

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: THE NEXT GENERATION

33rd Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR SESSIONS

Calgary skyline. Photo courtesy of Meetings & Conventions Calgary.

CONFERENCE THEME



The conference theme embraces the impact of current global change now and in the coming decades and how impact assessment (IA) itself will evolve as a result. The "next generation" refers to both a new generation of practitioners and new approaches to IA practice internationally to address issues of global concern. The next few decades are seen as a nexus of environmental effects to the global commons (e.g., climate change, biodiversity, soil degradation and loss, ocean productivity, loss of aboriginal cultures) coupled with increased urban, human and economic development. These global changes have profound implications to the trajectory of IA and of nations. You, as a participant in this conference, need to be part of this new future.

The theme focuses on emerging trends in IA while encouraging and motivating the participation of the next generation of practitioners. It has a wide appeal to those in many countries and sectors, such as resource extraction, and is broad enough to encompass many current sub-themes of interest to a range of IA practitioners, new and old.

The following three thematic streams reflect possible session topics. Examples of focused topics within each theme are provided.

SUGGESTED CONFERENCE TOPICS (THEMATIC STREAMS)

A New Generation of People and Engagement

- Transitional demographics of IA practitioners and mentoring the next generation
- The business of impact assessment: a decade of reflection
- Digital media in impact assessment
- Pitfalls and opportunities of social media in impact assessment
- Aboriginal peoples: Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) and IA
- The future of corporate social responsibility
- Impact assessment, urban planning and regional development
- New responsibilities for a new world: Visions of IA in 2050
- Overcoming challenges to Indigenous/ Aboriginal participants in IA

A New Generation of Extractive Resource Industries

A special focus on extractive resource industries, such as Alberta's oil sands, to demonstrate opportunities by industry to advance IA practice and affect positive change towards a sustainable future. Industry representatives would provide feedback on their experiences and input into a next generation of change.

A New Generation of Issues and Solutions

- Emerging global trends in impact assessment in the coming decades
- The role of impact assessment in project decision making in a sustainable world
- New tools, practice and procedures in IA to create a sustainable world
- Regulatory changes affecting IA around the world
- How Indigenous Traditional Knowledge has affected IA practice and decisions
- Effectiveness and efficiency in impact assessment: A new review
- Impact assessment over the project life cycle - from approval to construction, operation and towards decommissioning and post closure
- IA follow-up: Success or a broken record?
- Breadth of IA: More comprehensive versus tighter focus
- Extractive and energy industries and the role of the private sector in IA
- Food security and IA
- Finance and IA: The impact of new environmental and social performance standards
- Climate change, climate pollution and health

To attract interested youth and students who are poised to become the next generation of impact assessment practitioners, the theme reaches out to younger practitioners who may be new to impact assessment, or to specialists in other disciplines who want a better understanding of IA principles and practice.

TECHNICAL VISITS

The following are potential field trips outside of Calgary:

- Athabasca Oil sands (see the upgrading, mines and in-situ projects in northeast Alberta)
- Banff National Park (wildlife management for TransCanada highway twinning with wildlife overpasses)
- Dinosaur Provincial Park and Royal Tyrrell Paleontology Museum (dinosaur capital of Canada with badlands geography)
- Banff-Jasper Icefield Parkway (three mountain passes and the Athabasca Glacier Icefield Centre with glacier tours and stunning mountain views)
- Jasper National Park and Rocky Mountain Eastern Slopes and Prairie (forestry, Mountain Pine Bark Beetle) and Edson (oil and gas, ranching, agriculture)
- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump (largest, oldest and best preserved of all bison jumps in the world)
- Waterton Glacier International Peace Park became the world's first International Peace Park in 1932.



Canadian Rocky Mountains. Photo courtesy of Calgary Economic Development.

ABOUT CALGARY AND ALBERTA

The City of Calgary is in the south of the province of Alberta, approximately 80km east of the front ranges of the Rocky Mountains. Alberta claims five of Canada's 13 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and four of the five are located in Southern Alberta—each an easy day trip from Calgary.

For more information on Calgary and its region:

- www.visitcalgary.com
- <http://travelalberta.com/>
- www.albertatourism.com/ab/home.do
- www.pc.gc.ca/



SUBMISSION INFORMATION

PROCEDURE

Conference submissions take place in three phases.

- 1. Session proposals.** In July and August, session proposals are invited. Accepted sessions are listed in the preliminary program in October.
- 2. Paper and poster abstract submissions.** From October through December, papers and posters are invited on the topics and sessions listed in the preliminary program. Accepted papers and posters with the primary author registered by 15 February are listed in the final program.
- 3. Papers for online proceedings.** From February through 15 March, paper and poster presenters are invited to prepare 5-page papers to be included in a paper review process for online proceedings. To be published online, the paper or poster abstract must have been accepted by the program committee, and the presenting author must be registered with fees paid by 15 February. Detailed instructions for paper preparation and submission are provided to authors upon both submission and acceptance of a paper or poster abstract.

HOW TO SEND A SESSION PROPOSAL OR A PAPER/POSTER ABSTRACT

Follow the instructions at www.iaia.org > IAIA13 > Submissions.

LANGUAGE

English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences. Unless otherwise noted in the preliminary or final program, sessions will be held in English.

ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION

Session organizers and authors will receive an immediate confirmation of successful online submission. If you do not receive an immediate confirmation of submission, do not assume it has been submitted. Please try again or contact webmaster@iaia.org for assistance.

The Program Committee will notify session organizers of acceptance status for sessions between 1 September and 10 September.

Session chairs will notify authors of papers or posters of acceptance status by 1 February.

All session chairs and presenting authors or speakers listed in the final program are required to submit a registration form, with full conference fees paid, by 15 February 2013. Please submit an abstract only if you will have funding to cover your travel and registration. Individuals not able to comply with the registration requirement will not be included in the program and proceedings.

REMEMBER: Early registration will also save you money! IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and travel expenses for program participants.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings in conjunction with the conference must be listed in the preliminary program. Please contact IAIA HQ (jen@iaia.org) for a proposal form by 31 August 2012.

IMPORTANT DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

- **July 2012**
Session proposal submission opens
- **31 August 2012**
Deadline for session proposals and requests for special meetings
- **10 September 2012**
Session organizers notified of acceptance status
- **1 October 2012**
Preliminary program posted/mailed; paper and poster abstract submission opens
- **31 December 2013**
Deadline for submission of paper and poster abstracts
- **1 February 2013**
Authors notified of paper or poster acceptance status
- **15 February 2013**
Registration and payment deadline for presenters and all individuals to be listed in the final program and proceedings
- **15 March 2013**
Deadline for draft papers
- **15 April 2013**
Paper reviews completed
- **15 July 2013**
Deadline for revised papers
- **15 August 2013**
Deadline for final, formatted papers submitted to HQ for posting in online proceedings

PHASE 1
SESSION PROPOSALS

PHASE 2
PAPER & POSTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

PHASE 3
PROCEEDINGS

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ABOUT IAIA

IAIA is the International Association for Impact Assessment, organized in 1980 to bring together researchers, practitioners, and users of various types of impact assessment from all parts of the world. IAIA involves people from many disciplines and professions. Our members include corporate planners and managers, public interest advocates, government planners and administrators, private consultants and policy analysts, university and college teachers and their students. IAIA has members from over 120 nations.

For 33 years IAIA has been holding annual conference events all over the world to promote best practices in impact assessment.

Session proposal deadline: 31 August 2012



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