SRM International Affairs Committee
2010 Report

SRM Board of Directors meeting w/ Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs on Saturday February 6, 2010:
Andres Cibils represented the IAC Committee at the meeting.

2010 IAC Annual Meeting:
The IAC members met on February 7, 2010 with Herman Garcia 2009-2010 Chair. Twenty one members conducted business.

2010 IAC Sponsored Symposium:
Two symposiums were organized by Maria Fernandez-Gimenez including "Pastoralists and Property Rights" on Monday afternoon and "Community Based Conservation on Rangelands" on Tuesday morning. On Sunday evening a SRM International Producer's Program Social was organized by Herman Garcia and Robbie LeValley with both functions heavily supported by DOW AgroSciences. In 2009, the committee agreed to host symposiums at a minimum once every other year. The odd years will be utilized to strengthen International presence in speakers and poster presentations at the Annual meeting. Other Rangelands functions include recruitment of SRM members at the 2011 IRC in Argentina.

2012 IAC Sponsored Symposium:
A contingency of Mongolian guests and Jim O'Rourke presented an offer to organize the symposium in 20012 in Spokane. The request was approved. The lead to complete the task is assigned to the organizers to have direct contact with the local planning committee.

IAC Website:
A unanimous appreciation to Leslie Stewart-Phelps and Ann Tanaka in their work to produce a professional IAC web page. The link to the upcoming 2011 IRC is included and updates to membership and co-chairs list, minutes, Report to the Board have been updated. Past symposium activities will be added to the website especially adding photos. The website links to Argentina and Mongolian Society for Range Management have been included. Additional support to include 12 other items into the IAC was agreed to with collateral efforts with the Information and Education Committee to incorporate information in various languages.

International Membership and developing Country REM subscription subsidy Funds:
Currently the International membership donations have accumulated $1,700 and the REM fund has approximately $400.00. A task force composed of Urs Kreuter, Jim O'Rourke, Joe Wagner, and Maria Fernandez-Gimenez (invited) will provide a revised set of guidelines to allocate the funds and submit to Herman Garcia, IAC Chair, for processing and implementation.

Room Share Program:
Requests for Room Share went out in November and again in early January with three SRM participants submitting a donated room share in mid to late January. The late availability

allowed no time to match international requests for them to leverage the dollar value and acquire approval and visas. It was agreed to continue for 2011 and have calls go out simultaneous with the registration release on the Billing's website notices to allow for timeliness with Visa processing.
The IAC chair will be responsible for screening and selection to avoid multiple streams of emails and improve efficiency.

International Travel Fellowship:
Nine applicants submitted with the selection of Yan Zhaoli from Nepal as this year's recipient.

2011 IRC Rosario Argentina:
Gabriel Oliva, Susana feldman, and Monica Sacido presented a call for participation. Received request to support the IRC identify plenary and invited speakers. IAC will work closely with the delegates to assist with needs.

Action Requests to the Board of Directors:

1. Maintain the specific earmark of $ 5,000.00 received from Dow for IAC activities. The ability to maintain this level of funds for leveraging is paramount to the continued success of bringing in additional funds. Each Annual Meeting Planning Committee can undermine IAC's existing strategic plan and continued success in brining participants and presenters to Annual Meetings. This year's funds were matched with the Ford Foundation, Universities, and Green Gold to bring participants. The IAC paired up with Robbie LeValley to host the first International Producers Mixer
2. Request formalizing of up to 10 complementary registrations for international speakers at annual SRM meetings. The dollar value of the complementary registrations is used by presenters to leverage funds.