



Impact Assessment and Responsible Development

for Infrastructure, Business and Industry

- 31st Annual Meeting of the International Association for Impact Assessment
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- Puebla Convention Center (Centro Convenciones Puebla)
- Puebla, Mexico



- Preliminary program and registration materials
- Submission deadline: 31 January 2011

Why attend IAIA11?

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

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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!

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.

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JONATHAN A. ALLOTEY

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



LUIS E. MONTAÑEZ-CARTAXO

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.

NEW
in 2011!

Find a Job

IAIA is inviting recruiters and companies looking for new employees to participate in a “mini job fair.” Watch the web site 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.

- Register for a training course
- Be inspired by the keynote speeches
- Attend the AGM
- Submit a topic on site for the Indaba
- Be a sponsor or exhibitor
- Visit the posters and exhibits
- Participate in a technical visit
- Network during breaks
- Simply attend and enjoy the conference!

Closing plenary

How can you integrate the dozens of ideas, topics, challenges and debates of the past week? How can you apply lessons learned to the way forward in impact assessment? How can you hear about the main findings of sessions you weren't able to attend? Come and listen, participate, and be motivated.

Awards

IAIA's awards are presented throughout the conference. Who will win the prestigious honors associated with the annual IAIA awards?

Green your travel

IAIA takes steps to reduce the impact of our conferences, such as limiting printed materials, contracting with venues that provide green programs, using bulk servings, and more. See the IAIA11 Web page (Helpful Links > Green Travel) for carbon offset program suggestions to green your travel.

And more...

See the pages that follow for details and check the IAIA Web site for continuing updates (www.iaia.org).

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.

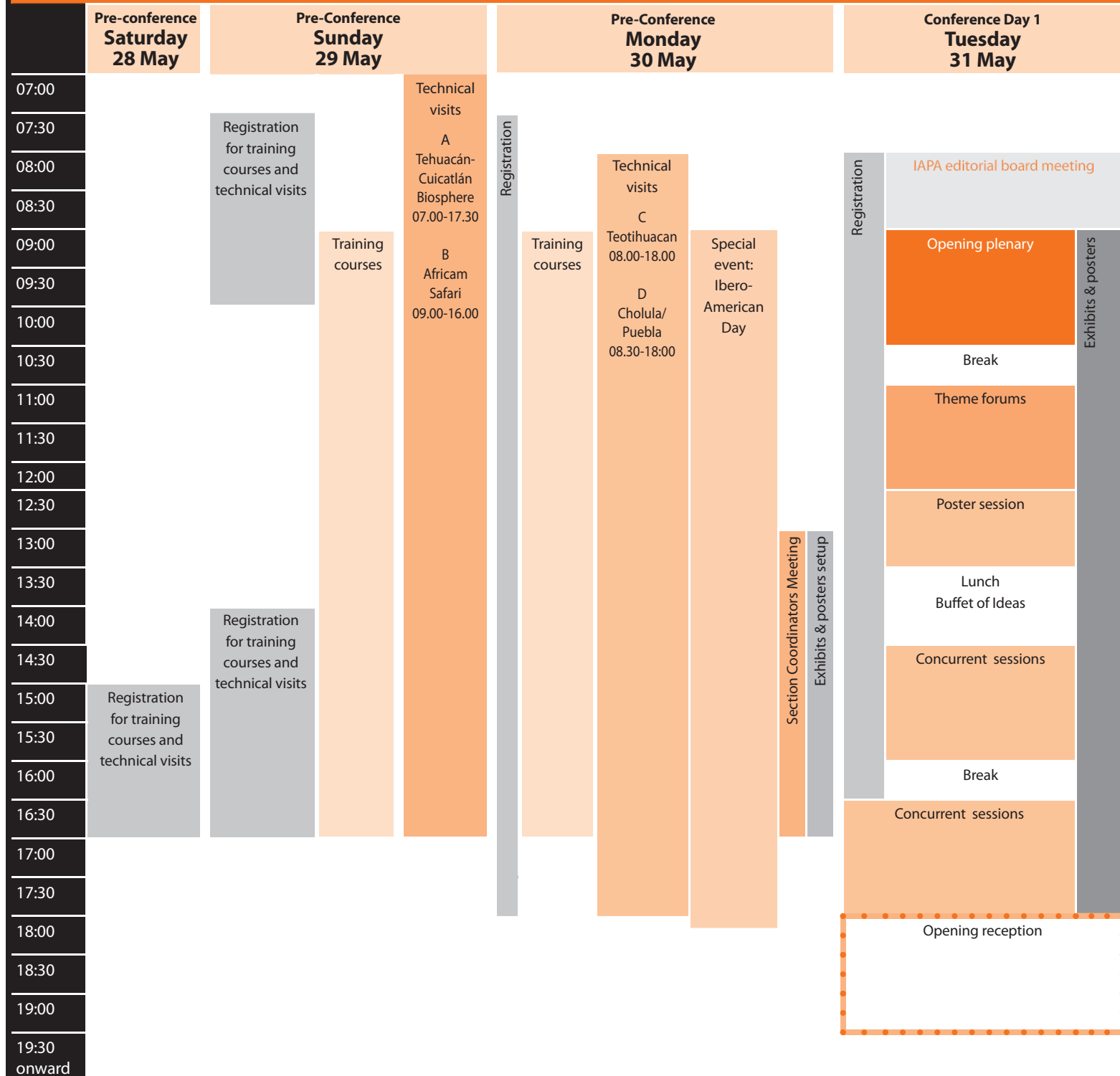
This Conference should contribute to a greater collective knowledge about how, using a responsible approach in planning, design, construction and operation of infrastructure projects and industries of all kinds, as well as in planning, structuring and operation of all type of businesses (including the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

Conference overview

- The conference will formally commence on Tuesday, 31 May.
- Training courses (page 17) will be offered 29-30 May.

Tentative Program Overview

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



Conference overview

- 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.

Conference Day 2 Wednesday 1 June		Conference Day 3 Thursday 2 June		Conference Day 4 Friday 3 June		Post-Conference Saturday 4 June		
		Fun Run				Technical visits		07:00
						E Tehuacán-Cuicatlán Biosphere 07.00-17.30		07:30
Registration		Registration		Registration				08:00
Theme forums		Theme forums		Concurrent sessions		F Teotihuacan 08.00-18.00		08:30
Break		Break		Break		G Cuetzalan post-conference tour departs		09:00
Concurrent sessions		Concurrent sessions		Closing plenary IAIA Presidential Address Awards IAIA11 report & summary Intro to Future IAIA Meetings				09:30
AGM and Rose-Hulman Award Presentation		Council meeting		Special event: World Bank/IFC Workshop				10:00
Lunch & Section rendezvous		Lunch & Section rendezvous						10:30
Concurrent sessions		Concurrent sessions						11:00
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Concurrent sessions		Concurrent sessions						12:00
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Abstract submission

Abstract submission deadline 31 January 2011

Presenting author registration deadline 28 February 2011

Language English

Note: Abstracts are submitted in English, but the final papers (2,000 words) may include 800 words in the author's language of choice.

Send submission online

Only materials sent online will be reviewed by the program committee.

Follow the abstract submission instructions at www.iaia.org > IAIA11 > Submissions.

Acceptance and registration

Presenting authors will be notified on or before 15 February 2011 regarding the status of their submissions.

To guarantee inclusion of the presentation on the final program, the presenting author's registration form and full fees must be received at IAIA Headquarters by 28 February 2011. At that time, accepted submissions will be dropped from the program if the presenting author's registration and fees have not been received.

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).

Definition of Conference Terms

Theme forums and concurrent sessions may be presented in different formats, which will be specified in the final program.

A **session** is a block of time, typically 90 minutes, during which discussion centers on a particular topic.

Sessions and thematic sessions may utilize a variety of formats, and the length of time available for presentations depends on the format that has been selected by the session chair. Formats include:

Paper session: In a paper session, authors orally present the findings of a prepared paper or project. A chaired paper session typically allows 4-5 presentations of 15-20 minutes each, including time for specific questions. Ideally, the chair allocates time for general questions and open discussion following the presentations.

Theme forum: Smaller than plenaries and larger than concurrent sessions, theme forums include "cut-above" presentations and discussions which address the conference theme, bring together on a particular topic the various aspects of impact assessment, and examine how those aspects apply to different sectors and issues.

Workshop: In a workshop, the topic is specific and seeks to resolve a defined problem, often through a combination of 2-3 short paper presentations and active discussion.

Panel discussion: In a panel, the speakers are invited. The chair introduces each speaker and puts each talk in perspective. Each speaker gives a brief (10-15 minutes) prepared presentation, usually presenting a different view or experience on the topic, followed by debate among the speakers and questions from the audience facilitated by the chair.

Roundtable: Involves a group of individuals, some of whom may be invited, holding an informal discussion on a specific topic or problem, with no formal presentations.

Debate: A debate takes place between two or more opponents who are experts in their fields as well as being entertaining presenters. The debate topic is clearly defined in terms of a question, with one side presenting the affirmative case and the other the negative case.

World Café: World Café comprises progressive rounds of conversation among groups of 5-6 participants. Each round lasts 15-20 minutes, after which participants are invited to form new groups and continue the conversation drawing in ideas and comments from earlier discussions. The session concludes with a whole-group discussion.

Practitioner exchanges provide an opportunity for up to 8 conference participants to present a brief (3 minutes) overview of their work and to network with others in the same field. Time does not permit presentation of full papers during the session, but abstracts will be included in the final program. Note: Some Practitioner Exchanges are scheduled in the preliminary program in response to submissions received, while others may be added during preparation of the final program to accommodate large numbers of paper submissions on a particular topic.

Indaba: For issues that arise during the conference and that delegates want to pursue through follow-up discussions. During the morning, participants post potential topics for discussion, and individuals interested in each topic sign up. If a topic generates sufficient interest, space is made available for the discussion to take place in the late afternoon.

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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Energy

Using IA to enhance community participation in company supply chains

Format: Paper session

Convenor(s): 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

Convenor(s): Francesca Vilianni, 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.

Sustainable practices applicable to renewable energy

Format: Theme forum

Convenor(s): Pamela Gunther

This session will focus on how renewable energy can be developed as a long-term sustainable resource able to permanently replace traditional non-renewable energy resources. In addition, presentations are welcome that demonstrate where and how sustainable practices can best be applied and where these applications may be the most difficult to apply.

EIA and transmission lines siting

Format: Paper session

Convenor(s): 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.

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

Format: Paper session

Convenor(s): 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

Convenor(s): Humberto Marenga

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

Convenor(s): 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

Convenor(s): 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

Convenor(s): 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

Proposed sessions

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, Arne Dalfelt

IAIA Section: Energy

This session provides an opportunity for *CBS recipients* at the conference 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, Arne 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 Lam, 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 Keshkam

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 mitigation and adaptation

Guidance to integrate climate change adaptation in impact assessment

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Arend Kolhoff

A growing number of international organizations, countries and donors have developed a variety of guidance material such as methods, tools and tool kits to support climate change adaptation in impact assessment. In this session a variety of guidance materials will be presented as well as experience with application. In addition, the results of a comparative analysis of those presented guidance materials will be elaborated in a matrix and shared with the audience.

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, focussing on the use of guidelines and lessons learned.

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 mitigation, 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 stewardship and risk management

Human rights impact assessment

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.

Social and environmental sustainability in private sector finance

Format: Theme forum

Convener(s): Mauricio Athie, Reidar Kvam

IAIA Section: Corporate Stewardship and Risk Management

A presentation will describe the main features of IFC's Performance Standards, with case studies and examples. Emphasis will be given to the application of impact assessments and management. A panel will then hold a discussion with representatives from IFC and other PS users including EPFIs. Based on examples provided during the presentation, the panelists will answer questions and discuss progress in PS application.

Grievance mechanisms

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Ana Maria Esteves, Deanna Kemp, Debra Zanewich

Business is under increasing pressure to address company-community conflict in ways that advance justice. This session will focus on the internal processes and conflict pathways that shape organizational approaches to company-community conflict management. Insights will be gained on the role of impact assessment in managing company-community conflict and establishing grievance mechanisms.

Corporate social responsibility (CSR), benefit sharing, and footprints

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Shivcharn Dhillon

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): Rita Sully, 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.

Sustainable development of infrastructure in Latin America

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Ana Paula Fernandez del Castillo, Debra Zanewich

An introduction by the conveners will post tough questions, such as: Is it clear to companies and organizations in the sector what sustainability means? Are the companies' corporate responsibility reports or sustainability reports useful? These and other related questions will be addressed by a panel of invited experts including representatives of companies and organizations of recognized prestige in Latin America as drivers of infrastructure, and academics and consultants in the area of corporate sustainability.

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.

Agreements between companies and communities

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Ana Maria Esteves, Martin Haefele, Murray Jones

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.

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



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): Arn 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 Vanclay

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.

Health

HIA in developing country settings: From theory into practice

Format: Theme forum

Convener(s): Mark Divall, Kerry ten Kate, Amrei von Hase, Rob Barbour

IAIA Section: Health

The session will address the operationalization of Health Impact Assessment in development projects in a number of settings. Use of standard HIA tools and methodologies will be described in a practical sense and experiences shared on the success of these methods in a number of different contexts.

HIA in 21st century: Time for a new consensus

Format: Theme forum

Convener(s): Francesca Viliiani, Ben Cave, Patrick Harris, Ben Harris-Roxas, Salim Vohra, Aaron Wernham, Rajiv Bhatia

IAIA Section: Health

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): Ben Cave, Francesca Viliiani

IAIA Section: Health

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.

Proposed sessions

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

IAIA Section: Biodiversity & Ecology

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 practices

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.

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.

Capacity building

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 "yesteryEAR" 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 feature 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 Bonvoisin

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.

Proposed sessions

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, Charlotta 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.

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.

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.

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.

Training courses

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

3 | THE CULTURAL COMPONENT OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PRACTICAL TRAINING IN METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

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)

4 | INCREASING TANGIBILITY IN SEA THROUGH VALUATION OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

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 Sloodweg. 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 Sloodweg , 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 SIAs, 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 Espinoza , 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 feed-back 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)

Technical visits

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 Turrillas, 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)

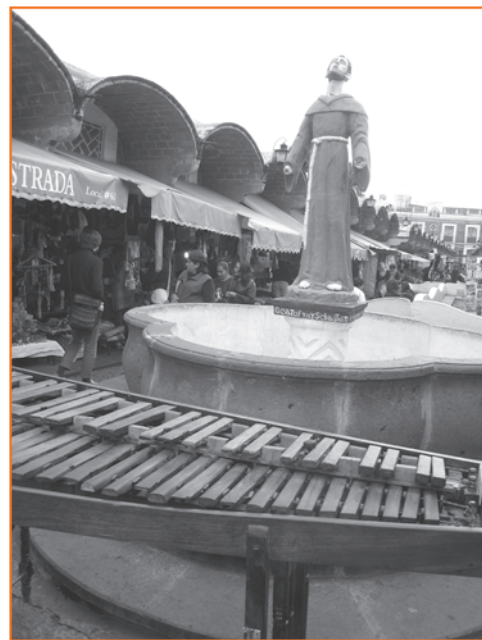
Depart 07:00 | Return 17:30

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.



Important date: 31 March 2011!

B | AFRICAM SAFARI, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PARK

Located at only 15 km from the event venue, Africam Safari is considered the best park of its kind in Latin America. Since its foundation in 1972, the Park has been committed to inspire individuals and organizations to protect our natural environment. Through community and internal conservation programs, people are challenged to take action and to emulate nature where everything is used and nothing is wasted.

Through an interactive talk with specialists from the Park Department of Environment, Security and Sustainability, you will have the opportunity to learn about their sustainability strategic plan 2009-2030, and the actions that are being implemented to reach the "Triple O" goal, which refers to generating zero waste, zero CO2 emissions and zero wastewater discharges by the year 2030.

The talk will take place in an elevated bamboo cabin, surrounded by African lions and with a breathtaking view of oak forests and the stunning Valsequillo Lake.

The visit to Africam Safari includes a two-hour safari-type expedition, where free-roaming rhinos, tigers, giraffes and more than 3,000 animals from over 250 species are waiting to meet visitors.

Additionally, you will enter the Adventure Zone where, you can experience a free-flying bird show, take a walk in a footpath among kangaroos, observe the fun-loving meerkats, and be astonished with the majesty of X-Mahana, the butterfly recint, secluded in a magnificent tropical forest.

Sunday, 29 May

Depart 09:00 | **Return** 16:00

Price \$50

Price includes box lunch.

Minimum/Maximum 20-39

Special note Participants should bring a hat/cap and sunblock.

C/F | TEOTIHUACAN

Teotihuacan, which means "the place where men become gods," is an archaeological zone that lies 48 km (30 mi) northeast of Mexico City. Travel time from Puebla: 2 hours.

These ruins are among the most important pre-Hispanic ruins in the Americas due to their masterful urban layout, the monumental architecture and the strong religious and political influence that Teotihuacan held over other cities. In addition, it is one of Mexico's most visited archaeological sites. Magnificent ceremonial, social, civic and residential structures were built around the ancient metropolis' main avenue. Among the most impressive constructions are the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon, the Temple of the Plumed Serpent (Quetzalcoatl), the Patio of the Jaguars, the Quetzalcoatl Palace and the Palace of the Citadel. Many of the edifices are adorned with remarkably well-preserved murals.

Not only does Teotihuacan boast one of Mesoamerica's most splendid examples of ancient architecture, but it is also a very spiritual place, according to those who continue to observe pre-Hispanic traditions. On March 21, when the spring equinox occurs, visitors descend on the site to absorb its strong energy.

The site visit will be guided by professionals from the National Institute of Anthropology and History and will include certain places not open to the general public.

Monday, 30 May (B)

Saturday, 4 June (F)

Depart 08:00 | **Return** 18:00

Minimum-Maximum 30-50

Price \$65

Price includes lunch at La Gruta restaurant in Teotihuacan.

Special note Participants should bring a hat/cap and use sunblock.

D | CHOLULA & PUEBLA

Morning: Guided survey of the archaeological Cholula complex, located about 8 km west of Puebla. Ancient Cholula has been for centuries a major center for Mesoamerican trade, commerce and religion. A great city once stood at the foot of what appears to be an earthen hill surmounted by a church, which was built by the Spanish in colonial times (1594). However, this hill is, in fact, the largest pyramid ever built, covering over 18 ha. Called the Great Pyramid of Tepanapa, it was constructed in successive stages over an 800-year period (1-800 A.D.).

Transfer to visit the churches of San Francisco and Santa Maria Tonanzintla Acatepec near Cholula, both beautiful examples of the Mexican Baroque style.

Transfer to Puebla City for lunch.

Afternoon: Guided pedestrian tour through the streets of the historic center of Puebla, designated a World Heritage site by UNESCO to see the Cathedral of Puebla, the Palafoxiana library, the city hall, and the Chapel of the Rosary, which is decorated with sheets of 25 carat gold and is one of the greatest achievements of Baroque New Spain. The walk ends visiting the Parian crafts market.

Monday, 30 May

Depart 08:30 | **Return** 17:30

Minimum-Maximum 15 - 39

Price \$65

Price includes traditional lunch at El Ranchito restaurant.

Special note Participants should bring a hat/cap and use sunblock.

G | CUETZALAN, MAGICAL TOWN POST-CONFERENCE TOUR

Day 1: Puebla / Apulco / Cuetzalan

Depart from Puebla and stop in Apulco at La Olla waterfall and enjoy the beautiful scenery and tasty regional food.

Continue to Cuetzalan in the afternoon and register at the Posada Cuetzalan Hotel. Walk through its streets and visit the San Francisco church and our Lady of Guadalupe church, also known as "the Jars church" because its tower is decorated with jars made out of clay.

Dinner at the Jars restaurant and watch the traditional Flyers Dance. (The dance show is not available if it rains.)

Day 2: Cuetzalan

Visit Youalichan archaeological zone, which is a Totonac ceremonial center and has a close similarity to the better-known archaeological site of Tajín by the type of pyramidal structure formed on the basis of niches. Dedicate the rest of the morning to walk the "Blue Trail," an interpretive trail through a preserved area in order to explore the characteristics of the flora, fauna and landscape typical of a mesophile or cloud forest and observe some ecological restoration experiences.

Lunch, followed by a free afternoon to enjoy the people and the traditional indigenous street market.

Day 3: Cuetzalan / Cantona / Puebla

Leave Cuetzalan for Cantona, a spectacular newly-excavated archaeological site believed to be the largest urban center yet discovered in Mesoamerica. Cantona covers 12 km² that are divided into three urban areas. The ruins includes a roadway network of over 500 cobblestone causeways, over 3,000 individual patios or residences, 24 ball courts and an elaborate acropolis with many ceremonial buildings and temples.

Trip back to Puebla.

Duration 3 days, 2 nights

Saturday, 4 June - Monday, 6 June

Depart 09:00 Saturday

Return 15:00-16:00 Monday

Minimum 10 **Maximum** 17 persons per minibus

Price \$380 per person single occupancy
\$345 per person double occupancy

Price includes two nights accommodation with breakfast, two lunches, one dinner, entrance to the attractions mentioned in the itinerary, a leisure activity, transportation and guide in English.

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.

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.



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.



Special meetings, networking activities and events

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.

PROGRAM

8:30-9:00	Participant registration
9:00-9:10	Opening remarks
9:10-10:30	Evolution of the Impact Assessment process in Ibero-America: Institutions, Regulatory Framework, Institutional Capacity
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	EIA Process in Ibero-America: Overview and Case Studies
12:30-13:15	Discussion Panel: Establishing an Ibero-American Impact Assessment Network
13:15-13:30	Morning wrap-up
13:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:00	Impact Assessment and the Achievement of Environmental Sustainability in Iberoamerica (Millennium Development Goal No.7: Overview and case studies)
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-18:00	Discussion Panel: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – Challenges and Opportunities for its Implementation in Ibero-America
18:00-18:15	Evening wrap-up

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 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) 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) 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

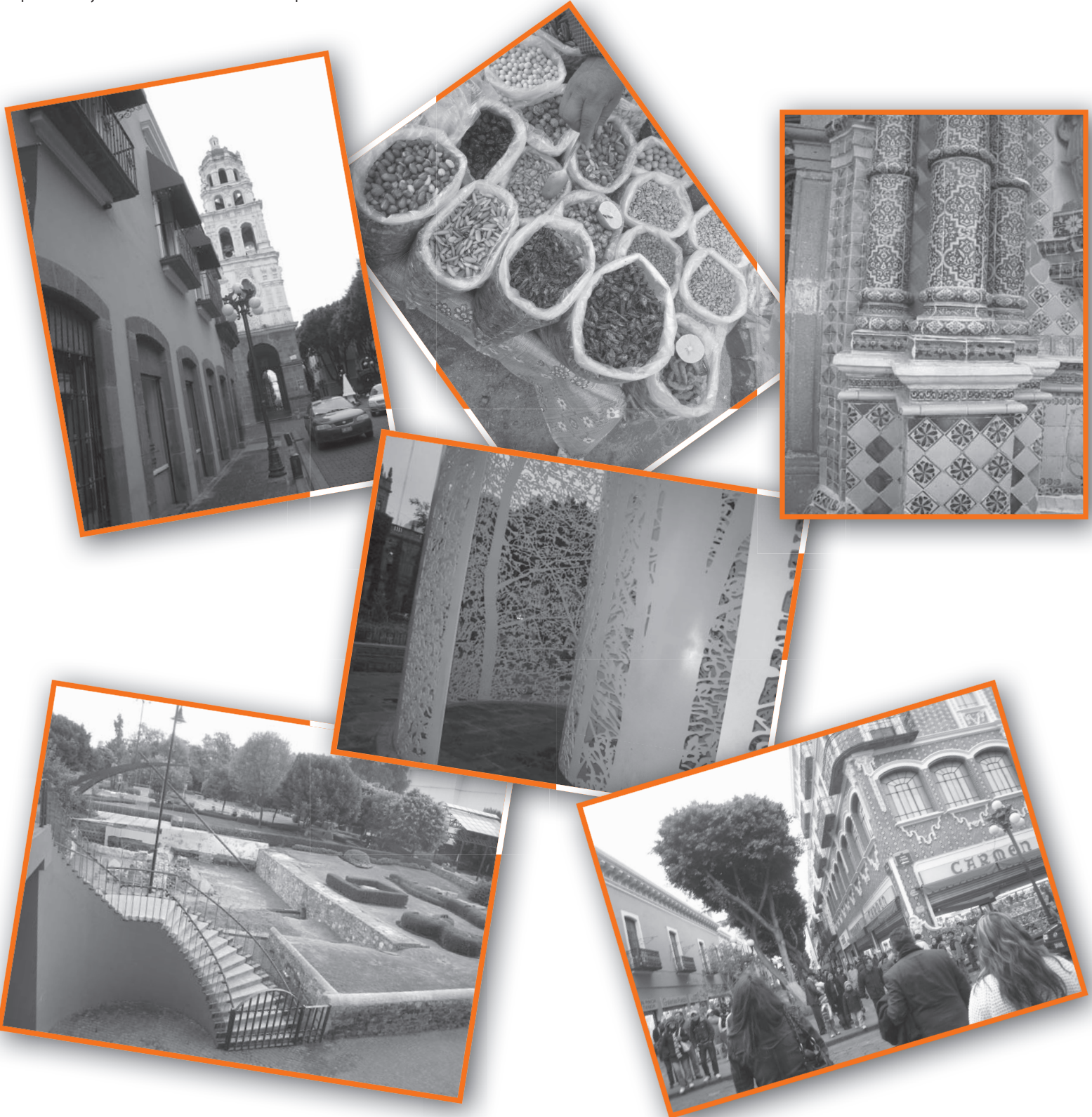
<http://travel.nytimes.com/2008/03/09/travel/09hours.html?ref=travelnewspapers,booksandfeed>

http://travel.nytimes.com/2005/11/20/travel/20T-PUEBLA.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=the%20best%20multidimensional%20mole%20poblano%20in%20the%20city&st=cse

http://www.chieftain.com/life/local/article_071f6cba-c142-11df-ae1b-001cc4c002e0.html

Mole

<http://travel2.nytimes.com/2006/11/17/travel/escapes/17mole.html?ref=travel>



We welcome your sponsorship of IAIA11!

Sponsors and exhibitors

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: 04455.3455.6567 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.



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.

Benefit	Reef \$1,500-\$5,000	Island \$5,001-\$20,000	Continent \$20,001-\$35,000	Earth \$35,001-\$60,000	Premier More than \$60,000
Recognition in conference publications	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in IAIA newsletter (circulation 1,600+)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition on conference sponsors Web page	Company name	Logo	Logo	Logo with hot link to company Web site	Prominent logo and hot link
Recognition in final program	Company name	Logo	Logo	Logo	Logo on front cover
Final participant list after conference	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Complimentary registrations	One	Two	Three	Four	Five
Attendees receive "Sponsor" nametag ribbon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Half-price registrations for additional staff		One	Two	Three	Four
Black/White advertisement in final program		One ¼ pg ad	One ½ pg ad	One full-page ad	One full-page ad
Exhibit booth or table-top display discount		25% discount	50% discount	75% discount	100% discount
Complimentary Standard Corporate IAIA membership (1 year) - \$1,000 value			✓	✓	✓
4 issues of journal <i>Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal</i>			✓	✓	✓
4 issues of IAIA Newsletter			✓	✓	✓
1 year access to IAIA Connect, IAIA's social networking site			✓	✓	✓
Pre-Conference training course discounts (2 people)				50% discount	100% discount
Named sponsor of one theme forum or concurrent session				✓	✓
Sponsor-provided satchel insert				One	Two
Profile on conference sponsors Web page				100 words	300 words
Hotlink in monthly IAIA e-news (6,000+)					✓
Acknowledgement in all news releases					✓
Recognition on ALL conference Web pages					✓
Logo on delegate satchels					✓

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/iapa.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 all delegates in the form of higher registration fees, IAIA does not provide copying, printing, computers or other business services on-site.

PowerPoint projectors and laptop computers will be provided in each session room. Presenters are responsible for arranging and paying in advance for any other equipment needed for their presentations. Contact IAIA HQ for price information and to order equipment before 31 March 2011.

■ 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 vegetarian 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 (M\$).

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.

General information

■ 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-Xicalanca 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 cutoff 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 at 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.inm.gob.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 from 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/expreso-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/acercadelaicm/Archivos/files/PlantaBajaT2_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 Nátinate 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

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/g/a/2010/06/02/mexicomix060210.DTL>

■ 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.

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 M\$12.5 per 1USD.

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 \$1,500 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/dinner, 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 \$3 USD a day for room attendants (maids) and also \$3 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.

Hotel and booking details
are available online at
www.iaia.org > IAIA11.

No.	Hotel	IAIA11 Conference rate Mexican pesos*	Number of rooms available	Reservation notes	Reservation Information	Distance to Puebla Convention Center
1	City Express Centro / 4 Stars	\$ 1,084 Single or Double Room Continental breakfast: Included	20 SGL 40 DBL	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Calle 10 Norte No. 1406 Phone: +52 222 213-7330 Website: www.cityexpress.com.mx E-mail: ahipolito@cityexpress.com.mx	5 min walk
2	Hotel del Portal / 3 Stars	\$ 600 SGL** \$ 650 DBL \$ 700 TPL \$ 750 QPL	20 SGL 20 DBL 20 TPL or QPL	Must book by April 28. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Juan de Palafox y Mendoza No. 205 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 404-6200 Website: www.hoteldelportal.com E-mail: ventasdelportal@hotmail.com	10 min walk
3	Posada San Pedro / 4 Stars	\$ 720 SGL or DBL** \$ 838 TPL or QPL	35	Must book by April 28. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Calle 2 Oriente No. 202 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 891-5700 Website: www.hotelposadasanpedro.com.mx E-mail: reservaciones@hotelposadasanpedro.com	10 min walk
4	Hotel Royalty Centro 4 Stars	\$ 510 SGL** \$ 620 DBL \$ 710 TPL \$ 1,210 QPL	15	Must book by April 28. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Portal Hidalgo No. 8 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 242-4743 Website: www.hotelr.com E-mail: hotelroyalty@hotmail.com	10 min walk
5	Hotel Palace / 3 Stars	\$ 527 SGL or DBL** \$ 680 TPL or QPL	30 SGL 15 DBL	Must book by April 28. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Calle 2 Oriente No. 13 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 232-2430 Website: www.hotelpalace.com.mx E-mail: reservaciones@hotelpalace.com.mx	10 min walk
6	Hotel Gilfer / 3 Stars	\$ 439 SGL** \$ 543 DBL \$ 608 TPL \$ 688 QPL	35	Must book by April 28. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Calle 2 Oriente No. 11 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 309-9800 to 29 Website: www.gilferhotel.com.mx E-mail: reservaciones@gilferhotel.com.mx	10 min walk
7	Hotel Señorial / 3 Stars	\$ 420 SGL** \$ 515 DBL \$ 600 TPL \$ 690 QPL	30	Must book by April 28. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Calle 4 Norte No. 602 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 246-2120 Website: www.senorialpuebla.com E-mail: reservaciones@senorialpuebla.com	5-10 min walk
8	Hotel Imperial / 3 Stars	\$ 360 SGL** \$ 455 DBL \$ 550 TPL \$ 620 QPL	30	Must book by April 28. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Calle 4 Norte No. 212 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 242-4980 & 4981 Website: www.hotelimperialpuebla.com E-mail: reservaciones@hotelimperialpuebla.com	5-10 min walk
9	Camino Real Centro / 5 Stars	\$ 1,500 Single or Double Room Continental breakfast: \$ 136 (tip included)	35 SGL 35 DBL	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Calle 7 Poniente No. 105 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 229-0909 Website: www.camionoreal.com E-mail: veronica.alcocer@camionoreal.com	10-15 min walk
10	NH Puebla / 4 Stars	\$ 1,421 Single or Double Room Continental breakfast: \$ 136 (tip included)	40 SGL 30 DBL	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Av. 5 Sur No. 105 Historical Center Phone: +52 222 309-1919 Website: www.nh-hotels.com E-mail: m.rodriqueztrujillo@nh-hotels.com	10-15 min walk
11	San Leonardo / 4 Stars	\$ 1,421 Single or Double Room Continental breakfast: \$ 136 (tip included)	45	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Av. 2 Oriente No. 211 Historical Center Phone: +52 222 223-6600 Website: www.hotelsanleonardo.com.mx E-mail: Juan.gonzalez@hotelsanleonardo.com.mx	10 min walk
12	Casa Reyna / Boutique	\$ 1,660 SGL \$ 1,660 DBL \$ 1,900 Jr. Suite \$ 2,360 Mr. Suite Breakfast included	1 SGL/DBL 7 JR 1 MR	Must book by April 30. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Privada 2 Oriente No. 1007 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 232-0032 Website: www.casareyna.com E-mail: tdp@tesorosdepuebla.com.mx	5 min walk

* 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 other 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+ years ago.

3) When making your reservation please be sure that the room has as many beds as you need.

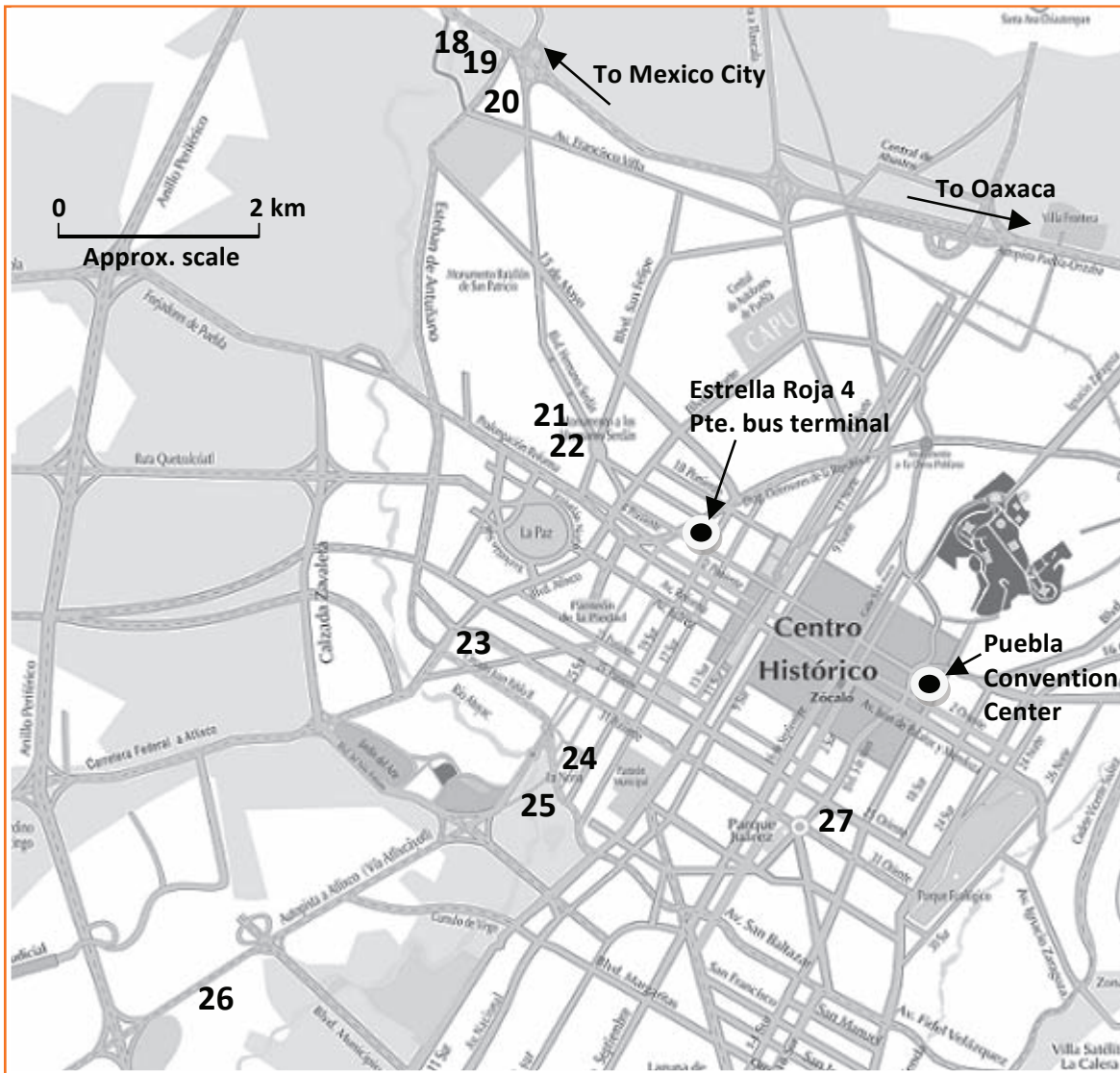
No.	Hotel	IAIA11 Conference rate Mexican pesos*	Number of rooms available	Reservation notes	Reservation Information	Distance to Puebla Convention Center
13	Casona de la China Poblana Boutique	\$ 1,660 SGL \$ 1,660 DBL \$ 1,900 Jr. Suite \$ 2,360 Mr. Suite Breakfast included	1 SGL/DBL 5 JR 2 MR	Must book by April 30. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Calle 4 Norte No.2 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 242-5621 Website: www.casonadelachinapoblana.com E-mail: tdp@tesorosdepuebla.com.mx	10 min walk
14	El Sueño Hotel & Spa Boutique	\$ 1,660 SGL \$ 1,660 DBL \$ 1,900 Jr. Suite \$ 2,360 Mr. Suite Breakfast and access to Spa included	9 SGL/DBL 5 JR 4 MR	Must book by April 30. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Calle 9 Oriente No. 12 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 232-6489 Website: www.elsueno-hotel.com E-mail: tdp@tesorosdepuebla.com.mx	15 min walk
15	Mesón Sacristía de la Compañía Boutique	\$ 1,660 SGL \$ 1,660 DBL \$ 1,900 Jr. Suite \$ 2,360 Mr. Suite Breakfast included	2 SGL/DBL 4 JR 2 MR	Must book by April 30. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Calle 6 Sur No.304 Callejón de los Sapos Historic Center Phone: +52 222 232-4513 Website: www.mesones-sacristia.com E-mail: tdp@tesorosdepuebla.com.mx	10 min walk
16	Puebla de Antaño Boutique	\$ 1,300 Jr. Suite \$ 1,500 Mr. Suite Extra person: \$ 250 Breakfast included for 1 or 2 persons	14 JR 5 MR	Must book by January 30. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Calle 3 Oriente No. 206 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 246-2403 Website: www.hotelpuebladeantano.com E-mail: gerencia@hotelpuebladeantano.com, reservas@hotelpuebladeantano.com	10 min walk
17	Casa de la Palma Boutique	\$ 1,253 Jr. Suite Rooms with 1 king size bed Breakfast included for 1 or 2 persons	9 JR	Must book by April 28. Mention IAIA11 Group.	Calle 3 Oriente No. 217 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 246-1437 Website: www.casadelapalmapuebla.com E-mail: hotelcasadelapalma@prodigy.net.mx	10 min walk
18	Fiesta Inn FINSA / 4 Stars	\$ 1,574.00 Single or Double Room Continental breakfast: \$ 136 (tip included)	30	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Lateral Autopista Mexico-Puebla 7735 Phone: +52 222 223- 8800 Website: www.fiestainn.com E-mail: marcela.garcia@posadas.com	10-15 min by car
19	Holiday Inn FINSA /5 Stars	\$ 1,421 Single or Double Room Continental breakfast: \$ 136 (tip included)	20 SGL 40 DBL	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Lateral Autopista Mexico-Puebla 7719 Phone: 52 222 223- 0000 Website: www.holidayinn.com/pueblafinsa E-mail: reservas@hinnpuebla.com.mx	10-15 min by car
20	Marriott Real Puebla / 5 Stars	\$ 1,652.00 Single or Double Room Breakfast included	50 SGL 50 DBL	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Av. Hermanos Serdán No. 807 Phone: +52 222 141- 2066 Website: www.marriottpuebla.com E-mail: marriott.pbc@realhotelsandresorts.com, grupos.pbc@realhotelsandresorts.com	10-15 min by car
21	Presidente Inter-Continental 5 Stars	\$ 1,528 Single or Double Room Continental breakfast: \$ 170	80	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Av. Hermanos Serdán No.141 Colonia Amor Phone: +52 222 213-7070 Website: www.intercontinental.com/puebla E-mail: Flor.perez@intercontipuebla.com.mx	5-10 min by car
22	Holiday Inn Express / 4 Stars	\$ 1,421 Single or Double Room Breakfast buffet: Included	35 SGL 55 DBL	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Av. Hermanos Serdán 45 Colonia Amor Phone: +52 222 303-0303 Website: www.hiexpress.com/pueblamex E-mail: reservas@expresspuebla.com.mx	10 min by car
23	Courtyard / 4 Stars	\$ 1,420 Single or Double Room Continental breakfast: \$ 136 (tip included)	80	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Av. 31 Poniente No.3333 Colonia Las Animas Phone: +52 222 477- 2110 Website: www.courtyard.com E-mail: luciana.castillo@landus.com.mx	10 min by car
24	Holiday Inn Noria / 4 Stars	\$ 1,421 Single or Double Room Continental breakfast: \$ 136 (tip included)	40 SGL 30 DBL	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Circuito Juan Pablo II 1936 Phone: +52 222 211-9008 Website: www.holidayinn.com/pueblanoria E-mail: rosalba_ceron@interconti.com	10 min by car
25	City Express Angelopolis 4 Stars	\$ 1,084 Single or Double Room Continental breakfast: Included	30 SGL 20 DBL	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Circuito Juan Pablo II 1755 Phone: +52 222 211- 7000 Website: www.cityexpress.com.mx E-mail: ahipolito@cityexpress.com.mx	10 min by car
26	Camino Real Angelopolis 5 Stars	\$ 1,574 Single or Double Room Continental breakfast: \$ 136 (tip included)	40 SGL 40 DBL	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA	Blvd. Atixcayotl Km 5 Frac. La Vista Phone: +52 222 303-1813 Website: www.caminoreal.com.mx E-mail: zinuhe.rojas@camino-real.com.mx	10-15 min by car
27	Condado Plaza / 4 Stars	\$ 590 SGL** \$ 750 DBL \$ 931 TPL \$ 940 OPL	55	Must book by April 28. Mention IAIA11 Conference.	Calle 31 Oriente at the corner with Privada 6-B Sur Col. Ladrillera de Benitez Phone: +52 222 237-3303 Website: www.condadoplazahotel.com.mx E-mail: ventasyreservaciones@condadoplazahotel.com.mx	10 min by car
28	Casona San Antonio Boutique	\$ 1,470 - \$1,630 Single or Double Room \$ 1,790 Jr. Suite \$ 1,950 Mr. Suite Breakfast included	9 SGL/DBL 4 JR 1 MR	No deadline for reservation but subject to vacancy. Mention IAIA.	Calle 9 Oriente No. 203 Historic Center Phone: +52 222 246-1620 Website: www.hotelspacasonasanantonio.com.mx E-mail: reservas@hotelspacasonasanantonio.com.mx	15 min walk

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City Center Hotels



Historic Center Hotels



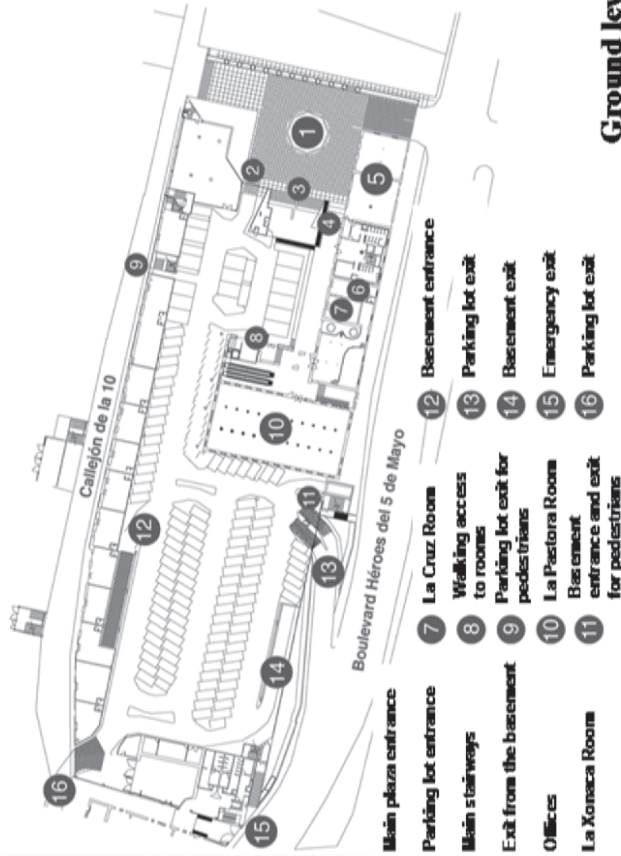
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- 1 Angelópolis auditorium
- 2 Chicasco plaza
- 3 Nursing
- 4 Press room
- 5 Hall
- 6 Main balcony
- 7 La Esperanza room
- 8 La Oriental room
- 9 La Violeta room
- 10 La Consancia room
- 11 Amalco room
- 12 La Luz room
- 13 El Alto room
- 14 Kitchen
- 15 Service corridor

R Registration

Upper level



- 1 Main plaza entrance
- 2 Parking lot entrance
- 3 Main stairways
- 4 Exit from the basement
- 5 Offices
- 6 La Xansca Room
- 7 La Cruz Room
- 8 Walking access to rooms
- 9 Parking lot exit for pedestrians
- 10 La Pastora Room
- 11 Basement entrance and exit for pedestrians
- 12 Basement entrance
- 13 Parking lot exit
- 14 Basement exit
- 15 Emergency exit
- 16 Parking lot exit

Ground level



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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 _____

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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\$)

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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.

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|---|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Practical Guide to Sustainability Assessment | 29 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |
| 2. MCA for EIA of Projects and Plans (in Spanish) | 29 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |
| 3. Cultural Heritage IA | 29 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |
| 4. Increasing Tangibility in SEA | 29-30 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 |
| 5. Understanding Impact Assessment | 29-30 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 |
| 6. Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services in IA | 29-30 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 |
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| 8. EIA Guide & Review | 29-30 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 |
| 9. SEA for LAC Countries (in Spanish) | 29-30 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 |
| 10. Involuntary Resettlement | 30 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |
| 11. HIA for Extractive Industries | 30 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |
| 12. Linking Project EIA & Env'l Mgmt (in Spanish) | 30 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |

Non-IAIA11 delegates 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.

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|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| A. Biosphere & Water Museum | 29 May | # persons _____ | @\$70 = \$ _____ |
| B. Africam 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 = \$ _____ |

5 | SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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|---|--------|----------------------------------|
| Iberoamerican Day* | 30 May | \$30 = \$ _____ |
| Fun Run | 2 June | # persons _____ @\$5 = \$ _____ |
| Banquet/Int'l Networking Night* | 2 June | # persons _____ @\$30 = \$ _____ |
| World Bank/IFC Workshop | 3 June | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mentor/Mentee program (see page 29 for additional information required) | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

6 | INDICATION OF INTEREST/MEAL PREFERENCE

Opening reception* 31 May # Persons: Delegates _____ Guests _____

Dietary restriction: _____

7 | PAYMENT INFORMATION

* Starred activities are tentative pending sponsorship.

Registration fee US\$ _____
Membership renewal US\$ _____
Total of activities fees US\$ _____
Total amount due US\$ _____

Charge to Visa MasterCard American Express

3 or 4 digit CCV/security code _____

Expiration date ____/____/____ (month/year)

Print name on card _____

Authorized signature _____

Check or money order in US\$ drawn on a US bank drawn enclosed.

I will pay on-site with cash or traveler's check (US\$) or cash (M\$)

Note: Pre-payment by 28 February for presenters and 31 March for technical visit and training course participants 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 _____

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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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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Does IAIA practice what it preaches? Yes, and more so every year. IAIA takes the following steps (as practical and possible) to mitigate the impacts of our conferences:

- Limit printed materials; communicate via e-mail and web to the extent practical and possible
- Contract with venues that participate in green programs (e.g., hotels that provide a linen and towel reuse program)
- 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 badge 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.

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Sunday, 29 May	
Training courses	All day
Technical visits	All day
Monday, 30 May	
Training courses	All day
Technical visits	All day
Special Event: Iberoamerican Day	All Day
Tuesday, 31 May	
Plenary, forums, sessions	All day
Poster session	Afternoon
Opening reception*	Evening
Wednesday, 1 June	
Plenary, forums, sessions, AGM	All day
Social and networking event	Evening
Thursday, 2 June	
Plenary, forums, session, Council meeting	All day
Social and networking event*	Evening
Friday, 3 June	
Concurrent sessions, closing	Morning
World Bank/IFC Workshop	Afternoon
Saturday, 4 June	
Technical visits, post-conference tour departs	All day

* to be confirmed

Important Dates and Deadlines

31 January 2011

- Abstract submission deadline
- Student fee waiver application deadline

28 February 2011

- Early Bird rate ends; Quickpass registration deadline
- Last date authors and presenters may register and pay in full to be included in the final program

1 March 2011

- Mentor/Buddy participant forms due

28 March 2011

- Five-page draft papers due

31 March 2011

- Deadline for technical visit and training course registration
- Sponsorship confirmation needed to be recognized in final program
- Deadline for exhibitors and requests for inserts in delegate bags
- Requests for special audio-visual equipment due
- Auction donation forms due
- Buffet of Ideas suggestions due

29 April 2011

- Paper reviews completed; draft papers posted online

11 May 2011

- Pre-registration cutoff

28 July 2011

- Revised papers due; posted online