of IAIA

Compiled and edited by Rabel Burdge. The draft booklet, which was distributed to IAIA'05 delegates, contains vignettes from IAIA's Presidents which capture the spirit of IAIA from the early years to today.

To comment on the booklet, to share memories, stories or other feedback or to request an electronic copy, contact Crystal Cummins at IAIA Headquarters (info@iaia.org).

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IAIA Calendar of Important Dates & Deadlines
Subject to change - watch for updates

July 2005

- 7 Newsletter, IAIA06 call for submissions mailed

August 2005

- 20 IAIA06: abstracts or proposals for all events to be included in preliminary program due (includes sessions, workshops, theme forums, panels, roundtables, special meetings)
- 20 IAIA'05 training course proposals due

September 2005

- 1 TPDC sends IAIA06 training course recommendations to HQ/Board
- 1 Awards nominations due
- 15 Newsletter articles due
- 15 Midyear reports due
- 15 Board action items due
- 26-30 . SEA Prague**

October 2005

- 1-2 Midyear Board meeting
- 1 Newsletter, ballots for Board election, IAIA06 preliminary programs mailed

December 2005

- 15 Newsletter articles due
- 31 IAIA06 Early Bird rate ends

January 2006

- 1 Newsletter mailed
- 1 Board election ballots tabulated; results announced
- 31 IAIA06 submissions deadline

February 2006

- 15 IAIA06 student fee waiver deadline
- 15 Last date authors may register and pay in full to be included in IAIA06 final program
- 15 Newsletter articles due
- 15 IAIA06 regular rate ends

March 2006

- 15 Technical visits, training courses, Quickpass deadlines

April 2006

- 1 Newsletter mailed
- 15 IAIA06 deadlines: requests for inserts in delegate bags
- 15 Training course instructor agreements due
- 15 Board action items due
- 15 Annual report information due
- 15 Annual General Meeting (AGM) action items due

May 2006

23-26 . IAIA06

- tbd Board meeting

June 2006

- 15 Newsletter articles due

July 2006

- 1 Newsletter, IAIA07 call for submissions mailed