

IB 18 – 20th February 2025 9am East Coast USA (**14h UTC**) Remote by Zoom

This was the 18th IAMAS Bureau meeting for the period 2023-2027.

Members Present: Andrea Flossmann, Keith Alverson, Mary Scholes, John Burrows,

Member Regrets: Joyce Penner

Guests Present: Jing Li (Early Career Scientist Representative)

Guest Regrets: John Turner (Member at Large), Steve Ackerman (Deputy Secretary General),

Documents:

1. This Agenda
2. Latest Abstract submission statistics

Agenda:

1. Welcoming remarks. Adoption of this agenda – Andrea Flossmann

2. BACO Scientific Meeting Planning

The Bureau discussed the BACO abstract submission process. It was agreed after BACO to provide feedback to IUGG for lessons learned in their planning the IUGG congress in 2027, also in Korea, probably with some overlap in local organizers. We noted some difficulties with the conference website including that it is very slow, that attachments (such as receipts) are unnecessarily enormous files, that the linking of accounts to emails can be problematic with some people having several accounts as a result, that the credit card payment interface has been problematic for many people from different countries with different kinds of cards.

With about 1250 abstracts now submitted, of which over 700 are from IAMAS scientists, we anticipated that people who submit abstracts but do not attend and people who attend without submitting abstracts will impact participation numbers, but that we may expect the meeting to have about a thousand participants. We noted the strong regional participation numbers from Korea, China, Japan and that this was a great thing to see, similar to what happens when a meeting is held in Europe, and many Europeans attend. This is lower than we anticipated for perhaps several reasons: 1) general greenhouse gas related and post covid desire not to travel 2) The political situation in the USA where many governments funded scientists are not participating in international cooperation, climate or travel related activities. We discussed whether in 2029 we might try something 'different' either a fully remote, or well-planned, strongly hybrid, assembly. Although hybrid poses costs and challenges, we generally agreed that would be a good thing to try in 2029.

3. Assembly of Delegates Planning

We discussed remote participation of delegates, which is not in our statutes. We also discussed statute change plans on this and a few other issues, including better defining what is 'membership'.

4. Any Other Business

We agreed to move next month's meeting from the 20th to the 27th of March. Same time and as always by zoom. The primary topic of this meeting will be to decide the **Early Career Scientist Award**. I hope to send all the nomination materials to Bureau members two weeks in advance.

5. Closure of the meeting

Schedule of Future Meetings

Bureau meetings are held on a Thursday mid-month at **14h UTC**.

Future meetings currently scheduled as follows:

2025

Thursday March 27th (note revised date)

Thursday April 17th

Thursday May 22nd

Thursday June 19th

Sunday July 20 Afternoon/Evening IAMAS Bureau Meeting in person at BACO-25 (new)

Monday July 21, Afternoon 1/2 Day (IAMAS Open Meeting in person at BACO-25 in Busan, Korea)

Friday July 25, Lunchtime 2 hours (IAMAS Open Meeting in person at BACO-25 in Busan, Korea)