

IAMAS FINANCIAL REPORT 1999-2002

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SUMMARY

The financial state of IAMAS is healthy, with built-up assets of \$225'000.

Income. The income of IAMAS by annual contribution from IUGG averaged US \$28'000. This amount was augmented by a headtax of \$30 per IAMAS participant to the IUGG1999 Birmingham meeting (\$23'400) and the IAMAS2001 Innsbruck meeting (\$50'000), producing an annual average of \$18'300. Interest for the period was \$3'500. There was also a ICSU Grant for the IUGG/WMO Alliance for Capacity Transfer, ACT, of \$30'000, and a contribution by the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich for the maintenance of the IAMAS Webpage (SFr 30'000, administered by ETH). The Meteorological Service of Canada, MSC, contributed to travel and some office expenses at a rate between C\$2'500 and \$4'000 per annum.

Expenditures. Under expenditures travel grants for scientists from needy countries amounted to a 4-year total of an estimated \$101'500. Due to different circumstances at the two big meetings the amounts are not clearly identified under one item, they are distributed among "Representation", "Assemblies" and "Commissions". Over the 4-y period the SG used ~\$10'000 for travel [about an equal amount were carried by the MSC, the personal research grants of the SG and the SG himself. The President did not request any funding.] A relatively small amount is for travel support to IAMAS representatives at meetings of ICSU programs. It has to be noted that IUGG does not pay for trips to the IUGG Executive meetings nor to the Local Organizing Committee meetings in the host countries of the IUGG assembly. It is "included" in the annual IUGG contribution. - The 4-year office expenses amounted to a 4-year total of \$800, bank charges were ~\$160/a.

Balance and Future. Due to the nature of the IAMAS operation and its concentration on big meetings, income and expenditures are fluctuating wildly. Nevertheless, there is a distinct trend. The IAMAS assets have increased from \$79'000 on 1 January 1999 to \$225'000 on 31 December 2002. [Of this amount \$30'000 should be available for ACT.]. Thus the average savings per annum during the period 1995-1999 of \$16'000 has doubled to \$ 32'000.

The purpose of IAMAS is not to make money. However, the sometimes worrisome state of the economies may lead to drastic measures in the funding of IUGG and, consequently, IAMAS. Thus, it has been desirable to build up a flexible reserve of ~\$100'000. This has now been achieved. It has also allowed to budget more funds for supporting scientists from needy countries. The contributions to most of the 10 IAMAS Commissions have been increased to \$ 5'000 for the coming 4-y period. Thereby IAMAS has stipulated that they be used for supporting scientists from needy countries.

There is another point. There are financial consequences should planned conferences be cancelled or drastically reduced [assume a SARS-type event or political insecurities]. Under such circumstances the income situation could be drastically altered. Thus, another need for a ~\$100'000 cushion.

For more details see enclosed 4-year financial statement.