Dear IAP Member Academies,

On 31 October - 1 November 2013, the IAP Executive Committee (EC) 2013-2015 met for the first time, following its election in February 2013, at the Australian Academy of Science in Canberra. We are most thankful to the Australian Academy for its warm hospitality. During the visit to Canberra, IAP delegates attended the official launch of the Australian Academy of Science’s cutting-edge new secondary school science education programme, Science by Doing. A visit was also organized to a local primary school to see an in-class demonstration of the Academy’s primary science education programme, Primary Connections: Linking Science with Literacy, which is also supported by IAP.

The next EC meeting will be held at the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei in Rome, Italy, in May 2014, together with the IAMP EC and IAC Board meetings. A joint session of all three governing committees has been organized to discuss future developments towards an interacademy partnership. Linked closely to this is our IAP/IAC fundraising strategy. We want here to express our sincerest thanks to our member academies for your much appreciated feedback and support of this initiative in recent months.

At the end of November, we attended the World Science Forum (WSF) on “Science for Global Sustainable Development” in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, co-organized by the Brazilian Academy of Sciences (BAS). At the close of the Forum, a Declaration was issued by the participants with five priority recommendations, including a call for concrete action to mobilize science academies and the scientific community to play a role in helping to provide sustainable solutions to global problems. The WSF will return to Hungary in 2015 and then be hosted by Jordan in 2017, with the support of the Royal Scientific Society, also an IAP member academy.

Finally, we are very pleased that the IAP News Bulletin is being revived and we hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please forward it to colleagues who might be interested and please come back to us with any feedback and contributions for what you want to see included in future editions. Thank you!

Mohamed Hassan & Volker ter Meulen
IAP Co-Chairs

IAP released a number of statements in 2013. We would particularly like to thank all those academies who provided translations into their respective native languages. The statements and available translations can be found online. Should your academy wish to contribute a translation, please contact the IAP Secretariat.

- **Letter from Rio-2013** on the “Role of Science Academies in Grand Challenges and Integrated Innovations for Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication” (February 2013)
- **Communiqué** by IAP, IAC and IAMP Co-Chairs on “Implementing a New Global Partnership for Post-2015 United Nations Goals” (July 2013)
- **IAP/IAMP Joint Statement** on “Antimicrobial Resistance - A Call for Action” (November 2013)
- **Commentary** by Robin Fears & Volker ter Meulen on ”What do we need to do to tackle antimicrobial resistance?” in The Lancet Global Health (November 2013)

Colloquium in Honour of Professor Volker ter Meulen @ Leopoldina in Halle, Germany
17 January 2014

IAP Executive Committee
Meeting @ Rome, Italy
15-16 May 2014

IAP Executive Committee
Meeting @ Paris, France
6-7 November 2014

For updates see Meetings & Events on IAP Website.
**IAP NETWORKING**

**EASAC** Council met in Rome on 5-6 December 2013, with IAP Co-Chair Volker ter Meulen representing IAP at that meeting. EASAC have just published a report on “Extreme Weather Events in Europe” which attracted a lot of media attention. Another report on “Risks to Plant Health” is due for publication early in 2014.

**NASAC** and EASAC are organizing a joint workshop on agricultural biotechnology in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in February 2014. The Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission, Anne Glover, and the UK Environment Secretary of State have expressed their interest in the event.

**AAASSA**, created by the merger of FASAS and AASA in 2012, has just published its final Report of Activities implemented in 2013 through a grant with IAP.

In January 2013, **IANAS** published a book on “Women Scientists in the Americas. Their Inspiring Stories”.

At their General Assembly in November 2013 **NASAC** elected Mostapha Bousmina from the Hassan II Academy of Sciences and Technology in Morocco as their new Chair of the Board.

At their recent Executive Committee meeting **IAMP** elected Detlev Ganten (Germany) as Co-Chair for the period 2013-2016. Lai-Meng Looi (Malaysia) continues as the other Co-Chair.

Also in 2013, the **IAC** Board elected Daya Reddy (South Africa) as its new Co-Chair to work with Robbert Dijkgraaf (Netherlands). In October, Tom Arrison of US NAS took over as Executive Director of IAC.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

In November 2013, **Peter McGrath** took over from Lucilla Spini as IAP Coordinator at the Secretariat in Trieste, Italy. Peter McGrath has a background in Agricultural Zoology and has recently worked as the TWAS Programme Coordinator.

The IAP Secretariat is also very pleased to receive support in its outreach activities, including the IAP News Bulletin, from Anna-Maria Gramatté, Assistant at the International Relations Department of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. She has a background in British Cultural Studies, Politics and Communication Studies and joined the Leopoldina team in September 2013.

**NEWS FROM IAP SECRETARIAT**

At its most recent meeting, the IAP Executive Committee decided to award funding to the following 8 projects coordinated by our member academies and affiliated regional networks for implementation in 2014:

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- **AEMASE**, **African-European-Mediterranean Academies for Science Education** (Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Italy)
- **Bridging Science and Policy to Enhance Water Security in Africa and the Americas** (IANAS, NASAC)
- **Biosecurity Programme** (Polish Academy of Sciences)
- **Women for Science: Inclusion and participation in IAP member science academies** (Academy of Science of South Africa)
- **4th GYA International Conference of Young Scientists and General Assembly** (Global Young Academy)
- **Capacity building through Mentoring of African Scientists by Indian, Brazilian and Chinese Scientists in Cell Biology/Regenerative Medicine** (African Academy of Sciences and Kenya National Science Academy)
- **Science Literacy: Science communication and science outreach through sharing experiences and case studies among IAP-member academies** (Korean Academy of Science and Technology)

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