

Ways to participate

TRAINING COURSES

IAIA14 offers a wide range of exceptional pre-meeting training courses, with several one- or two-day options on 6-7 April. See "Training Courses" for course descriptions and registration information.

SPECIAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Social events such as the welcome reception, 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 "Technical Program."

CONCURRENT THEMATIC SESSIONS

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

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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 IAIA13 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. IAIA14 will not disappoint. See Information about the poster session in "Technical Program," and information for exhibitors in "Sponsors and Exhibitors."

FIND A JOB

Check the bulletin board for job postings. See "Networking Activities and Social Events" for more information.

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 "Section Activities" 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 reports from the Treasurer and the President on the state of IAIA.

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

Get more out of the conference before during, and after the program using *IAIAConnect*, IAIA's online professional networking community.

New to *IAIAConnect*? Join us at an informational session if you would like to learn more about how it works 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!

THINGS TO DO

- ✓ REGISTER FOR A TRAINING COURSE
- ✓ BE INSPIRED BY THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER
- ✓ 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 "Technical Visits" for the variety of IAIA14 technical visit options. Technical visits are offered before and after the conference proper, providing an additional opportunity to learn, 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 IAIA14 Web page (Planning Your Stay > 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).