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**Re: Nomination of Candidates for  
IAMAS Officers for the Period 2011- 2015**

Dear Colleagues:

We, the members of the IAMAS Nominating Committee, are writing concerning the forthcoming election of IAMAS officers. The election will take place at the upcoming IAMAS General Assembly that will be held in conjunction with the IUGG General Assembly to be held 28 June to 7 July 2011 in Melbourne, Australia.

The election is for members of the IAMAS Executive Committee, as set out in the Association's Statutes. The positions on the Executive Committee are as follows:

President: Elected for one 4-year term, but not eligible for immediate re-election;

Two Vice-Presidents: Elected for one 4-year term, and can be re-elected for a second 4-year term;

Five At-Large Members: Elected for one 8-year term, but cannot be immediately re-elected;

Secretary-General: Elected for one 8-year term, and can be re-elected for one additional 4-year term;

Deputy Secretary-General: Appointed at the discretion of the Executive Committee for a 4-year term; and can be re-appointed.

At the next General Assembly the President, Prof. Guoxiong Wu of China, will have completed his 4-year term and is not eligible for re-election. Both of the Vice-Presidents, Prof. Anne Thompson of the USA and Dr. Maria Assuncao Faus Silva Dias of Brasil, will each have completed one 4-year term and are eligible for re-election, but both have indicated that they will not be seeking re-election due to their particular professional circumstances. Of the five Members-At-Large, the terms of two of them are coming to an end. Dr. Philippe Bougeault of France will have completed his 8-year term and is not eligible for re-election to this position. In addition, Prof. Dr. Sabina Stefan of Romania, who has served the last 6 years as an interim Member-At-Large at the invitation of the IAMAS Bureau following the death of Vladimir Ivanovici of Romania after he served 2 years of his 8-year term, is also not eligible for re-election to this office. Three of the Members-at-large, Prof. Ernesto Hugo Berbery of the USA, Dr. Vladimir Kattsov of Russia, and Prof. Tetsuzo Yasunari of Japan, have each completed the first half of their 8-year term and will be continuing in these positions.

Finally, the Secretary-General, Hans Volkert, has completed the first four years of his initial 8-year term, and will be continuing in this position. In addition, the Deputy Secretary-General, John Turner, has completed his 4-year term, and is eligible for re-appointment, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, or nomination to any other position.

In light of the above, the following positions will be up for election at the upcoming General Assembly: President, two (2) Vice-Presidents, and two (2) Members-At-Large. In addition, suggestions can informally be made for appointment to the post of Deputy Secretary-General.

Based on appointments made at the Montreal Scientific Assembly, the IAMAS Nominating Committee is chaired by past-president Dr. Michael MacCracken of the USA, and includes Dr. Athéna Coustenis of France and Dr. Peter Baines of Australia. In addition, Dr. Andrea Flossman of France and Dr. Werner Schmutz of Switzerland are serving as corresponding members. Prof. Guoxiong Wu of China, in his capacity of President of IAMAS, also serves as an ex-officio member of the Committee.

***Together, we invite you, either as the national representative of an IUGG Adhering Country or as a member of the IAMAS Executive Committee (which includes the Presidents of the IAMAS Commissions as well as the elected officers) to nominate individuals for any or all of the above-noted positions.*** In line with the IAMAS Statutes (downloadable from the IAMAS Web site), your nominations should be received by the end of February 2011. Please send the nominations to Dr. Hans Volkert, SG of IAMAS (hans.volkert@dlr.de) and to Dr. Michael MacCracken as chair of the Nominating Committee (mmaccrac@comst.net) or to other members of the Nominating Committee (contact information is attached). The Committee will then consider all of the nominations and, at least two months before the General Assembly, distribute a recommended slate of candidates (for elections to be held at the General Assembly meeting in Melbourne).

There are several things to note:

1. All nominations require the agreement of the proposed individual to serve if elected (a letter from the nominee should be included with the nomination);
2. Nominations for President should, in view of the time and resources required to serve in this position, be accompanied by an indication that resources required to support the nominee's fulfillment of this position would be available;
3. Nominations for all vacant positions can also, subject to the above caveats, be made at the first Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly; and
4. The election itself will take place during the final Plenary Meeting in Melbourne, and the newly elected officers take office at the close of the General Assembly.

The Committee trusts that you (national committees, commission leadership) will consider carefully the request for nominations and that you will propose individuals of outstanding quality.

Yours sincerely,

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Athéna Coustenis, member [*President, International Commission on Planetary Atmospheres and Their Evolution, 2003-2007*]

Peter Baines, member [*Past President, International Commission on Dynamic Meteorology (2007-2011)*]

Andrea Flossman, corresponding member [*Vice-President, International Commission on Clouds and Precipitation (2004-2008)*]

Werner Schmutz, corresponding member [*Vice President, International Radiation Commissions (2008-2012)*]

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