

IB 22 – 19th of June 2025 14h UTC

This was the 22nd IAMAS Bureau meeting for the period 2023-2027

Members Present: Andrea Flossmann, Keith Alverson, John Burrows, Joyce Penner

Member Regrets: Mary Scholes

Guests Present: Steve Ackerman (Deputy Secretary General), Jing Li (Early Career Scientist Representative)

Guest Regrets: John Turner (Member at Large)

Agenda:

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

2. Planning for BACO25

2.1 The bureau reviewed and approved the documents for the upcoming Assembly.

2.2 The bureau tested the zoom voting setup for the assembly using the zoom link provided.

The bureau noted that the 'ranked choice' voting scheme was a bit hard to see and understand, so suggested we opt instead for simpler 'vote for your top choice' approach.

The bureau noted that we may need a fourth vote if there are any resolutions the Assembly may wish to make.

2.3 The bureau reviewed and approved the timing and location of business meetings.

The bureau felt these business meeting times and locations should be publicly visible on the BACO website.

3. Any Other Business

3.1 The bureau reviewed, edited and agreed to the text of the IAMAS call for 2026 financial support to our commissions.

3.2 IUGG Draft Strategic Plan – request for comments from Associations. The bureau agreed to the following feedback to be provided.

(1) MILESTONES As with most strategic plans, the document presents high-level aspirations. To provide clearer direction, it would be helpful to include a few concrete initiatives—of which there are undoubtedly

many to choose from. For example, enhancing IUGG's media presence and improving outreach to the broader community of relevant scientists would be relatively straightforward and impactful steps. In general, the IAMAS bureau felt that the elements of the strategic plan which call to 'strengthen' 'promote' 'optimize' and 'support' various things, could benefit from some concrete milestones to be achieved which would help to assess the degree of success, or lack thereof, in these areas within a specified timeframe.

(2) EMISSIONS The IAMAS Bureau suggests IUGG consider adding an objective, or element of an existing objective, which directly seeks to improve the sustainability of IUGG operations, with a particular focus on greenhouse gas emissions. This might include scope 1,2 and 3 emissions. Large in-person assemblies typically result in a spike in greenhouse gas (GHG) and short-lived climate pollutant (SLCP) emissions. It is important that these emissions be clearly reported, reduced where possible, and perhaps offset in a transparent and scientifically validated manner. At present, identifying such credible offset mechanisms appears to be a challenge.

(3) SUPPORT TO ASSOCIATIONS. The Bureau felt that the strategic plan could perhaps benefit for augmented content on how IUGG supports its Associations. This is captured in part in current objective 5.2. IAMAS felt it might be worth indicating some of the 'services' that IUGG provides to Associations, which include annual financial contributions, but also the ability to host Association websites and bank accounts, on a voluntary basis. Further, IAMAS suggest possibly adding possible 'new' services such as the ability to provide abstract management and conference organization with an IUGG 'feel' and a continuity of quality, for Association meetings wherever they may be held.

3.3 The *proposed schedule* of zoom meetings for the second half of 2025 for consideration is below. Continuing with the Thursday mid-month 14UTC. The Bureau agreed to the following schedule:

Thursday August 28th 14h UTC

Review BACO and learn lessons for future.

Thursday September 18th 14h UTC

Decide on proposals to support from IAMAS and/or send to IUGG.

IUGG deadline is for submissions to IAMAS SG by 15 September, with IAMAS to make our recommendations by 30 September. Our call should be synchronized exactly.

Thursday October 23rd 14 UTC

Thursday November 20th 14 UTC

Thursday December 11th 14 UTC

The bureau further agreed to plan to meet in person, pending any budgetary decisions required, with those present at the IUGG General Assembly planned for 12-22 July, 2027 and possibly mid-year in 2026 and/or 2028 at a location to be decided either hosted by one of the bureau members or alongside a conference of mutual interest.

4. 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:

Sunday July 20 IAMAS Bureau Meeting IAMAS Office 15h-17h C206-1 Convention Hall, 2nd Floor

Monday July 21, 1st IAMAS Open Meeting (I) 12h-18h M213 Exhibition Hall 1, 2nd Floor

Wednesday July 23, IAMAS Dinner 18h-20h Local Restaurant TBD

Thursday July 24, 2nd IAMAS Open Meeting (II) 12:00 - 15:00 on Thursday in Room M211