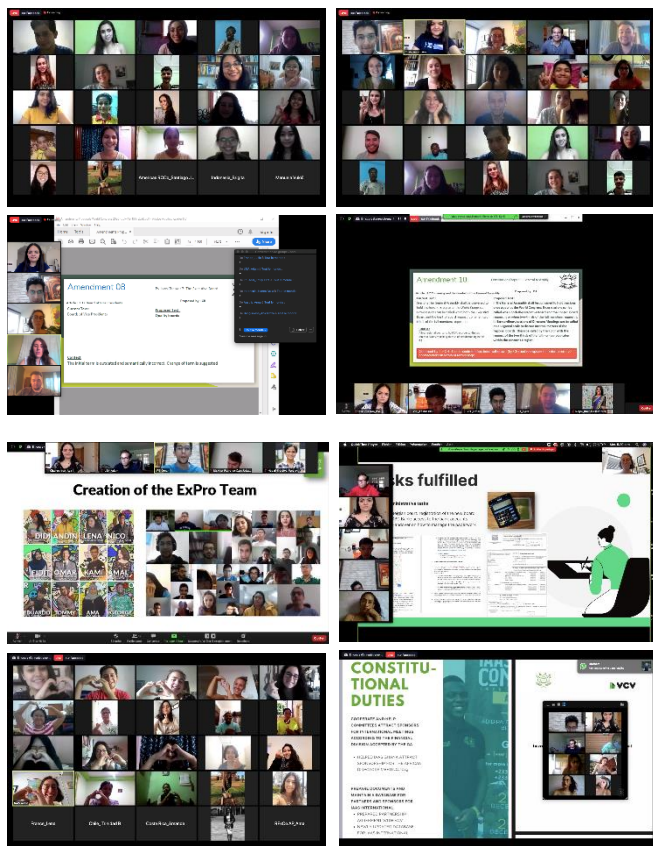


EB Courier

September 2020





What happened in the last World Congress?

IAAS World Congress is our most important event that gathers all IAAS members across the globe. The 63rd IAAS World Congress took place online under the theme **“Evolving in times of crisis: Stepping up our IAAS Community”**. It took place from July 18th to July 31st 2020. We have had over 20 hours of General Assembly, workshops, soft skill trainings, an online trade fair which was held in a 24-hours period, we were able to know the cultures of most of our member countries, we elected a new board, welcomed new countries, voted on over 60 amendments to our constitution an by-laws, voted for the hosts of the next big events, and most importantly we were able to step up and progress despite the global pandemic.

MAJOR CHANGES OF WOCO 2020

A new IAAS region! The Middle East & North Africa (MENA)



“The creation of a new region among IAAS was a strategical decision that would enable more efficiency in our network and more conformity with international standards. This decision was followed by the election of a new regional board that took office on the 1st of September 2020. A board that I proudly represent along with 5 amazing team members. The experience is challenging as we would be the bedrock of this new region but we are eager to surmount the adversities and beat the odds. Our motto? Seeking the unknown and achieve greatness. In hope to serve IAAS in the best way possible.”

Hajar Haybout

Your faithful RD of MENA Region Board of 2020/21

ISC



Lyda Michopoulou

Head of the IAAS Strategic
Committee (ISC)

New independent committee!

Hello IAASers! My name is Lyda Michopoulou, ex-IAAS President 2011-2013 and new Head of ISC - the IAAS Strategic Committee that was created during WoCo.

ISC is an independent committee that supports EB and the members of IAAS when it comes to Strategic Plan and Activity plan related actions.

Such actions are:

- Monitoring the drafting and implementation of the Strategic Plan and Activity plan;
- Coordinating the internal dissemination of the Strategic Plan;
- Measuring and reporting the fulfilment of the Strategic Plan;
- Measuring the fulfilment of the Activity plan in cooperation with CB;

We are looking forward to working with all IAASers in improving the association.

IAASfully yours,
Lyda Michopoulou

New independent committee!

As humanity is facing challenges that will define the future of our culture and livelihood, every single one of us should realize that we are carrying the seed of change in us. To bring that seed to grow and blossom is our responsibility to each other, the generations to come and the biosphere itself. This might sound like a heavy duty, but as the seed grows, so do you! And you do not have to grow alone – SECO aims to be a ground to grow, connect and strengthen sustainable and eco-conscious individuals as well as inspire others to join the seedbed of growth. IAAS World and its members are global citizens, who are aware of the challenges we are facing and who already are looking to generate change in the world. With SECO as the newest addition to our Association, we are looking forward to the help achieve the change and build the future together with every single member!

#GoFurtherGoIAAS #ItsPROSecoTime

SECO



Anna Hollerer

Head of the Sustainability and
Environment Committee (SECO)

ITC



Kyrill Sattlberger

Head of the IAAS Training
Committee

New head of ITC!

Hello dear IAAS family, Mahatmas Gandhi once said “If you want to change the world, start with yourself”. As IAAS Training Committee an independent committee within the IAAS community, it is our task to empower and train IAAS members worldwide. In this function we deliver offline and online soft-skill trainings to help build competence in our organization and help our members to grow themselves, their skills and be able to impact their environments. As newly elected Head of ITC, I am grateful to work with such talented, motivated and competent trainers to help IAAS members reach their potential. I want to invite you all to follow us on Instagram @itc_iaas or Facebook @iaastrainers to be up to date on how you can be part of our activities. Until then don't forget: It is our task to activate your potential – your's to make it count!

2 New Full Members!



5 New Candidate Members!



Host of WoCo 2022

MOROCCO



Host of ExCo Meeting 2021

GUATEMALA



WHO'S THE NEW EXECUTIVE & CONTROL BOARD?



Executive Board



Festus Septian Yosafat
Vice President of Communication
IAAS Indonesia



Omar Farhate
IAAS World President
IAAS Morocco



Eduardo Herrera
Vice President of Exchange
IAAS Ecuador



Kamiar Torabi
Vice President of Finance
IAAS Belgium



Mitzi Shaelli Aguilar
Vice President of External Relations
IAAS Mexico

Control Board



Aya Mounier
Membership Officer
IAAS Morocco



Amal Ibijbijen
Head of Control Board
IAAS Morocco



Jonathan Rixhon
Finance Officer
IAAS Belgium

OUR MESSAGE



Omar Farhate

IAAS World President
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Hey FamillAAS, I am Omar from Morocco and I am the 2020.2021 President of IAAS World. For over 3 years, I can say that IAAS has really impacted my life in a good way both professionally and personally and I am really excited to be able to work for IAAS and contribute from the top to its development for a year period, support our members and offer them a great IAAS experience just like I had! It has been already one month since we started our term. I can say that all in all we had a good start this year, had our first strategy meeting. Now we have clear goals and focuses set for the next 6 months!

We all live in a world with a growing population but with limited resources. IAAS continues to play for more than 60 years an important role in the agricultural education world-over by shaping and training the future professionals with varying expertise and by uniting the voices of young people all around the world into the big FamillAAS!

#Thinkglobally_ActLocally

IAAS has impacted my life in an amazing way until now and I am sure it will continue to do just that. There have been some hard times, I have made mistakes and our organization is far from perfect, but this all is what made my journey in IAAS so enriching. I can't the boy that joined IAAS two and a half years ago with the man I am now, thanks to the skills I gained on the professional and, probably more important, the personal level. In the beginning, I had no idea what I was doing or what I wanted in the organization. I certainly didn't want to sacrifice too much time and effort in it, even when I had my first function as LExCo of Leuven. Little by little though, I got motivated and started to see what amazing potential there is for IAAS, but also for ourselves, if we actually dare to think great, don't limit ourselves and invest time and effort in IAAS. The biggest game changer for me was the ExCo meeting in Morocco 2019, my first official international event where I met amazing people from everywhere and where I had my first glimpse of the organization on a higher level. So, don't hesitate to invest in IAAS and yourself, because you won't regret it, believe me.



Kamiar Torabi

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Eduardo Herrera

Vice President of Exchange
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Hi dear FamiliaAAS, greetings from the Middle of the World - Ecuador! My name is Eduardo Herrera, I am an Environmental Engineer, graduated from the Salesian Polytechnic University one year ago. Current I am working as Environmental Manager in Construction and Industry. This is my fifth year as an active member of IAAS and the first time I have been in a Regional and International position. A few years ago I had the opportunity to do an Exchange week in Mexico, and it has been a unique experience where I met many IAAS members from different countries of America (who are now very active in IAAS Americas) in addition to meeting many interesting companies in the area of Agriculture and Historical Universities like Chapingo. There is a very great potential that I see in the Exchange Program (ExPro) because I am sure that living an experience like this within a foreign country will bring unique experiences that can even change your life completely. You also have the opportunity to learn about your field of interest, about other cultures, traditions, people and you have the possibility to make a change in society. Now that I'm part of a great international team I'm sure that when multiple forces are found in one place, they can result in great things.

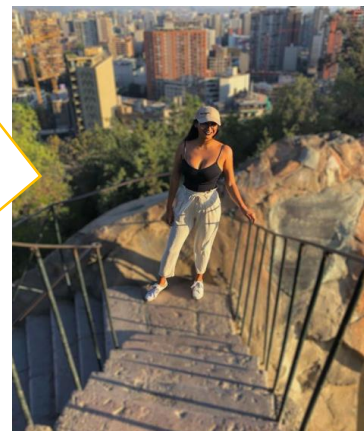
Hello!

I am Mitzi Aguilar from IAAS Mexico, I joined this incredible association in 2017 during WoCo Mexico 360.

During these years in the association I have had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world and to learn about different cultures and agricultural systems in different countries and areas of my country, I have accumulated anecdotes and stories with some of my best friends and people whom I now consider my family.

I am very excited to be able to share my experience with this association and to be able to contribute with my work to its growth and development, I believe being part of it represents one of the greatest opportunities for the training and integral development of the students of our areas. IAAS gives you the tools to achieve your goals and to make new friends that help and motivate you to be better every day.

IAAS changes lives and I am grateful to be able to contribute positively to it. Go Further! Go IAAS!



Mitzi Aguilar

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Festus Septian Yosafat

Vice President of Communication
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Hello, I am Festus and I am from Indonesia. I'm so grateful to be the part of IAAS and I can say that this is where my destiny lead me to became one of the leaders of IAAS (again) for the second time as VPC. Aside from my role as VPC, nothing that makes me happy to work with a wonderful and unique team and people across the globe. Living diversity is what I pretty much loved during my IAAS experience. I am already graduated as Bachelor in Biotechnology at the University of Brawijaya, making the world to be a better place is what I always did with my colleagues to achieve the Global Goals, besides of that, music, movie time, gaming, writting, doing my side hustles are, hanging out with my family and friends are the things that I've never forget about. Like I said before, my destiny is in IAAS. Joining IAAS was just my simple decision that 'I could make a change with IAAS' back in 2016. Though process happened, so many successes and failures happened, learning, and of course, new friends across the globe through this experience.

Why I am in Communication? Basically I love art and design, it's not because I am able to create amazing design, but it is about how everyone could be able to understand the meaning behind art and design itself, which can connect ourselves into a brand image. And besides that, I liked marketing and social media pretty much. The way I became entrepreneur was influenced by these things. That's why hopefully I could also able to motivate IAAS members to be able to have their own entrepreneurial soul with my work in as VPC while I and my team do our work to make IAAS and the world to become a better place for everyone.

Salam, My name is Amal Ibijbjen and I am from Morocco. I am food insustries engineer student, I am in my fifth year. I've joined IAAS on October 2017, it was my second year in university and it offered me a strong place to belong to. IAAS is the best thing that happened to me in my extracurricular life. I am currenty the head of the control board, and the local director of my committee in Rabat. And I will always be grateful for everything this association has taught me and I vow to work hard to honor our vision. I have helped organize and participated in many IAAS events, but not enough to get to know all members. This experience is a once in a lifetime opportunity, to improve one's skills on personal and professional levels as well as make life long friendships and bonds. Thank you IAAS.



Amal Ibijbjen

Head of the Control Board
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Jonathan Rixhon

Finance Officer

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My name is Jonathan, I am from Belgium, I am 24 years old and I study Bio-industries engineering. My specialization is fermentation (beer & wine production). Then you will also find me dancing (rock 'n' roll, waltz, folk, a bit of salsa...), singing, horse-riding, playing theatre, enjoying live with friends and family. And surely you will find me in the middle of fields and forests; I really enjoy a simple walk in the nature.

My journey in IAAS started 5 years ago when I decided that an Association combining my passion for agriculture and my desire to connect with people all around the globe would be an opportunity that I just couldn't miss. I wanted to meet people, learn and discover new things and places. And IAAS has given me not only a second family, but also a place where I could grow and develop myself both on personal and professional level. IAAS is this place where students from our field are able to share their passion, invest their time, motivation and energy to discuss, propose and advocate for solutions to issues that are affecting our agriculture, food production, our society and ultimately the world we live in today and the one we will leave to the future generations.

So this time I am happy to be part of the Control Board as the Finance Officer. As long as I have been in IAAS, I have always been busy with finances and also with legal and administrative matters on different levels. Given this experience, I am happy to contribute on a higher level and serve our association one more time to guarantee its good functioning and make our organisation even better and stronger.

I am Mounier Aya from Rabat - Morocco, I'm actually 22 years old and I'm majoring in Agro-food industries engineering at the Hassan II Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine. Meeting people from many countries, learning from them, teaching them, being friend with them, having fun together and gathering memories allowed me to have a friend, a family and a home anywhere I go around the world. As I am a person who takes good care of the ones I love, some of the IAAS members are now my best friends and even if thousand miles separate us, we try to keep in touch and talk as much as we can, we share ideas and our life details as we keep looking forward to seeing each other again, and I never hesitate to contact them for advice and feedback. I learnt a lot from IAAS, and it helped me grow and evolve as it still does. And it's time for me to do the same and serve the community as a member of the Control Board - The Membership Officer. I ain't here to fulfill my constitutional duties only, I am here to listen to every member, no matter where they come from, to assist and help them whenever they need or want it. To all my FamiliaAS, I am always available so if you ever feel like contacting someone, keep me in mind!



Aya Mounier

Membership Officer

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OUR ACTIVITY PLAN

Duration: Sep 2020 - Feb 2021

EB

By the end of February 2021:

1. Contribute to the UN SDG 2030 by organizing at least 3 impactful scientific events in 3 different regions
2. Have 3 global partnerships with stakeholders which we can use for ExPro, projects and sponsorships
3. Have a continuously updated, user-friendly and working website
4. Increase our internal communication by having regular updates and by creating space for feedback
5. Keep guiding and motivating the Regional Boards and Quality Boards.

Omar - President

By the end of February 2021:

1. Increase our external representation towards other students' organizations, NGOs, FAO/UN bodies by attending their events and organizing common projects.
2. Initiate at least one large-scale Village Concept Project per region in collaboration with other organizations.
3. Standardize the global projects implementation and have a clear framework.
4. Finalize the complete internal database of our local committees.

Kamiar - Vice President of Finance

By the end of February 2021:

1. One contract signed for €5000 in total (by March)
2. 90% countries independently raise enough funds that cover the MF.
3. All constitutional events generate DF nights and money comes without problem to me
4. Clear and cheap international money transfer
5. Have a motivated FQB with biweekly meetings, they know what to do, finish on time and work autonomously

Festus - Vice President of Communication

By the end of February 2021:

1. Gain 5k new followers in total in every social media channels for the first semester
2. Create 6 New IAAS Monthly Newsletters
3. Communication and Marketing Academy Released
4. All Guidelines and Booklets are available for everyone in IAAS
5. 4 International Campaigns conducted

Mitzi - Vice President of External Relations

By the end of February 2021:

1. Improve communication between External relations coordinators in the regions so that they can provide feedback on their goals and work.
2. Organize a list of partners and check what benefits we obtained, how we could work with them again and what we can offer them.
3. Create and share with all National Committees a partnership document they can use to sign new partners.
4. Determine strategic partners with the quality board to sign agreements with them.
5. Restructure and improve the study abroad database, improve relations with universities and formalize it in the regions.

Eduardo - Vice President of Exchange

By the end of February 2021:

1. Continue cooperating within the IAAS teams (national, regional, international)
2. Create new partnerships with external stakeholders and find places for expro.
3. Start working with current partners of IAAS
4. Increase numbers of ExPro places and applicants in minimum 2 regions of IAAS
5. Start regional projects in Europe and continue with the ones in Americas.

MEMBERSHIP

2020 – 2021

Category A

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
Gambia (Candidate)
Mali
Niger
Togo

Category B

Bangladesh
Belarus (Frozen)
Benin
Côte d'Ivoire
Ecuador
Egypt (Frozen)
Ghana (Frozen)
Guatemala
India (Candidate)
Indonesia
Iran (Candidate)
Kenya (Frozen)
Morocco
Nepal
Nigeria
Paraguay
Peru
Serbia
Tunisia (Frozen)
Zimbabwe (Frozen)

Category C

Bulgaria (Frozen)
Chile
Costa Rica
Croatia
Mexico
Panama (Candidate)
Poland
Turkey (Candidate)

Category D

Greece
Portugal
Slovenia
Spain
Taiwan

Category E

Austria
Belgium
France
Germany
Italy

Category F

Netherlands
Sweden
Switzerland
USA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR WOCO 2021 HOST

Traditionally, we start looking for a host for WOCO 2 years before, because organizing such a big event takes time. But... we are still looking for the next host of the World Congress in 2021.

Organizing this event is a big responsibility, but also **very rewarding!** You will grow in your organizing skills, get a lot of interesting contacts and learn to work on an international level. **You will give your family IAAS an unforgettable experience!**

The **World Congress...**

- is between 10 and 21 days long
- takes place in the month of July
- consists of 5 days of General Assembly, prepared by the EB/CB of IAAS World
- is open for up to 80 participants
- could be taken place in different countries, if travelling between the countries is realizable (e.g. WOCO 2015 in the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy)

The **Organizing Committee...**

- is able to start organizing soon
- Is able to switch to an online version if conditions do not permit holding a live version due to the global pandemic and the travel restrictions
- has the possibility to get support of their universities
- is experienced with the organization of events and activities
- is ready to do fundraising for a big event
- was part of earlier big IAAS events

If you, as a committee, are interested to host this important event , prepare a **document** of your plans on how to host the event including why you are the best committee(s) to host it. Give us a short overview about possible financing, accommodation, logistics, schedule, standing of your committee.

Send us before 31st of October the document on president@iaasworld.org and controlboard@iaasworld.org

QUALITY BOARD OPEN RECRUITMENT

Are you interested in being part of an international team? Do you want to empower yourself, learn new skills and improve our organization on a global level?

Quality Boards are the one for you!

Details will be shared soon on social media with the application form!

