

Dear Members,

The Chilean Academy of Sciences generously hosted the IAP Executive Committee (EC) meeting on 3-4 November 2010. The meeting took place at the Academy's historic library, where IANAS, the IAP network for the Americas, was launched six years ago. We are most thankful to the Academy for its warm hospitality.

One of the most important actions at the meeting was the allocation of funds to new projects for 2011. The selection process took place under the leadership of the Programmes and Strategic Planning Committee. We are pleased to announce that USD 668,000 will be distributed to 15 projects across the full spectrum of IAP activities. The projects will be carried out by partnership of IAP members. You will be able to read more about them on the IAP website in the coming months.

The EC listened to reports on some successful IAP initiatives that had taken place in the months before the EC meeting, in particular on the Young Scientists Conference in Tianjin, China, held in partnership with the World Economic Forum; an IAP workshop on science academies in Central and Southern Asia and their role in society, hosted by TUBA in Istanbul, Turkey; and an IAP workshop of Eastern European members on the role of academies in promoting regional cooperation in ST&I, hosted by TWAS and IAP in Trieste. Reports are available on the website.

Looking ahead to 2011, some key events and initiatives were discussed: A joint IAP/IAC Development Advisory Committee has been established to advise the two organizations on a broad spectrum of issues, including new initiatives and fundraising strategies; the IAP Communications Committee has been asked to present a review of IAP's communications strategy; the Cuban Academy will celebrate its 150th anniversary in May 2011; and IAP and IAC have expressed interest in working more on the issue of research integrity (IAP members are being invited to contribute any existing material from their own countries).

The next EC meeting will be held in Washington DC in March 2011, together with the IAMP EC and IAC Board meetings. A joint session of all three governing committees has been organized to discuss future strategies.

Finally, we would like to thank Albert Koers for his efforts as an IAP consultant. Albert stepped down in December. During his six-month appointment, Albert helped to move IAP's agenda forward with the same level of commitment and determination that he has displayed as IAP's legal and procedural advisor. We wish Albert well as he returns home, and we hope that we may count on his counsel again.

Bernie Jones, as many of you know, has replaced Albert, also as an IAP consultant. We welcome Bernie on board and look forward to working with him during this busy time for IAP. Bernie will be with us for the next three months while UNESCO is finalizing a job description for the head of the IAP secretariat. The vacancy will be announced shortly. We urge all members to help us attract a large pool of candidates by letting their colleagues and partnering institutions know about the opening.

Howard Alper and Mohamed Hassan, IAP Co-Chairs

IAP Calendar 2011

29-30 March 2011: EC Meeting, Washington, DC, including joint IAP/IAC/IAMP Session

12-14 September 2011: IAP-World Economic Forum 4th Young Scientists Conference in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of New Champions, Dalian, China

IAP Programmes and Projects

Science Education: This initiative, coordinated by the National Academy of Sciences, Sri Lanka, has produced a series of CDs and DVDs entitled "Science Behind Everyday Life". The series presents information on a broad range of topics, including natural hazards and disasters, how the body works, and how plants grow. It aims to show how using ICTs

to promote interactive science education can help raise the level of interest for science among school-age children. Copies of the CDs and DVDs are available from the IAP secretariat. For additional information about the initiative, contact Ranjith.mahindapala@iucn.org

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Australian Academy of Science published *The Science of Climate Change: Questions and Answers*. The report aims to address the confusion created by contradictory information in the public domain. More generally, it sets out to explain the current situation in climate science, including where there is consensus in the scientific community and where there are uncertainties. The document is available at tinyurl.com/SCCQA

The **Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts** celebrates its 150th Anniversary on 29 April 2011. For additional information on the Academy, see tinyurl.com/CASA150

The **Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts** held an international scientific conference, "Research and Development as the Basis for Innovation in Creating the Competitive Region", 12-13 November 2010 in Podgorica, Montenegro. Participants included representatives of national science academies, academy unions and associations, universities, as well as the Central European Initiative, UNESCO and the European Commission. For a copy of the proceedings, contact katarinat@canu.ac.me

TWAS and the **Académie des Sciences**, France, are among the official sponsors of BioVision, the 7th World Life Sciences Forum which is to take place from 27 to 29 March in Lyon, France. For a detailed programme and registration information, see tinyurl.com/BV2011

A selection of links to interviews with national scientists initiated by IAP member academies:

- ▶ "Interviews with Australian scientists" is a project launched by the **Australian Academy of Science**. See tinyurl.com/AASINT
- ▶ **US NAS**: "InterViews" provides first-person accounts of NAS members. See tinyurl.com/USINT
- ▶ "Libre Points de vue" focusing on members of **Académie des Sciences**, France, has served as the basis of opinion articles (in French) on biodiversity (see tinyurl.com/ADSINTB), the environment and sustainable development (see tinyurl.com/ADSINTE).

The **InterAmerican Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS)**, organized a workshop, "Inventing a Better Future: A Strategy for Building Regional Capacities in Science and Technology", 21-23 July 2010 in Brasilia. The workshop was part of the series of IAP/IAC regional workshops implementing recommendations that emerged from IAC study reports (tinyurl.com/IACFUTURE). An important focus of this meeting was the role that academies of sciences can play in encouraging and advising governments to build national strategies in STI. For a summary of the workshop, see tinyurl.com/IANASWS

The **InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP)** Statement on Health Co-benefits of Climate Change Mitigation, released in December 2010, received wide media coverage. The statement, available in English, French and Portuguese, can be downloaded from tinyurl.com/IAMPHCCSTA. To review the media coverage, see tinyurl.com/IAMPHCCREP

The **Australian Academy of Science** now hosts the secretariat of the **Federation of Asian Scientific Academies and Societies (FASAS)**. Kurt Lambeck is FASAS president, replacing Omar bin Abdul Rahman. See www.fasas.com.my

The Secretariat of **IANAS** (InterAmerican Network of Academies of Sciences) has been re-located to the **Mexican Academy of Sciences**. Mike Clegg has

been appointed co-chair, replacing Hernan Chaimovich. See www.ianas.org

TWAS was awarded the 2010 edition of the International Feltrinelli Prize by the **Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei**. The official ceremony took place at the *Lincei's* headquarters in Rome in the presence of Italy's president Giorgio Napolitano. The prize carries a EUR 250,000 cash award. For more information, see tinyurl.com/4hel9ey

Snapshot



Academy of Sciences of the Islamic Republic of Iran
www.ias.ac.ir

News from the Secretariat

International Year of Chemistry 2011: join up and publicize Academy events at www.chemistry2011.org

Appointments

Christopher C. Mutambirwa has been appointed president of the **Zimbabwe Academy of Sciences (ZAS)**. He replaces Christopher Chetsanga. Gilford T Hapanyengwi has been appointed secretary general.

Alain Carpentier has been appointed president of the **Académie des Sciences**, France. He replaces Jean Salençon. Philippe Taquet is the new vice president.

Helmut Denk has been appointed president of the **Austrian Academy of Sciences**. He replaces Herbert Mang. Sigrid Jalkotzy-Deger has been elected vice president.

Paul Nurse has been appointed president of **The Royal Society**, UK. He replaces Martin Rees.

Ahmad Tajuddin Ali has been appointed president of **Akademi Sains Malaysia**. He replaces Yusof Basiron.

Pierre Jacobs has been appointed president of **The Royal Academies for Science and the Arts of Belgium**. He replaces Dominique Willems.

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The deadline for contributions to the next issue of the *Bulletin* is 29 April 2011.