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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT



Energy Future

The Role of Impact Assessment

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- **Preliminary program and registration materials**
- **Submission deadline: 31 January 2012**



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What did delegates say was the best aspect of IAIA11?

- *"Experience sharing and interaction with renowned experts in the field of IA."*
- *"Getting some real concrete ideas for future work."*
- *"Making new links related to emerging work interests."*
- *"Networking and discussing work with people in similar areas as well as learning about new opportunities."*
- *"Getting the cutting edge of developments in impact assessment."*

Can you afford to miss IAIA12?

Why attend IAIA12?

IS THIS YOUR 1ST, 5TH, OR 30TH IAIA CONFERENCE?

What an opportunity! Where else can you gather to hear perspectives in impact assessment from 90+ 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 IAIA12?

- 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 IAIA12?

- **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 90 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 in a unique and beautiful city.

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.
- Free rates on job postings at Career Central (www.iaia.org) through 30 June 2012.
- And more!

ABOUT IAIA

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

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

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

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

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

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Invitation to attend



Miguel Coutinho

Chair, Local Organizing Committee
Co-chair, Program Committee

Welcome to IAIA12! The IAIA12 Local Organizing Committee is delighted to invite you to Porto, Portugal, for the 32nd Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA).

There have always been plenty of reasons to visit Portugal's second city, but I truly believe that there's never been a better time to visit my hometown of Porto. I am certain that you will enjoy the striking contemporary and timeless attractions, the new metro system and the renovated World Heritage center where the convention centre stands.

From my perspective, the theme of the 2012 conference is crucial. If impact assessment is to be effective in helping society move closer to the goals of sustainability, then we have to stand still for three and a half days and focus with a holistic view and an open-minded perspective on the most important challenge that the future will bring: Energy. What will future energy sources be? And how will the future be shaped by these new energy sources?

A quick look through the preliminary program will show that this theme has struck a chord with many of our session organizers, who are inviting you at IAIA12 to grapple with the challenges of energy decision making in an increasingly complex world. True to the spirit of IAIA, this will be achieved by openly sharing views, ideas and experiences. At this meeting we want plenty of communication between and among all participants!

IAIA12 will be a multi-faceted conference that gives you the opportunity to compose your own conference, by choosing topical streams to suit your professional needs and interests. The technical program will be organized according to topical streams to help you find your topics with ease.

We invite you to submit your paper or poster abstract and register soon for IAIA12. We hope that you won't miss this opportunity to visit Porto.



Carlos Borrego

Co-chair, Program Committee

I am very pleased, on behalf of the Program Committee, to invite you to attend the 32nd Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) in Porto, Portugal. The IAIA series of conferences has long supported the gathering of impact assessment experts, IAIA members and newcomers, who will have again, with the regular conference attendees, the opportunity to enjoy a great professional meeting and the warmth of Portuguese hospitality.

Today more than ever—mainly because of the global nature, the complexity and the urgency of the energy and environment issues to be addressed—the dialogue between the scientific community, professionals and decision-makers, in forums such as IAIA12, helps us to see more clearly the effect of human activities on our world, to create the appropriate policies, and to respond with effective action.

The main theme of IAIA12 is “Energy Future: The Role of Impact Assessment.” It should be considered, as usual in IAIA conferences, a challenge for all the participants, looking at the impact assessment as a cornerstone for shaping the future. The need for urgency in our actions, which leads to often difficult economic choices, requires effective communication between all elements of society. This reinforces the value of what can be called the knowledge-action chain.

The knowledge-action chain has developed differently for the three different thematic areas under discussion in the conference. So, it is our interest to understand what mechanisms successfully push or pull issues from the research domain to knowledge and to political actions in order to streamline and speed up the decision-making process. Your contribution presenting your work and participating in the discussions is of paramount importance.

Come and taste a little bit of the amazing Portuguese way of life. We look forward to seeing you in Porto!



Stephen F. Lintner

President, IAIA

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 32nd Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA12) to be held in Porto, Portugal, from 27 May to 1 June 2012, on the theme “Energy Future: The Role of Impact Assessment.” The Conference should be of significant interest to representatives from public and private sector institutions, professionals, students and the public concerned with the interface between public decision making, energy strategy and impact assessment.

This important Conference will feature three complementary Thematic Streams on key energy sector challenges found at the global, regional, national and local level: Fossil Fuels, Renewable Energy and Electric Power Leap. The Conference Organizing Committee is developing a stimulating program with both thematic streams and more traditional sessions outlined in this preliminary program. The program will also feature two special post-Conference sessions: one on the state of environmental assessment practice in the diverse Portuguese speaking countries in Europe, South America, Africa and Asia; and the other on the official launch of the Spanish language impact assessment network, RHEAS (Red Hispano-hablante de Evaluación Ambiental y Social).

Our hosts for IAIA12, IDAD (Instituto do Ambiente e Desenvolvimento) and APAI (Associação Portuguesa de Avaliação de Impactes), would like to remind participants that they should also consider making time to explore the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the historic center of Porto and the adjacent Alto Douro Wine Region. In addition, on the basis of my previous experience in working in the Porto area, I anticipate that the excellent cuisine, fine wines and the legendary Port will also be of significant interest to many participants.

As always, the annual IAIA conference provides an important forum to bring together the diverse global impact assessment community and for us to examine both current challenges and emerging issues in an environment that features both formal and informal opportunities for interaction.

I look forward to seeing you in the beautiful city of Porto on the banks of the Douro River.

Ways to participate

TRAINING COURSES

IAIA12 offers a wide range of exceptional pre-meeting training courses, with several one- or two-day options on 27-28 May. See page 19 for course descriptions and registration information.

SPECIAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Social events such as the welcome reception (Porto de Honra), banquet, 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.

OPENING SESSION

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

THEME FORUMS

Theme forums are “cut-above” presentations and discussions which draw together major threads of the conference theme. For more information, see page 19.

CONCURRENT THEMATIC SESSIONS

Each day of the conference will offer topical tracks related to the conference theme.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A number of presentations related to impact assessment, but not necessarily related to the theme of the conference, will be offered. Many of these sessions will be specific to IAIA's special-interest Sections and will highlight topics in their areas of interest or follow up with sessions from IAIA11 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. IAIA12 will not disappoint. Information about the poster session is on page 18, and information for exhibitors is on page 29.

FIND A JOB

IAIA's Student and Early Professionals Section 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 (see page 30 for a list of 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 a report from the treasurer.

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.

IAIACONNECT

Join us at this session if you would like to learn more about IAIA's professional networking site and how it can benefit you. Bring your questions, and we will walk through online discussions, sharing resources, and finding other members with similar interests. We can even take your photo and upload it to your profile!

- 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!

TECHNICAL VISITS

See page 26 for the variety of IAIA12 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.

CLOSING PLENARY

How can you integrate the dozens of ideas, topics, challenges and debates of an entire 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 IAIA12 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).

ENERGY FUTURE: THE ROLE OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT



There are many international energy issues today that display energy and environment as two competing factions, when the real choice is to ensure sound energy decision making that resolves these trade-offs and ultimately protects the environment. IAIA12 will help the practitioner better understand these energy trade-offs and make decisions in the best long-term interests for energy and the environment. Impact assessment has proven to be a powerful evolving tool in decision making for these difficult energy choices because of its ability to address in a single analysis the environmental, social and health concerns, among others that could occur from our choices in energy sources. More integrated approaches are now being tested for application to a variety of societal/environmental issues such as biodiversity, climate change, and economics. In fact, understanding the future of energy must be one of the highest priorities for impact assessment professionals. How can we tackle the environmental and social risks that will occur as a result of our quest for the development, production and management of existing and new energy sources?

The value of impact assessment is the overarching focus of IAIA12 ... we will focus on three energy themes and a broad range of non-energy-related topics important to the impact assessment practitioner ...

Although our view of the world and the world economy over the last 3-4 human generations has been shaped by assumptions of infinite energy supplied primarily by fossil fuels, the need to develop renewable energy supplies to avoid the environmental impacts that have occurred over time is the core of our global future. Impact assessments have scrutinized thousands of energy projects, but few have considered the long-term future supply and sources of non-renewable and renewable energy as critical to decision-making. Now, however, the basic principle of limitless energy is under challenge. IAIA12 will help attendees better understand and address the issues that we all must consider for our global future.

The value of impact assessment is the overarching focus of IAIA12 with the use of impact assessment in complex decisions related to the development, production, and management of energy sources. IAIA12 will aid all delegates in understanding the complex energy issues being discussed and resolved in today's environment. The conference will focus on three energy themes: renewable energy, fossil fuels and electric power leap. Presentations planned for IAIA12 are working examples for defining and resolving the energy issues from an impact perspective. IAIA12 sessions and presentations on the use of impact assessment in energy development will help all attendees gain a better understanding of the role of impact assessment for resolving our energy dilemmas.

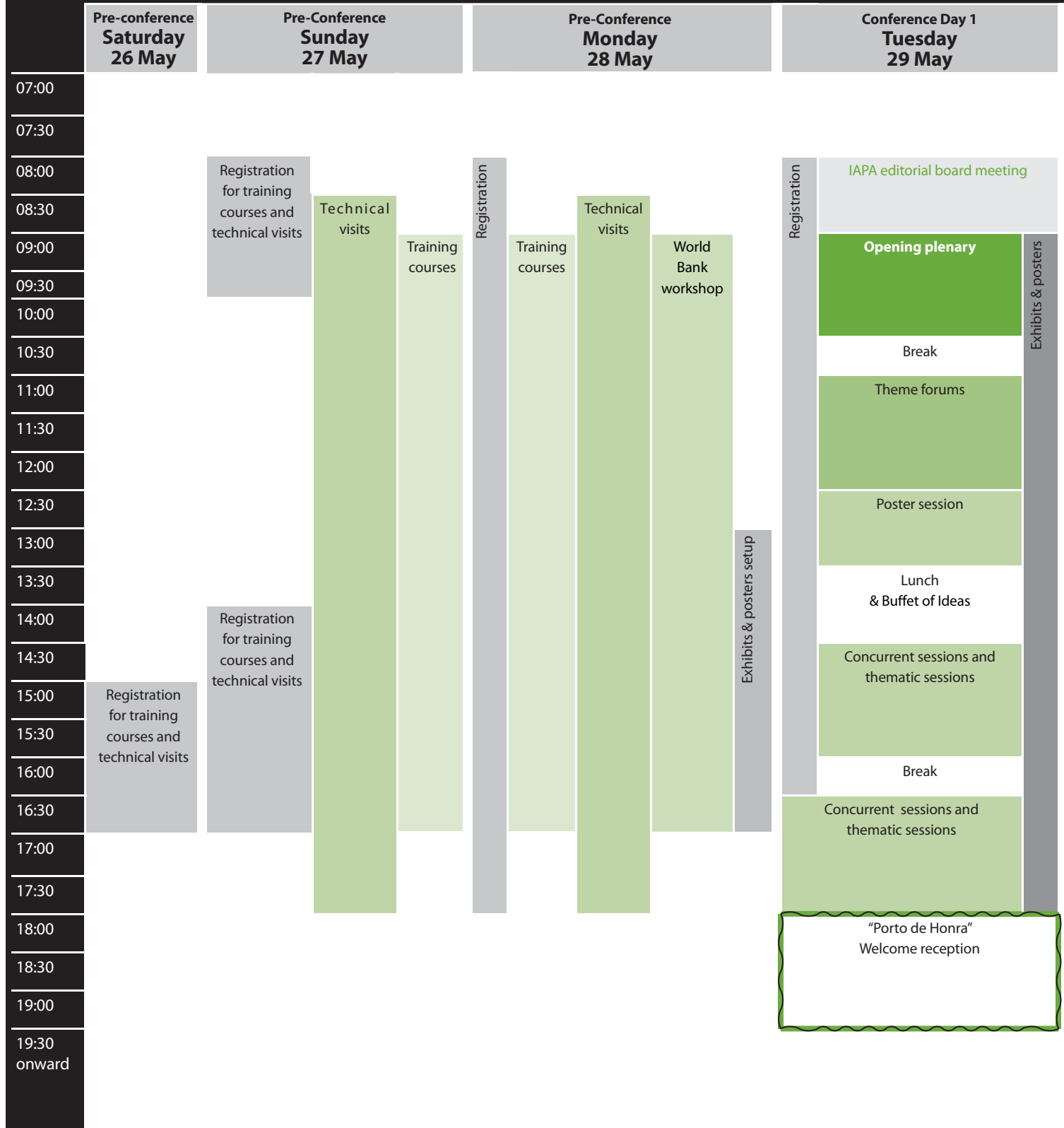
IAIA12 will also include a broad range of non-energy-related topics for consideration, such as topics of importance to the impact assessment practitioner—physical and natural resources, biodiversity, cultural heritage and indigenous peoples, public participation, climate change, and health, among others. IAIA12 training sessions will help the practitioner learn new tools for assessing impact assessment in this global economy.

Conference overview

- The conference will formally commence on Tuesday, 29 May.
- Training courses (page 19) and pre-conference special meetings (page 25) will be offered 28 May and 1 June.

Tentative Program Overview

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



Conference overview

- Diverse social activities (page 28) and technical visits (page 26) will be available throughout and following the conference.
- The welcome reception (Porto de Honra) will take place on Tuesday, 29 May, and the banquet will be held Wednesday, 30 May.

Conference Day 2 Wednesday 30 May		Conference Day 3 Thursday 31 May		Conference Day 4 Friday 1 June			Post-Conference Saturday 2 June	
		Fun Run						07:00
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Registration	Theme forums	Registration	Theme forums	Registration	Concurrent sessions and thematic sessions		"Serralves em Festa" (on your own)	08:00
	Exhibits & posters		Exhibits & posters		Exhibits & posters	08:30		
	Break		Break		Break	09:00		
	Concurrent sessions and thematic sessions		Concurrent tsessions and thematic sessions		Closing plenary	09:30		
	Annual General Meeting		Council meeting		IAIA Presidential Address	10:00		
	Lunch & Section rendezvous		Lunch & Section rendezvous		IAIA12 report & summary	10:30		
	Concurrent sessions and thematic sessions		Concurrent tsessions and thematic sessions		Introduction to future IAIA meetings	11:00		
	Break		Break			11:30		
	Concurrent sessions and thematic sessions		Concurrent sessions and thematic sessions			12:00		
	Committee & Section meetings		Committee & Section meetings			12:30		
Indabas & practitioners exchanges	Indabas & practitioners exchanges	Portuguese Language Day	Encuentro RHEAS meeting	Technical visit	13:00			
Banquet	Social Networking including Table Football World Cup	Exhibits & posters dismantle				13:30		
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Abstract Submission

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE31 January 2012

PRESENTING AUTHOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE29 February 2012

LANGUAGE.....English

SEND SUBMISSION ONLINE

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

Follow the abstract submission instructions at www.iaia.org > IAIA12 > Submissions.

ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION

Presenting authors will be notified on or before 15 February 2012 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 29 February 2012.

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 time. 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) and Best Poster (Public Choice) 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 2012 for price information. Advertising is not permitted. Posters will be on display from Tuesday, 29 May, until Friday, 1 June. Additional poster preparation information and judging guidelines are available on the IAIA Web site (www.iaia.org > IAIA12).

ABOUT CONFERENCE SESSIONS

A **session** is a block of time, typically 90 minutes, during which discussion centers on a particular topic. A **thematic session** refers to a session that is specifically oriented toward the conference theme.

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. Session formats include:

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.

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.

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 between 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 may be included in the preliminary program in response to session 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. Sessions have been allocated to one of the conference themes, or to an IAIA Section topic.

As indicated, some sessions have been proposed by, and will be chaired by, members of the IAIA Sections (see page 30) 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 > IAIA12 > 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.

SESSION STREAMS

Electric power leap.....	9	Cultural heritage.....	15
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ELECTRIC POWER LEAP

Energy efficiency aspects in SEA and EIA

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Iñigo Sobrini

Energy issues are mostly treated only under the generation point of view, comparing different sources. But the less impacting energy of all is that not being consumed. We have to insist in the side of the demand, in order to reduce energy consumption as much as possible, and reject avoidable waste. Energy efficiency should be considered a prior indicator carrying out SEAs and EIAs. This session calls for papers of case studies and methodological proposals.

Applications for sustainable energy development

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Rocio Diaz-Chavez

IAIA Section: Energy

This is an Energy Section-proposed session focused on new approaches in sustainable energy development. It will focus on energy-related EIAs that identify practices that help ensure long-term energy use and sustainability. Examples could be ensuring long-term use of an energy supply, minimizing energy requirements through adaptations of new technology, and/or approaches used to decrease energy consumption or environmental pollutants.

Community responses to new energy sources: The role of impact assessment

Format: Theme forum

Convener(s): Daniel Franks, Francesca Villiani

Unconventional and "green" energy sources are playing a larger role in energy supply, and with this change new community and social challenges have arisen. This theme session invites papers on the role of social and health impact assessment in the implementation of new energy technologies. Through case studies the session will explore how impact assessment is helping to shape energy transitions and address issues at the local community level.

Can IA help decide the energy future of Energina?

Format: Panel

Convener(s): Jack Krohn, Sandra Mols

This session will briefly establish a hypothetical community, Energina, and explore the factors around its future energy options. As the "experts" draw out the costs and benefits of the alternatives, the listening "community" can identify the sustainability challenges that will need to be resolved if the future is to be both long and bright. Assessment tools will be tested in the context of difficult choices and familiar decision-making criteria.

Smart Grid is green tech: But how to assess its environmental impacts?

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Ivar Lyhne, Inger Byriell

Smart Grid systems are introduced worldwide as a solution to the problem of an increasing share of fluctuating renewable energy. This session examines the environmental benefits of the Smart Grid initiatives and explores how to assess environmental consequences of smart control of grid systems. IAIA participants are invited to present experiences and views on assessment of Smart Grid consequences and on the use of knowledge about environmental consequences to design Smart Grid systems.

Should there be a conflict between communities and power infrastructure?

Format: Panel

Convener(s): Rita Sully, Maria Rosário Partidário

Electricity infrastructure, specifically the Grid, is a much-maligned piece of engineering. Yet its mere existence represents a country's progress in its ability to provide critical community services such as power to its constituents. Is it possible for the community to reconcile the need for electricity infrastructure, particularly when it is in their community, leading to an accepted co-existence?

Proposed thematic sessions

ELECTRIC POWER LEAP

Impact assessment of long-distance energy distribution

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Nicholas Bonvoisin, Laura Leino

The development of electricity grids is essential for increased use of renewable energy sources. Oil and gas pipelines are also expanding rapidly to enable supply diversification. These networks often cross borders and there may be supply disruption risks. Because of their scale, the public often wishes to address energy policy questions during assessment of these energy projects. The session will explore the use of various assessment tools to address diverse challenges of long-distance energy distribution.

Transmission and distribution line siting: The pivotal role of SEA and EIA

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Susan Evans, Francesco Belfiore

The session will bring together a selection of papers showcasing emerging best practice in relation to siting transmission and distribution lines. It will highlight the pivotal role that both SEAs and EIAs play and seek to cover public and stakeholder engagement, project feasibility and site selection, routing studies and corridors selection, environmental baseline studies, environmental and social impact assessment methods and tools including 3D visualisation exhibition, GIS and information management, environmental mitigation and compensation.

Impact assessment of nuclear energy-related activities

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Nicholas Bonvoisin, Laura Leino

Due to plans to increase nuclear energy production and risks related to the production, environmental impacts of nuclear plants are of special interest worldwide. Yet there are widely differing opinions about what is recognized as internationally good practice in EIA and SEA with regard to nuclear projects. The proposed session aims to bring together experts in the field of nuclear energy to discuss present good practices and future developments in nuclear energy-related EIA and SEA.

Managing trade-offs and offsets in impact assessment decision-making

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Angus Morrison-Saunders

How can trade-offs in impact assessment decision-making best be managed? The sustainability challenge is to simultaneously advance on environmental, social and economic fronts. But to what extent do IA decision trade-offs compromise sustainability goals? Does public participation enable all stakeholder interests to be addressed in decisions? Can offsets, a kind of trade-off themselves, be used to mitigate residual impacts from trade-off decisions? Papers addressing IA decision-making trade-offs are welcomed, especially those concerning future energy decisions.

IA guidelines for power system infrastructure: The CIGRE experience

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): António Negri

The development of power system infrastructure can have an impact on the environment and territory, but this impact should be carefully analyzed to balance it with the benefits and find the "best" trade-off solution. CIGRE's experience on defining methodologies and guidelines to assess and minimize the impact of the electricity infrastructure development will be presented.

"Energy Game" to facilitate EA of energy plans

Format: Gaming

Convener(s): Ivar Lyhne

"Energy Game" is a life-size board game, which in an entertaining and innovative way challenges your ability to collaborate with others and develop arguments in scoping for environmental impacts in an energy sector planning context. The intention is to inspire you to strengthen your own organisation's awareness and collaboration on environmental effects of energy plans through gaming. Session participants are divided into teams that compete and learn through concrete considerations of environmental effects.

FOSSIL FUELS

New opportunities in reducing air emissions from energy development

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Jong-Gwan Jung

Air emissions represent a substantial impact from energy use. What new technologies should be considered when attempting to decrease emissions from a power plant or other energy source? What are the advantages, disadvantages, and constraints of these new technologies? This session focuses on EIA approaches used to reduce air emissions and carbon footprint for proposed projects.

Oil and gas industries and responsible development

Format: Theme forum

Convener(s): Arne Dalfelt, Peter Croal

Impact assessments are often subjected to political influences in the resource-rich oil sector. This theme forum will present some of the latest experiences with respect to responsible development in the oil sector, or the lack of it.

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

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Arne Dalfelt, Peter Tarr

This workshop 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.

Developing on-site energy options for development

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Benny Susi

Some landfills, mines, and other large-scale developments have opted to create their own energy sources on site. What approaches have been used to reduce energy demand from these large-scale developments, and what success have they had, particularly at larger developments in remote areas that otherwise do not have access to large energy sources? Papers where on-site energy was developed to reduce dependency on local and regional energy supplies are invited.



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Country experiences with oil industries and the environment

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Arne Dalfelt, Trine Hay Setsaas, Solveig Andresen

The countries participating in the Norwegian Oil for Development program cover a wide variety of conditions and experiences. Representatives from a small select group of these countries will present their experiences, practical issues and opportunities related to impacts caused by the oil and gas industry.

Oil and gas as a future energy source?

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Arne Dalfelt, Terje Lind, Ineke Steinhauer

Oil and gas are finite resources, and their use as cheap energy may not be optimal in the future. The session will look at the experiences of the Norwegian Oil for Development program and the Netherlands Commission for environmental assessment in this context.

Fracking: The controversy around hydraulic fracturing

Format: Panel

Convener(s): Daniel Franks, Ana Maria Esteves

This panel session explores the controversy around the use of hydraulic fracturing in unconventional natural gas reservoirs such as shale gas and coal seam gas. What is fracking? Why is it used and what are the social, health and environmental issues that are in dispute? How has impact assessment been used to navigate these challenges? Presenters will be invited from industry, government, academic and the advocacy sector to put some substance to the debate.

Putting FPIC into practice in the energy sector

Format: Paper session

*Convener(s): Ana Maria Esteves, Murray Jones
IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment*

Free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) is seen by indigenous peoples as a fundamental right in the development process. However, a number of practical challenges in operationalising the principles of FPIC are emerging. This session will consider how impact assessment can support the implementation of FPIC, so that it can be a powerful instrument to build respectful relationships amongst those who have ownership in the outcome.

What constitutes responsible energy?

Format: Theme forum

Convener(s): Rita Sully

Is there such a thing as responsible energy? As the world rushes towards embracing new energy sources, what thought is put into the sustainability and long-term impacts of these new and alternative energy sources? From wind and solar farms to the viability of carbon capture, issues around health (noise), environment (waste) and other social impacts are only just starting to emerge.

Assessing the sustainability of hydropower projects

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Joerg Hartmann, Cameron Ironside

Hydropower is the largest and often most controversial source of renewable energy. This session will familiarize impact assessment professionals with the Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol report on early applications in countries such as Australia, Kazakhstan, and China and explain its multi-stakeholder governance mechanisms including the accreditation process for assessors.

Hydropower impacts: Knowledge sharing between EIA, SIA and HIA professionals

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Peter Furu, Siriwan Chandanachulaka, Decharut Sukkumnoed

This workshop session will link up to the theme forum on worldwide HIA experiences in the energy sector and will invite different EIA, SIA and HIA impact assessment developers and practitioners to introduce participants to case examples from impact assessments of hydropower projects in major river basins worldwide as a basis for discussions. The objectives are to share lessons learned and to foster cooperation among the different impact assessments processes.

Recent wind power developments to reduce impacts

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Robert Adamczyk

What is the latest technology used to monitor wind power impacts during operation? How has monitoring demonstrated the accuracy of initial EIA predictions? What new approaches have been recently developed to reduce and/or more accurately predict wind power impacts? What are the most significant wind power impacts recently identified that should be considered for wind power environmental assessments?

Bioenergy and biofuels for sustainability

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Ulla Mörtberg, Rocio Diaz-Chavez

This session will focus on how EIA and SEA can help guiding the development of bioenergy and biofuels supply systems and use in a sustainable way and how to find strategies for aiding such development.

Reducing solar energy's footprint

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Ulla Mörtberg

Solar energy has a relatively benign impact outside of its visual impact and consumption of large amounts of land area. What approaches have been adapted to allow existing wildlife and plant communities to continue to use a project area with solar panels? How can a solar plant be designed to reduce its overall footprint?

Impacts from geothermal development

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Pamela Gunther

Although underground, geothermal development can cause impacts to water resources and water quality, potential ground subsidence, and hydrogen sulfide emissions. What approaches have been developed to identify and rectify these potential impacts from geothermal development? What other types of impacts have occurred from geothermal development and how have these impacts been reduced?

Renewable energy projects: Lessons learned and future trends

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Hans-Guenter Lind, Elke Nickel

The session will conclude with a discussion of twenty minutes and a short summary of the results of the meeting by the main organizer.

Reducing impacts from energy plants

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Jack Mozingo

This session will capture large-scale energy plant development and associated environmental impacts, as well as discuss how to involve the community in energy plant planning.

Going renewable: Urban development and climate protection

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Jeonghwa Yi, Dr Theo Hacking, Maria Christina Georgiadou

This workshop will discuss the central role and potential of assessment in decision-making on renewable energy strategies for urban planning and

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development, review the evolution of assessment methods and tools, identify what needs to be taken into account when considering renewable energy options as alternatives to non-renewable energy, and outline what issues and challenges assessment practitioners have to deal with when prioritizing different renewable energy options.

Impact monitoring of energy facilities

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Miguel Coutinho

After the implementation, construction and beginning of operations of a project, real impacts might occur either confirming or not confirming the ex-ante assessment. This session is open to presentations focusing on impact monitoring programs of energy facilities such as waste-to-energy, wind power, large scale solar plants and other renewable energy sources.

Cumulative effects from renewable energy planning

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Gesa Geissler

This session will capture the latest approaches to analyze and reduce cumulative effects from multiple renewable energy projects planned in the same region.

SEA of national plans for energy production in different sectors

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Thoroddur Thoroddsson

Hydropower, geothermal power, wind farms, ocean power, etc., and a combination of these. E.g., in Iceland a Master Plan on the national level for conservation as well as utilization of hydro and geothermal energy resources has been prepared.

Renewable energy and its benefits/conflicts with AFF

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Pamela Gunther
IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

Wind farms, solar farms, wave energy: these and other newly established renewable energy technologies have the potential to decrease agricultural production (solar farms and biofuels) and affect fishing/harvest opportunities (offshore wind farms). How are communities managing these conflicts? What benefits to AFF can renewable energy provide?

Success cases of SEA and EIA of renewable energy plans and projects

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Iñigo Sobrini

Renewable energy is no longer a far-off possibility. Lots of plants are now functioning worldwide, and not only experimentally (e.g., in several Spanish regions, electricity is 100% supplied from renewable sources). There are many of cases in which SEA and EIA have achieved better plans and projects. The experience of those plans and projects could help others, now being developed, to reduce their impacts and therefore maximize the benefits of this clean energies.

Québec renewable energy: Challenges to promote clean energy

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Benoit Gagnon, Michel Berube

In Québec, ninety-eight (98 %) of the electricity is coming from renewable energy. The session will cover (1) case studies of major hydropower project regarding mitigation measures and native land uses, (2) transmission lines issues to connect the wind farms to our grid, (3) environmental methodological challenges we encounter, (4) and social issues regarding new renewable energy projects. We will present our EIA revisited method regarding transmission lines and a new approach to cope with traditional knowledge.

U.S. experience with impact assessment for renewable energy projects

Format: Panel
Convener(s): Susan Bromm

The Obama Administration is aggressively promoting the development of renewable energy projects including solar, wind and geothermal. Such projects, when built on federal lands or when needing a federal permit, trigger the requirement for an environmental impact assessment under NEPA. As a result, the US government has significant recent experience in doing EIAs for land- and sea-based renewable energy projects. This session will feature a panel discussion among environmental impact professionals on this experience.

TOOLS AND METHODS

Foundations of impact assessment

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Francois Retief

In this session, seasoned experts reflect on the basics of impact assessment with a view to refresh our understanding of these fundamental pillars of good practice. It is aimed at entry-level practitioners and new members.

Tiering: A missing link?

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Heikki Kalle, Jos Arts

Tiering is a key element of EA because it enables EA to fit better with complex planning and decision-making processes, which is, however, rather neglected by the IAIA community. Best practices and conceptual innovations related to tiering will be discussed so the concept can reach its full potential to IA.

How are the orphans of impact assessment doing?

Format: Panel
Convener(s): Jos Arts, Francois Retief

This session is a follow-up on last year's session about re-introducing and re-emphasizing key issues in impact assessment which seem to have been neglected over time. In addition, we discuss other key issues that are also in desperate need for adoption. Can we find for them new parents and a welcome home so that they can reach their full potential?

EIA coordination: Orchestrating the EIA process

Format: Workshop
Convener(s): Duncan Scott

EIA coordination is the process by which the range of specialist inputs to the EIA are managed and coordinated to ensure that these meet required standards and are suitably presented in the ES. However, there is little in the way of guidance covering EIA co-ordination. The workshop seeks to help develop a consistent approach to EIA coordination and to support the development of an EIA coordination tool to contribute to higher standards in EIA practice.



Trust me; I'm an expert!?

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Lea den Broeder, Ben Harris-Roxas, Bert Enserink, Jos Arts

The workshop focuses on what the changing position of "the expert" means to IA, and how to deal with the consequences.

Cumulative effects and energy development: Making it work

Format: Theme forum

Convener(s): Miles Scott-Brown, Greg Radford

Cumulative effects assessment remains a practice challenge in energy projects not only to accurately predict cumulative effects but how they can be managed effectively. One of the big questions brought forward by energy proponents is what is my contribution and responsibility for cumulative effects assessment and typically why the energy industry is asked to share more of the cumulative effects burden. The session will present both theoretical concepts on CEA as well as case studies.

International finance and impact assessment

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Greg Radford, Mauricio Athie

International Finance Institutions (IFI) are having an increasingly important role in the energy sector in developing countries. IFI environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) requirements are continually evolving, and this session will use case studies from the energy sector to highlight recent ESIA emerging issues, standards and best practices. Presentations will be given by multi-lateral development banks and Equator Principles Financial Institutions.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHERIES

Maximizing ecological benefits from agriculture, fisheries, and forestry

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Cary Anne Cadman

What ecological benefits are derived from AFF? Are there AFF practices that, when applied, are beneficial to the accompanying ecological community? Alternatively, if AFF practices are impacting the local ecological community, what practices are recommended to minimize these impacts?

Novel EIA planning to reduce effects from AFF

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): John Fry

IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

How can EIA planning help increase environmental benefits to AFF? What types of AFF practices would benefit from EIA planning? This session will include examples of how EIAs were used to strategize for long-term planning for AFF activities.

Squaring the circle: Sustaining agriculture to meet demands

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): John Fry

IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

This session will include presentations that focus on biofuel production and its effect on agricultural land uses. Presentations are welcome that help describe how conflicts can be resolved between the two competing uses. Discussions regarding policies that help resolve these conflicts are encouraged.

Maintaining agricultural landscapes: Policy, tools, techniques

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Ijeoma Vincent-Akpu

IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

What are some recommended policy changes or recently implemented guidelines that are necessary due to changing AFF practices? What process was used to determine the need for these changes? Were these changes community based, regional, state or federal? How were these changes received by the agricultural community? What type of community planning occurs for agricultural collaboration to maximize common and community use of natural resources and minimize agricultural impacts to other natural resources?

Harvest, farming and sustainability: The potential for fisheries

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Pamela Gunther, John Fry

IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

What new EIA practices are being implemented to help provide long-term sustainability of fisheries resources? How can fisheries harvest and fish farming benefit from EIA assessments? What examples can be provided and lessons learned from EIA fisheries assessments?

Cork: Natural energy insulation

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): José Pedro Fernandes

Cork is obtained from the cork oak (*Quercus Suber* L) – a forest tree with the particular feature of allowing itself to be stripped of the outer casing which it then regenerates. At this session we will discuss impacts of this industry and strategies to increase the sustainability of the cork oak forests.

BIODIVERSITY AND ECOLOGY

Planning for energy and biodiversity conservation I

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Davide Geneletti

IAIA Section: Biodiversity & Ecology

Biodiversity in particular may be one of the losers as we attempt to shift to alternative low carbon energy production. Is this inevitable, or a result of a failure to take an ecosystem based approach to energy planning? This section explores the integration of energy and biodiversity in projects, plans and policies and welcomes input through case studies, best practices and methodological contributions.

Planning for energy and biodiversity conservation II

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Nadine McCormick

IAIA Section: Biodiversity & Ecology

This session will first recap from the previous session on existing biodiversity risks and opportunities of different energy supply options and then provide a roundtable platform for which to discuss solutions to proactively overcome the disconnect that exists between energy decision-makers and environmental practitioners and conservationists. IUCN will invite thoughts and feedback in relation to the strategy to ensure that biodiversity is considered in up front energy planning.

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Publishing, sharing and accessing EIA biodiversity data

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Vishwas Chavan, Nick King, Selwyn Willoughby, Asha Rajvanshi, Vinod Mathur

Training workshop on benefits and multiple options for publishing EIA-related biodiversity data using the free and open-access GBIF informatics infrastructure, tools and services; hands-on session using globally-brokered and accepted standards and protocols for capturing, sharing, publishing and access and discovery of biodiversity data for IA work at local, national and especially transboundary scales.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Changing climate and its influence on energy EIAs

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Cary Anne Cadman

How does the changing climate in a given region change requirements for energy use, and how do these changes affect impact assessments? How are impact assessments assessing and responding to a changing climate, specifically related to energy supplies? This session focuses on climate change and its impact in predicting energy requirements, particularly for new energy developments that require EIAs.

Climate change effects on agriculture, forestry and fisheries

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Pamela Gunther

IAIA Section: Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

This session will focus on how recent climate changes have affected agricultural practices, long-term soil sustainability, and changes in the spread of invasive plants. Strategic environmental assessments that explore changes in agriculture due to climate change are of interest for this session.

Urban development and climate change: Future directions for EIA

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Maria-Christina Georgiadou

Renewable energy generation in urban areas is a key step to reduce GHG emissions. This workshop provides an overview of three international "best practice" urban development projects. Objectives include understanding of climate change issues related to the energy design of urban developments, identification of challenges that assessment practitioners have to address when prioritizing renewable energy strategies as alternatives to fossil fuels, and future directions of methods and tools used within an EIA.

Buildings and climate change: Future directions for EIA

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Maria Christina Georgiadou, Jeonghwa Yi, Theo Hacking

Climate change is both a present and future challenge responsible for high-impact and uncertain vulnerabilities. This workshop will discuss how to select energy efficiency measures and renewable energy technologies in order to "future-proof" the energy design of housing developments. Four international case studies will be presented. Objectives include conceptualization of "future-proofing," overview of challenges and opportunities for "future-proofed" building solutions, and integration of futures techniques (e.g., scenario planning) into EIA.

CORPORATE STEWARDSHIP AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Grievance mechanisms: Managing company-community conflict

Format: Panel

Convener(s): Rita Sully, Deanna Kemp

IAIA Section: Corporate Stewardship & Risk Management

Business is under increasing pressure to address company-community conflict in ways that advance justice. Existing literature on company-community conflict contains relatively few case examples of processes and mechanisms put in place to manage conflict and resolve grievances. Contributors to this session will examine external context as well as processes and procedures in place within different organizations. The session will provide insight into the role of impact assessment in managing company-community conflict and establishing grievance mechanisms.

Delivering environmental outcomes in infrastructure and energy projects

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Luis Sánchez, Juan David Quintero

What happens after project approval is a concern for all major stakeholders in the EIA process. The session intends to feature both case reports/studies and conceptual/analytical frameworks about topics such as environmental compliance frameworks, performance evaluation, environmental audits during construction, environmental supervision, community-based monitoring, institutional arrangements for follow-up and any other related subject.

Human rights impact assessment: One year on

Format: Panel

Convener(s): Rita Sully, Deanna Kemp

IAIA Section: Corporate Stewardship & Risk Management

The challenge of human rights impact assessment (HRIA) is ensuring that impact assessments are meaningful rather than a superficial response to an emerging agenda. Following the considerable interest in HRIA at the IAIA conference in Puebla, this session will look at the development of HRIA one year on. It will explore the current state of play, including the emerging challenges, ethical issues and proposed practices.

Partnerships in IA (I): Towards sustainable development

Format: Theme forum

Convener(s): Jos Arts, Ana Maria Esteves, Ilse Aucamp

Partnerships between companies, governments and communities are progressively used to ensure responsible project delivery. Here, IA plays an important role in managing sustainable outcomes, involving cradle-to-grave approach and more than just environmental role-players. Internationally, many instruments are developed. This theme forum and followup sessions will build on the strong interest in the topic over the past IAIA conferences and discuss good practice cases from sectors such as energy, mining and infrastructure that provide practical guidance to IA practitioners.

Partnerships in IA (II): Good practices

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Ilse Aucamp, Charlotta Faith-Ell, Jos Arts, Ana Maria Esteves

Partnerships between companies, governments and communities are progressively used to ensure responsible project-delivery. Here, IA plays an important role in managing sustainable outcomes, involving cradle-to-grave approach and more than just environmental role-players. Internationally, many instruments are developed. This paper session will build on the strong interest in the topic over the past IAIA conferences and discuss good practice cases from sectors such as energy, mining and infrastructure that provide practical guidance to IA practitioners.

Partnerships in IA (III): Future Directions

Format: Roundtable

Convener(s): Charlotta Faith-Ell, Ana Maria Esteves, Jos Arts

Partnerships between companies, governments and communities are progressively used to ensure responsible project delivery. Here, IA plays an important role in managing sustainable outcomes, involving the cradle-to-grave approach and more than just environmental role players. Internationally, many instruments are developed. This roundtable will build on the strong interest in the topic over the past IAIA conferences and discuss good practice cases from sectors such as energy, mining and infrastructure that provide practical guidance to IA practitioners.

ISO26000: Explaining the new standard on social responsibility

Format: Workshop
Convener(s): Rita Sully

Launched in November 2010 following extensive global stakeholder consultation, ISO26000 is the global guidance document on social responsibility. This workshop will explain the standard and how it can be applied to different organizations. The workshop will also explore the role of impact assessment and how it can enhance the standard.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Cultural heritage, landscape and energy development

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Inge Lindblom, Tatiana Vakhitova

This session focuses on visual impact, both generally and specifically related to energy development. The topic includes policy and practice, best case, conflict, assessment models, tools and methods related to cultural heritage and landscape impact assessment. The European Landscape Convention is challenged by the connection between local values and national (or regional) values and how it is possible to deal with this in an impact assessment framework.

The contribution of linear energy projects to world heritage

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Emlen Myers

The session reports and reflects on archaeological protection programs for major oil and gas pipelines constructed over the past 10 years. Presenters will discuss both methods and results, highlighting the major archeological finds that have been made by pipeline projects following international best practice for archaeological protection. The efforts are challenging to implement, often requiring unconventional and improvised solutions in order to simultaneously achieve project goals and protection goals. The results are spectacular and fascinating.

Renewable energy's impacts on non-renewable resources: Cultural heritage

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Paul Wheelhouse, Antony Brown

Support for reducing carbon fuel consumption in favor of renewable energy technologies comes with an environmental price. This session will consider and discuss the impacts of renewable energy production on cultural heritage and archaeology, investigating issues such as irreversibility, setting, impact assessment and mitigation strategies. This session will aim to bring together a selection of papers from those involved in the fields of heritage protection, renewable energy design, impact assessment and planning policy.

Sustainable urban planning and cultural heritage

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Tatiana Vakhitova, Inge Lindblom
IAIA Section: Cultural Heritage

The session aims to address heritage in the framework of sustainable development, its role, its approach to the impact assessment process in culturally significant urban areas, and stakeholders' engagement.

Energy development and the cultural landscape of the Alto Douro Wine Region

Format: Roundtable
Convener(s): Arlene Fleming, Julio de Jesus
IAIA Section: Cultural Heritage

The Alto Douro Wine Region is inscribed in UNESCO's World Heritage List as a cultural landscape. Proposals for energy transmission lines across the region, in association with dam and wind farm development in northern Portugal, pose a threat to the cultural characteristics on which the inscription is based. Stakeholders will present their positions and discuss costs and benefits of potential solutions to issues associated with energy development and conservation of cultural heritage values.

HEALTH

Human rights and health impact assessment: How to cooperate better?

Format: Panel
Convener(s): Francesca Villiani, Gillian MacNaughton, Rita Sully, Ben Harris-Roxas
IAIA Section: Health

Human rights and health impact assessment are both concerned with promoting and enhancing the health and well being of individuals, communities and populations. However practitioners and researchers from both fields do not work together very often and have not yet found an efficient framework of cooperation. The objectives of this panel are to present the point of views of practitioners and researchers from both fields and to define the theoretical framework for future integration and cooperation.

Human rights and health impact assessment: Examples from the field

Format: Workshop
Convener(s): Francesca Villiani, Gillian MacNaughton, Rita Sully, Ben Harris-Roxas
IAIA Section: Health

Human rights and health impact assessment are both concerned with promoting and enhancing the health and well being of individuals, communities and populations. However practitioners and researchers from both fields do not work together very often and have not yet found an efficient framework of cooperation. The objective of this workshop is to

present cases of cooperation between human rights and health impact assessment and to engage the audience in a debate on these topics

Health baseline data within different impact assessments

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Francesca Villiani, Lea den Broeder
IAIA Section: Health

The description of baseline information in the project area is one of the key objectives of an impact assessment. However, it is often difficult to include relevant and useful health indicators in the early phase of impact assessment and to gain a good understanding of health baseline. The workshop aims at addressing some of the challenges associated with health baseline through the presentation of examples and practice.

Health and safety issues in environmental, social and health IA

Format: Paper session
Convener(s): Fernando Rodriguez

This session seeks papers on health and safety in environmental, social and health impact assessments or specialized studies and plans in a development context, with challenges of remote locations, unskilled workers, language barriers, high levels of HIV/AIDS handling explosives and toxic chemicals and working at heights, underground or underwater. We seek examples of how environmental management systems are replacing ESMPs or H&SPs and the advantages of MS.

Around the world in 80+ minutes with HIAs in the energy sector (I)

Format: Theme forum
Convener(s): Julia Nowacki, Francesca Villiani, Jennifer Lee, Michaela Pfeiffer

The theme forum gives an overview on HIA development around the world in the energy sector. Presentations from 5 continents will use examples of carried out or ongoing HIA to promote a discussion on challenges and opportunities for HIA, aiming at generating lessons learned on the practice of HIA in the energy sector. The discussion will continue in a workshop to further explore requirements for fostering HIA implementation and another workshop focusing on hydropower.

Around the world in 80+ minutes with HIAs in the energy sector (II)

Format: Workshop
Convener(s): Julia Nowacki, Francesca Villiani, Jennifer Lee, Michaela Pfeiffer

The session is a follow-up to the theme forum "Around the world in 80+ Minutes with HIAs in the energy sector." Workshop participants will draw upon the lessons learned of HIAs in the energy sector and discuss opportunities and challenges of different

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HIA systems, what is needed to implement HIA in countries that wish to do so, and what is needed to further strengthen/secure the quality of HIA.

Health and well being considerations in EIAs conducted in non-OECD countries

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Patrick Harris, Ben Harris-Roxas, Francesca Villiani, Salim Vohra, Ben Cave
IAIA Section: Health

Improving the quality of community health and well being considerations within EIAs is a cost-effective way of improving the quality of the community health and well being outcomes of development projects. Despite this, little is known about the strengths and weaknesses of how community health and well being are assessed in EIAs undertaken in non-OECD countries. Given increasing interest in this topic around the world this workshop is vital and timely for EIA and project development stakeholders.

IA LAW, POLICIES AND PRACTICE

Regulating energy futures through domestic and international law

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Simon Marsden
IAIA Section: IA Law, Policies and Practice

This session will allow legal frameworks to be evaluated for their contribution in guiding and changing behavior to contribute to improved energy futures, thereby reducing the carbon footprint and other forms of negative environmental effect. EIA and SEA law as well as other forms of regulation will be discussed and analyzed.

Research for policy impact assessment for energy policies

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Aranka Podhora, Stefan Sieber
IAIA Section: IA Law, Policies and Practice

The session presents research related to policy impact assessment by example of renewable and non-renewable energy policies in the European Commission and the European member states. Papers that cover scientific tools, methods and challenges related to these policies and discusses the contribution of energy policy IA for sustainable development are invited.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Health and indigenous communities: The energy sector example

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Marla Orenstein, Murray Jones, Martin Haefele
IAIA Section: Indigenous Peoples

The energy sector is moving into increasingly remote and sensitive areas and contact with local indigenous groups. This brings a range of risks including inadequate protection against importation of disease, increased stress, changes to living conditions and pressures on health care infrastructure but also opportunities for enhancing health conditions. This session will examine best practices for addressing health of indigenous peoples within energy sector projects and support the implementation of FPIC.

Assessing project impacts on the cultural survival of indigenous peoples

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Karin Buss, Arlene Fleming

Indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities are at particular risk from energy projects because their culture, including their way of life and values, are inseparable from their natural environment. This session explores how the intangible features of a communities' cultural identity—its values, beliefs, practices and livelihood—can be identified and integrated into the environmental impact assessments so that adverse effects can be avoided or mitigated.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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 and implemented with economic valuations foremost. But there are examples of IA leading to the blockage of large projects and IA leading to changes in project designs having beneficial environmental and social effects. This session presents case studies highlighting how public participation generates such outcomes.

Public participation in IA 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.

Public responses to energy initiatives

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Bert Enserink, Rita Sully
IAIA Section: Public Participation

The transition towards renewables (sun, wind, tidal) influences the scale and character of the impacts of electricity generation and transportation. We want to discuss the impacts of this transition on public involvement and public participation in impact assessment and decisionmaking on new energy infrastructures. How is citizen participation organized? We want to learn about different forms of public engagement, the attributes of the publics involved and whether citizen involvement is adequately institutionalized?

Mainstreaming stakeholder consultation and engagement in context of impacts

Format: Theme forum

Convener(s): Agnieszka Rawa

Early, strategic, systematic and sustained engagement with different stakeholders—and the integration of feedback obtained—is a cornerstone of successful environmental and social assessments (ESIAs) and project sustainability. While legislative requirements relating to consultation continue to evolve in developing countries, there are still many challenges, often less familiarity and less experience. This session will consider cross-sector perspectives, strategies, tools and good practice in consultation and engagement during ESIAs in developing countries.

Social media and public participation in IA

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Arienne Naber, Bert Enserink
IAIA Section: Public Participation

This session will consider how social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube are being used to facilitate participation in 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.

SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

When and where is social impact assessment required?

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Rabel Burdge

IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment

In what countries and which agencies in those countries is social impact required or used as part of the environmental assessment process?

Social impact management plans

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Daniel Franks, Frank Vanclay

IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment

Contributors to this session should evaluate and reflect on the practical experiences with the development and implementation of ongoing social impact management processes and plans. How are social impact management plans reshaping impact assessment? How are companies approaching social impact management and what are the challenges of aligning corporate management systems with plans required by regulators or lenders? How do communities engage in the development and ongoing renegotiation of such processes?

Social aspects of energy consumption and production

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Luisa Luisa

The core issue of this session is social life and the debate around changing consumption habits and the promotion of new ways of generating energy, both of which are very demanding matters in terms of targets and procedures. Especially in the current economic situation, energy consumption and production practices are crucial for considering energy futures.

Gender integration in impact assessment

Format: Panel

Convener(s): Virginia Seitz

Gender inequality can be a significant constraint to economic growth and poverty reduction. Explore gender integration in the context of environmental and social assessment—and more generally the sustainability of development investments. What does gender integration look like? Who is competent to devise workable plans? What are the appropriate timelines? What strategy, approach, processes and tools are useful and how does one ensure that plans are actually implemented on the ground?

Gender impact assessment

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Charlotta Faith-Ell, Lena Levin

Gender impact assessment (GIA) is progressively being used by companies, governments, and agencies in order to integrate gender equality into decisionmaking. Also, the development of GIA is often based on national gender policies which mean that the practice of GIA differs between countries. This paper session aims at exploring the practice of GIA for various sectors such as energy, landuse planning, mining and transportation.

Resettlement planning in a development context (I)

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Charlotte Bingham

IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment

Care, consultation and caution are the watch words of resettlement planning. A good resettlement plan will not guarantee easy resettlement of people, but a badly conceived plan will cause troubles that will delay a program or project. This session invites papers that describe good (or not so good) aspects of resettlement plans for linear development, area development schemes, park or natural resources conservation, and papers that examine the special issues of relocating businesses and markets.

Resettlement implementation in a development context (II)

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Charlotte Bingham

Implementation of resettlement plans in developing countries is sometimes successful and sometimes not. Papers are invited on how to consult and negotiate with people who are reluctant to leave their homes, how to select implementation consultants, the trade-offs of monetary compensation versus compensation with land, ways to avoid graft and corruption, and examples of monitoring during implementation and studies of impact one or more years after resettlement has occurred or a project has closed.

International Guidelines for SIA: The next steps

Format: Workshop

Convener(s): Frank Vanclay

IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment

The workshop will allow participants to contribute to the development of the International Guidelines for SIA. Being built on the foundations of the International Principles for SIA, the Guidelines are intended to provide practical guidance to assist in the implementation of improved processes and procedures for SIA. Feedback is requested on the Guidelines as they have developed since the workshop at IAIA11 in Puebla.

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Lessons learned in energy-related SEAs

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Johann Koeppel

This session provides an opportunity for the energy sector to make presentations on energy-related SEAs, many of which have been recently prepared with differing objectives and outcomes.

Stakeholder engagement in SEA

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Ralf Aschemann

IAIA Section: Strategic Environmental Assessment

Stakeholder involvement is increasingly viewed as one of the crucial dimensions of SEA and has to be integrated to any SEA procedures in order to include information that is relevant to the decision-making process, to increase the credibility of the plans, programs or policies considered, and to support a democratic approach to the plan-making process. Papers are invited to discuss new developments with stakeholder involvement, to present interesting case studies and more.

Asian SEA, EIA and sustainability assessment

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Kii Hayashi, Jong-Gwan Jung

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 the submission of your paper and invite your participation in the session.

Strategic environmental assessment and climate change

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): He Xu, Kin-che Lam, Cha-zhong Ge, Yan-hong Kong

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 special 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, regional development, industry, agriculture, forestry, energy, transportation and tourism.

Proposed sessions | Poster session

Modelling tools for energy policy design and SEA

Format: Theme forum

Convener(s): Jean-Philippe Waaub

The SEA of an energy strategy or energy policy involves a lot of cross-cutting issues and complex relationships. Large-scale energy producers are designing strategic development plans or policies encompassing either supply and demand infrastructure investments. Modeling tools can contribute to provide helpful information, even about sustainability issues such as cumulative impacts in the long term. All those points can be discussed and analysed through case studies and presentation of modelling tools.

Applying the EU SEA Directive: Case studies and innovative approaches

Format: Paper session

Convener(s): Ralf Aschemann

In 2004, all 27 EU Member States had to transpose the requirements of the SEA EU Directive into their respective legislative systems. This session aims at doing a review on innovative SEA case studies and their contribution to creative and new approaches within the SEA process. Papers are invited that present promising SEA practice regarding various topics, such as dealing with baseline data, scoping, elaborating a high quality environmental report, public participation, or monitoring.

STUDENTS AND EARLY PROFESSIONALS

Mini job fair

Format: World Cafe

Convener(s): Sandra Mols, Sofia Carodenuto

IAIA Section: Students and Early Professionals

This session will allow companies and organizations that are attending the conference to briefly present themselves, while at the same time conference delegates will be provided an opportunity to come in contact with them and discuss opportunities for employment or cooperation.

SPECIAL TO IAIA

IAIAConnect

Convener(s): IAIA HQ

Join us at this session if you would like to learn more about IAIA's professional networking site and how it can benefit you. Bring your questions, and we will walk through online discussions, sharing resources, and finding other members with similar interests. We can even take your photo and upload it to your profile!

IAIA Affiliates forum

Convener(s): Iñigo Sobrini

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

Hosting an IAIA annual conference

Convener(s): IAIA HQ

Learn about the rewards and challenges of hosting the annual conference of IAIA. We will discuss host materials and guidelines, policies, budgeting, timeline planning, and how to prepare a successful bid. Questions are encouraged!

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.



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.

IAIA12 pre-conference training courses will be held from 09:00 - 17:00 on Sunday, 27 May, and Monday, 28 May. The courses will be held at the congress center.

IAIA's courses cost US\$395 for the 2-day courses and US\$225 for the 1-day course. 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 2012.

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 is possible but is 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 2012. After 30 April, no refunds will be issued.

A limited number of free training course registrations are available to student participants of IAIA12 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) by 23 April. Allocations of the free training course slots will be made by 30 April 2012, based on the order in which the requests were received and subject to instructor approval.

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, 26 May • 15:00-17:00
- Sunday, 27 May • 08:00-10:00, 14:00-17:00
- Monday, 28 May • 08:00

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 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 > IAIA12).

27-28 MAY 2012

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.

1 ACHIEVING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This intermediate course provides an overview of current leading practice of SIA in industry and that is consistent with IAIA's International Principles for Social Impact Assessment. We address current issues and topics that are relevant to the business of managing of social impacts of planned interventions. The trainers include a person with considerable consulting experience in industry and a leading academic in the field of SIA. The course goes well beyond traditional approaches which saw SIA as only occurring in project settings driven by a legislative framework. In the understanding being advanced, SIA is much more than the ex-ante prediction of social impacts, it is the process of managing the social issues and a mechanism to ensure beneficial outcomes are achieved.

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.
- Increase ability to critically evaluate an SIA.
- Increase awareness of approaches to ensure SIA commitments are implemented.
- Provide tools to realise the potential of proponents to contribute to longer term sustainability outcomes.
- Increase comprehension of the ethical, human rights and legal issues in SIA practice.

The course provides frameworks and tools to consider issues such as social impact management plans, sustainable livelihoods, human rights, gender, free, prior and informed consent, agreement-making with Indigenous peoples, cumulative impacts, social investment partnerships, grievance mechanisms, and highlights emerging trends.

The course is mindful of the conference "Energy" theme in that one of the case study exercises deals with the social impacts associated with the use of "fracking" methods to extract gas for energy purposes.

Level: Intermediate. 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.

Prerequisites: No specific prerequisite, however, it is presumed that participants will have a general understanding of EIA.

Language: English

Duration: 2 days (27-28 May)

Min/Max: 5-30

Instructors: **Ana Maria Esteves**, Director, Community Insights (The Netherlands)

Frank Vanclay, Professor, University of Groningen (The Netherlands)

2 THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMPONENT OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT: CLASSROOM AND FIELD TRAINING IN METHODS AND ISSUES

This two-day course presents general guidance on strengthening the cultural heritage component of EIA and SEA and prepares participants to conduct and review the cultural heritage component of impact assessment. In keeping with the theme of IAIA12, the course includes a detailed case study on the issue of proposed transmission lines in the Alto Douro Wine Region, a World Heritage Site, and a field trip to the site with a related exercise to be completed by course participants. This case study also will be the subject of a proposed session as part of the program of IAIA12, featuring presentations by major stakeholders and discussion of the issues.

The rationale for inscription of this site on the World Heritage List in 2001 as a "cultural landscape" was its "outstanding beauty that reflects its technological, social and economic evolution." However, transmission lines on the landscape compromise these values, thus possibly jeopardizing the region's status as a World Heritage Site.

The course covers the various definitions and aspects of culture and cultural heritage. An interactive format provides for discussion of the value placed on both cultural practices and material culture by diverse stakeholder groups involved in the development process. Policies, standards and guidance materials for covering cultural heritage in EIA are presented and discussed, with reference to several guidance documents, including the detailed World Bank Physical Cultural Resources Safeguard Policy Guidebook, the Physical Cultural Resources Country Profiles, and a compendium of additional 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. 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 cultural heritage.

Level: Intermediate/Advanced. The course covers some of the same material as the training at IAIA09, at IAIA11, and in the e-learning course administered to IAIA participants during the summer of 2010, with the significant addition of new material and perspectives on energy development and cultural landscapes relating to the field trip. Hence, the course for IAIA12 has significant new information for any repeat participants.

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 the cultural component of EIA and SEA.

Language: English. Basic materials for the course proposed are available in English, Spanish, French, Arabic, Chinese and Portuguese. Thus participants will be able to brief non-English-speaking colleagues on the course content upon returning to their work places.

Duration: 2 days (27-28 May, with field trip on 28 May)

Min/Max: 6-20

Instructors: **Arlene K. Fleming**, Cultural Resource and Development Specialist, Advisor: cultural impact assessment to the World Bank and other organizations (USA)

Júlio de Jesus, Senior Partner, ECOSSISTEMA, Lda. (Portugal)

Juan D. Quintero, Senior Environmental Specialist, EASER, The World Bank (USA)

3 CUMULATIVE EFFECTS AND FOLLOW-UP IN IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This intermediate/advanced level course has five purposes:

1. To summarize the state of professional practice regarding the conduct of the fundamental requirements of CEA within Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes.
2. To plan the accomplishment of the fundamental requirements for an actual proposed project from a European country.
3. To illustrate the use of environmental sustainability considerations in determining the significance of cumulative effects.
4. To discuss adaptive management (and monitoring) as follow-up activities in CEAs for large-scale proposals
5. To summarize policy choices and collaboration approaches for the development of local and regional cumulative effects management initiatives.

The premise of this course is that CEA should be an integral part of, and not separate from, both in-country and international EIA processes. The fundamental requirements are focused on stepwise procedures associated with international best practice principles that guide the professional practice of EIA and CEA. These procedures and principles are addressed by identifying key valued ecosystem components (VECs), focusing on those for which CEA is appropriate; delineating spatial and temporal boundaries for each of the VECs; describing historical baseline conditions and trends; establishing cause-effect linkages between past, present, and future actions and VECs; determining the significance of cumulative effects via the use of environmental sustainability principles; development of follow-up adaptive management programs based on six common elements; and development of project mitigation and regional management programs, as appropriate.

Attention will be directed toward practical approaches for management of cumulative effects, including the use of emissions trading, collaborative planning, and appropriate institutional policies and programs. Practical processes for both preparing and reviewing CEA-related documents will be emphasized, along with presentations on (energy) case studies, and workshop sessions involving interactive groups. A central feature of the course will be group activities related to the development of a CEA plan for a proposed energy project from a European country (Portugal if possible). Interchange of information and experiences by the participants will be encouraged within all methods of presentation. The anticipated learning outcomes are achieving a better understanding of the principles and practices of CEA, and the ability to effectively apply them in study planning and review.

Level:	Intermediate/Advanced
Prerequisites:	Foundation training on EIA (environmental impact assessment) or CEA (cumulative effects assessment) (professional-level short course or university-level specific course or program); and/or minimum of 2 years in professional experience in planning and conducting EIA or CEA for environmental impact studies.
Language:	English. Basic materials for the course proposed are available in English, Spanish, French, Arabic, Chinese and Portuguese. Thus participants will be able to brief non-English-speaking colleagues on the course content upon returning to their work places.
Duration:	2 days (27-28 May)
Min/Max:	10-50
Instructors:	Larry Canter , Ph.D., Environmental Impact Training (USA) Bill Ross , Ph.D., University of Calgary (retired) (Canada)

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.
- 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 decisionmaking. 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 Rosário Partidário and Roel Slootweg. It will involve short presentations, case examples, and group exercises. Participants attending this course are required to have a 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

Level:	Advanced
Prerequisites:	Knowledge on SEA and the Convention on Biodiversity/ Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
Language:	English
Duration:	2 days (27-28 May)
Min/Max:	9-25
Instructors:	Maria Rosário Partidário , Associate Professor, Instituto Superior Tecnico (Portugal) Roel Slootweg , Senior partner, SevS Consultants (The Netherlands)

5 INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

This two-day program is designed to provide a forum for intermediate-level resettlement practitioners to resolve practical issues and problems that arise in resettlement operations and to build their confidence to move toward a more advanced level of understanding and practice in this field. The organizers will structure their presentations, but the discussions—both during and after each presentation—will focus on the participants' experiences and questions.

The fundamental organizational premise of this workshop is that practitioners in the field work in relative isolation. Often their decisions are correct, but there is nowhere to vet their thinking or their approach. Consequently, workshop goals and learning outcome include:

- Provide an opportunity for intermediate resettlement practitioners to review best practice resettlement planning and implementation guidance.
- Increase the level of confidence that participants have with more complex multi-component development projects requiring resettlement.
- Through case studies and other participant questions, expose participants to a variety of different resettlement scenarios, challenges, and solutions.
- In view of the one-off nature of professional development courses, establish (among participants) the foundation for a professional network that will enable participants to continue this knowledge-sharing after they complete the workshop.

The workshop is premised on—and designed to take full advantage of—the participants' own broad range of sectoral and geographic experience through a balanced mix of instructor presentations and sessions (moderated discussion, group work and presentations) designed to enable participants to put the principles described in the presentations into practice ("Principles into Practice Sessions"). Broadly, the workshop is divided into two days, with the first day principally focusing on resettlement planning and the second on resettlement implementation.

Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: Participants are expected to be familiar with existing guidance (e.g., World Bank OP 4.12, IFC Performance Standard 5, EBRD Performance Requirement 5, or similar) and have at least two years of practical experience with involuntary resettlement, community development programs (including participatory development), and/or economic rehabilitation initiatives in rural or urban areas (or both) in the context of development projects. Participants in public, private, and non government organizations that are involved in a variety of different projects (linear, areal, small scale, as well as large scale) are welcome.

Language: English.

Duration: 2 days (27-28 May)

Min/Max: 8-20

Instructors: **Gordon Appleby**, (USA)

Rosamaria Rivas de Neffa, Director, R+R Ingenieros y Arquitectos S.A. DE C.V. (USA)

Agnieszka Rawa, Managing Director, Millennium Challenge Corporation (USA)

6 MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN ENERGY PROJECTS: WHAT CAN IMPACT ASSESSMENT OFFER?

Developments in the energy sector are essential components for economic growth that can have a significant bearing on the global economy. At the same time, energy security depends on healthy and diverse ecosystems. Rivers, coastal lands, croplands and forests deliver a range of ecosystem services that support energy production and are also fundamental to human well-being. In an ideal world, a sound solution to the energy crisis would not conflict with simultaneous efforts to promote the conservation agenda as both play an essential role in human development. Yet experience reflects that biodiversity and ecosystem services are seldom factored into decisions on energy investments and are most often compromised.

Considering that no source of energy is truly green, the best development models are undoubtedly those that perceive the optimal complementarities between economic development and biodiversity conservation. Considerations of least impacts and possibly, even neutral impacts on biodiversity and other key elements of nature sensitive areas should guide the decisions on which energy options (bio-fuel, coal, hydropower, solar power or wind) or combinations to promote. Biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment can offer the planning and decision support for encouraging the greener energy projects.

The mainstreaming tools are gradually evolving and needs to be popularised through capacity development initiatives like this course for delivering the benefits of sustainable energy development. This two-day course is an intermediate level course for mid career EA professionals, business groups, decision-makers, government officials, donor agencies and economists.

This course aims to encourage the impact assessment professionals to think "out of the box" for evolving "win-win" opportunities for both development and biodiversity. For decision-makers, it will help encourage developments that are environmentally benign and socially acceptable. For donors and those in the government, the course will instill a greater sense of urgency and responsibility for investing in sustainable green energy development plans.

Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: Participants are required to have a basic understanding of ecological concepts and principles of environmental economics. Familiarity with generic EIA framework and experience with project planning, implementation, and review will be useful, though not required.

Language: English.

Duration: 2 days (27-28 May)

Min/Max: 10-20

Instructors: **Asha Rajvanshi**, Senior Professor and Head, EIA Cell, Wildlife Institute of India (India)

Vinod.B. Mathur, Senior Professor and Dean, Wildlife Institute of India (India)

7 PLANNING FOR EFFECTIVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) strives to present high-quality training that promotes the use of public participation as a value-added element of decision-making. The IAP2 Certificate Programme aims to assist participants in developing and refining existing skills in:

- Establishing a baseline of knowledge about the practice
- Promoting rigorous, goal-driven, values-based and decision-oriented public participation activities
- Creating and reinforcing a universal lexicon for the work of public participation
- Promoting new and emerging tools, approaches and applications of public participation in diverse situations
- Providing opportunities for more experienced practitioners to share knowledge, mentor newer practitioners and increase collective wisdom of practice.

This course is the planning module, a prerequisite for other modules of the IAP2 Certificate Programme, provides the foundations of effective public participation programs. IAP2 has worked with practitioners from around the world to develop foundational tools that transcend national and cultural boundaries. From beginning to advanced levels, practitioners find the training useful in assisting their working with the public and clients to establish effective public participation. These tools are presented in an interactive and experiential learning environment, providing students with opportunities to explore their own public participation challenges with their instructor and peers.

This course is mindful of the conference's energy theme in use of case studies and instructor experience in this sector.

Content

- Course overview: Objectives, defining “public participation” and “the public,” when and why do public participation
- Introduction to IAP2's Foundations of Public Participation
- IAP2's Five Steps for Public Participation Planning.

Anticipated learning outcomes

Enable participants to:

- Define public participation and what distinguishes it from related fields
- Apply a systematic, rigorous planning process to public involvement
- Identify and understand the IAP2 Foundations of Public Participation and apply these to public participation planning
- Apply tools to public participation planning including IAP2 Core Values, Code of Ethics and Spectrum
- Identify and write public participation objectives that clarify the role of the public
- Develop public participation plans including evaluation

Level: Introductory to Advanced

Prerequisites: None

Language: English

Duration: 2 days (27-28 May)

Min/Max: 16-25

Instructor: **Tanya Burdett**, Director, Essential Planning Ltd. (Australia)

8 QUALITY ASSURANCE IN EIA: GUIDE AND REVIEW

This 2-day 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. Examples from typical energy sector projects will be used to highlight the learning points.

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. Again, we will use examples from some of the many energy projects we have been involved with: hydro-electric projects, gas and coal fired power plants, wind energy and transmission line studies.

The **learning outcomes** will include:

- Better appreciation and confidence about how to guide and review large and small EIAs
- Tools (templates, criteria, frameworks, decision-trees) to write ToRs, run a tendering process, adjudicate proposals, manage the entire EIA process and review the documentation
- Awareness 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 (27-28 May)

Min/Max: 15-35

Instructors: **Peter Tarr**, Executive Director, Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (Namibia)

Bryony Walmsley, Manager, Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (South Africa)

9 THEORY AND PRACTICE OF MULTICRITERIA ANALYSIS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT 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 insights and hands-on experience 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. Working with a Decision Support System (DSS)
6. Application example in the realm of EIA and SEA (using MCA to compare alternative infrastructure developments and spatial plan policies)
7. GIS-based MCA: Dealing with the spatial component of environmental decision-making problems.

The teaching method is based on theoretical lectures, group discussions and hands-on exercises using specific software (DSS) that implements MCA. This will allow participants to gain insights on the usefulness of MCA, and on its potential applicability in their field of work.

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
- Skills in using a DSS to conduct MCA
- 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 represented by 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:	English
Duration:	2 days (27-28 May)
Min/Max:	10-30
Instructor:	Davide Geneletti , Lecturer/Researcher, University of Trento (Italy)
Special Note:	Participants should plan to provide their own laptops for the hands-on activities.

10 UNDERSTANDING IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PRINCIPLES, METHODS, AND EMERGING TRENDS

This course is aimed at individuals who have recently started to work with some form of impact assessment, or will be doing so in the near future, and need to learn more about the nature of the process. These may be people 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, both in specific forms of impact assessment (such as health impact assessment), but also in newer applications of impact assessment. The latter category would include, for example, the consolidation of the Equator Principles among private sector financial institutions, the increasing recognition of post-disaster and post-conflict strategic environmental assessment, and the steady expansion of 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 emphasises 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 try to link key themes to topics being addressed in the IAIA conference itself. This helps participants derive greater benefit from the conference, especially for those relatively new to the field.

Level:	Introductory
Prerequisites:	None
Language:	English
Duration:	2 days (27-28 May)
Min/Max:	10-50
Instructor:	Richard Morgan , Professor, University of Otago (New Zealand)

11 ISSUES IN HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

This foundation-level course is intended to introduce participants to the value and use of Health Impact Assessment within the energy sector. Energy industries—such as oil production, natural gas development, wind energy and hydroelectricity—are essential components of our economies. However, energy developments are also often contentious and companies face increasing challenges in making their activities sustainable and socially responsible. Large-scale energy industry projects may impact community health through activities such as construction, transport of materials, importing migrant workers, causing changes to the biophysical environment 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 for energy 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:** None, but it is helpful if participants are already familiar with the goals or process of impact assessment in some form (EIA, SIA, etc.) or with energy industries.
- Language:** English
- Duration:** 1 day (28 May)
- Min/Max:** 6-30
- Instructors:** **Marla Orenstein**, Consultant, Habitat Health Impact Consulting (Canada)
Francesca Viliani, Director of Public Health Services, International SOS (United Kingdom)

WORLD BANK SAFEGUARD POLICIES TRAINING SESSION

The World Bank will deliver a one day safeguard policy training workshop specifically designed for IAIA members. The workshop will provide this training to EA practitioners in order to: (i) improve their understanding of World Bank safeguard policy work at the project level; (ii) provide the basis to identify good practice in the design and use of specific environmental and social management instruments; and (iii) identify opportunities and constraints to mainstream environmental and social concerns into country safeguards systems. The overarching goal of the workshop is to contribute to minimizing the environmental and social risks inherent in World Bank-financed projects. The target audience for this workshop is IAIA members interested in learning about World Bank project safeguard policies and tools. Some 50 participants representing EA practitioners from across the six regions are expected to attend. The workshop will include an introductory session on World Bank operational safeguard policies and group case study work analyzing the quality of project framework documents and team presentations in plenary format. Additional discussions will be dedicated to the design and function of strategic safeguard tools (i.e., SEAs). The training incorporates lessons learned and best practice with regards to the design and use of safeguard tools at the country and regional level.

Monday, 28 May | 09:00 - 17:00 | Location: Congress centre

Price \$30 | Price includes morning and afternoon coffee breaks and lunch.

DIA DA LÍNGUA PORTUGUESA (PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE DAY)

This meeting is organized by the Impact Assessment Portuguese Language Network (REDE – www.redeimpactos.org) to present the legal and institutional framework and the professional practice of Impact Assessment in the different Portuguese speaking countries and discuss the improvement of the Network activities. The session is an opportunity for Portuguese speaking professionals to share information and experiences and to establish links between individuals and organizations. The session will be conducted in Portuguese.

DIA DA LÍNGUA PORTUGUESA : Sessão – em língua portuguesa - organizada pela REDE de Língua Portuguesa de Avaliação de Impactos com o objetivo de fazer um ponto de situação do enquadramento legal e institucional e da prática profissional da Avaliação de Impactos nos vários países e território de língua portuguesa. Esta sessão também constituirá uma oportunidade para os profissionais de língua portuguesa partilharem informação e experiências e estabelecerão relações entre indivíduos ou organizações. Mais informações em www.redeimpactos.org.

Friday, 1 June | 14:30 - 18:00 | Location: Congress centre

Price \$20 | Price includes lunch and afternoon coffee break.



ENCUENTRO RHEAS MEETING

The Spanish-speaking Environmental and Social Assessment Network (RHEAS) is already a reality (www.rheas.org). Since the first brainstorming at IAIA10, considerable progress has been made in the implementation of this network, which includes all the different agents that participate in the environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) process (e.g., public, practitioners, planners, decision makers, professors, environmentalists, etc.). The future of the network is a challenge; with everyone's help it will become a tool for exchanging information, experiences, and work in order to improve the ESIA process in the Spanish-speaking world under the IAIA umbrella. Several papers about the state of the art of ESIA in all Spanish-speaking countries (e.g., current status, legal framework, actors, etc.) will be produced for this session, which will be conducted in Spanish.

La Red Hispanohablante de Evaluación Ambiental y Social (RHEAS) ya es una realidad (www.rheas.org). Desde IAIA10, donde surgió como idea, se ha avanzado mucho en la puesta a punto de esta red, que incluye a todos los agentes implicados en la Evaluación de Impacto Ambiental y Social (EIAS). Su futuro es un reto, con la ayuda de todos podrá convertirse en un instrumento para intercambiar información, experiencias y trabajos para mejorar la EIAS, bajo el paraguas de la IAIA. En esta sesión, que será celebrada en español, se presentará la situación actual de la EIAS en diferentes países de habla hispana.

Friday, 1 June | 14:30 - 17:00 | Location: Congress centre

Price \$20 | Price includes lunch and afternoon coffee break.



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 2012.

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.

The tours will be hosted in English.

Family members of registered delegates are welcome to register for technical visits at the same rate.

Casual clothing and walking shoes are recommended.

Meals: delegates are not expected to pay tips to the servers.

Tours depart from the congress 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.

IMPORTANT DATE: 31 MARCH

A | DOURO: HUMANITY HERITAGE

This visit to Douro Valley involves two aspects:

1. A visit to Foz Tua Dam, as an example of a hydroelectric production project. It is located in a very vulnerable landscape, and was submitted to an EIA process; its construction is being followed up by the environmental authorities in very strict terms due to the special area where it is located.
2. The cultural landscape is an outstanding example of a traditional European wine-producing region and reflects the evolution of this activity over time.

Sunday, 27 May

Depart 08:30 | Return 18:00

Minimum-Maximum 20-55

Price \$110

Price includes lunch, transportation, and entrance fees.

Special note Participants should wear comfortable clothing, including a hat and jacket, and walking shoes.

B | GUIMARÃES 2012: EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Guimarães is distinguished by its heritage, its inspiring landscape, its entrepreneurial capacity, its sense of belonging and the dynamism of its inhabitants. The origin of the city of Guimarães goes back to the tenth century since it was here, in 1128, that the Portuguese nation was founded and D. Afonso Henriques was recognized as the first king of Portugal.

The importance of its cultural worth and investment in its heritage resulted in a network of high quality infrastructures and renovation of the historical centre, which was recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage in 2001.

In 2012, Guimarães will be hosting a major gathering of creators and creations: music, cinema, photography, fine arts, architecture, literature, thought, theatre, dance, street art. In Guimarães, the artistic products imagined and created by its residents will merge with those coming to the city from all over Europe. Over the course of one year, the city will be the promoter of Europe's cultural diversity, revealing its creations and welcoming those from other countries.

Sunday, 27 May

Depart 09:30 | Return 17:30

Minimum-Maximum 20-50

Price \$80

Price includes lunch and transportation.

Special note Participants should wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes.



DOURO VALLEY



GUIMARÃES

C | D | G | H | I WORLD HERITAGE HISTORICAL CENTRE TECHNICAL VISIT

Porto's Historical Centre is the oldest part of the city and was classified as World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO in 1996. Here you will find traces of the medieval origins of the city, in a city landscape that serves up an image of rare beauty. Amble along the typical alleys and passageways of this city's heart and take in, at every step, a monument of incontestable worth, the renowned hospitality of the city folk and a breathtaking panorama over the rooftops and the river Douro.

In this technical visit you will experience the different layers of Porto history. We will start at the cathedral and then, surrounding the medieval walls, we'll visit Santa Catarina Street, the inside of the S. Bento Train Station, the Baroque Churches, the old Jewish Quarter, the English influence on the neoclassic buildings and the old medieval quarter of Ribeira, the most important square until the XV century.

The impacts of World Heritage certification and tourism will be discussed, as well as social conflicts arising between tourism and the lower-income inhabitants of the historical centre.

In addition, we will always be facing the Douro River, telling stories about Port Wine, the Rabelo Boats and the famous iron bridges. The tour will finish at the house where Prince Henry the Navigator was born.

Sunday, 27 May

C Depart 10:00 | **Return** 12:30

D Depart 14:30 | **Return** 17:00

Monday, 28 May

G Depart 10:00 | **Return** 12:30

H Depart 14:30 | **Return** 17:00

Friday, 1 June

I Depart 14:30 | **Return** 17:00

Minimum-Maximum 5-25

Price \$20

Special note Participants should take a hat/cap and sunblock. The historical centre of Porto is built on a steep hill. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

E | WIND POWER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Morning: the visit starts with a trip to Viana de Castelo, located north of Porto. Viana do Castelo is the site of Portugal's first wind energy cluster. Developed in stages after a public tender in 2005, the main complex comprises five new factories built between the port city and Lanheses, further upriver. In this cluster, a consortium made up of Energias de Portugal (EDP); Endesa of Spain; the domestic conglomerate Sonae; and Enercon, the German wind turbine manufacturer, make the rotor blades, cement towers, generators and electrical components that form wind-driven electricity generators of the type found all over the country. Participants in this technical visit will visit the main facilities of this complex.

Afternoon: After lunch, participants will return to Porto to visit the Dragon Stadium. The Dragon Stadium had its inauguration 1 November 2003 and was the first European stadium to win the "Greenlight" 2003 certification, which awards the effort carried out not only in the rational energy use, but also in the lighting quality, result of the environmental and ecological concerns of the 21st century. The management of the stadium is certified under the ISO-14001 standard.

Monday, 28 May

Depart 08:30 | **Return** 17:00

Minimum-Maximum 20-50

Price \$80

Price includes lunch and transportation.

Special note Participants should wear comfortable clothing and closed-toe walking shoes.

F | LIPOR AND PETROGAL

Morning: Visit to LIPOR II. LIPOR (Intermunicipal Waste Management of Greater Porto) is the entity in charge for the management, recovery and treatment of the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) produced by the eight partner municipalities. The treatment system includes an Energy Recovery Plant, located in Maia, that is focused toward recovering, as electricity, the part of waste that can't be re-used through composting and recycling. With two lines of treatment in continuous operation and almost automatic, the plant has a treatment capacity of 400 000 tonnes of waste per year and produces about 200 GWh of electricity per year, of which about 90% is sent to the public, allowing supply of an agglomeration of around 150,000 inhabitants. Participants will visit the plant and see a detailed description of the comprehensive environmental monitoring program that has been in regular operation since 2000 to present.

Afternoon: Visit to the refinery of Matosinhos that covers approximately 400 hectares. It is connected to the terminal of oil tankers in the Leixões port by several pipelines 2km long. It has 1,910,000m³ of storage capacity, of which almost 657,000m³ is for oil types and 1,253,000m³ for intermediate and finished

products. The refinery also plays host to nearly 1,250km of pipelines. Built in 1969, the industrial complex during the last 3 years has been under intense renovation with the aim of reducing energy consumption as well as SO₂ and benzene emissions. Part of these investments were preceded by Environmental Impact Statements and followed by intense monitoring programs. These impact assessment activities will be presented during the visit.

The technical visit will include the visit to the Boa Nova Tea House, designed by the architect Álvaro Siza Vieira, 1992 Pritzker prize winner. The Tea House is built on the cliffs of the Matosinhos seashore. This work is about "building the landscape" of this marginal zone on the Atlantic through a careful analysis of the weather and tides, existing plant life and rock formations, and the relationship to the avenue and city behind.

Monday, 28 May

Depart 09:30 | **Return** 18:00

Minimum-Maximum 20-50

Price \$80

Price includes lunch and transportation.

Special note Participants should wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes.

Interesting fact:

Guimarães is rated #6 by Lonely Planet in the Top 10 Cities to Visit in 2012.



Networking activities and events

WELCOME RECEPTION: PORTO DE HONRA

IAIA12 will open with a reception; this event is traditionally a highlight of the conference, and the IAIA12 welcome 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, 29 May

Location: Congress centre

Pre-registration is required.

BANQUET

You won't want to miss this unique experience. Enjoy dinner with your colleagues and a tour of one of the oldest founding Port wine companies in existence. Taylor's, established over three centuries ago in 1692, is based in the Douro Valley and is closely involved in all stages of the production of its Ports, from the planting of the vineyard and the cultivation of the grapes to the making, ageing, blending and bottling of the wines. The family company's commitment to the future of Port is demonstrated in its dedication to the highest standards in Port production, its continued investment in all aspects of the firm's operations and its determination to preserve the unique environment of the Douro Valley through the promotion of sustainable and responsible viticulture.

Pending sponsorship.

Wednesday, 30 May

Location: Taylor's Port Wine Cellars

Price: \$60 | Price includes transportation by boat, tour on the river Douro, tour of the port wine lodges, and dinner.

Pre-registration is 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.

NETWORKING/INTERNATIONAL NIGHT AND WORLD CUP FOOTBALL



Four years after IAIA08 Perth, the IAIA Table Football Cup is back! Lace up your boots, don your national colors or an item of clothing or jewelry from your homeland, sing your anthems, compete with your colleagues from around the globe, and enjoy a refreshment from the bar while you're at it. What to do:

- Nominate a team of two to represent your country. You may need to hold playoffs among yourselves to select the best team—and training is always advisable! Tables will be available earlier in the week.
- Place team nominations and any playoff information on the special notice board in the registration area.
- Join us on Thursday evening for drinks (cash bar) and kickoff.

Thursday, 31 May | Kickoff: 19:00

Location: Congress centre

Food and beverages on your own.

BUFFET OF IDEAS

IAIA12 continues a simple methodology introduced at IAIA09 for hosting conversation about issues of interest and concern.

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

This meeting method allows yet another opportunity for participants to network, sharing ideas on topics of interest and connecting with colleagues who have similar interests, but you might not meet during formal sessions.

At lunch on Tuesday, select tables will be labeled with discussion topics. Find a table with a topic you would like to discuss and have a seat. Lunch is provided, and discussion flows.

Delegates are welcome to contribute topic ideas; just send a two-to-five word title (e.g., "My Worst SEA Ever" or "Dealing with Difficult Clients") to Jennifer Howell (jen@iaia.org) by 31 March.

FUN RUN

This popular 5km Fun Run/Walk is back due to popular demand! IAIA11 conference delegates braved the early morning hour for a record turnout—let's beat that record! This is 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 Sérgio Bento (sergio@ua.pt).

Thursday, 31 May | 07:00

Pre-registration and nominal fee (\$5) are required.

See the announcement board at the IAIA registration desk for meeting time and location.



PARTY AT SERRALVES

The ninth **Serralves em Festa** will take place on June 2 and 3 for 40 consecutive hours.

This is the largest contemporary arts festival in Portugal and one of the biggest in Europe, including hundreds of events unfolding at the various spaces in Serralves as well as venues in downtown Porto and the Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport.

Serralves em Festa has already become a must for thousands upon thousands of people. From 08:00 Saturday, 2 June, to midnight on Sunday, 3 June, Serralves will host more than 250 events, with activities for all ages.

These events cover the areas of performance, music (improvised, pop, rock, electronic, experimental, jazz, DJs), contemporary dance, acrobatics, contemporary circus, sound objects circus, theatre (street theatre, theatre for children, puppet theatre) cinema, video, installation, photography, guided visits, exhibitions, workshops and a range of activities for children and families.

IAIA is not organizing a group visit; see the message board in the registration area to connect with others who are interested in attending.

This event is free to the public—no registration is required—and all delegates are encouraged to attend this festival for a once-in-a-lifetime experience in Portugal.

An information booth will be available at the convention centre for more information.

Exhibitors, students, and mentors

EXHIBITS, BOOTHS AND DISPLAY MATERIALS

Advertise your company or demonstrate your project: prominent display space is available! Contact IAIA HQ before 31 March 2012 for information and rates on exhibit booths, table space, and poster panels.

A table will be provided for IAIA members to display information, distribute conference papers, or announce/distribute non-commercial items. Delegates must personally be in attendance at the conference 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 2012.

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

BEST STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The competition began 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 > IAIA12 for complete details.

STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE WAIVERS

IAIA is pleased to offer a student fee waiver program for IAIA12. This program allows up to ten students a waived conference registration fee in exchange for providing in-kind services on-site in Porto. 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 2012**.
- 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 (+1.701.297.7912) for program guidelines and an application form. You will be notified 3-4 weeks after 31 January 2012 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 IAIA12.

- 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SEA | <input type="checkbox"/> SIA | <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity & Ecology | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Peoples |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Governance | <input type="checkbox"/> Disasters & Conflicts | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2012**.

Section activities

MEET THE IAIA SECTIONS!

IAIA is a member-based organization which currently has fifteen Sections that cover different types and aspects of impact assessment.

IAIA Sections provide opportunities for IAIA members with these mutual interests to share experiences and discuss ideas in an informal setting. Sections provide a forum for active topical debate and for development and promotion of good practice.

IAIA Sections have a chance to meet during each annual conference, and they also have a rolling program of work throughout the year.

The members of the Sections and their activities are the life-blood of IAIA: through the Sections, IAIA members can feed into the organization of each annual conference, publish different materials, and develop new lines of thought.

When you pay the non-member conference rate, you automatically become an IAIA member and are eligible to join a Section.

WHY JOIN AN IAIA SECTION?

- Sections are a networking forum for IAIA members, where you can meet your colleagues with similar professional interests.
- Sections promote your personal professional development.
- Sections develop interesting activities that you may want to join.

WHERE CAN I FIND THE SECTIONS AT IAIA12?

- 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.
- Rendezvous 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 Ben Cave, chair of the Sections Coordinating Committee (Ben.cave@bcahealth.co.uk) or the coordinator of a specific Section as listed at right, or visit www.iaia.org > Sections for more information.

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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 2012. Names and logos will be posted on the IAIA12 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 sponsors enjoy benefits as summarized below.

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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" name tag ribbon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Half-price registrations for additional staff		One	Two	Three	Four
Black/white advertisement in final program		One 1/4-page ad	One 1/2-page 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) US\$1,000 value			✓	✓	✓
4 issues of IAIA's journal, <i>Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal</i>			✓	✓	✓
4 issues of IAIA newsletter			✓	✓	✓
1 year access to IAIAConnect, IAIA's social networking site			✓	✓	✓
Pre-conference training course discounts (2 persons)				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

IAIA12 will take place from 27 May-1 June 2012 at the Centro de Congressos da Alfândega in Porto, Portugal, with adjunct events planned before, during and after the conference. Activities will take place at the congress centre unless otherwise noted.

The address is Rua Nova da Alfândega - Edifício da Alfândega 4050-430 Porto, Portugal | Tel.: +351 223 403 024 | www.meetinportugal.com/1/1372.html

LANGUAGE USED (CONFERENCE)

English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences. Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will be held in English.

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 congress centre.

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

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

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 2012. IAIA cannot guarantee that equipment will be available for on-site requests, and payment will be required upon inquiry.

BUSINESS SERVICES

In order to avoid equipment rental costs which would necessarily be passed on to delegates in the form of higher registration fees, IAIA does not provide copying, printing, computers or other business services or equipment on-site.

Please plan to arrive prepared, or contact your hotel in advance to ensure that it offers any facilities you may need.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE

IAIA conferences are generally business casual.

MEALS

IAIA will provide lunches 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. Presenting authors will indicate approval for their audio and/or video 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 29 May-31 May, 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 contact info@iaia.org for a combined invoice. IAIA will credit your account as having paid an annual 12-month 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 IAIA's journal, *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 29 February 2012.

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 Euros (€) onsite.

Any registration after 11 May 2012 must be made on-site. Registration receipts are issued by mail only. Official receipts for registrations made after 11 May 2012 will be issued by mail after the conference.

IAIA will refund registration fees upon written request received before 30 April 2012. A US\$75 processing fee will be retained. After 30 April 2012, 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 29 February 2012, you will be mailed a purple "Quickpass" which entitles you to express check-in service at the conference registration desk in Porto.

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

Porto, also known as Oporto, is the second largest city in Portugal and the biggest city in northwestern Iberia. With a long history and strong traditions, its metropolitan area has a population of 2,500,000 inhabitants. Porto's historical centre has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1996. The city is known for its bridges over the Douro river, Port Wine, excellent food and fantastic scenery. Above all, the charm of its friendly and open-minded people makes it a special place to visit or to live. With a mixture of tradition and innovation, this is where many of Portugal's biggest business, industry and research centers are located. Culture also plays a big part in the daily life of the city. You can browse through one of the most beautiful bookstores in the world or visit architectural works of 3 Pritzker prize award winners. You can choose between the Atlantic and the Douro riverfront where there are always plenty of choices among restaurants, cafés, pubs and clubs.

CONFERENCE HOTELS

Our conference host has arranged room blocks at a number of area hotels, with special low rates during the conference (see page nn). Booking details, the number of rooms available, reservation cutoff dates, hotel information, and maps are available online at www.iaia.org > IAIA12. Please book early to ensure that your first choice is available.

CLIMATE

Porto has a maritime climate with warm to hot summers and mild to cool rainy winters. Porto's climate can be attributed to its position on the North Atlantic coast and Portugal's topography. In the last week of May, the weather is warm, not stiflingly hot, with sunshine—but always a little unpredictable. Average high temperatures heat up to 20°C (68°F) in May with average lows of 12°C (54°F). Rainfall decreases but is still quite frequent. Temperatures are very susceptible to the warmth of the sun which can be quite fickle. Even during warm and sunny days the Atlantic Ocean provides rather cool (but refreshing) swimming waters.

LANGUAGE

Portuguese is the official language. English is commonly understood and fairly spoken by most people.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

No visa needed (only Identity Card): Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

No visa needed (only Passport): Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Rep., El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong-Kong (SAR), Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Korea (Rep.), Latvia, Lithuania, Macau (SAR), Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay,

Poland, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, UK, Uruguay, USA, Vatican, Venezuela.

Citizens of nations not mentioned above require both a passport and a visa.

IAIA advises delegates to plan ahead: prepare and apply for visas and other travel documents 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 29 February 2012.

For more information: http://www.theschengenoffice.com/portugal_tourist_visa.html

TRANSPORTATION

Most of the indicated hotels are located downtown, near Av. dos Aliados, where the city town hall is located.

By air: Major airlines serving Porto Airport are TAP Air Portugal, Iberia, Lufthansa and Brussels Airlines. Porto Airport is a major hub for low-cost airlines such as Ryanair and Easyjet. Intercontinental flights are made mainly through connecting flights with Lisbon, Madrid, Paris, London and Frankfurt. There are direct intercontinental flights from Porto to New York, São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

By rail: Metro do Porto is the city's light rail system and one of the most efficient ways to head from the airport downtown. It operates from 06:00 to 01:30. To and from the airport, you should take the E-line that has the violet color. There will be a train departing every 20 minutes. The Metro station is located on the outside of the airport and has a direct connection through an underway. The trip will take approximately 28 minutes to Trindade Station, and a further 2 minutes to São Bento Station with Av. dos Aliados Station in between (a 15 minute walk from Alfândega). You will have to buy a rechargeable ticket called "andante" which can also be used in buses. This will cost you up to €0,50 plus the fare from the airport which costs €3,80 each trip.

By bus: The 601 and 602 buses depart from the airport to downtown Porto with terminus at Cordoaria. Travel time can vary between 32 minutes to 50 minutes during rush hour (between 07:00 and 09:30). Buses are set to depart every half an hour from 05:30 to 23:30. There is a specific night bus, 3M, from 00:30 to 04:30 departing every hour, going from the airport to downtown Porto at Av. dos Aliados. Prices are the same as the Metro. Travel time of the night bus is approximately 28 minutes.

By taxi: Taxi service is available and prices vary according to the time of day and day of the week. On week days between 21:00 and 06:00, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, taxi fares charge an extra 20%. All taxis are equipped with taximeters. Taxis that are called over the phone will have an extra charge of €0,80. For luggage that is bigger than 55x35x20cm, an extra charge of €1,60 will be claimed. Prices will include 4 passengers at the most. Plan to pay approximately €13 to €15 on a regular fare, plus extra charge and highway tolls if necessary for a journey from the airport to downtown Porto.

BUSINESS HOURS

Shops in Porto open in the morning generally between 09:00 and 10:00. Traditional shops close for one hour at lunch time, usually starting at 13:00, and finish the day at 19:00. Major stores and large malls tend to stay open from 10:00 until evening, with some remaining open till 23:00.

CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

The currency used in Portugal is the Euro (€) which is made up of 100 Cent. Notes come in denominations of €500, €200 and the most common €100, €50, €20, €10 and €5 and the coins in use are €2, €1, 0.50C, 0.20C, 0.10C, 0.05C, 0.02C and 0.01C.

Travellers cheques are widely accepted in the city's banks, and currency can be exchanged there, too. Banks tend to offer the best exchange rates, but commission is sometimes charged for cashing travellers' cheques in foreign currencies.

A large number of cash points are located throughout the city, and all major credit cards are widely accepted. Credit cards can also be used to obtain cash advances from ATMs or banks. Users should make sure the ATM bears the logo of their own card (e.g., Visa or MasterCard). The ATM symbol is MB (Multibanco).

TIPPING

Most restaurants in Porto do not require a tip. However, unless you were unhappy with the service, it is customary to leave a tip of around from 5 to 10%, depending on how much you enjoyed your meal and the service.

ELECTRICITY

The electrical current used in Porto is 220 Volts, AC50/Hz. A 2-pin round plug is used in Portugal.

SMOKING

Smoking in all public buildings including most restaurants is prohibited, unless otherwise stated.

TAXES

Stores displaying a "Tax Free" sticker will give you a Tax Free Shopping Check when you are paying for your purchases. When leaving the country, you need to get this check stamped by the customs officials as proof of legal export. Once you complete and return this check you will get your cash refund. Some of the major airports, train stations or ferry terminals will process this for you.

HELPFUL SITES

- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Porto>
- www.lonelyplanet.com/portugal/the-north/porto
- <http://portugal-info.net/costaverde/porto.htm>
- www.gooporto.com/
- www.wunderground.com/global/stations/08545.html
- <http://www.stcp.pt/en/home/principal.htm>

Hotel information

IMPORTANT: BOOK EARLY!

Our IAIA12 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 mention the IAIA12 Conference rate. Reservation requests after the noted cutoff dates will be based on availability and may be priced at regular (higher) rates.

From hotels located uptown (Batalha area) you can easily reach the Alfândega Congress Centre through the “Funicular dos Guindais” lift and proceed your journey walking. **For more details, visit www.iaia.org > IAIA12 > Planning Your Stay.**

SLG: Single. **DBL:** Double. **TPL:** Triple. **QDPL:** Quadruple. **SSR:** Superior Single. **SD:** Superior Double. **DLX:** Deluxe. **JS:** Junior Suite. **ST:** Suite. **EXE ST:** Executive Suite. **EXE:** Executive. **PS:** Presidential Suite. **LA:** Local Accommodation. **NA:** Not Applicable.

Additional hotel and booking details are available online at www.iaia.org > IAIA12 > Planning Your Stay

Map #	Hotel	*	IAIA12 Conference Rate (euros €)	Contact Information	Distance to Convention Centre
1	Pestana Porto Hotel	4	€ 145 SGL (City View) € 155 DBL (City View) € 175 SGL (River View) € 185 DBL (River View) Breakfast buffet, Drink of Port>Welcome and fees included	Praça da Ribeira, nº 1, 4050-513 Porto +351 223 402 300 Fax: + 351 223 402 400 pestana.porto@pestana.com www.pestana.com/hotels/en/hotels/europe/OportoHotels/Porto/Home/	5 min walk
2	Hotel da Bolsa	3	€ 65.45 SGL € 76.50 DBL € 18 Extra Bed Breakfast included	Rua Ferreira Borges, 101 4050-253 Porto +351 222026768 Fax: 222058888 directcao@hoteldabolsa.com www.hoteldabolsa.com/	5 min walk
3	Hotel Infante Sagres	5	€ 155 SGL € 170 DBL € 170 SSR € 190 SD € 220 DLX € 265 JS € 310 ST € 530 EXE ST € 660 PS	Pç. D. Filipa de Lencastre, # 62 4050-259 Porto - Portugal +351 223 398 500 Fax: +351 223 398 599 bookings@hotelinfantessagres.pt www.hotelinfantessagres.pt	25/30 min walk 10 min by car
4	Hotel Teatro	4	€ 125 Gallery SGL € 135 Gallery Twin € 150 Tribune SGL € 160 Tribune Twin € 180 Audience SGL € 190 Audience Twin € 218 Suite Júnior SGL € 218 Suite Júnior Twin	Rua Sá da Bandeira, # 84, 4000-427 Porto +351 220 409 620 Fax: +351 220 409 629 reservas@hotelteatro.pt www.hotelteatro.pt/	15 min walk
5	Hotel Quality Inn Batalha	3	€ 65 SGL € 70DBL Breakfast buffet and fees included	Praça da Batalha, # 127 4000-102 Porto +351 22 3392300/01(Direct Line) Fax: + 351 22 2006009/6861 tradeqipb@grupo-continental.com www.qualityinn.com/hotel-porto-portugal-PT025?sid=xDqUVMpe4Ergtug.1	15 min walk
6	Hotel Mercure Porto Centro	4	€ 90 SGL € 100 DBL American buffet breakfast and fees included. Wireless Internet Free	Praca da Batalha, # 116 4049-028 Porto +351 222043300 Fax: +351 222043499 h1975@accor.com www.mercure.com/pt/hotel-1975-mercure-porto-centro/index.shtml	15-20 min walk
7	Hotel Dom Henrique Downtown	4	€ 68 SGL € 76DBL Breakfast buffet included	Rua Guedes de Azevedo, # 179 4049-009 Porto +351 223401611(reservations) +351 223401666(reservations) reserv@hoteldomhenrique.pt www.hoteldomhenrique.pt	15-20 min walk 10 min by car
8	Eurostars das Artes	4	€ 129 SGL € 139 DBL Breakfast buffet in the restaurant and fees included.	Rua do Rosário, # 160-164 4050-521 – Porto +351 222 071 250 Fax +351 222 071 259 fom@eurostarsdasartes.com www.eurostarshotels.com	15 min walk
9	The Yeatman Hotel	5	€ 222,00 SGL € 237,00 DBL Breakfast included. Breakfast served in “The Orangerie.”	Rua do Choupelo (Sta. Marinha), 4400-088 Vila Nova de Gaia, Porto +351 22 013 3100 Fax +351 22 013 3199 reservations@theyeatman.com www.the-yeatman-hotel.com/	15 min by car
10	Hotel Premium Porto	3	€44 SGL €49 DBL/TWIN Breakfast is not included. Breakfast Buffet - €5 per person. Parking place - €9 per day. Free internet.	Travessa Antero de Quental, 360, Cedofeita, 4000-089 Porto +351 225 084 650 Fax + 351 225 084 659 reservas@hoteispremium.com www.hoteispremium.com	10 min by car
11	Grande Hotel de Paris	2	€ 50 SGL € 55 DBL € 80 TPL Breakfast included	Rua da Fábrica, 27/29, 4050-247 Porto +351 222 073 140 Fax: + 351 222 073 149 dir@hotelparis.pt www.hotelparis.pt	15 min walk 10 min by car
12	Hotel Malaposta	3	35 SGL 40 DBL Breakfast is not included. 40 SGL 45 DBL Breakfast included.	Rua da Conceição, nº 80, 4050-214 Porto +351 223 391 920 Fax: +351 223 391 929 info@hotelmalaposta.com www.hotelmalaposta.com	20 min walk 10 min by car
13	Boavista Guest House	LA	€ 35 SGL € 45 DBL € 65 TPL Breakfast and fees included.	Rua da Boavista, 667 4050-110 Porto +351 22 202 60 86 Fax: +351 22 202 61 90 info@boavistaguesthouse.com www.boavistaguesthouse.com/	25 min walk 10 min by car
14	Hotel Carris Porto Ribeira	4	€ 129 SGL € 143 DBL Breakfast buffet and fees included. Free use of WiFi.	Rua do Infante D. Henrique, 1 4050-296 Porto +351 220965786 comercial.portugal@carrishoteles.com www.carrishoteles.com	5 min walk
15	Hotel Intercontinental	4	€ 195 SGL € 210 DBL Breakfast and fees included.	Porto-Palácio das Cardosas InterContinental Praca da Liberdade, 25 Porto, 4000-322 +351 2 22022500 Fax: +351 2 22022509 icporto.reservations@ihg.com www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/locations/porto	15 min
16	Porto Downtown Hostel	LA	€ 18 (10 dorm beds) € 19 (6 dorm beds) € 20 (4 dorm beds) € 42 Twin Breakfast and internet included. Rates may increase slightly in 2012.	Praça Guilherme Gomes Fernandes, nº66, 1º andar 4050-294 Porto +351 222 018 094 portodowntownhostel@gmail.com www.portodowntownhostel.com/	15 min walk
17	Oporto Poets Hostel	LA	€ 20 (4 dorm beds) € 19 (6 dorm beds) € 18 (8 dorm beds) € 50 DBL with bathroom € 50 Twin with bathroom. Breakfast and internet included.	Rua dos Caldeiros, 261, 4050-142 Porto +351 223 324 209 +351 932 015 758 oportopoetshostel@gmail.com www.oportopoetshostel.com/public/contacts.php?lang=eng	12 min walk 5 min by car

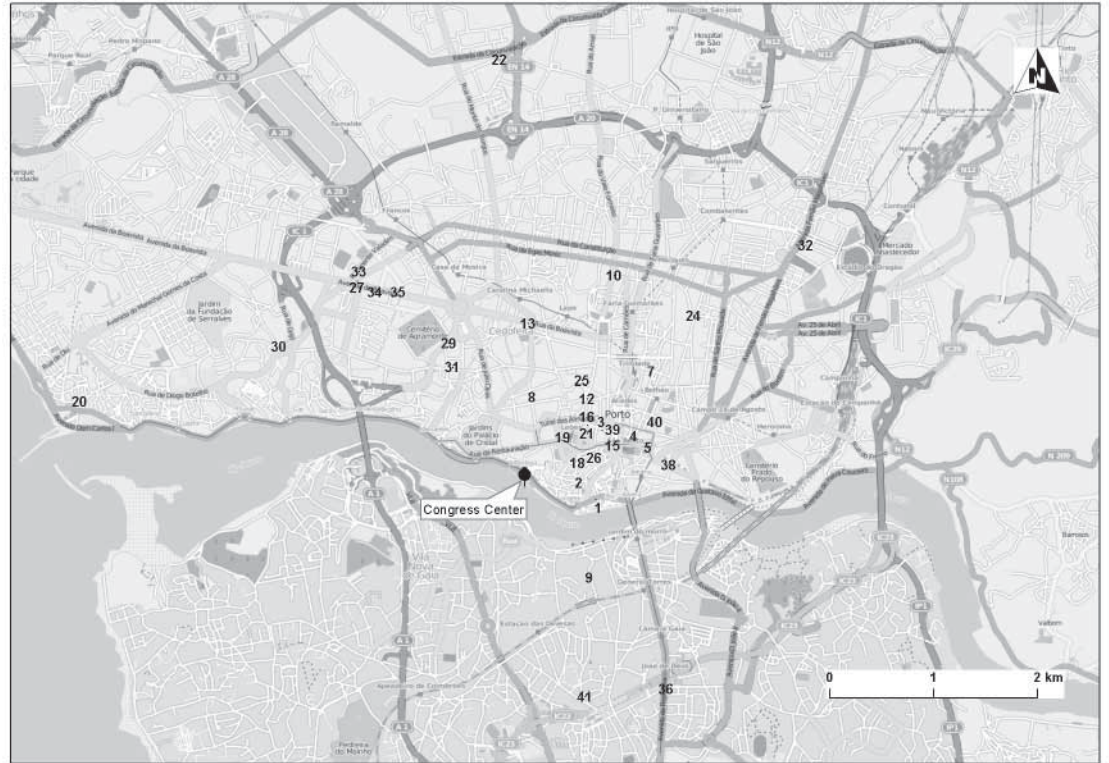
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18	Oporto Poets Hostel Privates	LA	€ 19 (6 dorm beds) € 45 Twin (no bathroom) € 45 DBL (no bathroom) Breakfast and internet included.	Travessa do Ferraz, 13, 4050-251 Porto +351 222 026 089 oportopoets hostel@gmail.com www.oportopoets hostel.com/public/contacts.php?lang=eng	15 min walk 5 min by car
19	Port Wine Thematic Hostel	LA	€ 17,10 (4 dorm beds) € 15,30 (6 dorm beds) € 22,50 DBL € 22,50 TPL Breakfast buffet included (guests wash their own dishes).	Campo dos Mártires da Pátria, 52, Porto +351 222 013 167 Fax: +351 222 013 469 info@winehostel.pt www.winehostel.pt	15 min walk
20	B&B: The 4 Rooms	LA	€ 115 DBL North/South € 100 SGL North/South € 145 DBL Loft € 130 SGL Loft Breakfast & fees included	Rua Padre Luis Cabral, 1015 4150—464 Porto Phone + 351 929 190 406 4rooms@netcabo.pt www.4rooms.org/	5/10 min by car
21	B&B: Pensão Cristal	3	€ 35 SGL Breakfast included. Free Wireless Internet in rooms.	Rua Galeria de Paris, 48 4050-284 Porto +351 22 200 21 00 Fax: +351 22 208 98 25 info@pensaocristal.com www.pensaocristal.com/pensaocr/	15 min walk
22	Star Inn Porto Low Cost Design Hotel	3	€ 40 SGL € 49 DBL Breakfast and fees included. Outdoor parking, unlimited access to the internet throughout the hotel.	Hotel Star inn Porto Rua Senhora do Porto, 930, 4250-453 Porto +351 22 834 70 00 Fax: +351 22 834 70 19 reservas@hotelstarinn.com www.hotelstarinn.com	15 min by car
23	Hotel Tryp Porto Expo	4	€ 71.50 SGL € 79.50 DBL Breakfast and fees included. Outdoor parking, unlimited access to the internet throughout the hotel.	Rotunda da Exponor - Leça da Palmeira 4450-801 Porto +351 229 990 000 Fax: +351 229 990 099 tryp.porto.expo@meliaportugal.com www.trypportosexpo.com/	20 min by car
24	Hotel Tryp Porto Centro	3	€ 61 SGL € 67 DBL Breakfast and fees included. Outdoor parking, unlimited access to the internet throughout the hotel.	Rua da Alegria, 685 4000-046 Porto +351 225 194 800 Fax: +351 225 194 819 tryp.porto.centro@meliaportugal.com www.trypportocentro.com	10 min walk
25	Best Western Hotel Inca	4	€ 55 SGL € 60 DBL € 85 TPL Breakfast and fees included.	Praça Coronel Pacheco, 52 4050-453 Porto +351 222 084 151 Fax: +351 222 054 756 info@hotelinca.com att. Armanda Silva www.bestwesternhotelinca.com www.hotelinca.com	20 min walk
26	Vitoria Village	3	€ 90 DBL Apartment € 108 TPL Apartment € 126 QDPL Apartment. Breakfast buffet included. Free private parking.	Vitoria Village Rua da Vitória. nº 29 4050-634 Porto +351 22 201 34 77 Fax: +351 22 201 34 79 info@vitoriavillage.com www.vitoriavillage.com/	10 min walk 5 min by car
27	Tiara Park Atlantic Porto	5	€ 125 DLX SGL € 145 DLX DBL € 175 EXE SGL € 195 EXE DBL Breakfast and fees included.	Avenida da Boavista, 1466 4100-114 Porto +351 22 607 25 00 Fax: +351 22 600 20 31 candida.baldaia@tiara-hotels.com www.tiara-hotels.com/hotel.asp?id_hotel=6&idioma=PT	15 min by car
28	HF Tuela Porto	3	€ 57 SGL € 57 DBL Breakfast and fees included. Free Internet/WiFi.	Rua Arq. Marques da Silva, 200 4150 - 483 Porto +351 226 194100 Fax: +351 226 6194160 porto@hfhoteles.com www.hfhoteles.com	20 min walk 10 min by car
29	HF Félix Porto	4	€ 65 SGL € 65 DBL Breakfast and fees included. Free Internet/WiFi.	Rua Gonçalo Sampaio, 282 4150-365 Porto +351 226 194100 Fax: +351 226 6194160 porto@hfhoteles.com www.hfhoteles.com	20 min walk 10 min by car
30	HF Ipanema Park	5	€ 70 SGL € 70 DBL Breakfast and fees included. Free Internet/WiFi.	Rua de Serralves, 124 4150 - 702 Porto +351 225 322 100 Fax: +351 226 102 809 porto@hfhoteles.com www.hfhoteles.com	20 min walk
31	HF Ipanema Porto	4	€ 65 SGL € 65 DBL Breakfast and fees included. Free Internet/WiFi.	Rua do Campo Alegre, 156/172 4150-169 Porto +351 226 075 059 Fax: +351 226 063 339 porto@hfhoteles.com www.hfhoteles.com	20 min walk
32	Porto Antas Hotel	3	€ 50 SGL/DBL Breakfast and fees included.	Rua Padre Manuel Da Nóbrega 111, Porto, 4350-226 +351 225 025 000 / 774 Fax: +351 225 500 503 reservas@portoantashotel.pt www.portoantashotel.pt	20 min walk (down) 30 min walk (up) 10 min by car
33	Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa	5	€ 125 DLX SGL € 150 DLX DBL Breakfast buffet, Drink of Port Welcome and fees included. At reception, Internet access is free.	Rua do Tenente Valadim 146 4100-221 Porto +351 220 404 000 Fax: +351 22 0404199 patricia.vaz@sheraton.com www.sheratonporto.com/	15 min by car
34	Porto Palácio -Congress Hotel & SPA	5	€ 120 EXE SGL (Standard Room) € 140 EXE SGL (Standard Room) € 170 DLX SGL (Superior Room) € 190 DLX DBL (Superior Room) € 240 EXE SUITE SGL/DBL Room rate includes buffet breakfast, wireless internet connection, service charges, taxes, entry to the Serralves Art Museum, visit to the Port Wine Cellars, 1.5 hours/per day use of Health Club Services (swimming pool, sauna, Turkish bath, Jacuzzi and Gym).	Av. Boavista, 1269 4100-130 Porto +351 226 086 600 Fax: +351 226 091 467 arfemandes@portopalaciohotel.pt www.hotelportopalacio.com/pt/index.html	15 min by car
35	Quality Inn Portus Cale	4	€ 85 SGL € 93 DBL Breakfast buffet and fees included. Internet access: 5€ /24h	Av. Da Boavista, 1060, Porto, PT, 4100-113 +351 22 608 39 00 Fax: +351 22 608 39 06 quality.portuscale@grupo-continental.com Att: Mário Palomar, Raquel Magalhães, or Bruno Santos www.choicehotels.eu	10 min by car
36	ClipHotel	3	€ 48,00 SGL € 53 DBL Supplement 3ª pax – 15,00€ Upgrade for superior room – € 17,00 Breakfast buffet and fees included. Free WiFi.	Av. da República, 1559 4430-205 V. N. Gaia – Porto +351 223 745 910 Fax: +351 223 745 911 Sales@cliphotel.pt Att: Sara Amado www.cliphotel.pt	25 min walk 10 min by car
37	Praia Golf Hotel	4	€ 70 SGL € 83 DBL Breakfast buffet and fees included. Free Wi-Fi connection on the 1st floor.	Rua 6, Edifício PraiaGolfe, s/n. 4500-357 Espinho + 351 22 7331000 / Fax: + 351 22 7331015 comercial@praiagolfe.com Att: Tiago Sousa www.praiagolfe.com	30 min by car
38	EasyHotel Porto (Low cost)	2	Rates from € 26 Room rates vary according to hotel occupation. Breakfast service only with vending machines.	296 Rua Alexandre Herculano, 4000-053 Porto +351 222 061 350 www.easyhotel.com/hotels/porto.html	25/30 min walk 5 min by car
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Maps

OVERVIEW OF PORTO HOTEL AREA

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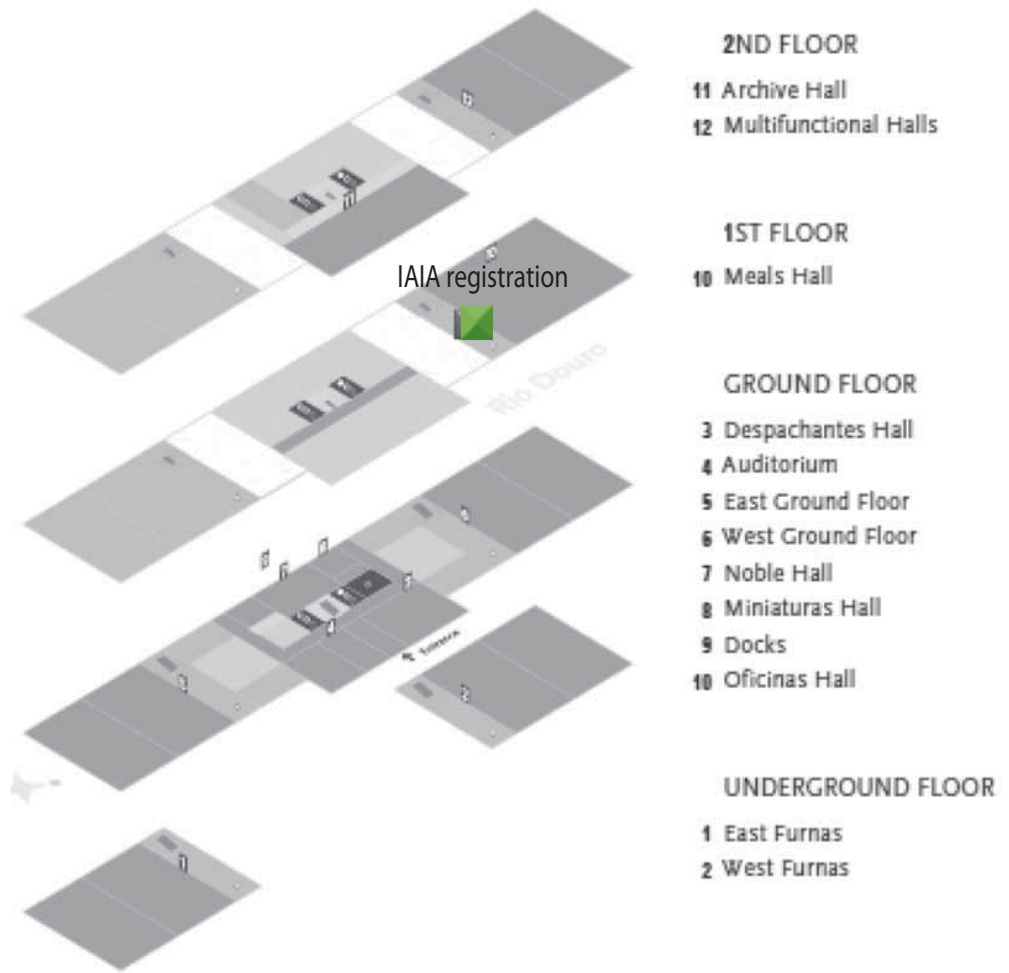
HOTELS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE CONGRESS CENTRE

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In response to trade growth in Porto, the Customs Building was constructed on the Miragaia dunes next to the north bank of the River Douro. Its construction dates back to the second half of the 19th century (1869). Designed by French architect Jean Colson, the Customs Building is very different from the characteristic architecture of other 15th century riverside buildings.

Made up of a central block and two symmetrical lateral wings, Colson primarily used iron in its construction, but also other materials such as stone, small bricks and wood. However, as construction progressed, modifications and various types of structure were introduced, from square pillars and

stone arches on the underground floors to iron columns and small arches on the middle floors to metal and wooden structures. In the central body, the top floor is finished with a single oak roof from Riga, the capital of Latvia.

Due to the advent and rapid spread of new communication means, together with the problem of traffic congestion caused by the huge quantity of lorries, there was a trend in the 1980s for companies to move from the urban centre to the outskirts of the city. This also happened with the Customs services. Consequently, the building was abandoned as a Customs house and underwent large-scale restoration work, most of which was supervised by the architect

Eduardo Souto Moura. Since 1992 it has been the headquarters of the Association for the Transport and Communication Museum, and in 2000 it housed the actual Museum. Hence the Customs Building is today the stage for various socio-cultural events, providing the city with an important cultural and multifunctional facility. Its capacity as a venue for events led to its current function as the Congress Centre.

Its location in the historical centre of the city, the proximity of the river Douro, and the singular architecture of the building are excellent attributes that make the Congress Centre a unique venue in the city of Porto.

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| B. Guimarães 2012 | 27 May | # persons _____ | @\$80 = \$ _____ |
| C. Historical Centre | 10:00 27 May | # persons _____ | @\$20 = \$ _____ |
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| I. Historical Centre | 14:30 1 June | # persons _____ | @\$20 = \$ _____ |

5 | SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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|---|--------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Welcome reception* | 29 May | # Persons: Delegates _____ | Guests _____ |
| Banquet* | 30 May | # Persons _____ | @ \$60 = \$ _____ |
| Fun Run | 31 May | # Persons _____ | @ \$5 = \$ _____ |
| Networking night | 31 May | # Persons: Delegates _____ | Guests _____ |
| Mentor/Mentee program (see page 29 for additional information required) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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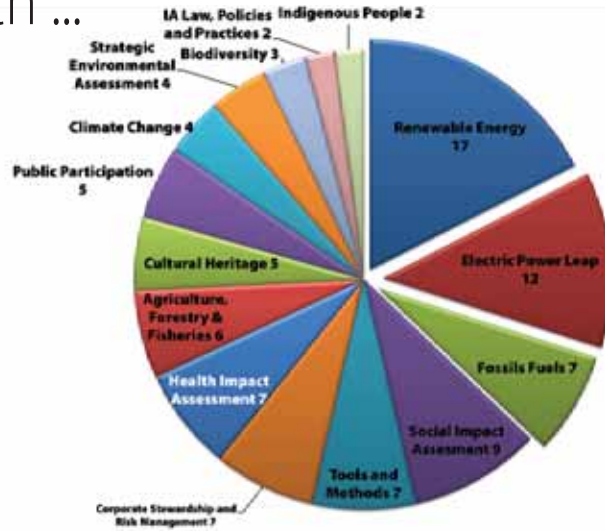
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Sunday, 27 May

- Training courses All day
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Monday, 28 May

- Training courses All day
- Technical visits All day
- Special meeting All day

Tuesday, 29 May

- Plenary, forums, sessions All day
- Poster session Afternoon
- Welcome reception (Porto de Honra)* Evening

Wednesday, 30 May

- Plenary, forums, sessions, AGM All day
- Banquet* Evening

Thursday, 31 May

- Fun Run
- Plenary, forums, session, Council meeting All day
- Social networking Evening

Friday, 1 June

- Concurrent sessions, closing Morning
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29 February 2012

- Early Bird rate ends; Quickpass registration deadline
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- Five-page draft papers due
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- Buffet of Ideas suggestions due

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11 May 2012

- Pre-registration cutoff

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