

## **International Affairs Committee Report**

### **Relevant activities:**

#### *2009 IAC- Sponsored Symposium:*

"Borderlands Watershed Management: a collaborative approach to resource management" co-organized by Herman García and Poncho Ortega. Scientists from the United States and Mexico will give a bilateral perspective on the issues and challenges in watershed management along the US Mexico border. This effort was mostly funded by a grant from Dow Agro-Sciences.

Proceedings from prior symposia have been compiled and are in the process of being submitted for review in REM (China symposium), a synthesis manuscript is being prepared and a proceedings will be published (Argentina symposium) a stand alone publication is being prepared (Mexico symposium), and a special feature will be prepared (Mediterranean landscapes symposium)

#### *2009 International Travel Fellowship:*

The 2009 ITF was awarded to Pedro Jurado Guerra from Mexico. Urs Kreuter and Maria Fernandez Gimenez continued to work on obtaining funding to create an endowment that would provide the funds to support ITFs in the future.

#### *International Membership:*

The amount of \$1743 was raised through voluntary donations by SRM members (a mechanism proposed by the IAC in 2006). These funds will be used to cover 25 memberships through 2009. The membership allocation will be given on a first come first served basis. The criteria for membership allocation are:

- Be a member from a non-G7 country
- Currently reside in a non non-G7 country
- Submit a request to be considered for this subsidy

The request should include the international member application form and Name, Institution, email address, postal address, and citizenship.

#### *IAC Website:*

The committee's website was updated by Leslie Stuart Phelps who is working jointly with Ann Tanaka to put the website up to date with the information being provided by IAC committee members.

#### *International Rangeland Congress:*

Preparations for the 2011 IRC in Rosario, Argentina were discussed. It has been stressed the need of having the Argentinean committee present in 2010 in Denver, Colorado.

## **Action Requests to the Board of Directors:**

### *Allocation of International Membership Funds:*

The IAC committee is proposing to distribute funds donated by its members to 25 qualifying candidates on a first come first serve basis, based on the criteria described above. This will allow a simple mechanism for funds allocation and membership registration in the Denver office.

### *DOW AgroSciences funds:*

Dow AgroSciences funds for the 2010 annual meeting in Denver have been increased to \$20,000 per year. For the first time in 2010, the allocation for the International Affairs Symposium (\$3,000 per year for the past 4 years) was not made separately, but has been included in the overall amount. In view of the increased overall level of sponsorship from Dow Agrosiences, and the fact that IAC's individual allocation was rolled into the overall sponsorship for 2010, the IAC is requesting that the amount be increased to \$5,000, and that this amount is clearly identified as funding to support IAC symposia in the future.

### IAC Co-chairs:

2007-08 Andres Cibils (Past Chair)

2008-09 Humberto Perotto-Baldivieso (Current Chair)

2009-10 Herman Garcia (Chair Elect)

2010-2011 Joe Wagner