31st Annual Meeting of the International Association for Impact Assessment

- 29 May — 4 June 2011
- Puebla Convention Center (Centro Convenciones Puebla)
- Puebla, Mexico
Why attend IAIA11?

Is this your 1st, 5th, or 30th IAIA conference?

What an opportunity! Where else can you gather to hear perspectives in impact assessment from 80+ nations—all in one place?

Be prepared for some out-of-the-box thinking, applying solutions developed across the world to your little corner of it. Because impact assessment is such a dynamic field, you are sure to learn something new every year.

Who will benefit from IAIA11?

- Policy makers and decision makers
- Corporate, industry, and foundation leaders
- Practitioners and users of IA
- Government agency staff
- Educators, trainers, and students
- Consultants
- Legislators
- All others with an interest in impact assessment

Why should YOU attend IAIA11?

- Networking: expand and maintain contacts with your peers, clients, and those who conduct, evaluate and require IAs.
- Education: explore current best practice principles, recent tools and techniques.
- Options: choose from numerous and diverse training courses, theme forums, technical visits, and over 80 sessions ranging from interdisciplinary approaches to topic-specific workshops.
- Inspiration: attend and participate in stimulating and thought-provoking discussions.
- Innovation: learn about cutting-edge IA theory and practice from around the world.
- Dissemination: present your work and receive international feedback.
- Enjoyment: participate in one or more of many social events.

Why are IAIA conferences special?

- IAIA is the only international, interdisciplinary conference dedicated to the art and science of impact assessment ... the only one.
- Exclusive mix of high-level speakers representing many areas of expertise and interest.
- A very participatory conference: numerous in-depth workshops, roundtables, Q&A sessions, forums, and concurrent sessions mean you can participate actively and present your work and ideas.
- Access to training, papers, publications, tools, techniques, and case studies.

Membership benefits

If you pay the non-member conference rate, you automatically become an IAIA member and can immediately enjoy membership benefits, including:

- Electronic subscription to IAIA’s quarterly journal, Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal (IAPA), plus IAIA’s monthly e-news and quarterly newsletter, packed with the latest IA news.
- Networking tools, including a searchable membership directory and access to IAIAConnect—so international expertise is only a click away.
- Valuable publications and reference materials.
- Discounted rates on job postings at Career Central (www.iaia.org).
- And more!

I always come away from an IAIA conference with new knowledge and new contacts.

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The primary language of this conference is English; however, the plenary and selected theme forums will have English/Spanish translation. Selected concurrent sessions may also be translated.

Front Cover Photo Credit: H. Ayuntamiento de Puebla
I have the pleasure and honour to invite you to attend the 31st Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment IAIA11, to be held in Puebla, Mexico, on the theme “Impact Assessment and Responsible Development for Infrastructure, Business and Industry.”

The invitation affords us the opportunity to indicate our commitment to responsible development, meet and share experiences with other professionals. We will also deliberate from different perspectives on how we can ensure responsible development in our work as administrators, consultants, trainers, policy makers, students, etc.

Apart from the opportunity to enrich IA practice, you will have the opportunity to experience the “City of Angels” with its splendid architecture, excellent cuisine and blend of different cultural influence. Don’t hesitate to come along to Puebla.

Jonathan A. Allotey
Executive Director, Environmental Protection Agency (Ghana)
President, International Association for Impact Assessment

I am very pleased to welcome you to IAIA11 in Puebla, Pue., Mexico. Regular conference attendees, IAIA members, and newcomers will have the opportunity to enjoy a great professional meeting, the warmth of Mexican hospitality, and the rich regional cuisine. We promise you a stimulating and rewarding time: an event to remember.

As is the usual case in the IAIA annual conferences, the theme this year is very important. The first decade of the third millennium has already gone by and we are still struggling to mainstream environmental and social issues in decision making and governance. This conference will provide the chance to openly share views, ideas and experiences regarding the role of impact assessment in the responsible development of infrastructure, business and industry.

There has been a very good response from the chairs of the IAIA Sections and other colleagues to the initial call for sessions, so a very solid and varied technical program will underpin the conference, as you will see after a quick look at this document. This will be once again a fabulous occasion to network and learn about new thinking, new approaches and good practice across the wide field of impact assessment.

We invite you to submit your paper and poster abstracts and register soon for IAIA11. Come and taste a little bit of the joyful Mexican spirit. You wouldn’t like to miss it. We look forward to seeing you in Puebla!

Luis E. Montañez-Cartaxo
Chair, Program Committee
Ways to participate

Training courses
IAIA11 offers a wide range of exceptional pre-meeting training courses, with several one- or two-day options on 29-30 May. See page 17 for course descriptions and registration information.

Special and social events
Social events such as the opening reception, banquet and international networking night, Dine Outs, and more provide wonderful networking opportunities, local color, a chance to meet new people and to connect with long-time friends. Plan to participate in as many of these events as you can fit into your week in Puebla.

Opening session
The opening session will include addresses by high profile keynote speakers and representatives of the host country, Mexico.

Theme forums
Theme forums are “cut-above” presentations and discussions which draw together major threads of the conference theme. Theme forums are being developed for the final program to begin each of the days. For more information, see page 9.

.Concurrent sessions
A number of presentations related to impact assessment, but not necessarily related to the theme of the conference, will be offered. A number of these sessions will be specific to IAIA’s special-interest Sections and will highlight topics in their areas of interest or follow with sessions from IAIA10 and previous years.

Indaba
IAIA provides space for impromptu discussions and “pop-up” topics in unanticipated/unscheduled areas of interest. “Indaba” sessions, from a concept first introduced at IAIA95 in South Africa, are held at the end of each day, with the opportunity to “schedule” your topic throughout the day. The informality and spontaneity guarantee a lively end to each day’s sessions.

Poster session and exhibits
Every conference sees an increasingly sophisticated presentation of posters and professional exhibitions. IAIA11 will not disappoint. Information about the poster session is on page 8, and information for exhibitors is on page 31.

Find a Job
IAIA is inviting recruiters and companies looking for new employees to participate in a “mini job fair.” Watch the website and final program for details.

Committees and Sections
Much of the cutting-edge work of IAIA is the direct result of Committee and Section activity, and the only chance for members to meet throughout the year is at the annual conference. See the IAIA Web site for information about the Committees and topical-interest Sections. Everyone is welcome to attend Section meetings and informal Section gatherings during lunch. Check the final program schedule for meeting times and plan to attend the Section meeting of your choice. If you are interested in serving on an IAIA Committee, please contact info@iaia.org.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)
This is the annual business meeting of the Association. All meeting participants are encouraged to attend. You will meet the IAIA Board of Directors and hear reports from IAIA Committee chairs and the treasurer. The prestigious IAIA Rose-Hulman Award is presented at the AGM.

Council meeting
The IAIA Council serves as an advisory resource to the IAIA Board of Directors. The Council is composed of the Board, all Committee chairs, all Section chairs, representatives of Affiliates and Branches, the CEO and Headquarters representatives, and the conference program chairs for the current-year conference and any future known conferences. However, Council meetings are open; all IAIA members are encouraged to attend.

Welcome to IAIA
This session is for any member who wants to know more about the organization, its history, and how it works; anyone interested in participating in IAIA as a Committee or Section member; and any new or prospective Board members.

Technical visits
See page 24 for the variety of IAIA11 technical visit options. Technical visits are offered before and after the conference proper, providing an additional opportunity to participate and meet new people on a one-to-one basis.
Impact Assessment and Responsible Development for Infrastructure, Business and Industry

For the last four decades, impact assessment has been gradually incorporated into the world as a deciding factor for the development of industrial and infrastructure projects. Likewise, in the last two decades it has been gradually integrated into the financial and business decision-making processes. Despite the penetration impact assessment (in its various forms: EIA, SEA, SIA, HIA and others) has had in almost all sectors of the economy, and even though environmental impact assessment is a legal requirement in so many countries, the environmental factor is still often the factor of less weight in decision making, in contrast with priority given to economic considerations analyzed in isolation.

But impact assessment plays a crucial role in responsible development, since it is a tool to assess comprehensively the changes in the environment and communities, health and welfare. Infrastructure and industrial projects and businesses in general (financial, commercial and others) should be conducted with a responsible development approach, beginning at the conceptual stage and finalizing at the end of the project or business life.

IAIA11 will be only the second time that IAIA holds its annual meeting in Latin America. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in meetings of several formats in which theoretical and practical aspects of the various instruments of impact assessment (IA) will be addressed. These variations of IA are being used—or should be used—by infrastructure developers, industrialists, policies shapers, planners and public administrators, financial institutions, retailers, agencies of development cooperation and the general public.

The sessions will address IA applied to energy and oil sectors, water management and coastal zone management, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, mining, production and consumption, and health and pharmaceutical sectors.

There will also be sessions devoted to the following topics in relation to IA: climate change (mitigation and adaptation), biodiversity, corporate governance and risk management, corporate social responsibility, cultural heritage, public participation, social impact assessment, and environmental practice and governance in Latin America and the Caribbean.

As for impact assessment methodologies, the following issues will be discussed: capacity building, strategic environmental assessment, impact assessment and its influence in decision-making, EIA systems and regulations, fundamentals of IA and other topics.

This Conference should contribute to a greater collective knowledge about how, using a responsible approach in planning, design, construction and operation of infrastructure projects and industries of all kinds, as well as in planning, structuring and operation of all type of businesses (including the financial sector), impact assessment can contribute to sustainable development of cities, regions, countries, and the whole world, aspiring to a better future.
The conference will formally commence on Tuesday, 31 May.

Training courses (page 17) will be offered 29-30 May.

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### Tentative Program Overview

Check the final program for confirmed dates, times, and events.

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- **Registration for training courses and technical visits**
- **Technical visits**
  - A Tehuacán-Cuicatlán Biosphere 07.00-17.30
  - B Africam Safari 09.00-16.00
  - C Teotihuacan 08.00-18.00
  - D Cholula/Puebla 08.30-18:00
- **Special event: Ibero-American Day**
- **Opening plenary**
- **Break**
- **Theme forums**
- **Poster session**
- **Lunch Buffet of Ideas**
- **Concurrent sessions**
- **Opening reception**
- **Session Coordinators Meeting**
- **Exhibits & posters setup**
- **IAAPA editorial board meeting**

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For more details and updates, please check the [final program](#) for confirmed dates, times, and events.
• Diverse social activities (page 26) and technical visits (page 24) will be available throughout and following the conference.

• The opening reception will take place Tuesday, 31 May.
Tips for concurrent session paper presenters

Many papers will be presented during the concurrent sessions. In order for all presenters to have an opportunity to speak, and to allow time for the speakers and audience to discuss the topics, please note the following presentation guidelines:

- Your key messages or discussion points should be clear and well formulated.
- Limit the number of messages/discussion points (4 points or less).
- IAIA recommends that you take with you to your session approximately 30 copies of a one-page bulleted outline of your presentation that also includes your contact information. During your presentation, this handout will facilitate communication with delegates whose native language is not English, and it will allow individuals to contact you following the conference. Please note that you are responsible for supplying your own materials. Due to rental costs that would necessarily be passed on to all delegates in the form of higher registration fees, IAIA does not provide copying, printing, computers or other business services on-site.
- Your speaking time is limited and agreed up front and will depend on the format of your session. The chair is instructed to give you a sign near the end of your paper. When your time is up, you will be requested to stop speaking out of respect for your fellow speakers, your audience, the chair and the organizers.
- Remember, you do not have to use a PowerPoint presentation—a well-prepared oral presentation can be just as effective!
- Limit the use of PowerPoint presentation to six easily readable slides at the most. Each slide should contain no more than six bullets, each preferably not containing more than six words. Remember and please stick to the 6 - 6 - 6 rule.
- Practice your presentation consistent with these guidelines beforehand, and arrive well prepared!

About posters

Posters are a creative and popular alternative to the oral presentation of a paper. In a poster session, there is no formal oral presentation; instead, each author is assigned a display area on which diagrams, graphics, data, pictures/photos, and a small amount of text are presented. The poster should be self-explanatory, but the author should be available at certain times, such as refreshment breaks and during the dedicated poster session, to interact with viewers and answer questions.

IAIA recognizes excellence in poster presentations by selecting Best Poster (Judges’ Choice), Best Poster (Public Choice), and Best Student Poster during the conference. Winners are acknowledged throughout the conference with ribbons on the poster designating their “Best” status, and authors are awarded certificates and listed in the newsletter. Authors may also be invited to publish their poster papers in Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal.

Guidelines for poster presenters

Each poster presenter is assigned one space on a flat, upright panel. Presenters are required to use the panels provided by IAIA and to provide the materials to put their posters in place (e.g., blue gum or removable double-sided tape) and to hold handouts (e.g., a large envelope). If you need more than one poster space, contact IAIA HQ by 31 March 2011 for price information. Advertising is not permitted. Posters will be on display from Tuesday, 31 May, until Friday, 3 June. Additional poster preparation information and judging guidelines are available on the IAIA Web site (www.iaia.org > IAIA11).
About the Technical Program

The technical program is structured into topic streams that address broad aspects of impact assessment theory and practice. Each individual theme forum and concurrent session has been allocated to a topic stream.

As indicated, some sessions will be chaired by members of the IAIA Sections (see page 28) and form part of the ongoing activities of the Sections.

Submitting paper abstracts

1. Carefully read the theme forum and session descriptions and decide where your abstract fits best.
2. Note the specific theme forum or session under which you would like to contribute.
3. Go to www.iaia.org > IAIA11 > Submissions and complete the online form. Note that selecting "other" for a session topic should be a last resort and increases the chances your abstract will be rejected.

Theme Forums

Theme forums bring together special speakers to open IAIA conference discussions.

The goal is to present a well-balanced mix of innovative and high-quality sessions. Theme forums are intended to be integrative in nature, i.e., to deal with cross-cutting issues relevant to the many specialties of impact assessment; to engage with the conference theme; to be relevant to our international audience; and to be innovative in format.

The theme forums listed in the preliminary program are tentative. The final selection of theme forums will be made and confirmed in the final program following further planning by potential theme forum conveners.

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Using IA to enhance community participation in company supply chains

Format: Paper session
Conveners: Ana Maria Esteves

This session explores how IA can guide strategies for local procurement. Participants will be encouraged to think critically about how to predict, manage and monitor the social impacts of procurement interventions at community level. Presentations and group discussions will cover themes such as perspectives on lessons learnt to date, what is “good practice” assessment for community participation in the supply chain, and legal and institutional requirements: what does an “enabling environment” look like?

The human dimensions of energy transition: The role of integrated IA

Format: Paper session
Conveners: Francesco Viliani, Ana Maria Esteves, Rita Sully

This session will explore the ways in which the integrated impact assessment of different extractive industry investments can develop so that they include all the human dimensions of sustainable development. We are particularly interested in two different aspects: 1) good practices and case studies showing how assessments that focus on the physical environment have worked with health and social impact assessments, and 2) “organisational/project management” aspects that create an enabling environment for integration.

EIA and transmission lines siting

Format: Paper session
Conveners: Pamela Gunther

Welcome presentations include reports on the challenges bringing transmission to renewable energy sources and the difficulties acquiring power purchase agreements with existing transmission lines, as well as the approaches currently being discussed and implemented to support renewable energy while ensuring environmental protection of the most sensitive natural resources present in areas where transmission lines are needed to promote renewable energy.

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EIA and issues related to solar, wind, biomass, and biofuel energy facilities

Format: Paper session
Conveners: Pamela Gunther

Presentations for this session will focus on environmental strategies used to protect natural and human resources while allowing renewable energy technologies to expand. Primary issues from past and ongoing EIA on renewable energy proposals will be discussed, including successful mitigation strategies.

EIA and hydropower and hydrokinetic energy

Format: Paper session
Conveners: Humberto Marenco

Hydropower has been a renewable energy strategy implemented for decades, while technologies supporting hydrokinetic energy have yet to demonstrate commercially viable products for utilities. Environmental issues associated with these two types of water dependent energy technologies will be identified and discussed.

Cumulative effects associated with renewable energy

Format: Theme forum
Conveners: Gesa Geibler, Pamela Gunther

The intent of this session is to encourage presentations and discussion regarding how renewable energy fits in with other existing energy technologies, its long-term environmental impact, the need for continually upgrading existing renewable energy and its overall cumulative effects, and how different renewable energy technologies are best applied in different locations based on use of existing environmental conditions. The focus can be local and applied to a single renewable energy proposal, regional, and/or national, the latter two which would review multiple renewable sites and proposals.

Community and land use issues associated with renewable energy

Format: Paper session
Conveners: Jong-Gwan Jung, Pamela Gunther

This session is intended to encourage presentations that focus on different community perspectives on the application of renewable energy technologies in their towns and cities.

Oil and Development

Early experiences of SEA in the oil and gas sector

Format: Paper session
Conveners: Terje Lind, Ineke Steinhauer

During the last few years, the focus has been shifting more toward Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in the oil and gas sector. The purpose of the session is to share ideas and report on first experiences from the Norwegian Oil for Development (OfD) Program and the NCEA. Guest speakers may be
invited from the Bolivia Ministry of Hydrocarbons and/or the Environment Ministry, Ghana’s SEA team (EPA and Ministry of Energy), and Uganda’s NEMA and West Africa’s WWF-WAMER.

**Country experiences with oil industries and the environment**

*Format: Paper session*

Convener(s): Solveig Andresen, Anne Dalfelt  
IAIA Section: Energy

This session provides an opportunity for CBS recipients to present their own experiences and lessons learned from working with impact assessments in the oil and gas sector in their home countries.

**Oil and gas and responsible development**

*Format: Theme forum*

Convener(s): Peter Croal, Peter Tarr, Trine Hay Setsaas  
IAIA Section: Energy

This theme forum will present some of the latest experiences from the oil and gas sector with respect to responsible development, or the lack of it. This will focus particularly on the role that impact assessment can or should play, and any obstructions to its efficiency in contributing to responsible development. Are impact assessments often subjected to political influences in the resource-rich oil sector that limits its application and efficiency?

**How can we make the oil and gas industry environmentally responsible?**

*Format: Workshop*

Convener(s): Peter Tarr, Bryony Walmsley  
IAIA Section: Energy

This workshop takes as a point of departure discussions begun at the IAIA10 conference in Geneva. It will focus on what is perceived to be double standards in the oil and gas industry on environmental issues as they operate in developed or developing countries.

**Negotiating impact assessment with oil and gas companies: Role playing**

*Format: Workshop*

Convener(s): Richard Fuggle, Peter Tarr, Anne Dalfelt  
IAIA Section: Energy

This is an awareness and capacity building workshop demonstrating to the participants the complex issues of reaching agreement on the scope of an IA when opposite interests are involved. The session builds on the experiences gained at a special Oil for Development session held at IAIA09 in Ghana.

**Water and Coastal Zone Management**

**SEA and sustainable water and coastal management**

*Format: Paper session*

Convener(s): Ross Marshall

Water is the ultimate resource, its abundance or lack influencing a multitude of development scenarios and strategic plans. SEA has an important role in setting out the consequences of unsustainable activity, poor urban design, resource depletion or economic mismanagement. This session seeks to look at current practice and lessons learnt across the spectrum of water management issues.

**Protecting environmental flows and healthy rivers through impact assessment**

*Format: Workshop*

Convener(s): Rebecca Tharme, Maria Antonieta Gomez Balandra, Jeff Opperman, J. Eugenio Barrios Ordonez

Impact assessments in Mexico and other countries need to better protect river health and function by maintaining adequate water flows, aquatic ecosystems, and spatial connectivity. Speakers will introduce tools and approaches for addressing this shortfall, including environmental flow assessment methods, ecoregional prioritization, and regional infrastructure planning and optimization. Through facilitated discussion, participants will then identify opportunities for applying these tools within environmental impact assessments (EIAs) and strategic environmental assessments (SEAs).

**Strategic environmental assessment**

**Recent SEA legal framework in Latin America**

*Format: Paper session*

Convener(s): Rodrigo Jiliberto  
IAIA Section: Strategic Environmental Assessment

Current SEA framework in the Latin American countries, main features in terms of objectives, scope of application, content, actor’s involvement, phases and documents, weaknesses and strengths of current models, and degree of application.

**Asian SEA, EIA and sustainability assessment**

*Format: Paper session*

Convener(s): Kii Hayashi  
IAIA Section: Strategic Environmental Assessment

Participating in this Asian EIA/SEA session will give you good knowledge on EIA/SEA good practices in this region and also provide you with a good human network in Asia. We welcome your submission of your paper and participation to the session.

**Strategic Environmental Assessment and Climate Change**

*Format: Paper session*

Convener(s): He Xu, Kin Che Lunn, Tan Zhu  
IAIA Section: Strategic Environmental Assessment

What implications will climate change have on the feasibility and sustainability of policies, plans and programmes? How should we embrace considerations of climate change risks in the SEA process? With practical examples, this session will provide practical guidance on the planning, design and operation of PPP with climate change considerations in mind. The discussion will cover a wide range of sectors including land use, urban development, industry, agriculture, livestock breeding, forestry, energy, water conservancy, transportation and tourism.

**Strategic environmental assessment and public participation**

*Format: Paper session*

Convener(s): Jean-Philippe Waaub  
IAIA Section: Strategic Environmental Assessment

SEA is now enforced in more and more countries. Public participation at the strategic level has always been an issue. Even with many restrictions, public participation procedures at the strategic level were applied in many sectors and at different strategic levels. What have we learned from years of case studies and theoretical point of views? What are the unsolved issues for the next decade? How to envisage the future in the SEA rapidly evolving context?

**Strategic environmental assessment: Case studies in Africa**

*Format: Paper session*

Convener(s): Alexandra Bezeredi, Cary Anne Cadman

The session will focus on the use of SEAs across growth sectors in Africa using a case study approach to analyze lessons learned to promote best practice in the application of the SEA tool at the local, national and international level.

**Public participation**

**Sustaining public participation over time**

*Format: Paper session*

Convener(s): Rita Sully, Sukhad Keshkamat  
IAIA Section: Public Participation

The scale of large infrastructure projects often means many years of planning before the actual construction commences. Early engagement with the community is crucial to ensure fair, free and informed participation. However, what happens when the project is suspended, deferred, or the approval process is extended?

**Public participation, value conflict, and the politics of impact assessment**

*Format: Paper session*

Convener(s): John Devlin  
IAIA Section: Public Participation

Projects continue to be designed, approved and implemented with economic valuations foremost while social and environmental values are given secondary or tertiary consideration. But there are examples of IA processes leading to the blockage of large projects and IA processes which do generate changes in project designs having beneficial environmental and social effects. This session presents case studies highlighting how public participation generates such outcomes.
Social media and public participation in IA
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): John Devlin, Rita Sully
IAIA Section: Public Participation
This session will consider how social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Google Sites, WordPress, or YouTube are being used to facilitate participation in environmental, social and health impact assessment. Papers are invited discussing the use of specific media applications as well as papers presenting case studies of the use of social media in campaigns and consultation programs.

Public participation in EA follow-up
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): John Devlin
IAIA Section: Public Participation
This session will discuss public participation in EA follow-up activities in both developed and developing countries. It aims to assess the current EA follow-up situation and provide recommendations for improvement, paying particular attention to the role of the public and the concept of community-based environmental monitoring. Papers that demonstrate successful public participation in EA follow-up and successful community-based environmental monitoring are particularly encouraged.

Climate change in the coastal zone, EIA, SEA, mitigation and adaptation
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Pedro Bettencourt, Claudia Fulgencio
Climate change is expected to have a serious impact on the coastline, which is already under severe stress due to unprecedented surge on coastal occupation and activities. This paper session will provide an opportunity for a discussion on coastal dynamics, coastal impact assessment and SEA in the littoral fringe. The session will also focus on adaptation, coastal defence and coastal retreat, the main options we face in a climate changing world.

Can SEA avoid a struggle for water in international river basins?
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Arend Kolhoff
Water resources for human use are under stress. On top of this, climate change causes additional impacts resulting in considerable changes of water availability. In international water basins, e.g., the Mekong, these changes already lead to conflict of interest between countries. SEA and integrated water resources management (IWRM) supports decision-making at national and at the regional level. SEA and IWRM cases are presented, focusing on how to deal with climate change risks and uncertainties.

Corporate social responsibility (CSR), benefit sharing, and footprints
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Shivcharn Dhillion
The aim of this session is to present and disentangle mechanisms for the practice of social and environmental responsibility that instill community participation, transparency, and sustainability. Through case studies from Europe, Asia, South America and Africa, and, where relevant, supporting theory, presenters will illustrate tangible mechanisms for social and environmental interventions, triggering benefit sharing and ultimately reducing footprints of projects. The session will focus on the hydropower sector.

What constitutes responsible development?
Format: Theme forum
Convener(s): Ana Paula Fernandez del Castillo, Debra Zanewich
The premise of corporate responsibility is based on how a business operates rather than what the business does. With this in mind, the theme forum will focus on how the various components of corporate responsibility—namely social, environmental, governance, financial and technical—frame responsible development.

Corporate stewardship and risk management
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Ana Maria Esteves, Siobhan Airey, Rita Sully
The current “state of play” with Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) will be the focus of this session. We will highlight emergent purposes and uses of HRIA; explore some of the conceptual, methodological, practical and ethical issues and challenges that arise in relation to its use; and facilitate dialogue among practitioners and users of HRIA to see if some direction for IAIA and other stakeholders can be determined.

Climate proofing of deltas through SEA
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Arend Kolhoff, Galina Ivanova
Deltas are home to about 20% of the world population and are relatively important for the economies of delta countries. SEA is applied to integrate climate change issues in relevant policies and plans. Herewith, contributing to climate proofing of those deltas. In this session experiences with SEA for climate proofing of especially delta areas are presented, focusing on the use of guidelines and lessons learned.
Proposed sessions

Social impact assessment
Stakeholder networks and impact assessment
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Ana Maria Esteves, John Devlin, Rita Sully, Ilse Aucamp
IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment
This session introduces stakeholder network analysis as a dynamic and useful component of impact assessment. This session explores the use of social network analysis for understanding the socio-political complexities that emerge when project proponents meet politically active stakeholders. Case studies from Australia and South America illustrate the approach.

Perspectives on development impact
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Ana Maria Esteves, Melissa Wells
IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment
Donor-funded projects sometimes focus on creating impacts at the national level, creating an enabling environment through improved infrastructure, systems and national competitiveness. Privately funded development projects may focus on a narrow geographic area, with emphasis on generating highly visible direct economic benefits to the local community, to engender community goodwill, obtain social license to operate or fulfill local content obligations. This session will explore how different priorities can complement each other to increase overall benefit creation.

Agreements between companies and communities
Format: Theme forum
Convener(s): Ana Maria Esteves, Martin Haefele, Murray Jones
IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment
Impact benefits agreements are having a significant impact on how indigenous people participate in impact assessments. Unlike compliance-based IA, agreements uphold the principles of community consent, value local knowledge, and recognise indigenous communities’ rights and aspirations to development on their own terms. This session will focus on how, and whether, agreements and impact assessment should inform each other.

International Guidelines for SIA
Format: Workshop
Convener(s): Frank Vanclay
IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment
The workshop will present the International Guidelines for SIA that were developed over the last 12 months. Built on the foundations of the International Principles for SIA, the Guidelines provide practical guidance to assist in the implementation of improved processes of SIA.

Development-induced displacement and resettlement
Format: Panel
Convener(s): Irge Satiroglu
IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment
Participants will discuss the following in facilitated group discussions:

- Methodological aspects of community agreement-making processes in development projects in the extractives sector: What does “leading practice” look like?
- Legal and institutional requirements for community agreements: What does an “enabling environment” look like?
- Suggestions on how to include agreement-making in the IAIA draft Guidelines for involving indigenous peoples in impact assessment, for consideration by the Indigenous Peoples Section.
Displacement is among the most severe of social impacts that can be caused by development projects. Hydropower plants, railways, highways, airports, conservation parks, irrigation schemes, in short, all projects that require land, may and often do displace people. Despite their severity, displacement and resettlement remain as understudied fields with many unanswered questions. This session will facilitate sharing knowledge and experiences in the field of development-induced displacement and resettlement (DIDR).

**Gender impact assessment: Between benefits, betterment and betrayal**

*Format: Panel*
*Convener(s): Am Thorben Sauer, Ana Maria Esteves*
*IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment*

A gender impact assessment (GIA) makes it possible to plan and implement a piece of legislation, program, project, service design or any other kind of intervention in a more equitable, tailor-made and concrete fashion, by assessing impact in a way that addresses gender-differentiated target groups. It not only encourages gender equality in legislation, but also generates better outcomes and saves costs. This session will introduce tools, methodologies and fields of application of GIA.

**Social dimensions of environmental impact assessment in China**

*Convener(s): Peter Leonard*

These sessions will bring together academia, interested organizations, government entities and practitioners together to share their experiences and discuss the social aspects of Environmental Impact Assessment within the China context. The present status of social assessments in China will be reviewed as well as paths and actions to further mainstream these assessments within the environmental assessment process and in other venues. Land acquisition and involuntary resettlement in China will serve as an example to illustrate the challenges of taking into account social aspects.

**Impact assessment: Its influence in decision making**

*State of the art of sustainability assessment*

*Format: Paper session*
*Convener(s): Angus Morrison-Saunders, Jenny Pope*

Cutting-edge theory and applications of sustainability planning and assessment to achieve responsible development are explored based on experience from around the world. The emphasis is on moving from theory to practice including application of effective techniques and engagement of stakeholders. Facilitated audience discussion will follow presentation of papers by international leaders in the field.

**EIA success cases**

*Format: Paper session*
*Convener(s): Miguel Coutinho,Julio Jesus*

What is an EIA success case? How can we collect and use them to promote EIA? The session will include presentations of several EIA success case studies. The collection of EIA case studies as success stories is important to show the relevance of EIA to stakeholders. Additionally, it is important to discuss from these case studies the contribution that IA professionals, consultants, promoters and administration might have to adopt more sustainable decisions.

**Maximising SEA influence for poverty reduction**

*Format: Theme forum*
*Convener(s): Peter Croal*

This forum will review the experience of the OECD DAC SEA Task Team and the World Bank SEA Pilot Program on applying SEA in development cooperation, providing IAIA members an opportunity to discuss what is needed to ensure SEA has maximum influence for development and poverty reduction.

**Environmental and social impact assessment as if management matters**

*Format: Theme forum*
*Convener(s): Timothy Hart, Frank Vandelayer*

Management plans in various guises are a recognized outcome of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) process. Effective plans should be the culmination of robust assessment and rigorous consultation, but results are often disappointing. Through presentations and discussion this session will propose and explore a different perspective on ESIA—not a process leading to management, but a process with management in mind at the outset. In other words “ESIA as if management matters.”

**Research for policy impact assessment: Examples from the Americas**

*Format: Paper session*
*Convener(s): Aranka Podhora*

Policy impact assessment plays a relevant role with view to reaching sustainable development and environmental protection. Experiences from the Americas with the instrument are presented in this session to contribute to the transatlantic dialogue and to illustrate the variety of methodological, procedural and political elements policy impact assessment may cover.

**Does impact assessment lead to responsible development?**

*Format: Theme forum*
*Convener(s): Angus Morrison-Saunders*

To what extent does impact assessment practice lead to responsible development for infrastructure, business and industry? Come and join this participative audience discussion to share your wisdom, experiences and views. The session will commence with short presentations from three continents, by Jenny Pope (Australia), Jos Arts (Europe) and Francois Retief (Africa). Thereafter the floor will be open for a facilitated open discussion on the topic.

**HIA in developing country settings: From theory into practice**

*Format: Theme forum*
*Convener(s): Mark Divall, Kerry ten Kate, Anrei von Hase, Rob Barbour*

HIA is no longer “developing” or “coming of age” but is now a sophisticated, and regularly practiced, intervention to improve the development of policies, plans, programs and projects. This theme forum aims at learning from the experiences and trials of the past, at exploring the present current practice, in order to develop a new consensus about HIA standards fit for 21st century challenges and the aspects that still require further development.

**Cities and city regions: health, environment, society and sustainability**

*Format: Theme forum*
*Convener(s): Francesca Villani, Ben Cave, Patrick Harris, Ben Harris-Roxas, Salim Vohra, Aaron Wernham, Rajiv Bhatia*

Cities and smaller urban centers are part of complex and dynamic city regions, all of which rely on rural ecosystem services. How can infrastructure, business and industry work with civil society, including indigenous groups, to ensure that development of, and in, city regions nurtures health and wellbeing and reduces disparities in health? What can health, and other, impact assessments contribute to, and learn from, these processes? We welcome case studies and theoretical contributions.
### Extractive industry

**Impact assessment, local governance and corporate responsibility in mining**

**Format:** Paper session  
**Convener(s):** Rauno Sairinen, Ana Maria Esteves  

Mining activities can be understood as a complex struggle between global and local actors in utilizing local natural resources. This session will look at mining activities from the perspectives of environmental and social impact assessment, local governance and corporate responsibility. What are the impacts in the local and community level? How do the mining companies develop their business in relation to local community? What are the elements of existing mining legislation in these questions?

**Framework to manage the health impacts of extractive industries projects**

**Format:** Theme forum  
**Convener(s):** Carlos Dora, Michaela Pfeiffer  

Health should be one of the sectors leading the development of national frameworks for the sustainable use of non renewable natural resources. WHO and the Ghana Health Service developed a health impact management framework to assist ministries of health in leading this process. The session will start from Ghana’s experience and will discuss the processes, tools, and systems needed to enable countries to anticipate and respond to health issues associated with extractive industries projects.

**Foundations as models for distributing benefits from extractive projects**

**Format:** Panel  
**Convener(s):** Ana Maria Esteves, Liz Wall, Caitlin McElroy  

Extractive sector projects are being developed in increasingly remote regions of developing countries, where government services may be absent or weak. Here, government constructed benefit-sharing vehicles and community investment projects undertaken by companies can expand significantly. This session will draw upon a recent World Bank study to define the main purposes for which foundations are used in the extractives sector and identify areas of leading practice in mining foundations.

### Biodiversity

**Biodiversity offsets: Banks and business “on the same page”?**

**Format:** Theme forum  
**Convener(s):** Susie Brownlie, Kerry ten Kate, Amrei von Hase  

Nature is in deficit. Financial institutions and business can help to conserve biodiversity and ecosystem services: are they talking the same language? The Theme forum will look at global trends in biodiversity banking and markets, what the Business and Biodiversity Offsets Programme (BBOP) is doing, how the requirements of major financial institutions to mitigate impacts on biodiversity—including offsets—are changing, and the strategies of business, industry associations and consulting firms in response.

**Biodiversity: bringing business on board**

**Format:** Theme forum  
**Convener(s):** Liz Clarke, Susie Brownlie, Asha Rajvanshi  

IAIA Section: Biodiversity  

This session will explore the emerging business and biodiversity landscape, with guest speakers presenting the latest thinking on issues to include biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment, safeguarding ecosystem services, mitigation and offsetting, leaving a positive biodiversity legacy, assurance and accountability, progress and barriers. A panel debate will focus on how the effective engagement of business can be secured, whether and where this is happening, the key opportunities and challenges, and identifying where responsibilities may lie.

**Global access to biodiversity Information for IA using GBIF**

**Format:** Workshop  
**Convener(s):** Nick King, Selwyn Willoughby, Asha Rajvanshi, Susie Brownlie, Vishwas Chavan  

IAIA Section: Biodiversity  

Imagine a freely accessible global biodiversity database. IAIA and GBIF have signed an MoC to generate just such a global resource. Piloted in South Africa and India, the benefits for IA work are huge: participate in this workshop to see how you and your country can benefit from this exciting initiative.

**Resilience thinking in SEA: A follow-up discussion**

**Format:** Workshop  
**Convener(s):** Roel Slootweg, Marie Hanusch, Ana Maria Esteves  

IAIA Section: Biodiversity  

Resilience is the capacity of a social-ecological system to tolerate disturbance without collapsing. Last year’s first workshop on resilience thinking and SEA suggested that resilience thinking provides a better framework for the definition of true sustainability, including guidance on how to deal with a complex and, in principle, unknowable future. This year we will continue the discussion with SEA cases subjected to a resilience assessment, and real-life applications of resilience thinking.

**Modelling biodiversity strengthens SEA and land use planning**

**Format:** Workshop  
**Convener(s):** Wilbert Van Rooij, Arend Kolhoff  

IAIA Section: Biodiversity  

Biodiversity models can help SEA practitioners and land use planners who want—but do not know how—to take into account biodiversity objectives in their land use plans. The implementation of the GLOBIO3 biodiversity model and CLUE land use model will be discussed for two implementations on a provincial scale as part of biodiversity-inclusive SEAs for the Quang Nam land use plan in Vietnam and for the Papua land use plan in Indonesia.

### Ecosystem services in environmental impact assessments: A practical guide

**Format:** Workshop  
**Convener(s):** Orlando Venn, Jo Treweek, Florence Landsberg  

IAIA Section: Biodiversity  

With ecosystem services shaping national ecosystem assessment (e.g., UK National Ecosystem Assessment) and international safeguards (e.g., draft Performance Standards of the International Finance Corporation), we can expect ecosystem services to increasingly permeate the world of environmental assessments. The World Resources Institute (www.wri.org) will present a conceptual framework and associated tools to address ecosystem services in EIAs and will invite feedback from the attendants.

### Agriculture, forestry and fisheries

**EIA/SEA for agricultural planning and practice and climate change**

**Format:** Paper session  
**Convener(s):** Patrick Duffy  

IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  

The changing environment is a number one challenge to agriculture, now and in the future. All levels of society and government and industry deserve to be well-informed on this threat and what to do about it. You are invited to bring your cases and examples forward for discussion.

**New forestry practices for long-term sustainability**

**Format:** Paper session  
**Convener(s):** Patrick Duffy  

IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  

Long-term sustainability in forestry is achievable; demonstrations of this are invited for this session.

**Effects of introduced fish and hatchery practices on wild fish**

**Format:** Paper session  
**Convener(s):** Patrick Duffy  

IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  

The interaction between fish farm fish and wild fish has been the subject of research and some controversy for decades. We need to show the potential for EIA to constructively examine the issues and move to solutions.
Proposed sessions

EIA for genetically modified seed/livestock
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Patrick Duffy
IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
This session seeks to better understand this issue and to learn how EIA can contribute to solutions, including raising awareness among the different players and the publics.

Are there benefits to AFF from the certification of practices?
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Patrick Duffy
IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Certification of AFF practices and projects may be an untapped opportunity to advance the management of natural resources. We need to introduce the concept and experience, dwelling on success stories.

Environmental risks and AFF, with emphasis on fisheries
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Ijeoma Vincent-Akpu, Patrick Duffy
IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
The AFF Section seeks to explore the beneficial relationships between EIA and risk assessment. Part of this session should feature fisheries to provide examples for the onward examination of the sister activity.

Coaching and mentoring: More effective alternatives to the short course?
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Bobbi Schijf, Lex Brown
There is an emerging recognition that one-off training events are not necessarily the most effective way to develop capacity. This session focuses on a longer-term connection between the trainer and the trainee (coaching or mentoring) as a means to develop individual or team capacity. Papers are expected on coaching for SEA capacity in Turkey and environmental mainstreaming in Bhutan, and coaching of EIA trainers in central Africa. Additional contributions are invited.

Countries joining forces: Regional approaches to IA capacity development
Format: Theme forum
Convener(s): Gwen Van Boven, Dieudonne Bitondo
Joining forces with like-minded impact assessment professionals in neighboring countries can help to generate momentum for IA strengthening in a region. This theme forum will showcase three programs that have taken a regional approach to IA capacity development, two in Africa and one in central America. The programmes differ in terms of cooperation partners chosen, starting points and capacity building methods. The forum will explore which approach works in which context.

Foundations of impact assessment
Ask the experts: Foundations of impact assessment
Format: Workshop
Convener(s): Ana Maria Esteves, Francois Retief, Jos Arts, Angus Morrison Saunders
This session will appeal to conference attendees who are new to IAIA and the field of impact assessment, as well as the more seasoned members who would like to refresh their skills. A number of experts will be available to answer any question posed by participants. The intent is that anyone can come along and ask anything. Experts from social, health and environment perspectives will address areas such as screening, scoping, significance, follow up, and evaluation.

A visit to the orphanage of impact assessment
Format: Panel
Convener(s): Jos Arts, Francois Retief
The purpose of this session is to re-introduce and re-emphasise key issues in impact assessment which seem to have been neglected over time. The observation is that IA seems to focus only on the ‘new kids on the block.’ Concepts such as screening, scoping, follow-up, tiering, etc., are hardly discussed at conferences anymore. Are these ‘orphans’ mere concepts of ‘yesterday’ or do they deserve a welcome home?

EIA systems and regulations
EIA/SEA law
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Simon Marsden
The legal basis for EIA is now well established in international and domestic contexts and is also growing with respect to SEA. This session considers a number of topical legal issues illustrative of the development of EIA/SEA law.

The power of peer pressure: tools for benchmarking IA systems
Format: Theme forum
Convener(s): Weston Fisher, Reinoud Post
How to measure the adequacy of a country’s impact assessment system? And how to come to an agreed set of priorities for impact assessment strengthening in a specific country? In this theme forum, different tools for benchmarking IA systems will be presented and their applicability explored. Presentations cover mechanisms that can be used to compare impact assessment regulation across countries, as well as tools designed to track a country’s progress towards an improved EIA system.

EIA mapping workshop
Format: Workshop
Convener(s): Bobbi Schijf, Kerry ten Kate
EIA strengthening in any country should start from a shared understanding of what blocks EIA effectiveness. The Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) has developed a participative tool called “EIA mapping,” which gives insight into the performance of a country’s EIA system. In this workshop the NCEA will introduce EIA mapping, demonstrate how it works and show some of the result. The tool will be made available for those who want to work with it.

Cultural heritage
Cultural heritage in impact assessment: Benefits and good practice
Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Arlene Fleming, Julio Jesus
This session will features papers on the cultural heritage component of impact assessment, emphasizing good practice and benefits to development projects.

Sustainable production and consumption
Ecosystems: Servicing sustainable socioeconomic development
Format: Theme forum
Convener(s): Susie Brownlie, Roel Slootweg, Ana Maria Esteves
Ecosystems provide services that underpin socioeconomic development. We all—from global to local business, industry, governments and subsistence communities—depend on these services, directly or indirectly, for health and wellbeing. Addressing the potential impacts of development on these ecosystem services should be the cornerstone of responsible development. For sustainability, we must manage our ecosystems to ensure that they continue to deliver the services we need, and on which businesses rely.

Environmental practice and governance in Latin American and the Caribbean
Workshop on transboundary impact assessment: A Latin American approach?
Format: Workshop
Convener(s): Nicholas Bonnaisin
The workshop will provide a forum for brainstorming on possible approaches to transboundary EIA and SEA in Latin America and, it is hoped, for mapping a possible route to agreement on an appropriate mechanism.
Be it resolved governance dictates the environmental practices of the poor

Format: Workshop
Convener(s): Wayne Huggins

Urban policy must not ignore the housing needs of the poor. Case studies of squatting that highlight the environmental practices of the poor and linkages with systems of governance are debated. Best practices will be identified to show how environmental conditions have improved when this is supported by good governance. In so doing, the irrelevance of rigid urban policy that ignores the needs of poor residents will be exposed.

Other topics

Perspectives on partnerships for responsible project delivery

Format: Theme forum
Convener(s): Jos Arts, Charlotte Faith-Ell, Ilse Aucamp, Ana Maria Esteves

Managing the environment for sustainable outcomes requires a cradle-to-grave approach involving more than just environmental role players. Partnerships between companies, governments, agencies and communities are needed to ensure responsible project delivery. This becomes most evident during implementation stages. How do we ensure that commitments made during IA and decision making are actually delivered? This theme forum investigates the various perspectives on partnerships between regulators, developers, contractors and communities, and it discusses instruments and tools available thereby giving guidance to IA practitioners.

The influence of governance on environmental assessment

Format: Panel
Convener(s): Angeles Mendoza (Duran) Sammet, William Ross

The purpose of this session is to promote a dialogue on how the differences in the quality of national governance influence the effectiveness of impact assessment as a tool for sustainable development. One of the points to discuss is the similarities and differences between developed and developing countries. Participants from developed and developing countries are invited to submit papers and/or join the debate.

Benchmarking of EIA consultants: A practice of questionable merit

Format: Workshop
Convener(s): Asha Rajvanshi, Vinod B. Mathur, Susie Brownlie

Evidence from around the world supports that certification systems are effective means of distinguishing professionally competent practitioners. Experience is also indicating that professional certification systems are encouraging monopoly and superiority claims by certified professionals leaving little scope for equally competent “newcomers” to establish. This session will invite discussions on the advantages and disadvantages of professional registration systems and also explore other appropriate approaches for recognizing professional standing of EIA practitioners.

Special to IAIA

Welcome to IAIA

Convener(s): Rita Hamm

This session is for any member who wants to know more about the organization, its history, and how it works; anyone interested in participating in IAIA as a Committee of Section member; and any new or prospective Board members.

IAIA Affiliates forum

Convener(s): Julio Jesus

IAIA Affiliates, Branches and Associated Organizations will participate in a topical program and present posters in a designated area of the poster session.

Spanish-speaking IA network meeting / Reunión RHEA-Red Hispanohablante de EA

Format: Workshop
Convener(s): Iñigo Sobrini, Manuel Diaz

Continuing the discussions in Perth 2008 and Cordoba 2009, we want to boost the development of RHEA to put Spanish-speaking IA practitioners in touch with each other within IAIA. Sharing professional experiences will foster better IA practice in a global context, create a better public opinion and result in leaders and decision makers.

RHEA-Red Hispanohablante de Evaluación Ambiental. Se pretende impulsar la RHEA, para aglutinar a los profesionales de la EA de los países de habla hispana, en el marco de la IAIA.

Poster session

Posters are a creative and popular alternative to the oral presentation of a paper. In a poster session, there is no formal oral presentation; instead, each author is assigned a display area on which diagrams, graphics, pictures/photos, and a small amount of text are presented. Posters will be on display throughout the conference and are generally self-explanatory, but IAIA also dedicates a block of time for delegates to view the posters and visit directly with the authors.
Training courses
29-30 May

Important date: 31 March!

Important note: In consideration of the trainers and their need to prepare appropriate quantities of course materials, registrants may not change courses after 11 May.

ABOUT TRAINING COURSES
IAIA pre-conference training courses are presented primarily by IAIA members. The courses are open to all participants but require advance registration and payment.

Dates, times, location
IAIA11 pre-conference training courses will be held from 09:00 - 17:00 on Sunday, 29 May, and Monday, 30 May. The courses will be held at the Puebla Convention Center.

Registration, deadlines, and fees
IAIA's courses cost US$395 for the 2-day courses and US$225 for the 1-day courses. This fee includes course materials, light lunches, and coffee breaks. Participants in the training courses who are not registered for the IAIA conference will be assessed an additional US$75 fee. Course fees must be paid in full before you will be enrolled in the training course.

Please register early! Courses will be cancelled if they do not reach the minimum number of paid participants by 31 March 2011.

Minimum/maximum class sizes are noted. If the training course for which you have registered does not meet the minimum number by 31 March, IAIA HQ will notify you and provide refund information or offer to transfer you to another course. Course registration after 31 March will be subject to availability, instructor consent, and receipt of payment.

If you must cancel, your course registration fee will be refunded minus a US$75 administration fee and contingent upon a written notice of cancellation received in HQ by 30 April 2011. After 30 April, no refunds will be issued.

For students
A limited number of free training course registrations are available to student participants of IAIA11 once courses reach their minimum paid enrollments. If you are interested, please send your name, a 300-word statement of interest explaining how the chosen training course could contribute to your research or student career, and first and second course choices to (impact@iaia.org). Allocations of the free training course slots will be made by 30 April 2011, based on the order in which the requests were received and subject to instructor approval.

Check-in
Check-in for the training courses will be at the IAIA registration desk in the lobby of the convention center at the following times.

- Saturday, 28 May • 15:00-17:00
- Sunday, 29 May • 07:30-10:00, 14:00-17:00
- Monday, 30 May • 07:30

Name tags will be distributed at check-in and are required for admission to courses. Check-in the day before your course begins is encouraged.

For more information
For more detailed descriptions of the courses, including outlines of activities, listings of course materials, and background information on instructors, see the IAIA Web site (www.iaia.org > IAIA11).
1 | PRACTICAL GUIDE TO SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

The challenge of responsible development for infrastructure, business and industry is the challenge of sustainability! Sustainability assessment is a tool that informs decision-making in order to promote sustainable outcomes. It can be applied in different circumstances for different purposes by different types of decision-makers, including:

- Government regulators as an approvals process for proposals (particularly project proposals), analogous to EIA
- Proponents (or consultants, planners, engineers) to inform development of a proposal, which could be a policy, plan or project
- Government regulators, non-government organisations or any other interested party to assess the sustainability of current practices (e.g. a whole industry sector)

This intermediate-level course presents the theory and practice of sustainability assessment based on best practice examples from around the world. It is designed for planners, government agency personnel, proponents and consultants, and students in all fields of IA (environmental, health, socio-economic, SEA). No prior experience with sustainability assessment is assumed, but good understanding of IA processes will be beneficial.

The course content includes the following topics:

- What is sustainability assessment?
- Extending EIA to establish a sustainability assessment approvals process
- Integrating sustainability assessment into decision-making
- Integration, offsets and trade-offs in sustainability assessment

Learning outcomes – Participants will develop an understanding of:

- Sustainability assessment principles, processes and issues;
- Sustainability assessment for the approval of new development proposals;
- Sustainability assessment to inform planning and decision-making within an organisation
- A generic 7-step process framework for sustainability assessment of any proposals ranging from projects to plans and policy change
- How to develop a sustainability decision-making protocol appropriate to a particular context by drawing on relevant strategies and standards.

This course will feature short lectures interspersed with small group discussions and activities. A resource guide with state of the art information on sustainability assessment will be provided.

Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: Participants are expected to have an understanding of IA processes and terminology. Hence it would be beneficial if they previously have attended the IAIA training course “Understanding Impact Assessment” or similar, or otherwise have at least a year of work experience as a proponent or regulator within an IA system. A particular interest in sustainability assessment is obviously desirable.

Language: English

Duration: 1 day (29 May)

Min/Max: 10-60

Instructors: Jenny Pope, Director, Integral Sustainability (Australia)
Angus Morrison-Saunders, Senior Lecturer in Environmental Assessment, Murdoch University (Australia)

2 | MULTICRITERIA ANALYSIS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PROJECTS AND PLANS

Consideration of different alternatives is one of the fundamental requirements of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) procedures. The analysis and comparison of different alternatives (both at the strategic and project level) implies balancing different impact types, reaching an understanding of the merits of each option, and eventually establishing a preferability ranking. This calls for a framework to integrate factual information on effects and impacts, with values and preferences of decision-makers and stakeholders. Multicriteria analysis (MCA) techniques offer such a framework, and for this reason they are increasingly used in EIA and SEA.

This intermediate-level course aims at providing theoretical and practical insights on the application of MCA to EIA and SEA. More specifically, the course will address the following topics:

1. Basic concepts of decision theory (definition of objective, criterion, decision tree, etc.)
2. Structuring a decision problem
3. Introduction to the philosophy of multicriteria analysis for environmental decision-making
4. Methodological steps in multicriteria analysis: value functions, weight assessment, aggregation techniques, sensitivity analysis, and presentation of results
5. Decision Support Systems (DSS): definition and examples
6. Application example in the realm of EIA: using MCA to assess and compare alternative infrastructure developments
7. Application example in the realm of SEA: using MCA to assess and compare spatial plan policies

The teaching method is based on theoretical lectures, as well as group exercises and group discussions to gain insights on the usefulness of MCA, and on its potential applicability in the participants’ field of work. A software demonstration using a DSS that implements MCA will be also provided.

Expected learning outcomes:

- Understanding the advantages and limitations of MCA
- Structuring a decision problem requiring multiple criteria
- Understanding the differences between main MCA techniques
- Familiarizing with approaches for weight assessment and sensitivity analysis
- Understanding the role played by technical experts, stakeholders and decision-makers in MCA-based decision-making processes
- Gaining first-hand experience by analyzing real-life (though simplified) case studies

The target audience of this course is practitioners, international agency personnel, public officers, and students interested in environmental decision-making and in the comparison of options in impact assessment procedures.

Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: No prior experience with decision support systems is required, but participants should be familiar with EIA and/or SEA.

Language: Spanish

Duration: 1 day (29 May)

Min/Max: 10-30

Instructor: Dr. Davide Geneletti, University of Trento (Italy); currently research fellow at the Center for International Development, Harvard University
Culture is an important facet of development. Cultural heritage as a component of impact assessment is recognized in the policies of international and regional financial institutions, bilateral aid agencies, and the laws of national governments. However, cultural heritage, as one of three components in EIA - together with biophysical and social - has received the least attention in terms of training, methodology, and quality control. Neglecting cultural aspects can seriously impede development projects; conversely, incorporating, respecting and enhancing cultural features can strengthen projects. Attention to quality improvement and capacity building for the cultural component of impact assessment is increasing, with availability of training, methodologies and tools.

The interactive format of this course introduces participants to the various definitions and aspects of culture and cultural heritage, and provides for discussion of the value placed on cultural artifacts and practices by diverse stakeholder groups in the development process. Policies, standards and guidance materials for covering cultural heritage in EIA are presented and discussed, with emphasis on the detailed World Bank Physical Cultural Resources Safeguard Policy Guidebook, the Physical Cultural Resources Country Profiles, and a compendium of references on techniques and tools. A step-by-step discussion of the cultural heritage component in the EIA process, including creation and monitoring of the Environmental Management Plan (EMP), indicates the considerations, actions, and methods required at each step. Participants apply the principles, methods and information in the guidance materials in case study exercises.

The course, together with the guidance materials provided, prepares participants to conduct and review the cultural heritage component of EIA. A brief presentation on SEA highlights the importance and rationale for including culture and cultural institutions in this investigative and planning process, and a discussion of cumulative effects encourages participants to consider long-range impacts of development projects on tangible cultural heritage.

Although the course concentrates on the cultural component of impact assessment, it touches upon several other categories listed for IAIA11 training, including the innovative use of IA for policy making SEA, IA in developing countries, IA tools, and the EMP.

**Level:** Intermediate/Advanced

**Prerequisites:** This course is open to participants from all regions of the world who have a general knowledge of impact assessment and an interest in cultural heritage and infrastructure development.

**Language:** English. However, course materials for distribution are available in English, Spanish, French, Arabic, and Chinese.

**Duration:** 1 day (29 May)

**Min/Max:** 4-30

**Instructors:**
- Arlene K. Fleming, Cultural Resource and Development Specialist, The World Bank (USA)
- Juan D. Quintero, Senior Environmental Specialist, The World Bank (USA)

The course’s main purpose is to lead participants to understand 1) how they can value ecosystem goods and services using a broad valuation concept; and 2) how they can strategically use valuation of ecosystem goods and services to increase tangibility in SEA. Often SEA has been criticized for being too general and qualitative. While that is a matter of fact in many circumstances, there are approaches that help improve the role of SEA for strategic decision making.

This course will introduce participants to the valuation of ecosystem services, as a means to improve the added value of SEA. Valuation of ecosystem services is encouraged by the Convention on Biological Diversity through its ecosystem approach (a strategy for the integrated management of land, water and living resources). In SEA the valuation of ecosystem services in financial terms is not always possible, and often neither is it needed. The role of ecosystem services in SEA can range from simple recognition of services, to quantification of services, societal valuation, or ultimately to economic valuation. But even if broad strategic decisions do not need an economic approach, politicians often like, or need figures and statistics to support and reinforce their decisions. In other words economic valuation is not indispensable, it can be done in other terms, but it can be a powerful advocacy tool to assist decision makers. For all these reasons it makes sense to address this theme in an SEA perspective and context.

The course will use a case application approach, led by Maria Partidario and Roel Slootweg. It will involve short presentations, case examples, and group exercises. Participants attending this course are required to have good background on SEA to enable advanced workshop discussion. The course will not go into the details of economic valuation. Moreover, it presents a broad overview of valuation techniques and a stepwise approach to identify ecosystem services and their stakeholders, and to define the best approach to valuation of these services for any specific situation.

**Learning Outcomes**
- How to value ecosystem goods and services using a broad valuation concept
- How to increase SEA tangibility using integrated valuation of ecosystem goods and services
- How to strategically contribute to improve decision making

**Level:** Advanced

**Prerequisites:** Basic understanding of ecological concepts and principles of environmental economics. Familiarity with generic EIA framework, experience of project evaluation and economic planning will be useful though not a must.

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (29-30 May)

**Min/Max:** 9-25

**Instructors:**
- Maria Rosário Partidário, Associate Professor, Instituto Superior Tecnico (Portugal)
- Roel Slootweg, Senior partner, SevS Consultants (The Netherlands)
5 | UNDERSTANDING IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PRINCIPLES, METHODS, AND EMERGING TRENDS

This course is aimed at individuals who have started to work with some form of impact assessment, perhaps using impact assessments to help with their decision-making or having to provide information or other forms of input to an impact assessment process. One key purpose of the course is to broaden participants’ understanding of the impact assessment process as a whole, and to appreciate the breadth of application, and what constitutes good practice impact assessment. In particular it aims to show that the basic principles of impact assessment are shared across all forms of the approach, and in different decision-making contexts (policies through to projects).

A second important aim is to highlight significant emerging trends in impact assessment, such as the consolidation of the Equator Principles among private sector financial institutions, the increasing recognition of post-disaster and post-conflict strategic environmental assessment, the rise of sustainability assessment, and climate change impact assessment.

The first part of the course sets the scene, addressing the purposes and benefits of well grounded impact assessment. A generic model of impact assessment is then employed to explore the broad methods and approaches of IA. That model underpins the consideration, in the second part of the course, of the various forms of impact assessment: from social, cultural, and health, to ecological/biophysical; and from strategic assessment of policies to project level IA. The generic model emphasizes an integrated perspective of impact assessment, and the various forms of IA are seen as being interdependent. This platform is then used to explore some of the more important trends in impact assessment.

As the course progresses, I will link key themes to topics being addressed in the IAIA conference itself. This will help participants derive greater benefit from the conference, especially for those relatively new to the field.

Level: Introductory
Prerequisites: None
Language: English
Duration: 2 days (29-30 May)
Min/Max: 10-50
Instructor: Richard Morgan, Professor, University of Otago (New Zealand)

6 | MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

With industrialization and development progressing at an unabated pace, the human species has emerged as the dominant force on the planet. We have wrought massive changes that are adversely affecting our natural capital and eroding the planet’s ability to support us sustainably.

“Development cannot be divorced from ecological and environmental concerns. Indeed, important components of human freedoms – and crucial ingredients of our quality of life – are thoroughly dependent on the integrity of the environment.” These words of wisdom from Amartya Sen, instill the sense more strongly that biodiversity and development are closely linked: biodiversity sustains development, and development induces impact on biodiversity, that are seldom positive but mostly negative.

The need to mainstream the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources across all economic sectors, the society and the policy-making framework has therefore become central to all the three tenets of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Impact assessment professionals cannot become ‘unthinking enemies’ or just the ‘fellow travelers’ in the development voyage. They have a much greater responsibility to navigate development that reflects greater convergence of economic security, human well being and ecological sustainability objectives.

This two-day course is an intermediate level course for mid career EA professionals, business groups, decision-makers, government officials, donor agencies and economists.

The course will allow the EIA professionals to use the conceptual EA framework as a mainstreaming tool for biodiversity for evolving an understanding of sustainable, responsible and smart development. For business community, the course will help to assess business risks associated with impacts on biodiversity. For decision makers, it will help review development models that combine biodiversity conservation, profitability and sustainability. For those in the government, the course will highlight the need for making reforms in environmental governance to strengthen the sense of responsibility for encouraging green and sustainable development.

Level: Intermediate
Prerequisites: Basic understanding of ecological concepts and principles of environmental economics is required. Familiarity with generic EIA framework and experience of project planning and implementation will be useful though not a must for taking the course.

Language: English
Duration: 2 days (29-30 May)
Min/Max: 5-30
Instructors: Asha Rajvanshi, Professor and Head, Wildlife Institute of India (India)
Vinod B. Mathur, Senior Professor and Dean, Wildlife Institute of India (India)
7 | ACHIEVING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF SIA

This course provides an introduction to Social Impact Assessment (SIA) based on IAIA’s International Principles for Social Impact Assessment and leading practice. The course will go beyond traditional understandings which saw SIA as only occurring in project settings and driven by a legislative framework. In the understanding being advanced, SIA is as much about the processes of managing the social issues as it is about the prediction of social impacts in advance of project development. SIA should be seen to be a tool to ensure positive development outcomes are achieved (a ‘do good’ approach), rather than traditional SIA oriented to a ‘do no harm’ approach.

This course will appeal to early career SIA practitioners, people who commission SIA, people who would like to do them, people who are involved in assessing them, and people with a general interest in the field. Specific course objectives are to:

- Increase awareness of new developments in SIA thinking and practice
- Create awareness of the benefits to proponents of seeing SIA as a process of engagement rather than being limited to a point-in-time assessment
- Strengthen understandings of the social nature of impacts on communities
- Build practical knowledge in how to conduct an SIA and prepare a social impact management plan
- Increase ability to critically evaluate an SIA
- Increase awareness of approaches to ensure SIA commitments are implemented
- Equip with tools to realize the potential of proponents to contribute to longer term sustainability outcomes
- Increase comprehension of the ethical issues in SIA practice

The course will use case studies from developing and developed contexts and also provide participants with frameworks and tools to consider issues such as sustainable livelihoods, human rights, gender, agreement-making with Indigenous Peoples, cumulative impacts, cross-sector partnerships, and social impact management plans.

Level: Intermediate
Prerequisites: No specific prerequisite; however, it is presumed that participants will have a general understanding of EIA.
Language: English
Duration: 2 days (29-30 May)
Min/Max: 5-30
Instructors: Ana Maria Esteves, Director, Community Insights Pty Ltd (The Netherlands)
Frank Vanclay, Professor, University of Groningen (The Netherlands)

8 | QUALITY ASSURANCE IN EIA: GUIDE AND REVIEW

This course will combine lectures delivered by the trainers, general discussions and individual and group work. It will have two main parts: the first will provide the delegates with insights into how the EIA process should be guided. This will include aspects such as writing terms of reference, adjudicating proposals from consultants and how to provide oversight to the whole EIA process.

The second part will deal with review. This will include methods and frameworks that can be used to review scoping, EIA and EMP reports; key questions to be asked and how to make decisions on the information provided in the documentation.

The learning outcomes will include:

- Participants will have a better appreciation and confidence about how to guide and review large and small EIAs;
- Participants will be provided with some tools (templates, criteria, frameworks, decision-trees) to write ToRs, run a tendering process, adjudicate proposals, manage the entire EIA process and review the documentation;
- Participants will be made aware of common pitfalls and how to deal with them.

Level: Intermediate to Advanced
Prerequisites: This course is primarily aimed at decision-makers and corporate EIA managers who are responsible for setting Terms of Reference, adjudicating EIA proposals and reviewing the final documents. Therefore the participants must be in positions where they carry out these tasks. They need to understand the EIA process and legal requirements.
Language: English
Duration: 2 days (29-30 May)
Min/Max: 15-30
Instructors: Peter Tarr, Ph.D., Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (South Africa)
Bryony Walmsley, Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (South Africa)
9 | STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: A STRATEGIC WAY FOR INTEGRATING SUSTAINABILITY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (LAC) COUNTRIES

Over the last few decades we have seen a gradual process of change in the SEA discourse, shifting from a notoriously technocratic and rationalist approach in the early 90s, to much more strategic and integrated approaches and concepts in recent years. Such approaches suggest that SEA must act directly upon the formulation and development processes of policies, plans and programmes (PPP), to increase the capacity of influencing decision priorities and facilitate environmental and sustainability integration in decision-making.

Therefore, this 2-day preconference training course on SEA is based on recognizing that SEA should be used as a catalyst in organizational-learning processes, generating positive long-term cultural effects within organizations and sectors that apply it, strengthening the capacity of environmental management and planning. The course is designed to expose participants to the key concepts and issues that significantly distinguish SEA from other environmental assessment and management tools while at the same time offers different strategic methodological approaches and techniques for conducting SEAs in a Latin American context.

The key objectives of the course are to:

- Introduce participants to key SEA concepts, aims, principles, advantages and problems of SEA
- Review current practices and international experiences in both developed and developing countries context
- Expose participants different strategic methodological approaches and techniques for conducting SEAs
- Discuss capacity-building needs (technical and institutional), to establish SEA systems and practices in a Latin American context

The course is open for a wide student, professional and academic audience, who has a general knowledge of environmental assessment, planning processes and sustainability principles.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Understand SEAs concepts, principles, processes and tools
- Acquire abilities to carry out SEA using simple and strategic tools
- Develop a critical thinking attitude and approach to apply SEA in a strategic way

Level: Introductory/Intermediate
Prerequisites: General understanding of environmental assessment, planning processes and sustainability principles.
Language: Spanish (Portuguese can be facilitated, particularly in working groups)
Duration: 2 days (29-30 May)
Min/Max: 10-30
Instructors: Victor Lobos, Associated Researcher and Research Fellow, Technical University of Lisbon (Portugal)
Guillermo Espinosa, Director, Center of Development Studies (Chile)

10 | INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE FOR IMPACT ASSESSORS

This course introduces the international standards for involuntary resettlement and provides practical guides for the design and implementation of resettlement operations in different sectors, with an emphasis on public information and participation.

The day is broken into several sessions. In Session 1 we present an overview of the evolution of involuntary resettlement policy in the donor community, as well as among client countries, in order to exemplify the critical policy principles and their application in distinct sectors (e.g., areal land acquisition for reservoirs, airports and other land extensive projects, linear acquisition for roads, railroads and pipelines, and urban land acquisition). Session 2 details the information and organization of a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) and a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), as required by World Bank Operational Policy (OP) 4.12, Annex A. Session 3, the final morning session, examines public information and participation in RPF/RAP development and implementation, with an emphasis on the differences in participatory approaches between resettlement operations and environmental impact assessments.

The afternoon sessions work through an actual case of RAP development and supervision. Session 4 reviews the legal process of land acquisition process in El Salvador, taking up how a program can meet both national standards and international guidelines without contravening either, and, no less importantly, how policy principles are applied on the ground. This session also provides guidelines for estimating the time required for simple land acquisition, for legal encumbrances (e.g., lack of title, inheritance issues), and for physical relocation. Session 5 examines the often underappreciated topic of institutional arrangements for resettlement implementation. The concern here will be on institutional capacity to implement the program, staffing and training requirements, coordination with contractors (and roles), and monitoring and feedback systems for effective administrative surveillance. The presentations will treat the implications for resettlement design and implementation of differences in contract modality (design only versus design/build). Session 6 takes up monitoring programs for timely administrative response. Session 7 provides time for participant sharing of experiences and concerns.

Learning outcome: a sufficiently detailed overview of what is expected in resettlement planning and how to do it for effective implementation. The course is oriented toward practical issues and concerns, drawing on examples of projects in various sectors around the world, with an emphasis on Latin America.

Level: Introductory
Prerequisites: None
Language: English, with Spanish translation as needed. Participants should be reasonably proficient in English.
Duration: 1 day (30 May)
Min/Max: 8-20
Instructors: Gordon Appleby, Ph.D., Washington, DC (USA)
Rosamaria Rivas, Director, FOMILENIO (El Salvador)
Agnieszka Rawa, Managing Director, Millennium Challenge Corporation (USA)
11 | ISSUES IN HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES

This foundation-level course is intended to introduce participants to the value and use of Health Impact Assessment within extractive industries. The extractive industries—such as oil and gas development, mining and quarrying—are important economic drivers in the Americas.

However, they are also often contentious, and companies face increasing challenges in making their activities sustainable and socially responsible. Large-scale extractive industry projects may impact community health through activities such as construction, drilling, transport of materials, importing migrant workers and other factors that directly or indirectly influence health. Health Impact Assessment (HIA) has been recommended as a way to assess and mitigate negative impacts of projects on community health, safety and security and to enhance potentially positive impacts. The recommendation to use HIA comes from resource development industry associations, finance institutions, some national authorities and the World Health Organization.

In this training workshop we will explore a broad range of issues related to the use of HIA in extractive industry projects, including how to define health; the value that HIA generates for stakeholders and project proponents; HIA methods; guidance for conducting, commissioning and evaluating HIAs; the benefits of stand-alone HIA vs. integrated assessment; and issues specific to indigenous populations.

The course will draw heavily on case studies from the literature and from the trainers' own experience.

Level: Introductory
Prerequisites: While there are no prerequisites, it will be helpful if the participants are already familiar with the goals or process of impact assessment in some form (EIA, SIA, etc.) or with extractive industries.
Language: English, with possible translation/assistance in Spanish during the training or translation of training materials in Spanish. Participants should be reasonably proficient in English.
Duration: 1 day (30 May)
Min/Max: 6-30
Instructors: Marla Orenstein, Founding Partner of Habitat Health Impact Consulting Corp. (Canada)
Francesca Viliani, Director of Public Health Services, International SOS (UK)

12 | LINKING PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT / LA EVALUACIÓN DE IMPACTO AMBIENTAL Y SU FUNCIÓN EN LA GESTIÓN MEDIOAMBIENTAL DE PROYECTOS

The course is aimed at IA practitioners and academics interested in understanding the potential role of IA in project management, requiring a basic understanding of EIA. It starts by reviewing the state-of-the-art “environmental manager’s toolbox.”

Looking at the project life-cycle, opportunities for integrating environmental planning and management are reviewed, stressing the need of ensuring a smooth transition between the planning phase (and the planning team) and the implementation phase (comprising construction, operation and, where appropriate, decommissioning).

Topics addressed include the preparation of environmental management plans, the components of effective follow-up and the role of follow-up tools.

Organizational learning opportunities for consultants, proponents and government agencies will be explored.

Three case studies of mining and civil works will be presented.

Learning outcomes:
- Understanding the role of environmental management plans in delivering effective mitigation
- Understanding the importance of building auditability in preparing such plans
- Enhancing awareness of the organizational learning opportunities embedded in EIA follow-up

Level: Intermediate
Prerequisites: Basic understanding of EIA
Language: Spanish
Duration: 1 day (30 May)
Min/Max: 10-25
Instructor: Luis Enrique Sánchez, Associate Professor, University of São Paulo (Brazil)
About technical visits

Please register early! Technical visits will be cancelled if they do not reach the minimum number of paid participants by 31 March 2011.

Minimum and maximum numbers of participants are noted. If the visit for which you have registered does not meet the minimum number by 31 March, IAIA HQ will notify you and provide refund information or offer to transfer you to another visit. After 31 March, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until 11 May or the visits reach the maximum number. Registrations will be processed in the order that payment is received.

Prices for technical visits are shown in US dollars. Participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid to participate. If you must cancel, the fee will be refunded, less an administration fee of 25% of the technical visit cost and contingent upon written notice of cancellation received in HQ by 30 April. After that time, no refunds will be issued.

All prices include transportation, guide, fees, taxes, and lunch. The price of meals includes service charge, but additional tips are welcome. No alcoholic beverages are included.

Family members of registered delegates are welcome to register for technical visits.

Casual clothing and walking shoes are recommended.

Tours depart from the Puebla Convention Center. Plan to check in for the visit a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the noted departure time.

IAIA, the organizing committee, and the venue will not be responsible for medical expenses, accidents, losses or other unexpected damage to property belonging to conference participants, either during or as a result of the conference and during all tours and events. Participants are strongly advised to arrange their own insurance for health and accident, lost luggage and trip cancellation.

Participants will be required to sign a liability release waiver upon check-in for the visits.

A / E | TEHUACÁN-CUICATLÁN BIOSPHERE RESERVE AND THE WATER MUSEUM

The visit starts with a 2.5 hour trip to the town of Zapotitlán, located to southeast of Puebla City, in the Tehuacán-Cuicatlán Biosphere Reserve. The Reserve covers 490,187 ha in the extreme southeastern portion of the Puebla state and the northeast portion of the Oaxaca state. It is rich in diversity of flora, containing 910 plant genus and 2,700 vascular species; plant endemism is estimated at 30%. In Zapotitlán the group will visit the Helia Bravo Hollis Botanical Garden. This unique garden contributes to the conservation of biological heritage and species of flora and fauna of the site. Within the garden is an Environmental Centre, bird watching tower and trails, and souvenir shop.

Transfer to San Juan Raya (30 minutes), within the same Biosphere Reserve. The community of San Juan Raya (around 200 people) offers its visitors a look at the past with the presence of seventy dinosaur footprints that were discovered only recently, and the Park of Turritellas, where you can see fossils of sponges, clams, sea urchins, snails of various sizes that are approximately 115 million years old.

Transfer to the Water Museum, near the city of Tehuacán, for lunch. The museum aims to create awareness among visitors about the water issue, displaying the historical evolution of culture hydro-agro-ecological giving rise to the Mesoamerican civilizations and to recovering the history of water and the cultivation of amaranth in the valley Tehuacán-Cuicatlán and Mixteca. There a speaker will address the visitors with a successful case history of ecological regeneration of the watershed where the museum is located and the social organization for production they have developed. Return to Puebla City: around 1.5 hours trip.

Sunday, 29 May (A) Saturday, 4 June (E)

Depart 07:00 | Return 17:30

Minimum 10 | Maximum 17 delegates per minibus

Price $70

Price includes a box breakfast and lunch at the Water Museum.

Special note Participants should bring a hat/cap, use sunblock, and wear long sleeved shirts and long trousers (no shorts please, because of the spiny vegetation). Bring one or two bottles of water with you.
The technical aspects of C/F, D and G will be in English and A/E and B will be explained in Spanish with translation into English.
Special meetings, networking activities and events

WELCOME RECEPTION

IAIA11 will open with a reception; this event is traditionally a highlight of the conference, and the IAIA11 opening reception promises to be something very special! Come along to meet up with old friends, make some new ones, and get your conference off to a great start.

Pending sponsorship.
Tuesday, 31 May
18:00-19:30 at Puebla Convention Center
Pre-registration is required.

DINE-OUTS

The tradition of dine-outs is back for IAIA11! Share an evening sampling some of the wonderful food for which Puebla is renowned at a “pay your own way” dinner. Local hosts have that all-important local knowledge about where the best food and the best dining experiences can be found, and in the spirit of their country’s hospitable traditions, they are ready to take you to experience it! To join, sign-up on the forms that will be available in the registration area. Dine-outs are a great opportunity to meet new people and see some different parts of the beautiful and historical city of Puebla.

Wednesday, 1 June
19:30 onward

BANQUET

Join colleagues old and new to exchange experiences and reflect on IAIA11 while enjoying excellent Mexican cuisine.

Pending sponsorship.
Thursday, 2 June
19:30-21:00
Pre-registration and nominal fee ($30) are required.

BUFFET OF IDEAS

IAIA11 continues a simple methodology introduced at IAIA09 for hosting conversation about issues of interest and concern called “Buffet of Ideas.”

Buffet of Ideas is an informal networking session which provides participants the opportunity to create their own workshops in small groups over lunch.

The conversation is to build, link and cross-pollinate ideas and discover new insights into issues important in their work. It is also for participants to share ideas on topics of interest and connect with colleagues with similar interests. The process can evoke the collective intelligence of any group and increase people’s capacity for effective action in pursuit of common aims. It also harnesses the power of conversation for work and social value. It provides a useful guide for persons seeking creative ways to foster dialogue in thinking together and creating actionable knowledge.

Participants introduce an idea by suggesting a two- to three-word title. The ideas can be on either a country or a regional basis. Participants should e-mail their titles to Luis Montañez-Cartaxo (luismoncar@gmail.com) and Jennifer Howell (jen@iaia.org) by 31 March.

FUN RUN

This popular 5 km Fun Run/Walk is back due to popular demand! A great way to start the day and network with fellow runners. The route will refresh your mind and body and offer a chance to meet people you might not otherwise meet during formal sessions. Everyone is welcome: runners, walkers, spectators, and volunteers. Pre-registration and a nominal fee is required from runners/walkers to cover prizes. To volunteer to assist with the run or for more information, please contact Eduardo Vadillo (eduva_enlace@terra.com.mx)

Thursday, 2 June
07:00
Pre-registration and nominal fee ($5) are required.
See the announcement board at the IAIA registration desk for meeting time and location.

BOOK SHARE

Bring one or two of your favorite environmental reference books, new or recycled, as a contribution to the book share table. The books are available on a first-come, first-served basis to delegates who might not readily find such books in their own locales.
**Iberoamerican Day: The State of EIA, SEA and the MDG**

**Conveners:** Mauricio Athié (IFC), Elizabeth Brito (IDB), Luis Montañez (IAIA), Glenn Morgan (World Bank)

Presentations and discussions will be in Spanish or Portuguese.

Impact assessment was established in the legislation of many Iberoamerican countries 20 years ago or longer in some cases. The environmental impact assessment (EIA) process has evolved significantly since then, but there are aspects that in many countries continue to have weaknesses: implementation of the scoping phase, public participation, appropriate time of initiation of environmental studies, and environmental and social impacts follow-up.

Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) is receiving a strong impetus in the countries involved. There are different approaches to its way of implementation (mandatory or voluntary) and structure (SEA based on the methodology of EIA or incorporated in the planning process to identify risk scenarios and opportunities for development).

Regularly the UN takes stock of the global implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). How are the Iberoamerican countries performing regarding Goal 7: environmental sustainability?

These issues will be discussed with the participation of renowned experts from Latin America, Spain and Portugal (officials from regulatory agencies, consultants, planners, promoters and developers of infrastructure, and members of the academic and research sectors). The rights and wrongs taken in the implementation of EIA and SEA and its trends and progress on environmental sustainability will be fleshed out. This will be based on position papers and their discussion by invited speakers and panelists.

Additionally but not least, one of the forum goals is to establish a network of experts from the Iberoamerican region to strengthen the practice of impact assessment in the countries involved.

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This meeting will take place pending sponsorship.

Monday, 30 May | 09:00-18:15 | Maximum: 100 | Price: $30
Pre-registration is required.

**World Bank/IFC Workshop**

A World Bank/IFC Workshop will be organized the afternoon of 3 June.

Conveners: Stephen F. Lintner (World Bank), Reidar Kvam (IFC) and Patty Miller (IFC)

Session I will focus on the recently launched process for the global review of good practices and the updating and consolidation of the Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies of the World Bank.

Session II will focus on IFC's performance standards with special emphasis on impact assessment and management. Watch the IAIA Web site for updates and a detailed description of the sessions.

Friday, 3 June
13:00-17:00 at Puebla Convention Center
Pre-registration is required.
Section activities

Meet the IAIA Sections!

IAIA Sections are a formal point of connection for IAIA members who have an interest in a special area of concentration; these groups ensure that the academic, professional, and practical interests of members in all areas of impact assessment are catered for within IAIA. The IAIA directory membership information form requests an indication of Section preference. Specific qualifications are not a prerequisite.

Sections promote the development of best practice within the Section interest areas, but also strengthen links between their own interest area and the broader remit of IAIA. Sections develop a rolling program of activities. Sections may pursue opportunities for relevant conferences, workshops, training, projects, publications and research at the IAIA Conferences and elsewhere.

Why join an IAIA Section?

• When you pay the non-member conference rate, you automatically become an IAIA member and are eligible to join a Section.
• Sections are a networking forum for IAIA members, where you can meet your colleagues.
• Sections promote your personal professional development.
• Sections develop interesting activities that you may want to join.

Where can I find the Sections at IAIA11?

• The Sections will have special tables at the welcome reception, where you can informally meet with the Section chairs, find out more about what they do, and join!
• All sessions that have been organized by the Sections will be clearly identified in the preliminary and final programs.
• Each Section will hold one or more Section meetings during the conference, which everyone is welcome to attend.
• Tables will be identified at lunch times, where Sections can meet informally to continue discussions.
• Section chairs will be identified by ribbons on their name tags so that you can find them during the conference.

Any questions?

Please contact the coordinator of a specific Section as listed at right, or visit www.iaia.org > Sections for more information.

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**Best student paper competition**

The competition was initiated in 2010 at the initiative of IAIA’s Students and Early Professional Section and Board of Directors for promoting academic and professional development in the field of impact assessment and is based on papers submitted in conjunction with presentations at the IAIA annual conference. All student-authored papers are automatically entered into the competition.

The award consists of a certificate mailed to the author and a featured notice in the IAIA newsletter. The winning best paper has potential to be published in IAIA’s journal, *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*.

See [www.iaia.org > IAIA11](http://www.iaia.org) for complete details.

**Student registration fee waivers**

IAIA is pleased to offer a student fee waiver program for IAIA11. This program allows up to ten students a waived conference registration fee in exchange for providing in-kind services on-site in Puebla. The 10-12 hours of in-kind services will include an organizational meeting and reporting on at least two sessions, with the balance of activities being organizational or administrative duties.

Eligible students must:
- Be a current student member of IAIA, or apply for student membership.
- Submit the student fee waiver application form by **31 January 2011**.
- Subscribe to the SEP (Students and Early Professionals) Section in IAIAConnect upon acceptance into the program, to facilitate communication.

Fee waivers are allocated in part based on geographic dispersion and on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, contact Loreley Fortuny at IAIA HQ ([impact@iaia.org](mailto:impact@iaia.org)) or phone (+1.701.297.7908) for program guidelines and an application form. You will be notified 3-4 weeks after 31 January 2011 whether you have been accepted. Each student selected will be asked to pay a US$40 processing fee at that time.

**Mentoring program**

The mentoring program helps students, early professionals, and first-time delegates feel more comfortable and less overwhelmed with their IAIA conference experience.

The **Mentor** is an experienced IAIA member with the same interest area as the applicant, or “**Mentee**.” The Mentor acts as a discussion partner on common topics of interest for the professional development of the Mentee and as a friendly point of contact for guidance and navigation through IAIA (i.e., members, Sections, conference format). It is not intended that the Mentee shadow the assigned Mentor, but rather that they meet at the conference to begin conversation that extends beyond the event. It is hoped that the two will continue communicating on interest areas throughout the year following IAIA11.

- I would like to be a Mentor
- I would like to be assigned to a Mentor

Please indicate your area of impact assessment experience or interest so that we can match your interests to the extent possible:

- SEA
- SIA
- Biodiversity & Ecology
- Indigenous Peoples
- EMS
- Health
- Environmental Law
- Public Participation
- Trade
- Urban Governance
- Disasters & Conflicts
- Energy
- Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries
- Cultural Heritage
- Other: __________________________________________

Name: __________________________________________

E-mail: _________________________________________

Please e-mail Loreley Fortuny ([impact@iaia.org](mailto:impact@iaia.org)) or fax this form to +1.701.297.7917 by **1 March 2011**.
Helpful sites

Puebla
http://mexicofile.com/discoverpuebla.htm
www.theculturedtraveler.com/Heritage/Archives/Puebla.htm
http://www.chieftain.com/life/local/article_071f6cba-c142-11df-ae1b-001cc4c002e0.html

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We welcome your sponsorship of IAIA11!

Sponsorship demonstrates your environmental consciousness to delegates from around the world while you contribute to the improvement of impact assessment locally and globally.

Contact Bridget John, IAIA HQ (bridget@iaia.org | Tel: +1.701.297.7908) or Luis Montañez-Cartaxo (luismoncar@gmail.com) | Tel: +55.4612.7046 or Mob: 04455.3456.6567 for a complete sponsorship pack.

Information for sponsors
Maximize your sponsorship with these unique opportunities. Maximize your exposure to environmental professionals worldwide by confirming your sponsorship as early as possible.

For recognition in the final program, sponsorship must be confirmed by 31 March 2011. Names and logos will be posted on the IAIA11 Web site as they are confirmed.

Sponsorship opportunities include functions, workshops, theme forums, lunches, technical visits, coffee breaks and publications.

Sponsorship benefits
Sponsors may choose to support specific elements of the conference or make a general contribution. All sponsorship attracts benefits, as summarized below.

Amounts are in US dollars.

Exhibits, booths and display materials
Prominent display space is available for booths and exhibits! Contact IAIA HQ before 31 March 2011 for rates and information.

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Complimentary Standard Corporate IAIA membership (1 year) - $1,000 value
4 issues of journal Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal
4 issues of IAIA Newsletter
1 year access to IAIA Connect, IAIA’s social networking site
Pre-Conference training course discounts (2 people)
Named sponsor of one theme forum or concurrent session
Sponsor-provided satchel insert
Profile on conference sponsors Web page
Hotlink in monthly IAIA e-news (6,000+)
Acknowledgement in all news releases
Recognition on ALL conference Web pages
Logo on delegate satchels

A table will be provided for IAIA members to display information, distribute conference papers, or announce/distribute non-commercial items. Delegates must be in attendance personally to display materials.

Delegate packet inserts
If you would like to distribute materials (brochures, flyers, or other suitable materials) in delegate packets, contact IAIA HQ for rates and shipping information before 31 March 2011.

All materials must be approved by IAIA prior to inclusion in the delegate packets.

[Table showing benefits with price ranges and features]
Conference information

Location and dates
IAIA11 will take place from 29 May-4 June 2011 at the Puebla Convention Center (Centro Convenciones Puebla) in Puebla, Mexico, with adjunct events planned before, during and after the conference. Activities will take place at the convention center unless otherwise noted.

The address is Centro de Convenciones Puebla, Blvd. Héroes del 5 de Mayo No. 402, Col. Centro Puebla, Puebla 72000 México | Tel.:(222) 223-6400 | www.convenciones-puebla.com.mx/

Language used (conference)
English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences. Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will be held in English. However, translation may be provided and/or selected sessions may be held in Spanish.

Final program
IAIA plans to have the final program available on the Web site approximately two weeks prior to the conference, and it will be distributed upon conference check-in or on-site conference registration at the convention center.

The preliminary program contains the tentative schedule; be sure to check the final program to confirm details of activities in which you plan to participate. Please note deadlines of registration for special events.

Publications
The IAIA plans to publish full conference papers online following the conference. A Program Committee representative will contact you with details upon acceptance of your paper or poster abstract.

Participants are encouraged to submit their papers for possible publication in IAIA’s journal, Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal. See www.scipol.demon.co.uk/iaapa.htm for submission information.

Presentation equipment and materials
Please plan to arrive prepared. Presenters are responsible for supplying their own session or poster materials. Due to rental costs which would necessarily be passed on to delegates in the form of higher registration fees, no other business equipment or services will be available at the convention center. Please plan to arrive prepared, or ensure that your hotel offers any facilities you may need.

Business services
In order to avoid equipment rental costs which would necessarily be passed on to delegates in the form of higher registration fees, no other business equipment or services will be available at the convention center. Please plan to arrive prepared, or ensure that your hotel offers any facilities you may need.

Conference attire
IAIA conferences are generally business casual.

Meals
IAIA will provide lunches (excluding Friday, 3 June) and coffee breaks.

Based on the data collected via registration forms, IAIA will estimate a percentage of vegetarians or special meals. This does not guarantee accommodation of individual preference.

Video/Audio policy
Individuals officially identified by IAIA may photograph, videotape, and/or audiotape conference events. By attending the conference, you agree to allow your image to be used by IAIA. Speakers and session conveners indicated approval for their audio recordings to be broadcast online by IAIA during the submission process; those preferences will be honored. Individuals are not permitted to record with personal audio or video equipment or other recording devices such as cell phones, cameras or recorders without prior permission from IAIA.

Registration and fees
All conference participants, including delegates, sessions chairs, invited speakers, organizers, exhibitors, and paper and poster presenters, are required to register for the conference at the full, student, or exhibitor registration rate. Contact IAIA HQ for information on exhibitor registration.

IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and/or travel expenses for program participants.

Full and student registration fees entitle delegates to attendance at all sessions, coffee breaks, lunches 31 May-3 June (except lunch on 3 June), list of participants, delegate satchel, conference proceedings (as available), and special events, unless an additional fee is noted.

Delegates will receive a name badge upon check-in. The badge is an official pass and must be worn to obtain entry to conference functions. If tickets are required for any events, they will be distributed by HQ.

IAIA members: If it is more convenient for you to pay your annual membership dues at the same time you register for the conference, please select this option on your registration form. IAIA will credit your account as having paid the membership fee which will begin on your regular membership anniversary date. Otherwise, you will receive an invoice for membership dues on your regular membership anniversary date. You can also renew your membership electronically if you register online.

Non-members: The non-member rate includes a one-year membership to IAIA, with an electronic subscription to Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal. Your one-year membership begins when IAIA receives your conference payment.

Student: The student rate includes a one-year membership. If you are a current member, your membership will automatically be extended one year from your anniversary date.

Affiliate members: Members of IAIA Affiliates having an active MoU with IAIA will be admitted to the conference at the IAIA member rate. This rate does not include IAIA membership. You must provide your Affiliate’s number on the registration form to take advantage of this offer.

Payment and refund policies
Registration fees should accompany the registration form. To qualify for the Early Bird rate, both the registration form and payment must be received by 28 February 2011.

Fees are accepted by MasterCard, Visa, or American Express and are charged in US dollars (USD). Checks or money orders made payable to IAIA in USD drawn on a US bank are also accepted, as well as cash in USD or Mexican Pesos (MS).

Any registration after 11 May 2011 must be made on-site. Official receipts for registrations made after 11 May 2011 will be issued by mail after the conference.

IAIA will refund registration fees upon written request received before 30 April 2011. A US$75 processing fee will be retained. After 30 April 2011, no refunds will be issued for cancellations or no-shows. Substitutions for paid registrants may be made in writing without financial penalty. Refunds will be issued after the conference.

Quickpass
If your conference registration is paid in full by 28 February 2011, you will be mailed a purple “Quickpass” which entitles you to express check-in service at the conference registration desk in Puebla.

Insurance and liability
IAIA, the organizing committee, and the venue will not be responsible for medical expenses, accidents, losses or other unexpected damage to property belonging to conference participants, either during or as a result of the conference and during all tours and events. Participants are strongly advised to arrange their own insurance for health and accident, lost luggage and trip cancellation.
Host city
The city of Puebla is the capital of Puebla State, Mexico, and is just a two-hour drive southeast of Mexico City. In 1987 UNESCO designated Puebla a World Heritage City. The convention center is on the east side of the district where the majority of historic sites are found, as well as El Zócalo, the central square. Museums abound, as well as several richly decorated cathedrals. Many other interesting places are close by, including ancient cholula, for centuries a major center for mesoamerican trade, commerce and religion, and cantona, an archaeological site located 96 km east of Puebla and dating from the classic/early post-classic period of the olmec-xicalance culture (600-950 A.D.).

Conference hotels
Our conference host has arranged room blocks at a number of area hotels, with special low rates during the conference. Booking details, the number of rooms available, reservation cut-off dates, hotel information, and maps are available online at www.iaia.org > IAIA11 and on page 34. Please book early to ensure that your first choice is available.

Climate
Puebla’s climate is moderated by its high altitude of 2,135 m (7,025 ft). The average temperature in early June is 23°C (74°F) with lows averaging 11°C (51°F) and highs around 28°C (82°F). Night temperatures are cool all times of the year, often requiring additional clothing. Late May and early June fall in the early rainy season, so an umbrella is recommended.

Passports and visas
People from the countries listed in the following link must obtain a visa to enter Mexico: http://www.imm.gov. mx/index.php/page/Paises_Visa. Exemptions: any citizen of these countries doesn’t need a visa to enter Mexico if he or she has a valid and current visa to enter the United States of America or can prove that he/she is a lawful permanent resident of the USA, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, or the countries of the Schengen Area. IAIA advises delegates to plan ahead: prepare and apply for visas early. Application processes may be completed quickly, but additional screening and collecting required documents may take weeks. If a personal invitation letter is needed for your visa application, please contact info@iaia.org no later than 28 February.

Transportation
Mexico City airport is the busiest in Latin America. Many major airlines fly directly there from Europe, USA, Canada and Central and South America, and there are many more one-stop flights from other parts of the world. Aeromexico is the main airline in the country and shares flights with other major airlines in the world, like, for example: Delta, Air France, KLM, China Southern, Continental Airlines, Korean Air, Copa Airlines and NWA. Other regional airlines also attend domestic routes, like Interjet and Volaris.

Estrella Roja buses depart for Puebla from the two Mexico City International Airport terminals (Nos. 1 and 2) every 30 to 60 minutes. Travel time from Mexico City to Puebla by express bus usually takes about 2 hours. The departure schedule is available at http://www.estrellaroja.com.mx/english/expresso-aeropuerto.php.

If you arrive in an international flight In Terminal 1, after clearing customs go near the E1 international exit and follow the signs showing a green bus reading “Tourist and foreign buses.” You will step on an electric ramp up to the fast food court. Follow the signs reading “Ground Transportation” that will take you to a bridge that crosses the street and ends up in the foreign buses ticket office.

In the airport Terminal 2, the bus station and the ticket office are located at ground level in room D, between door No. 4 and the output of the domestic passenger arrivals. A location map is available at http://www.aicm.com.mx/acercadelaaicm/archivos/files/PlantaBaja07_1.pdf

It is best to buy tickets for buses that take you to the bus station called 4 Poniente (abbreviated 4 Pte) in Puebla, which means 4th Street West. The one-way trip from Mexico City to Puebla costs around $17 USD. On arrival in Puebla, you should catch a taxi to go to your hotel; depending on the distance, the trip may cost between $4 and $8 USD plus tip. The taxi stand is located at the bus station, and taxi fare is paid up front.

Visitor’s Permit FFM Fee
Mexico charges a fee to all tourists and business visitors arriving in the country. The fee is approximately US$22, and the money collected is handed to the Tourism Ministry to promote Mexican tourism. Airlines normally collect the permit fee on behalf of the Mexican government and include the cost within the total airfare (under ‘taxes and surcharges’), so in the majority of cases, there will be no need for you to pay the fee separately.

Language
Spanish is the official language (spoken by more than 90% of the population). 8% speak indigenous languages, of which Náhuatl is most common. English is not widely spoken in Puebla.

Safety and security
As in all major cities, practice common-sense safety precautions: avoid carrying large amounts of cash or valuables, be aware of your surroundings and go out in groups whenever possible. Don’t leave valuables unattended, and keep watch over all of your belongings. This true for any public place in Mexico, including the Puebla Convention Center. See: http://www.sipuebla.com/safety_in_Puebla.htm

Business hours
In Puebla shops typically open at 9:00 and close at 20:00.

Currency and credit cards
Mexican Peso (MXN; symbol M$) = 100 centavos. Notes are in denominations of M$1,000, 500, 200, 100, 50 and 20. Coins are in denominations of M$10, 5, 2 and 1, and 50, 20, 10 and 5 centavos.

Staying connected
Some conference hotels offer complimentary Wi-Fi to their guests, and additional providers are available in the city. The conference center is located approximately 10 minutes away from the Puebla Convention Center. For details check the AICM website: http://www.aicm.com.mx/acercadelaaicm/Archivos/files/PlantaBaja07_1.pdf

General information
Cash is always the preferred method of payment. Credit cards are well accepted in major establishments, hotels, and restaurants, but are not as widely accepted as in the USA. MasterCard and Visa are the two most widely accepted cards. American Express and Diners Club can sometimes be used, but on a smaller scale. Some companies make an extra charge of around 5% on such transactions. There are ATMs in Puebla and many cities and most major tourist destinations nationwide, although not all debit cards are accepted. Traveller’s cheques issued by well-known brands can be cashed in exchange houses, which give a better rate than hotels and a quicker service than banks. Traveller’s cheques in Pounds Sterling and Euros are as readily accepted as those in US Dollars. The exchange rate against the US Dollar is not fixed; it has fluctuated in the last two years around MS12.5 per US$. New financial rules in Mexico cap the amount of dollars foreigners can exchange for pesos in banks and money exchange establishments to no more than MS1,500 USD per month. The measure doesn’t affect purchases made with credit cards or debit cards in Mexico, nor the amount of cash (in Mexican pesos) an international tourist can withdraw from an ATM machine on a daily or monthly basis. It is recommended that all travelers bring their credit and/or debit cards to minimize any inconvenience the exchange cap may cause.

Tipping
Tipping is woven into the fabric of Mexican social culture. Most people working in Mexico’s service industries including porters at the airport, the waitress at the café/diner, the attendant in the rest-room and the service personnel at your hotel, earn modest wages and rely upon tips “propina” to augment their weekly pay-packet. Before you tip in restaurants, bars, and even snack bars in large hotels, check your tab and see if a service charge has already been added to the total. Service charges are quite common. While you may want to tip an additional amount, it’s best to know if the tip was already included in the bill. You should tip between 10 and 15 percent of the check. The chain hotels already include in their rates tips equivalent to MS3 USD a day for room attendants (maids) and also MS3 USD for bell boys when checking in and when checking out.

Electricity
Electricity in Mexico is 127 V 60 Hz (as in Canada and the US). The Type A electrical plug, or flat blade attachment plug, uses two flat parallel pins or blades. The Type B plug has two flat parallel blades like the Type A, but also has a round grounding or earth pin that grounds the device before the power is connected.

Smoking
Smoking in public places is prohibited.

Taxes
A value-added tax (VAT) at the general rate of 16% is payable on sales of goods and rendering of services and rents; it is usually included in the price of goods. Hotels charge an additional 2% lodging tax. Foreign tourists that leave the country through air or sea may claim a Mexican value-added tax refund for the acquisition with credit or debit card of merchandise to be exported, provided several conditions are met.
**Hotel information**

**Important: Book Early!**

Our conference host has arranged room blocks at a number of area hotels with special low rates during the conference. The number of rooms available and the reservation cutoff dates are noted online.

Please book early to ensure that your first choice is available and be sure to request the IAIA11 rate. Reservation requests after the noted cutoff dates will be based on availability and may be priced at regular (higher) rates.

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<td>Calle 10 Norte No. 406  Phone: +52 222 213-7310  Website: <a href="http://www.cityexpress.com.mx">www.cityexpress.com.mx</a>  E-mail: <a href="mailto:ahipolito@cityexpress.com.mx">ahipolito@cityexpress.com.mx</a></td>
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<td>Calle 2 Oriente No. 13  Historic Center  Phone: +52 222 266-2720  Website: <a href="http://www.senalorpuebla.com">www.senalorpuebla.com</a>  E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservaciones@senoralpuebla.com">reservaciones@senoralpuebla.com</a></td>
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<td>Calle 4 Norte No. 212  Historic Center  Phone: +52 222 404-6200  Website: <a href="http://www.hotelimperialpuebla.com">www.hotelimperialpuebla.com</a>  E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservaciones@hotelimperialpuebla.com">reservaciones@hotelimperialpuebla.com</a></td>
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<td>Calle 4 Norte No. 212  Historic Center  Phone: +52 222 423-9080 &amp; 4981  Website: <a href="http://www.hotelimperialpuebla.com">www.hotelimperialpuebla.com</a>  E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservaciones@hotelimperialpuebla.com">reservaciones@hotelimperialpuebla.com</a></td>
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<td>No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA</td>
<td>Calle 7 Poniente No. 105  Historic Center  Phone: +52 222 229-0809  Website: <a href="http://www.camionereal.com">www.camionereal.com</a>  E-mail: <a href="mailto:veronica.alonso@camionereal.com.mx">veronica.alonso@camionereal.com.mx</a></td>
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<td>Av. 5 Sur No. 105  Historic Center  Phone: +52 222 309-1919  Website: <a href="http://www.nh-hotels.com">www.nh-hotels.com</a>  E-mail: <a href="mailto:m.rodrigueztrujillo@nh-hotels.com">m.rodrigueztrujillo@nh-hotels.com</a></td>
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<td>Av. 2 Oriente No. 211  Historical Center  Phone: +52 222 223-6400  Website: <a href="http://www.hotelunleonards.com.mx">www.hotelunleonards.com.mx</a>  E-mail: <a href="mailto:juan.gonzalez@hotelunleonards.com.mx">juan.gonzalez@hotelunleonards.com.mx</a></td>
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<td>$1,660 SGL $1,660 DBL $1,900 Jr. Suite $2,360 Mr. Suite  Breakfast included</td>
<td>1 SGL/DBL 7 JR 1 MR</td>
<td>Must book by April 30. Mention IAIA11 Conference.</td>
<td>Privada 2 Oriente No. 1007  Historic Center  Phone: +52 222 232-9032  Website: <a href="http://www.casareyna.com">www.casareyna.com</a>  E-mail: <a href="mailto:tdps@resoriosdepuebla.com.mx">tdps@resoriosdepuebla.com.mx</a></td>
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* Rates include applicable taxes  
** 1 full-size bed for 1 or 2 persons / 2 full-size beds for 2 to 4 persons  
Notes: 1) In Mexico each hotel decides its number of stars category, so there may be no strict correlation between a 3 stars hotel and another one with the same number of stars, for example.  
2) The boutique category refers to high-quality small hotels that were mainly elegant big houses 50-60 years ago.  
3) When making your reservation please be sure that the room has as many beds as you need.
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<td>Calle 4 Norte No.2 Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 242-5621 Website: <a href="http://www.hotelmisiondechapingoblanca.com">www.hotelmisiondechapingoblanca.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:tdp@reservacionesdenapa.com.mx">tdp@reservacionesdenapa.com.mx</a></td>
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<td>2 SGL/DBL 4 JR 2 MR</td>
<td>Must book by April 30. Mention IAIA11 Conference.</td>
<td>Calle 6 Sur No.304 Col. De las Sapos Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 222-4513 Website: <a href="http://www.messen-sacristia.com">www.messen-sacristia.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:tdp@reservacionesdenapa.com.mx">tdp@reservacionesdenapa.com.mx</a></td>
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<td>14 JR 5 MR</td>
<td>Must book by January 30. Mention IAIA11 Conference.</td>
<td>Calle 3 Oriente No. 206 Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 246-2403 Website: <a href="http://www.hotelpuebladantonio.com">www.hotelpuebladantonio.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:gerencia@hotelpuebladantonio.com">gerencia@hotelpuebladantonio.com</a>, <a href="mailto:reservaciones@hotelpuebladantonio.com">reservaciones@hotelpuebladantonio.com</a></td>
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<td>$ 2,253 Jr. Suite Rooms with 1 king size bed Breakfast included for 1 or 2 persons</td>
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<td>Calle 3 Oriente No. 217 Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 246-1437 Website: <a href="http://www.hotelcasadelapalma.com">www.hotelcasadelapalma.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:hotelpastapalma@prodigy.net.mx">hotelpastapalma@prodigy.net.mx</a></td>
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<td>Lateral Autopista Mexico-Puebla 7375 Phone: +52 222 222-8800 Website: <a href="http://www.fiestainn.com">www.fiestainn.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:marisa.garcia@pesadas.com">marisa.garcia@pesadas.com</a></td>
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<td>20 SGL 40 DBL</td>
<td>No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA</td>
<td>Lateral Autopista Mexico-Puebla 7719 Phone: +52 222 222-0000 Website: <a href="http://www.holidayinn.com/pueblafin@hotmail.com">www.holidayinn.com/pueblafin@hotmail.com</a> E-mail: reservaciones@<a href="mailto:pueblafin@hotmail.com">pueblafin@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA</td>
<td>Av. Hermanos Serdán No. 807 Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 211-7870 Website: <a href="http://www.marriott.com">www.marriott.com</a>, <a href="mailto:grupos.pbc@realhotelsandresorts.com">grupos.pbc@realhotelsandresorts.com</a>, <a href="mailto:reservaciones@pueblareal.com">reservaciones@pueblareal.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservaciones@pueblareal.com">reservaciones@pueblareal.com</a></td>
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<td>Av. Hermanos Serdán No. 141 Colonia Amor Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 211-7870 Website: <a href="http://www.intercontinental.com/puebla">www.intercontinental.com/puebla</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:Fraser_penz@intercontinent.com">Fraser_penz@intercontinent.com</a></td>
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<td>Av. Hermanos Serdán 45 Colonia Amor Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 303-0303 Website: <a href="http://www.hixpress.com/pueblamex">www.hixpress.com/pueblamex</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservas@hixpress.com">reservas@hixpress.com</a>/pueblamex</td>
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<td>Av. 31 Poniente No.3333 Colonia Las Animas Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 477-2110 Website: <a href="http://www.courtyard.com">www.courtyard.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:luziana.castillo@landus.com.mx">luziana.castillo@landus.com.mx</a></td>
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<td>No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA</td>
<td>Circuito Juan Pablo II 1916 Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 211-7870 Website: <a href="http://www.holidayinn.com/pueblanueva">www.holidayinn.com/pueblanueva</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservas@hixpress.com">reservas@hixpress.com</a>/pueblamex</td>
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<td>Blvd. Atlixco Km 6 6 Sur Col. La Villa Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 303-0303 Website: <a href="http://www.cityexpress.com">www.cityexpress.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservaciones@cityexpress.com.mx">reservaciones@cityexpress.com.mx</a></td>
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<td>Blvd. Atlixco Km 6 6 Sur Col. La Villa Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 303-0303 Website: <a href="http://www.caminoexpress.com">www.caminoexpress.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservaciones@caminoexpress.com">reservaciones@caminoexpress.com</a></td>
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<td>Calle 31 Oriente at the corner with privada 6-B Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 222-3330 Website: <a href="http://www.condadoplaza.com.mx">www.condadoplaza.com.mx</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:ventas@condadoplaza.com.mx">ventas@condadoplaza.com.mx</a></td>
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<td>$ 1,470 - $ 1,630 Single or Double Room $ 1,750 Jr. Suite $ 1,950 Mr. Suite Breakfast included</td>
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<td>No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA</td>
<td>Calle 9 Oriente No. 203 Historic Center, Phone: +52 222 222-1620 Website: <a href="http://www.hotelcasasonasanantonio.com">www.hotelcasasonasanantonio.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservaciones@hotelcasasonasanantonio.com">reservaciones@hotelcasasonasanantonio.com</a></td>
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Maps

City Center Hotels

1. Geneva Youth Hostel 29.00-123.00 Near Train Station 18 minutes
2. City Hostel Geneva 32.00-87.00 Near Train Station 16 minutes
3. John Knox Centre 97.30-121.60 Near Airport 30 minutes
4. Hotel 33 115.00-138.00 Near Airport 42 minutes
5. Hotel Moderne 85.00-185.00 Near Train Station 26 minutes
6. Citadines Genève Ferney Voltaire (France) € 91.00-€ 116.00 Hotel is in France. Check visa requirements 70 minutes
7. Hotel de Genève 135.55-168.10 Near Train Station 25 minutes
8. St. James 145.00 Near Old Town and Shopping Area 5 minute Tram from Train Station 37 minutes
9. Hôtel Express by Holiday Inn Geneva Airport 149.00 Near Airport 50 minutes
10. Hotel Best Western Strasbourg 150.00-190.00 Near Train Station 21 minutes
11. Hotel International et Terminus 155.00-175.00 Near Train Station 20 minutes
12. Hôtel Savoy 158.00-177.00 Near Train Station 22 minutes
13. Hôtel Bernina Genève 160.00-180.00 Near Train Station 20 minutes
14. Hôtel Comédie 160.00-230.00 Near Palais 25 minute Tram from Train Station 40 minutes
15. Hotel Mon Repos 166.00 Near Train Station 17 minutes
16. Ramada Encore Geneve 167.00-189.00 Near Train Station 67 minutes
17. Hôtel Grand-Pre 186.00-208.00 Near Train Station 11 minutes
18. Hotel Les Nations 189.00-239.00 Near Train Station 10 minutes
19. Manotel Hotel Jade 190.00 Near Train Station 17 minutes
20. Manotel Hotel Edelweiss 190.00 Near Train Station 25 minutes
21. Hotel Windsor 190.00-245.00 Near Train Station 22 minutes
22. Manotel Hotel Kipling 190.00 Near Train Station 22 minutes
23. Manotel Hotel Eden 200.00-255.00 Near Train Station 15 minutes
24. Suite Hotel 210.00+ Near Airport 30 minutes
25. Manotel Hotel Auteuil 210.00 Near Train Station 19 minutes
26. Manotel Hôtel Royal 220.00 Near Train Station 19 minutes
27. Manotel Hotel Epsom 220.00 Near Train Station 19 minutes
28. Ramada Park Hotel Geneve 225.00-285.00 Near Airport 40 minutes
29. Warwick Hotel 255.00-285.00 Near Train Station 19 minutes

Historic Center Hotels

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21 22 Estrella Roja 4 Pte. bus terminal
23 24 Centro Histórico Zócalo
25 27 Puebla Convention Center
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IAIA11 registration form

1 | DELEGATE INFORMATION

Please fill out form completely. Type or print neatly in BLOCK letters. Be sure to include your name and organization exactly as you would like that information to appear on your delegate badge. Registrations after 11 May 2011 will be accepted on-site only.

Today’s date ___________ (month)/_________ (day)/20______ (year)

☐ Mr  ☐ Ms  First name ________________________________

Last (family) name ________________________________

Title ________________________________

Organization ________________________________

Address ________________________________

City ________________________________

State/Province ________________________________

Postal Code ________________________________

Country ________________________________

Phone + ________________________________  Fax + ________________________________  E-mail ________________________________

I plan to stay at ________________________________

Hotel. This information is used to estimate room blocks in future years and will not be released.

2 | REGISTRATION FEES (all fees in US$)

IAIA Member ID# ___________  Affiliate ID# ___________

Early Bird (by 28 February) $575 Regular/On-site $655

Renew my membership, too! (by 28 February)

☐ 1 Year $110 ☐ 2 Years $209 ☐ 3 Years $308

☐ 1 Year $135 with paper copies of IAPA ☐ 2 Years $259 with paper copies of IAPA ☐ 3 Years $383 with paper copies of IAPA

Non-member $695 $775 $835

Student (proof of current enrollment required) $400

3 | PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING COURSES

Pre-registration and pre-payment by 31 March is required. After 31 March, registration acceptance is subject to availability, instructor consent, and receipt of payment. Courses may not be switched after 11 May.

1. Practical Guide to Sustainability Assessment 29 May ☐ $225
2. MCA for EIA Projects and Plans (in Spanish) 29 May ☐ $225
3. Cultural Heritage IA 29 May ☐ $225
4. Increasing Tangibility in SEA 29-30 May ☐ $395
5. Understanding Impact Assessment 29-30 May ☐ $395
6. Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services in IA 29-30 May ☐ $395
7. Achieving the Full Potential of SIA 29-30 May ☐ $395
8. EIA Guide & Review 29-30 May ☐ $395
9. SEA for LAC Countries (in Spanish) 29-30 May ☐ $395
10. Involuntary Resettlement 30 May ☐ $225
11. HIA for Extractive Industries 30 May ☐ $225
12. Linking Project EIA & En’vl Mgmt (in Spanish) 30 May ☐ $225

Non-IAIA11 delegates $275 ☐ add $75

4 | TECHNICAL VISITS

Pre-payment is required for technical visits. After 31 March, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until 11 May or the maximum number of paid participants is reached.

A. Biosphere & Water Museum 29 May # persons ___ @$70 = $ ___
B. African Safari 29 May # persons ___ @$50 = $ ___
C. Teotihuacan 30 May # persons ___ @$65 = $ ___
D. Cholula/Puebla 30 May # persons ___ @$65 = $ ___
E. Biosphere & Water Museum 4 June # persons ___ @$70 = $ ___
F. Teotihuacan 4 June # persons ___ @$65 = $ ___
G. Cuetzalan (single occupancy) 4-6 June # persons ___ @$380 = $ ___
Cuetzalan (double occupancy) # persons ___ @$345 = $ ___

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5 | SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Iberoamerican Day* 30 May $30 = $ ___
Fun Run 2 June # persons ___ @$5 = $ ___
Banquet/Intl Networking Night* 2 June # persons ___ @$135 = $ ___
World Bank/IFC Workshop 3 June $30 = $ ___
Mentor/Mentee program (see page 29 for additional information required)

6 | INDICATION OF INTEREST/MEAL PREFERENCE

Opening reception* 31 May # Persons: Delegates _____ Guests _____
Dietary restriction: ________________________________

7 | PAYMENT INFORMATION

* Starred activities are tentative pending sponsorship.

□ Check or money order in US$ drawn on a US bank drawn encased.  □ I will pay on-site with cash or traveler’s check (US$) or cash (#$)

Note: Pre-payment by 28 February for presenters and 31 March for technical visits is required.

□ I am being sponsored by someone other than my employer.

Sponsoring organization ________________________________

Contact person ________________________________

Contact person’s phone + ________________________________

Contact person’s e-mail ________________________________

8 | SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

BY MAIL

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About IAIA

The International Association for Impact Assessment was organized in 1980 to bring together researchers, practitioners and users of various types of impact assessment from all over the world. IAIA members reside in over 120 countries. IAIA activities are carried out locally and regionally through its extensive network of Affiliates and Branches.

IAIA’s Vision: IAIA is the leading global network on best practice in the use of impact assessment for informed decision making regarding policies, programs, plans, and projects.

IAIA’s Mission: IAIA provides the international forum for advancing innovation and communication of best practice in all forms of impact assessment to further the development of local, regional and global capacity in impact assessment.

IAIA’s Values: IAIA promotes the application of integrated and participatory approaches to impact assessment, conducted to the highest professional standards.

IAIA believes the assessment of the environmental, social, economic, cultural and health implications of proposals to be a critical contribution to sound decision-making processes, and to equitable and sustainable development.

IAIA as an organization promotes the following:

• We compile or review impact assessments with integrity and honesty, and free from misrepresentation or deliberate bias.
• Our personal beliefs should not interfere with fair representation of the potential impacts of policies, plans, programs, and projects.
• We uphold the principle of freedom of access to information and the right of citizens to participate in decisions.
• We subscribe to a holistic approach to impact assessment.
• We seek sustainable and equitable outcomes from human actions that affect ecosystem and social functions.
• We will seek to encourage a process of impact assessment that averts infringement of the human rights of any section of society.
• We do not condone the use of violence, harassment, intimidation or undue force in connection with any aspect of impact assessment or implementation of an intervention arising from impact assessment.
• We conduct impact assessments in the awareness that different groups in society experience benefits and harm in different ways. We seek to take gender and other social differences into account, and we are especially mindful of the concerns of indigenous peoples.
• We strive to promote considerations of equity as a fundamental element of impact assessment.
• We give due regard to the rights and interests of future generations.
• We strive for excellence by maintaining and enhancing our own knowledge and skills, by encouraging the professional development of co-workers, and by fostering the aspirations of potential members of the profession.
• We do not advance our private interests to the detriment of the public, our clients or employing institutions.

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• Use bulk servings and pitchers rather than individual bottles
• Use china and silverware rather than disposables
• Provide recycling bins for discarded paper products
• Ask delegates to confirm their attendance at events and functions to reduce waste and leftovers
• Provide evening sustainable dining options
• Encourage delegates to purchase carbon-offset credits for their flights
• Encourage delegates to return name bade holders

Delegates are welcome to make additional suggestions on the IAIA10 conference evaluation form (which will be distributed electronically to delegates following the conference) or by contacting IAIA HQ at any time.
## What did participants value most about IAIA10?

- Gathering ideas for projects I am currently working on.
- The conference was a unique source of professionals combining both academic and practitioners.
- Unlike industry-specific conferences, it allows me to look at impact assessment issues from many different angles.
- Feedback on my work.
- I shared the experiences from other developing and developed countries. I also learned new practical ideas and concepts, especially during the field visit.
- The application of IA in different fields you never imagined and methods to resolve impact problems in difficult situations.
- These conferences provide enormous opportunities for cultivating partnerships and collaborations.
- The openness of the IAIA conferences for people to exchange views.
- Useful for research students, university teachers and IA consultants.
- Taking stock of the work going on around the world on a variety of subjects.
- Networking! Networking! Networking!

## Important Dates and Deadlines

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