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EIA Stalls California Budget

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been blamed for holding up a variety of projects. This year CEQA held up the entire state budget.

Environmental groups and the state's Attorney General attempted to ensure that compliance with California's new climate change initiative is included in all CEQA reviews. Business interests requested "urgent legislative action" to eliminate any such requirement, fearing projects would be tied up in litigation and a longer, more complicated and more expensive review process.

The state legislature and governor opposed such legislation, but some senators refused to vote for a budget unless there is CEQA "litigation reform." Environmental interests say it would encourage fewer auto-dominated projects; automobiles generate the most greenhouse gases in California.

A budget compromise was reached that exempted certain high-profile projects from CEQA climate change reviews, but set stricter regulations for most development.

In California, addressing climate change in EIA has become an important and divisive issue. • Richard Grassetti • GECONS@aol.com

Strategic Environmental Assessment Released for the Great Sand Hills, Saskatchewan, Canada

In July 2007 the Government of Saskatchewan, Canada, released its Regional Environmental Study (RES) of the Great Sand Hills. The Great Sand Hills is an ecologically sensitive area consisting of active sand dunes, native grassland, and several rare and endangered species. The area is also home to significant natural gas development and cattle ranching activities and is of significant cultural and historical importance to aboriginal populations. The Great Sand Hills RES was based on a strategic environmental assessment framework and geared toward understanding the cumulative human impact on the landscape, particularly in terms of biodiversity and habitat fragmentation. The full assessment document and supplementary information are available at www.se.gov.sk.ca/GSH/Regional%20Environmental%20Study.htm. For further information, contact Bram Noble, University of Saskatchewan, at b.noble@usask.ca.

• Bram Noble

New HIA Center Set Up

The UK-based Institute of Occupational Medicine (IOM) has set up a new Center for Health Impact Assessment (CHIA) to take forward its work on environmental and occupational health and well being.

The vision of CHIA is to be an international Center of Excellence for:

1. HIA theory and practice.
2. Evidence-based analysis of the impacts of policies and programs on health.
3. Understanding the wider determinants of health and well being.
4. Healthy urban planning and development.
5. Tackling environmental and health inequalities.

For more information on the work of the Center and opportunities for collaboration, contact Dr. Salim Vohra, Director, Centre for Health Impact Assessment, Institute of Occupational Medicine. salim.vohra@iom-world.org • Salim Vohra

IAIA08

PERTH AUSTRALIA

4-10 May 2008 • Paper and poster submissions invited October 2007—7 February 2008

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Consider the rewards of attending IAIA08.

Meetings, Members, and Mexico City

28th Annual Conference in Perth, Australia, 4-10 May 2008

I urge you to look at the preliminary conference program and take action. I am making my travel plans and hope that you are also. Please:

- Register early (and save money).
- Submit your abstracts for a paper or poster.
- Sign up for a training course, technical visit or networking event.

Consider the rewards of attending IAIA08—taking stock of what’s new in impact assessment, having fun and being part of the IAIA community. When we started in 1980 we were a very small family indeed. Now we are a global community, with the opportunity to learn what it is like to do impact assessment from an Australian perspective, in a time of economic boom and major resource extraction activities. Come to Perth to share in the dialogue on art and science and join in discussions. The conference will gain from your contribution.

Membership

Our new memberships (post-conference) are running somewhat higher than last year. We appear to be retaining about the same proportion of members as before. That, however, is not good enough. If you are thinking you might not renew, would you send me or info@iaia.org a note to tell us why?

Mid-term Board Meeting in Mexico City: 23-27 October 2007

The mid-term IAIA Board meeting will be held in Mexico City, thanks to Board Member Luis Montañez-Cartaxo. The IAIA meeting overlaps with the First Institutional Symposium on Sustainable Development sponsored by the Comision Federal de Electricidad, portions of which Board members will attend. We are pleased to hold this event in Latin America and hope that it will encourage participation in IAIA by more Latin American colleagues. IAIA’s membership will all benefit from learning about this region’s successes and challenges in impact assessment. One focus of our Board meeting in Mexico is a major update of the Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Your responses to the President-elect survey last spring and the member feedback survey in September will be valuable inputs to our planning for IAIA’s next five years.

• **Charlotte Bingham**, IAIA President • Millennium Challenge Corporation • binghamc@mcc.gov

Board of Directors Highlights

The IAIA Board of Directors met 9 June 2007 in conjunction with the Annual Conference in Seoul, South Korea. Guided by the Strategic Action Plan, the Board:

- Will revise the language of the bylaws regarding membership categories, which is currently too specific. The revised bylaws will go before the 2008 Annual General Meeting for ratification.
- Approved the idea of requiring pre-meeting training course instructors to allow at least one student to attend the course at cost after they’ve reached the minimum number of paying participants.
- Accepted a proposal from BeechTree, publisher of IAIA’s journal, *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*, for a price increase due to rising costs of production. IAIA membership rates will be adjusted accordingly.
- Approved funding for the Web site to complete issues not addressed or resolved by the original developer on the recent updating project; requested that HQ prepare proposals and budgets for ongoing Web development/maintenance and software to manage membership and conference data, respectively.
- Accepted a proposal from Ghana to host IAIA09, pending a site visit and contingent on financial oversight (see story on page 3).
- Agreed in general that a proposed Code of Conduct is a reasonable set of standards to which people could aspire, and agreed to fine-tune the document that will go before the membership for ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.
- Approved the convening of a task force to ground-truth a proposal for the creation and adoption of an IAIA global IA professional registry.
- Agreed to pursue establishment of an IAIA network in Russian-speaking Newly Independent State (NIS) countries.

For details on these and other discussion items, see the minutes of the meeting online at www.iaia.org > login > Administration & Member Services > Board of Directors Info & News.

Was IAIA07 a Success?

Based on the feedback received from the conference evaluations, yes!

Two weeks after returning from Seoul, HQ staff sent an e-mail invitation regarding the online evaluation. Of the 647 delegates, 552 were successfully contacted to complete the survey, and 208 of those responded.

The IAIA07 Local Organizing Committee and IAIA staff thought the conference went very well, and that was confirmed by the survey results, with 90% responding that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall conference program. Of all the conference elements, the opening reception received the highest rating, with 93% considering it satisfactory or very satisfactory. The theme forums (86%), closing plenary speakers (85%), conference banquet (84%), and concurrent sessions (83%) were all rated with high levels of satisfaction as well.

Not surprisingly, the most popular items in the delegate bags were the final program, list of participants, and the abstract volume, rated helpful or very helpful by 95%, 93%, and 91% of respondents respectively. Delegates were also asked to indicate items in the delegate bag that they didn't see or didn't read. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes and agenda was one of the least viewed items in the bag, with 15% indicating they didn't see and/or read it. As a result, IAIA is taking steps to further highlight the AGM within the final program.

Seventy-two percent of respondents thought the IAIA07 conference was a good or very good value for the registration rate, with another 25% staying neutral on the issue. Delegates felt they received sufficient support from IAIA Headquarters through-

out the conference and registration process, with 96% of respondents indicating that headquarters staff helpfulness was good or very good.

Respondents were asked to rate time allocation for different aspects of future conferences on a 5-point scale from "more" to "less/fewer." The change requested by the most people was for increased networking opportunities, with 58% asking for more face-to-face networking time. Otherwise, the majority of respondents preferred the same time allocation for the poster session, plenaries, social events, registration desk hours, and the entire conference in general.

As historically has been the case in IAIA conference evaluations, the delegates had conflicting opinions about the quantity of both theme forums and concurrent sessions. Over half of the respondents thought IAIA should keep the same amount of time for both, 10% and 15% of respondents thought there should be fewer forums and sessions respectively, while 29% wanted more forums and 23% wanted more sessions.

Delegates from government (31%) and academia (28%) comprised the largest two sectors represented at IAIA07, followed by private consultants (18%). Industry and donor agencies each represented 5% of the total delegates, with world/regional banks (4%), NGOs (2%), and "other" (7%) rounding out the rest.

As 98% of the respondents indicated they would recommend IAIA conferences to a colleague, we expect to see many both familiar and new faces at IAIA08 in Perth! • Bridget John • Marketing/Financial Specialist, IAIA HQ • bridget@iaia.org



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Student Poster Competition to Be Held at IAIA08

IAIA acknowledges the important role that students and early professionals have within the context of achieving good practice in impact assessment. To improve the visibility of student participation in IAIA, to encourage students to present posters, and to recognize superior research performed during undergraduate or graduate study, IAIA holds a student poster competition during the annual conference.

To enter, submit a poster abstract online and check the "Student Poster Competition" box. For information on the poster session, tips on poster preparation, and judging criteria, see www.iaia.org > IAIA08 > Submissions > Say It With A Poster.

Winning posters are designated with a ribbon during the conference and are highlighted in the newsletter immediately following the conference. Full papers may also be published in the journal, subject to editorial selection and peer review.

IAIA09 Set in Ghana

At newsletter press time, Headquarters staff had completed a site visit to Accra to confirm a proposal from Ghana to host IAIA09. The selected venue will be just outside of the capital city, Accra, which is known for its warm hospitality and tasty cuisine. Accra has adequate facilities and services to host the IAIA conference, and IAIA is placing its trust for IAIA09 in an experienced and enthusiastic group of people, most of whom have attended one or more IAIA conferences. The theme of IAIA09 is "Impact Assessment and Human Well Being." Mark your calendar for May 2009! Below: exterior and interior views from the campus of GIMPA (Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration), the proposed venue.



••• Feature: Corporate Stewardship

EIA and Corporate Environmental Stewardship in Guyana

The private sector can no longer be engaged in business as usual.

Environmental stewardship and corporate social responsibility are concepts that are germane to any discussion on conservation and/or sustainable development. Nonetheless, there still exists some tension between economic efficiency and long term sustainability, particularly when a country is faced with the stark reality of poverty. However, two inescapable facts must be recognized: (i) environmental modification/transformation is an inherent part of the development process (Adams, 2006) and (ii) private sector entities can no longer be engaged in business as usual!

The environment and its natural resources have always been a significant part of the development process in Guyana. The main contributors of GDP in Guyana are natural-resource intensive, since they are heavily dependent on a few commodities, namely, sugar, rice, fish, bauxite, gold and timber. Quite clearly, any type of activity that drives Guyana's economy must place a premium on the use of the environment.

In Guyana, less than one-tenth of the private sector operations (the more formal establishments) can be identified as examples of good environmental stewardship, even though there seems to be general agreement that private sector operations should demonstrate environmental stewardship for three major reasons: 1) It makes good corporate sense, 2) It is a component of a wider corporate responsibility and should be a primary goal. and 3) All activities impact on the environment and environmental protection is needed to sustain businesses.

Many developers have expressed the view that EIA is a layer of bureaucracy and a punitive measure or deterrent to development, especially for the private sector. Such a view is premised on a number of problems and issues inherent in the EIA system. Chief among these are the multiple agencies/institutions to be consulted due to fragmentation and duplication of responsibilities; the extraordinary length of time for the issuance of a permit and the associated economic

implications; institutions' capacity constraints, particularly technical, human and financial resources; limited monitoring for compliance, self-monitoring and enforcement of legislation; low public awareness of the need for and benefits of the EIA; lack of organized networking among government agencies and the private sector companies to facilitate regular and meaningful dialogue; and lack of appropriate infrastructure and incentives to promote and facilitate corporate environmental stewardship.

Several integrated actions can be taken to encourage and support businesses in Guyana to go 'green' and to practise corporate social responsibility. Chief among these:

- Increase the capacity of the EPA to ensure EIAs are technically sound and to correct technical deficiencies. External funding, as well as technical assistance, is necessary to help a developing country such as Guyana.
- Policy makers should not interfere with the EIA process that is formed by legislation.
- Promote greater public understanding of EIAs and the links to national development.
- Provide training to the private sector.
- Introduce an incentive regime.
- Undertake more economic analyses of economic benefits of environmental protection.
- Each private sector entity should recruit an Environmental Officer.
- The Environmental Assessment Board (EAB) is an important mechanism for credibility. Members should have technical skills to assure quality and should respect the timeframes (established by the legislation and guidelines) for completing the EIA review process.

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Editor's note: This article is an excerpt; for the full text, please contact IAIA HQ (info@iaia.org).

Washington Area Branch Launches Listserv

The Washington Area Branch (WAB) of IAIA now has a listserv to support its members and friends participate more effectively in IAIA. The address is WAB@IAIA.ORG.

The listserv will be used primarily to disseminate information about Branch meetings and other IA-related activities in the Washington, DC, area. The WAB holds five regular meetings a year in September, November, January, March and June (after the IAIA conference).

For information on how to join this listserv, log in to www.iaia.org as a member, then select Professional Resources & Networking > Listserv Discussion Groups. • John Boyle • World Bank • jboyle@worldbank.org

Post-Disaster Needs Assessment

On behalf of IAIA and in response to an invitation by UNEP, Charles Kelly and Michel Bouchard, co-chairs of the IAIA Conflict and Disasters Section, have submitted a review of the UNEP Post-Conflict and Disaster Management Branch's draft inter-agency framework known as the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA).

Kelly and Bouchard's review put forth a strong suggestion for a rapid strategic environmental assessment tool to be used within the first weeks of a disaster to identify and prioritize significant environment-related policy issues as input into the PDNA-based recovery and rehabilitation planning. IAIA is one of several stakeholder groups that have expressed interest in mainstreaming environment within the UN's Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) on the cluster system and humanitarian reform process. Other stakeholder groups such as Care International, WWF, IUCN, IISD, and ISDR were also invited to comment on the draft PDNA.

For further information, contact Charles Kelly (72734.2412@CompuServe.com) or Michel Bouchard (Michel.A.Bouchard@cogeos.com).

New ESRC Project: Developing the Learning Potential of Appraisal in Spatial Planning

The Department of Civic Design, University of Liverpool, UK, has been awarded an ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) research grant for exploring the learning potential of appraisal (including strategic environmental assessment and sustainability appraisal) in spatial planning in the UK, Germany and Italy. The project will provide for a closer insight into how different appraisal methods and contextual factors may affect learning experiences. Skills, knowledge and further research needs for improving learning outcomes associated with appraisal of spatial plans will also be identified. The project will be conducted by Sue Kidd, Deborah Peel, Urmila Jha-Thakur, Paola Gazzola and Thomas Fischer, all from the Department of Civic Design. The project started in June 2007 and will run over a nine-month period. If anyone has any information that may be useful for the project, please send an email to fischer@liv.ac.uk. Many thanks! • Thomas Fischer

Workshop Participants Continue Training, Develop Network

Asian alumni of the Advanced EIA/SEA International Training Programme attended a follow-up workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 27 May-3 June 2007.

The alumni were sponsored by SIDA and the workshop was jointly organized by Ramboll-Natura (Helena Lindemark) and the Asian Institute of Technology Center in Vietnam (AITCV).

The Asian alumni also participated in the recent IAIA Annual Conference in Seoul, South Korea, and presented papers on Environmental Assessment and Sustainable Development, Public Participation, Post Monitoring and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Trends in Asia.

While in Hanoi and Seoul, the members proposed to establish



Workshop alumni from thirteen countries (India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, PR China, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam) are represented.

a network within the Asia region. The name of the network is "Asian Regional Environmental Assessment Association" (AREA), with headquarters in Indonesia.

The association is composed of environmental assessment professionals in Asia whose aim is to work for sustainable development and sharing information through networking.
• Belinda I.Fajardo • Philippines • fajardo.belinda@dpwh.gov.ph

Calendar

October 1

International Day for the Elderly

October 4

World Animal Day

October 17

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

November 8

World Town Planning Day

December 1

World AIDS Day

December 5

International Volunteers Day

December 10

International Human Rights Day

WHO Convenes Workshop; IAIA Participates

Introduction

On 11-12 July 2007 the World Health Organization (WHO) convened a workshop on Community Health and Safety in Development Lending. The workshop was attended by WHO officers, representatives of the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and representatives from investment and development banks. WHO invited IAIA to attend as part of the memorandum of understanding between IAIA and WHO.

The aims of the workshop were fourfold:

1. To review the development bank needs when considering health and safety.
2. To examine the potential to refine and improve on the health aspects of impact assessment.
3. To look at tools that exist.
4. To identify next steps.

What is the IFC and what are its Performance Standards?

The IFC is the private sector arm of the World Bank Group. It promotes sustainable private sector development in develop-

ing countries. It applies Performance Standards so that the bank and its client (borrower) can manage the social and environmental risks and impacts of the projects. The client must meet these standards throughout the life of the investment. Other financial institutions also apply these standards.

Further information about the IFC Performance Standards is available at www.ifc.org/ifcext/enviro.nsf/Content/EnvSocStandards.

Performance Standard 4 (out of 8) refers to community health and safety. While this places the focus on protecting health, as opposed to improving health, it does provide a clear policy context for health input. It is also clear that each of the Performance Standards is important to protecting, maintaining and even improving the health and wellbeing of people living and working in, or close to, the projects.

Next steps

- WHO will develop a road-show programme of training to deliver to the development banks.
- IAIA pre-conference

training was noted as an opportunity for capacity building around the Performance Standards.

- WHO and regional banks to investigate possibilities for WHO to contribute to country reports.
- WHO and development banks to develop a programme of work: the three possible priority areas are transport, water and energy.

The following banks have policies out for public comment. IAIA members are encouraged to contribute.

- European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (<http://www.ebrd.com/about/policies/enviro/policy/review/index.htm>)
- European Investment Bank (www.eib.org/about/publications/environmental-and-social-practices-handbook)

A formal consultation exercise is due to be launched in the autumn.

• Ben Cave • Co-chair Health Section, IAIA/Ben Cave Associates Ltd • ben.cave@bcahealth.co.uk

IAIA members are encouraged to comment on the policies.

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Mark Your Calendar

15-17 October 2007. **Healthy Public Policy - Is Health Impact Assessment the Cornerstone?** Dublin Castle, Ireland. See www.publichealth.ie/hia for further information and conference registration, contact Tara Burke on + 353 1 478 6300 or email hia2007@publichealth.ie.

1-2 November 2007. **Sustainable Solutions, Focus on Africa.** Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands. www.tudelft.nl

5 November 2007. **Managing Resources for Sustainable Development through Impact Assessment.** Cape Town, South Africa. www.iaia.co.za/Conference_2007/default.asp

7 December 2007. **Vietnam-Korea EIA Workshop.** Organized by Vietnam Association for Conservation of Nature and Environment (VACNE) and Korean Society of Environmental Impact Assessment (KSEIA) Trade Union. Hotel, Hanoi, Vietnam. E-mail kseia@hitel.net or vacne@fpt.vn for information.

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 about 117 countries, to libraries as well as to members, and is widely read by policy makers, consultants, etc., and by academics and students.

Notes for Authors are available in the journal and on the Web (www.scipol.demon.co.uk/iapanote.htm); submit papers to the editor at editor.iapa@manchester.ac.uk.

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Help Wanted

IAIA needs your help!

- Deliver one corporate or organization membership brochure.
- Contribute a newsletter article.
- Renew your membership.
- Find a new member.
- Participate in a Section or committee.
- Volunteer to mentor a young professional.
- Propose to IAIA how to make IAIA more effective, increase its membership or improve its visibility.
- Attend a conference.

IAIA is IAIA through its members!

Are you well-connected?

In the interest of environmental consciousness, IAIA is always evaluating ways we can be friendlier to the environment. This includes offering more and more of our services electronically. In order to do that, we need to know the effect that may have on our members.

Please take a moment to respond to the poll below, either by fax (+ 1.701.297.7917) or e-mail (green@iaia.org).

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 - a. E-mail only
 - b. Internet only
 - c. Both e-mail and Internet
 - d. Neither e-mail nor Internet
- 2. My country of residence:**

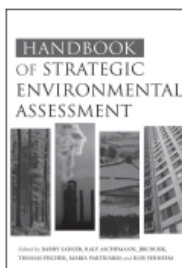
Thank you! Your response will help us evaluate our current services and how we can best meet our members' needs. • HQ

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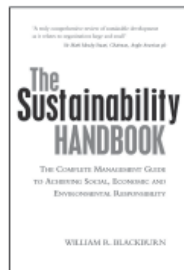
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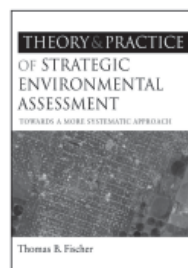


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Rewards are what you expect. Consequences are what you get.
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Has an IAIA member you know recently made news, celebrated a promotion, retired, or completed a major project? Please send the information to the newsletter and share it with the IAIA community!

Newsletter Now Available in Italian

Thanks to the combined efforts of the **volunteers** at **IAIA-Italia**, the IAIA newsletter is now available in Italian, as well as English and Spanish. IAIA-Italia's efforts are very much appreciated. The first Italian issue is now online, together with the English and Spanish versions, at www.iaia.org > login > Publications > Newsletter Members.

New on the 'net

- Washington Area Branch listserv information
- IAIA08 information
- Ireland-UK Branch updates
- New job postings
- Section meeting minutes and more!

Work is ongoing on IAIA's Web site. We continue to move information from the old site and re-link posted material. Please check back, as more material will continue to be posted. You may also notice formatting or technical errors when browsing the site; be assured that when this happens, we are working on it.

Welcome!

❖ New IAIA members 1 July - 15 September 2007 ❖

Emma King, Australia; **David Snashall**, Australia; **Daniela Stehlik**, Australia; **Tony Williams**, Australia; **Syed Joe Ahmad**, Canada; **Terry Koch**, Canada; **Marcela Ochoa**, Canada; **Amit Saxena**, Canada; **Rachel Speiran**, Canada; **Miroslava Tsoleva**, Canada; **Yiren Feng**, China-PRC; **Rouven Lau**, Fiji Islands; **David Sapzova**, India; **Vivianti Rambe**, Indonesia; **Shigeaki Fujisaki**, Japan; **Shinji Onoda**, Japan; **Adekola Olasupo Olusegun Adeola**, Nigeria; **Caroline Sophie Tibble**, Norway; **In Geun Kim**, Republic of Korea; **So Jung Lee**, Republic of Korea; **Madiodio Niasse & Mame Dagou Diop**, Senegal; **Jan de Graaff**, The Netherlands; **Carsten Schirmeisen**, The Netherlands; **Adam James Barker**, United Kingdom; **Marion Frederiksen**, United Kingdom; **Louise Johnson**, United Kingdom; **Peter John Meynell**, United Kingdom; **Daniel William Timney**, United Kingdom; **Johannes Wolff**, United Kingdom; **Tania Barron**, USA; **Shimaa Dessouky**, USA; **James Augustine Edwin**, USA; **Robert R. Jones**, USA; **Luis Caetano Porto Miglino**, USA; **Erling Westlien**, USA.

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23-27... Mid-term Board meeting

December 2007

1.....Newsletter articles due
31 ...IAIA08 Early Bird rate ends

January 2008

1.....Newsletter, ballots for Board election mailed
15 ...IAIA08 paper and poster submissions deadline

February 2008

1.....Newsletter articles due
15...IAIA08 Student fee waiver deadline
29...Last date authors may register and pay in full to be included in IAIA08 final program
29...IAIA08 technical visits, training courses, Quickpass
29...IAIA08 deadlines: Social events, exhibits, mentor program

March 2008

1.....Newsletter articles due
1.....Text for IAIA09 call for papers finalized
15...Training course instructor agreements due
30...IAIA08 deadline: requests for inserts in delegate bags
30...Board action items due
30...Annual reports due
30...Annual General Meeting action items due

April 2008

1.....Newsletter mailed
1.....Board election ballots tabulated; results announced

May 2008

4-10 IAIA08
.....Board meeting

June 2008

1.....Newsletter articles due

July 2008

1.....Newsletter, IAIA09 Call for Submissions mailed

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

IAIA Newsletter

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