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UNECE PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO ENTER INTO FORCE

The Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, signed by 35 governments and the European Community back in May 2003 in Kiev, Ukraine, is set to enter into force on 11 July 2010. This follows Estonia's ratification, which was deposited with the United Nations Secretary-General on 12 April. In becoming a Party to the Protocol, Estonia joined 11 other European Union Member States, as well as the European Union as an organization, including Albania, Croatia, Montenegro and Norway. Slovenia has since ratified the Protocol too.

The Protocol is set to ensure that environmental considerations inform and are integrated into governments' strategic decision-making in support of environmentally sound and sustainable development. Though a protocol to the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention), the Protocol requires the assessment of plans and programmes irrespective of whether they are likely to affect other countries.

The Protocol encourages the application of SEA to higher levels of decision-making as well to plans and programmes, requiring governments to endeavour to assess also their policies and legislation. It will provide a legal basis for the health sector to have a role in development planning, requiring for the first time that health authorities are consulted on development planning.

The Protocol, though negotiated by UNECE member States and signed by European Ministers of Environment, will be open to all United Nations Member States, upon approval by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, which will meet first in June 2011.

For further information, please visit www.unece.org/env/sea or contact Nick Bonvoisin, Secretary to the Espoo Convention, UNECE, E-mail: eia.conv@unece.org.

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TRADE-RELATED ASSESSMENT IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND BIODIVERSITY: ASIA, THE CARIBBEAN AND THE PACIFIC

Against the background of changes in the trade regime between the European Union and African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, six forward-looking studies supported by UNEP identified the social, economic and environmental impacts of policies and plans related to the EU-ACP Economic Partnership Agreements. Emphasis was placed on analyzing the link between agricultural trade policies and biodiversity. The studies cover transition strategies and adaptation plans in the sugar sector in Jamaica and Mauritius, liberalization policies in Cameroon's cocoa sector, growth strategies for horticulture in Uganda, transition strategies for shrimp farming in Madagascar, and trade policies potentially affecting the food crop sector in Papua New Guinea. Based on recommendations of the studies, the countries have started to implement action plans to further support farming systems that enable the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, the integration of biodiversity into assessment procedures (e.g., EIA and SEA), and the application of integrated assessment to other policies and sectors. For further information, see <http://www.unep.ch/etb/initiatives/BiodivCountryProjects.php> or contact Vera Weick, vera.weick@unep.org.

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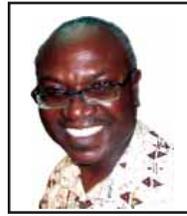
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jonathan Allotey

Dear Colleagues

I hope everyone has settled down into normal routine activities after the 30th Annual Conference in Geneva, including those who were caught up in the Icelandic volcanic ash. I believe we were all satisfied with the outcome of the Conference despite the anxiety on preparations leading to the conference and that we are in a better mood to contribute to the Transition to the Green Economy locally, nationally and globally.

IA professionals are also enforcement professionals.

For my first message as President I would like to draw attention and reflection to one aspect of IA practice on which we have placed less emphasis: compliance and enforcement, though this is important in achieving the goals of sustainable development through the use of the tool of impact assessment. IA professionals are also enforcement professionals, as we ensure the correct application of the tool. Sustainable development requires a strong and effective legal system with strong and effective compliance efforts to prevent harm to the environment.

The way and manner individuals, firms, groups, communities and societies interact with the environment is critical to human wellbeing. In most countries, the culture of compliance is either low or absent. There is therefore the need to promote compliance as society demands high environmental standards.

The need for a focus on compliance is because it creates value for all. Strengthening compliance can create value for society as a whole in terms of the public safety and sustenance of ecosystem services and for the private through the improvement of competitiveness, acceleration of technological innovation and leveling of the playing field for all.

Let us reflect how in our professional practice can contribute and promote compliance.

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IAIA MINI CHALLENGE GRANT SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

In January 2010, the IAIA Board of Directors announced a new funding resource available to IAIA members. "Mini Challenge Grants" are a competitive source of funds to encourage members and Sections to undertake innovative projects to advance the strategic direction of IAIA. The Board provided for a small number of grant projects that would move IAIA forward in one or more desirable directions and is pleased to announce the selected proposals for the first round of grants:

■ Extending IAIA Outreach to the Students and Faculties

of 3 Public Sector Universities in Pakistan, submitted by AWARE GIRLS chairperson **Gulalai Ismail**. This project aims to organize teacher and student IA societies in three public sector universities of Pakistan and establish their contacts with IAIA.

■ SIA Portal

, submitted on behalf of the SIA Section by Dr. **Ana Maria Esteves** and Prof. **Frank Vanclay**. The purpose of this project is to foster excellence in the practice of social impact assessment by providing a web-based portal where the global SIA community of practice can network, access resources, share ideas and promote good practice.

Watch the newsletter and Web site for the announcements of the next round of mini grant proposals and selections!

ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN IA

On 1 June, the Institute for Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) launched new Web pages dedicated to the consideration of Climate Change (CC) in UK Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The launch coincides with the adoption of IEMA's Principles on CC Mitigation & EIA (the Principles), which were the subject of a presentation at IAIA's conference in Geneva. To access the Web pages or the Principles, visit www.iema.net/eia-cc.

In recent years, IEMA has worked to improve the integration of climate change in environmental assessment by running workshops and discussion sessions at a number of events across the UK and in Ireland. However, it was clear that further action was needed to ensure that UK practice delivered the information on climate change mitigation and adaptation that is needed by decision-makers. IEMA Principles on CC Mitigation & EIA are only 4 pages long and aim to provide both concise and effective direction to those wanting to give greater consideration to greenhouse gas emissions within EIA. IEMA also recognises the urgent need for EIA to take better account of climate change adaptation and is currently drafting Principles on considering CC adaptation in EIA, which we will launch for consultation, via the Web page, in early July.

There are many other activities going on around the world to improve the linkage between IA and climate change, the most significant of which are the forthcoming IAIA symposia in Aalborg, Denmark (25-26 October 2010) and Washington, DC, USA (15-16 November 2010). IEMA recognises the importance of these international events and encourages IAIA members to visit their Web sites to get involved.

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SPECIAL SYMPOSIA CLIMATE CHANGE & IMPACT ASSESSMENT



Washington, DC, USA
15-16 November
[www.iaia.org/
iaia-climate-symposium-dc/](http://www.iaia.org/iaia-climate-symposium-dc/)

Aalborg, Denmark
25-26 October
[www.iaia.org/iaia-climate-symposium-
denmark/participation.aspx](http://www.iaia.org/iaia-climate-symposium-denmark/participation.aspx)

CALL FOR CONFERENCE HOSTS

Are you interested in hosting a future IAIA annual conference in your country?

The Board evaluates many factors, including location; proposed theme in relation to the IAIA mission, vision and values; quality of the proposal; and potential financial outcome. Contact **Rita Hamm** at IAIA HQ (rita@iaia.org) to express your interest and receive information on preparing an effective proposal.

CALL FOR TRAINING COURSE PROPOSALS

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 2011, 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 31st annual conference, to be held in Puebla, Mexico, 28 May – 4 June 2011. It is anticipated that training courses will be delivered as part of the pre-conference program 28-29 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. Policy engagement: How to influence policy-making through innovative use of IA
2. IA and climate change, mitigation, and adaptation
3. Sector-specific IA (e.g., mining, oil and gas)
4. Cultural component of impact assessment
5. Sustainability assessment
6. Strategic environmental assessment
7. Health impact assessment
8. Participation and indigenous people in IA
9. Social impact assessment
10. IA in developing countries
11. Integrating biodiversity in IA
12. Quality review and auditing for impact assessment
13. Cumulative effects and follow up in impact assessment
14. Tools for impact assessment (e.g., resource economics, GIS, IT)
15. General professional capacities (e.g., ethics, leadership, capacity building)
16. Environmental management plans and systems

Given that IAIA11 will be held in Mexico, training courses offered in Spanish are also invited this year, particularly on the topics of SEA and multi-criteria analysis. Please note that while the courses may be offered in the Spanish language, *the proposals must be in English* in order to be considered for review by the Committee.

Proposals must be submitted to IAIA Headquarters (jen@iaia.org) by 30 July 2010 and should comply with the complete structure and content requirements provided online (www.iaia.org > IAIA11 > Training Courses). Failure to provide adequate documentation will result in the rejection of a proposal. Please do not simply copy and resubmit prior proposals, as 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 7 September 2010.

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ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

Knights of old threw down a glove when issuing a challenge to another knight. Rose-Hulman winner **Charlotte Bingham** threw down a glove to issue a challenge to all IAIA members to raise money for an IAIA capacity building endowment fund. Charlotte will contribute seed money for the fund this year and provide a match next year (up to a pre-set limit) for any donations our members make between now and 30 September 2011. So for every \$1 you give, it will become \$2, thanks to Charlotte.

To make a contribution through IAIA's online store, see www.netforumondemand.com/eweb/shopping/shopping.aspx?site=iaia&prd_key=924e7321-981c-4c9f-9fd7-426fc625b568 and enter the amount you'd like to contribute. You can also add it to your membership renewal; just write in the amount under the optional voluntary contribution line on the form and add it to your total, or add the Capacity Building Contribution in the online store.

Other members have expressed interest in doing the same thing as Charlotte, so it is possible each dollar contributed to this fund could be worth \$3 or even more. If you are interested in joining Charlotte by providing matching funding, please contact Bridget John at IAIA Headquarters (bridget@iaia.org).

SEA IN THE LEGISLATION AND PRACTICE OF SERBIA

Law on SEA ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, No. 135/2004) regulates the conditions, manner and procedure for carrying out impact assessment of certain plans and programs on the environment. By this, the Republic of Serbia has joined the group of countries that have implemented the SEA into its legislative process. SEA procedures and reports have been conducted on urban policy, plans and programs in the Belgrade city area by the Town Planning Institute of Belgrade. To date, city decision-makers have adopted more than forty SEA reports, and various policies, plans and programs. Amongst the lessons emerging from practice is that the lack of training opportunities for SEA practitioners is one of the most important problems. For additional information contact Tanja Potkonjak, Town Planning Institute of Belgrade, tanja.potkonjak@urbel.com, or Nebojša Potkonjak, Institute of General and Physical Chemistry, npotkonjak@gmail.com.

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REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), since its merger with the Yen Loan part of the former Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), has grown dramatically. The annual budget of JICA is now \$12 billion, or two thirds of the World Bank's official development assistance (ODA) budget. JICA is Japan's major body for ODA, while JBIC provides international financing for the private sector. With the merger, JICA was required to revise its system and guidelines for environmental and social consideration. A committee worked from February 2008 to March 2010 to revise the guidelines. The process was intensive and transparent, with participation of major stakeholders including academia, NGOs, industry and ministries. As committee chairman, I believe the result is a step forward in creating a sustainable world. The major characteristics of the guidelines, established in April 2010, in effect from July 2010, are as follows:

- (1) Consolidation of JICA and JBIC procedures for loan aid, grant aid and technical cooperation.
- (2) Enhanced and timely disclosure of plans, permit certifications, and monitoring results.
- (3) Enhanced involvement of the Advisory Committee of external experts, on "Category A" and necessary some "Category B" projects.
- (4) Strengthened requirements for environmental review, including "free, prior, and informed consultation" and consistency with World Bank Safeguard Policies.
- (5) Merging of objection systems of the previous JICA and JBIC, enabling objection from very early stages in the project cycle.

See more details at the Web site of JICA: www.jica.go.jp/english/operations/social_environmental/guideline/index.html.

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WORLD COMMISSION ON DAMS - UPTAKE AND IMPACT

Your organisation may be interested in a UNEP survey concerning the planning, development and operation of large dams. I write on UNEP's behalf to request your participation by placing an announcement of the survey in your communications and on your Web site.

Ten years after publication of the report of the World Commission on Dams (WCD), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is seeking feedback on the degree to which the recommendations of the WCD have been adopted and put into practice. The purpose of the survey is to obtain this feedback from concerned organisations and individuals. The results will be presented during World Water Week in Stockholm in September 2010, and will be published in a WCD+10 special issue of the journal "Water Alternatives" later this year.

The survey is online at <http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/dam/wcd/langen/> in English, French and Spanish. It is scheduled to run until 31 July 2010. Thank you for considering this request. We appreciate your assistance in publicising the existence of the survey.

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL “HIA OF THE AMERICAS” WORKSHOP HELD

On 25-26 March 2010, the second HIA of the Americas workshop took place in Oakland, California. The purpose of this meeting was to gather Health Impact Assessment practitioners together to network and discuss the development of HIA in North America, with the overarching goal of developing ways to move the field forward.

The meeting saw a three-fold increase in attendance from the first HIA of the Americas workshop in 2008, with over 60 new and veteran HIA practitioners in attendance, some of whom were IAIA members. The workshop consisted of large and small group breakout sessions and a poster session highlighting recent HIA projects.

Small groups were tasked with identifying current challenges in HIA and deciding upon ways to overcome the challenges to move the field forward. Based on issues identified in the small groups and lively, good-natured conversations, eight standing committees were formed. The purpose of these committees is to pursue key issues of importance and to make progress on moving these areas forward. This format worked well in the preceding meeting, out of which came the Practice Standards for Health Impact Assessment document (see www.apho.org.uk/resource/item.aspx?RID=67535). The eight committees: Forming a HIA organization/association; HIA standards; Overcoming barriers to integrated health and environmental assessment; Engaging HIA stakeholders; Catalyzing HIA; Monitoring and evaluation; Opportunities and barriers for new HIA practitioners; and Institutionalizing HIA through new laws, rules and policies. One of the action items for the first group (forming an HIA organization/association) is exploring whether a formal organization of HIA practitioners is feasible. If it is, linking the organization to IAIA will be explored. Anyone wanting more information on the groups can contact Human Impact Partners (jlucky@humanimpact.com) to be put in touch with the appropriate committee leader.

A special thanks goes to Human Impact Partners and the San Francisco Department of Public Health for organizing this event and to The California Endowment for providing the beautiful space for this meeting as well as financial support.

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SEA AS A TOOL TO CONTRIBUTE TO HIGH-LEVEL POLICY OBJECTIVES

The conference “SEA as a Tool to Contribute to High-Level Policy Objectives” took place on 7 May 2010 at the David Livingstone Centre for Sustainability (DLCS), University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. It was organised by **Anna McLauchlan** and chaired by Dr. **Elsa João**, both from the centre. The speakers were **Gen Cannibal**, CASA Planning and Environment, Collingwood; **Joseph Somevi**, Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Council; **Ric Eales**, Collingwood Environmental Planning; **Caroline Scott** from DLCS, and **Tim Birley**, Advisor on Sustainable Development and Public Policy.



Delegates in conversation at the workshop during the Conference on strategic environmental assessment, David Livingstone Centre for Sustainability, 7th May

Over 40 delegates from academia, central and local government, environmental consultancies and non-governmental organisations discussed the purpose and benefits of SEA. A conference report summarising outcomes from this discussion and an overview of the presentations will be available in July from www.ce.strath.ac.uk/sea. Outcomes will also inform a special issue of the *Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management*. Further information and the call for papers can be found at www.strath.ac.uk/civeng/callforpapers/.

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Mark Your Calendar

IAIA AND AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Impact Assessment in Policy and Practice. A gathering of professionals to consider and discuss aspects of impact assessment in central and local government policy development and service delivery. Every 4th Tuesday of the month. Wellington, New Zealand. www.nziaia.org.nz/Library/WellingtonForum/Wellington.htm

Integrating Environmental Management: Bridging the gap between environmental planning and development planning. 23-25 August 2010. Pretoria, South Africa. www.iaia.co.za/Conference_2010/pages/

CNAI'2010 - National Congress on Impact Assessment. 20-22 October 2010. Vila Real, Portugal. www.apai.org.pt/

Climate Change and Impact Assessment Special Symposia. 25-26 October 2010 in Aalborg, Denmark. 15-16 November 2010 in Washington, DC, USA. www.iaia.org

Health, Wellbeing, and HIA: Working Better, Working Smarter. 17-19 November 2010. Dunedin, New Zealand. www.iaia.org

IAIA11. Impact Assessment and Responsible Development for Infrastructure, Business and Industry. 28 May-4 June 2011. Puebla, Mexico. www.iaia.org

OTHER MEETINGS

Reducing Carbon Foot Prints and Its Impact on Global Warming 20-21 August. Jaipur, Rajasthan, India. <http://seminar.rcew.ac.in/>

2010 International Conference on Environmental Engineering and Applications. 10-12 September. Singapore. www.iceea.org

ISOCARP: Sustainable City/Developing World. 19-23 September. Nairobi, Kenya. www.isocarp.org

IAIA-ITALIA HOLDS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SEA AND PLANNING SCENARIOS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF AIR QUALITY IN THE PO VALLEY

IAIA-Italia and the University of Bologna held an international conference on SEA and Planning Scenarios for the Improvement of Air Quality in the Po Valley 11 June in Alessandria (North Italy).

The Conference focused on Strategic Environmental Assessment in relation to strategies of harmonization and coordination of air pollution planning policies in the Po Valley.

The event allowed top-notch scientists and institutions to participate and discuss the progress of the European and national legal framework on air pollution, the different approaches in tackling the critical

conditions related to the issue and, at the same time, to identify and share effective actions to find solutions to one of the major environmental problems of the last years.

Representatives of major international institutions participated as speakers in the Conference: the **HIA Section** of IAIA, the **Spanish and Portuguese IAIA Affiliate**, the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, the National Commission on EIA/SEA of the Italian Ministry of Environment, the regional Environmental Agencies of the Po Valley and the Cambridge Environmental Research Consultants (CERC) Ltd.

Dr. **Stephen F. Lintner**, IAIA President-Elect and Senior Advisor of The World Bank, participated as keynote speaker.

The Conference drew institutions, experts, environmental consultants, associations and citizens interested in air quality and policies for sustainability.

The event was organized in four sessions:

1. The current status of air pollution in the Po Valley and its relevance
2. Health and Environmental Impact of PM10 and PM2.5

3. Techniques for air pollution analysis and assessment
4. Planning scenarios to improve the air quality in the Po Valley

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2010 AWARD PRESENTATIONS

IAIA THANKS THESE SPONSORS, WHOSE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS HELPED TO MAKE IAIA10 A SUCCESS

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- Oil For Development/ NORAD

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- Nestlé
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- SIGG
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
- JICA
- GTZ

Reef

- Golder Associates
- Republic and State of Geneva
- Manotel
- City of Geneva

IAIA Stewardship Corporate Member

- AECOM

Media Partners

- Japan for Sustainability
- Earthscan

IAIA Global Environmental Award

Nicholas Stern

Rose-Hulman Award

Charlotte Bingham

Corporate Award

Comisión Federal de Electricidad

Institutional Award

The Centre for Health Equity Training Research & Evaluation (CHETRE)

Regional Award

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Individual Award

Angus Morrison-Saunders

Impact Assessment & Project Appraisal Best Paper

Urmila Jha-Thakur, Paola Gazzola, Deborah Peel, Thomas B. Fischer and Sue Kidd, "Effectiveness of strategic environmental assessment - the significance of learning," IAPA 27:2, 133-144.

Best Posters

Wizaso Munthali, "The Adaption of SEA to the Zambian Tourism Sector" (Public Choice)

Shannon Gavin, Troy Whidden, Sarah Hechtenthal, Petr Komers, Zoran Stanojevic, "Wildlife Movement in the Canadian Oil Sands"

Special Appreciation to Retiring Board Members 2007-2010

- Sachihiko Harashina, Japan
- Charlotta Faith-Ell, Sweden
- Marina Khotuleva, Russia
- Luis Montañez-Cartaxo, Mexico



On behalf of the Awards Committee, Anne Miller presents Angus Morrison-Saunders with the Individual Award.

Awards were presented during IAIA10. For complete descriptions of the awards, or to nominate an individual or organization for 2011, see www.iaia.org/iaia-awards.aspx for details.

PILOT TRAINING CONDUCTED ON EXAMINATION OF THE QUALITY OF AN EIA REPORT

On 11-12 May 2010, the Cameroon Association for Environmental Assessment (ACAMEE) organised a Pilot Training on "Examination of the Quality of an EIA Report" to the benefit of members of the association and students from the faculty of Industrial Engineering (FGI) of the University of Douala.



Participants in the pilot training.

This training was a practical exercise for five trainers taking part in the regional training of trainers' process organised by the Secretariat for Environmental Assessment in Central Africa (SEEAC) within the framework of the program of support to National Associations for Environmental Assessment in Central Africa (PAANEEAC), supported by the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA).

This training provided the opportunity for ACAMEE to recruit new members, especially from the FGI, with whom it had established a former training agreement. Participants expressed satisfaction for the acquisition of first-hand techniques and skills for report analysis as they were handed a tool kit for report analysis and a compact disc containing the training modules and a good number of the laws and international conventions related to environmental assessment in Cameroon. IAIA members participating in this training were Dr. **Dieudonne Bitondo**, Executive Secretary of the Association, and **Gwen Van Boven**, a Technical Secretary at The Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment.

Several other trainings, such as how to conduct EIAs and present EIA reports, monitoring, and report assessment techniques, have been scheduled for this year for the benefit of members of the association and could be conducted by trainers trained within this process.

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WANTED: YOUR FAVORITE PHOTO

Please send your favorite photo of an IA-related project as a high resolution TIFF (minimum 4"x6" 300 dpi), together with a description of the photo, to jen@iaia.org. Select photos will be featured in upcoming newsletters.

Resource: E-communication platform for SEA in China

Known as the SEA-China E-Communication Group, this platform has recently been launched by the Centre of Strategic Environmental Assessment for China of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. It enables environmental impact assessment professionals interested in and/or working on SEA-related issues inside and outside China to share knowledge and experiences with an aim of facilitating the application of SEA in development policies, programs, and plans in China and other Asian countries. You are welcome to join this group now with over 350 members around the world and share your experience with other. To subscribe, please visit <http://sea.grm.cuhk.edu.hk/mailman/listinfo/cseac>, or alternatively email Dr. Kai-Yi Zhou (Project Officer) zhoukaie@cuhk.edu.hk. You can also distribute your information by sending materials through cseac@sea.grm.cuhk.edu.hk.

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2010: The International Year of Biodiversity
Artwork by Cecilia Ormaeón



Inspired by Nature

IAIA is holding a competition open to all

You are invited to submit your written inspirations, photographs and art works before the 15 October 2010.

Winning entries will be showcased at IAIA '11.

Winning entries will be given one year of membership with hard copy journal subscription. Runners-up will win one year of IAIA membership.

Please visit www.iaia.org/inspired-by-nature for submission guidelines and instructions, or contact Bridget@iaia.org for more details.

Co-ordinated by IAIA's Biodiversity & Ecology Section



University of Otago | Dunedin, New Zealand 17th-19th November 2010

Join us for a three-day conference on health impact assessment (HIA) bringing together international experts and practitioners in policy and planning, impact assessment, and health and wellbeing. Together we will review the latest studies and thinking about ways to make health impact assessment more effective. For more information, see <http://www.iaia.org/hia2010/>.

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.

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 feature are invited. Text should be no longer than 300 words and may be sent to jen@iaia.org. The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter is 1 September.

DOING RESEARCH ON SEA AS SOCIETAL CHANGE AGENTS

Researchers at the Danish Centre for Environmental Assessment have investigated how knowledge is produced in the field of SEA by focusing on the cooperation between SEA researchers and SEA practitioners. The investigation was based on a distinction between three modes of cooperation: Mode 1 as the classic research, Mode 2 as entrepreneurship, and Mode 3 as change agent. Three cases of change agent research have documented potentials for strengthening relevance and adequacy of theory as well as an improved contextualisation of research. Risks of the change agent approach are related to contextual changes and lack of engagement.

At IAIA10, conference participants were encouraged to categorise their own cooperation mode at a poster about the investigation. Of 60 responses distributed evenly between researchers and practitioners, the results were:

- Researchers: 3 % as Mode 1, 32 % as Mode 2, and 65 % as Mode 3
- Practitioners: 4 % as Mode 1, 27 % as Mode 2, and 69 % as Mode 3

Looking beyond obvious biases of the method, the statistic indicates a widespread cooperation between IAIA researchers and practitioners on research on impact assessments. This is a strength in the IAIA community as it supports the efforts on changing society to a more sustainable behaviour; however, the low percentage of mode 1 researchers and practitioners may mean that the community do not benefit from the strengths of this mode.

Questions on the investigation are welcome.

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES SECTION SEEKS INPUT ON BEST PRACTICE PRINCIPLES

The Indigenous Peoples Section has been working on best practice principles for incorporating traditional knowledge in impact assessment. A draft document is now available on the IAIA web site at www.iaia.org/iaiamembers/content.aspx?id=5.7&pagename=Sections. The principles follow the format and approach of existing IAIA best practices and first provide the background, definitions and objectives of best practices principles. The second half then presents the best practice principles, organized into general "basic principles" and specific "operating principles." The principles aim to promote a meaningful integration of traditional knowledge as well as the respectful incorporation of indigenous peoples in impact assessment by describing ways to incorporate indigenous peoples' positions as well as using traditional knowledge along with "Western knowledge" to complete a more comprehensive assessment.

The Section invites input from all interested IAIA members. In particular we are seeking input from members outside of Canada as the document so far is based heavily on the Canadian experience. Naturally, our Canadian colleagues are welcome to provide input too. Your comments or questions should be sent to **Martin Haefele** at mhaefele@reviewboard.ca. Please submit comments by the end of July.

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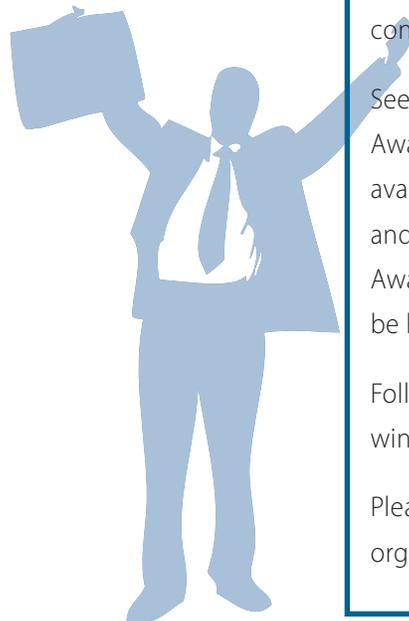


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- 11 World Population Day
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- 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People
- 12 International Youth Day
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- 8 International Literacy Day
- 21 World Gratitude Day
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- 8 International Day for the Elderly

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BRODERICK APPOINTED TO UK'S IPC REGISTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Martin Broderick, Ireland/UK IAIA member, has been appointed to the Register of Commissioners for the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) by The Rt. Hon John Denham MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The appointment is for 5 years commencing on 1 March 2010, with the possibility of being extended an additional 3 years.

Martin said: "I'm very excited about this appointment and this is a fantastic opportunity for me to play a critical role in the decision making for major nationally significant infrastructure projects."

The IPC is a one-stop development consent process for major infrastructure projects such as large wind farms, oil and gas, power stations, and railways. The new Commission will be critical to improving the UK's infrastructure now and in the future, maintaining and improving quality of life, protecting prosperity and safeguarding the environment in an increasingly competitive global economy.

Information about the Infrastructure Planning Commission is available at <http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/>.

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Reviewed papers from IAIA10 concurrent sessions that have been submitted to IAIA HQ are posted online. Concurrent thematic session papers that have been reviewed by session chairs and received by HQ have also been posted. Questions regarding concurrent thematic papers should be sent to Derek Eaton (Derek.EATON@unep.org).

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July 2010

- 1Board nominations due
- 15Newsletter mailed
- 30.....IAIA11 training course proposals due
- 31.....HIA2010 proposals for workshops & theme proposals due

August 2010

- 2.....Climate change Aalborg Symposium deadline for poster submissions
- 15Nominations Committee sends slate of potential Board candidates to HQ
- 15.....HIA2010 paper & poster submission deadline
- 20.....TPDC sends IAIA11 training course recommendations to HQ/Board
- 31IAIA11 session proposals and requests for special meetings due

September 2010

- 1Newsletter articles due
- 1Awards nominations due
- 6.....List of confirmed training courses due for IAIA11 preliminary program
- 30.....HIA2010 registration deadline for paper & poster authors and workshop or theme session organizers
- 30.....Midyear reports due
- 30.....Board action items due

October 2010

- 7Newsletter, ballots for Board election, IAIA11 preliminary programs mailed
- 25-26 ...Climate Change Symposium, Aalborg, Denmark
- 27-29 ...Midyear Board meeting
- 29.....Climate Change Symposium, Washington, DC, registration deadline (or until limit of 400 is reached)

November 2010

- 15-16 ...Climate Change Symposium, Washington, DC
- 17-19 ...HIA2010 New Zealand

December 2010

- 1Newsletter articles due

January 2011

- 3Newsletter mailed
- 3Board election ballots tabulated; results announced
- 31.....IAIA11 student fee waiver deadline
- 31.....IAIA11 paper/poster abstract submission deadline

February 2011

- 28.....IAIA11 last date authors may register and pay in full to be included in IAIA11 final program
- 28.....IAIA11 Early Bird rate ends

March 2011

- 1Newsletter articles due
- 28.....IAIA11 draft papers due
- 31.....IAIA11 deadline for technical visits and training course registration
- 31.....IAIA11 deadline for exhibits, mentor program, requests for inserts in delegate bags

April 2011

- 1Newsletter mailed
- 28.....IAIA11 paper reviews complete

May 2011

- 28IAIA11 training course instructor agreements due
- 28.....Board action items, annual reports and Annual General Meeting action items due

June 2011

- 1Newsletter articles due
- 11.....IAIA11 pre-registration cutoff
- 28-4.....IAIA11

July 2011

- 20.....Newsletter, IAIA12 first announcement mailed
- 11.....IAIA11 deadline for revised papers