Election of Dijkgraaf and Reddy as IAC Co-Chairs

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AMSTERDAM, 15 July 2013 - The governing board of the InterAcademy Council (IAC) has elected Robbert Dijkgraaf, past president of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, and Daya Reddy, president of the Academy of Sciences of South Africa as its co-chairs for the next four years. Robbert Dijkgraaf is Director of the Institute for Advanced Study and Leon Levy Professor, Princeton, New Jersey, USA. Daya Reddy holds the South African Research Chair in Computational Mechanics in the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics and is Director of the Centre for Research in Computational and Applied Mechanics, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

A new IAC Board has been elected to serve for the term 2013-2017. The new Board includes the following: Académie des Sciences, France; Australian Academy of Sciences; Brazilian Academy of Sciences; Chinese Academy of Sciences; German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina; Hassan II Academy of Science and Technology, Morocco; Indian National Science Academy; Mexican Academy of Sciences; National Academy of Sciences, Republic of Korea; National Academy of Sciences, USA; Nigerian Academy of Sciences; Pakistan Academy of Sciences; Royal Society of London; Science Council of Japan; and TWAS - The World Academy of Sciences. Ex officio voting representation is from the IAP – the global network of science academies; the InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP); and the International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences (CAETS). Official observers include representatives of the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the IAC host academy, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW).

The world's science academies created the IAC in 2000. The IAC mobilizes the best scientists and engineers across the globe to advise international bodies such as the United Nations and other institutions. It is headquartered at the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences in Amsterdam.

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