

28th Annual Meeting of the International Association for Impact Assessment
THE ART AND SCIENCE OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT
IAIA08 Session Chair's Report

Session number and name: CS6.6 Teaching impact assessment: Educating future professionals

Day: Thursday **Date:** 8 May **Time:** 16h00' – 17h30' **# Persons attending session:** ~15

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(a) Three current issues in application of assessment processes discussed in this session

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(b) One or more emerging trends

- IA is being taught at Universities around the world; teaching IA is expanding

(c) Issues relating to impact assessment effectiveness:

(i) dimensions of IA effectiveness (i.e. what are the characteristics of effective IA?)

- effective IA is carried out by qualified professionals

(ii) challenges/barriers to IA effectiveness

- Unqualified professionals

(iii) how these barriers might be overcome

- EIA educators have a key role in educating future professionals
- Sharing experience in teaching EIA
- International exchange of IA students

(d) Comments on the Art and Science of Impact Assessment (i.e. the relative importance and interplay between science and values/politics/subjectivity in impact assessment)