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IAAS Mission Statement

“To promote the exchange of experience, knowledge and ideas, and to improve the mutual understanding between students in the field of agricultural and related sciences all over the world.”



IAAS Headquarters

Updates from IAAS President



Omar Farhate
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Hello FamiliaAS!

I can't believe it's been three months already since we started our term. We started in difficult times, the Executive Board was not able to meet physically. But we were lucky enough to already have known each other beforehand, despite that, we had many teambuilding activities which were necessary for a good start this year.

As I was in the Executive Board one year ago as well, I can tell you that our organization is improving and evolving on a 300% speed compared to one year ago.

In these 2 last months I was involved with the 4 vice presidents in several activities and projects, Would you like to know what I have been up to?

In October, I organized a meeting with KU Leuven which is our main sponsor I made a presentation about IAAS and with the rest of the EB, we discussed with the dean and the administrative staff about ways to improve our relation.

I represented IAAS on several occasions such as the FAO 27th COAG session which is one of the most important meetings at FAO, then I attended the ICA General Assembly and Forum. ICA unites all European Life Science Universities,

I was representing all the students from Life Science Universities worldwide, through that event I had the chance to meet many deans/rectors from European universities. I also participated in the IFISO autumn meeting. IFISO is the informal forum for international student organizations, the meeting that was held in October was a good opportunity to network with similar organizations from different fields of study, to think about new ways of collaboration and to help each other.

I created the simplest Standard Operating Procedure for new candidate members in accordance with CBL with the help of the rest of EB and CB especially the membership officer. It will help new applicants for candidate membership with their application procedure as efficiently as possible. IAAS Colombia was the first one to be proceeded with this new system.

On top of that, I tried to support our committees all over the world from all the regions as much as I could by participating, speaking in their events or helping them by one way or another. I have also been involved in bringing our Village Concept Projects to the spotlight by initiating 5 Village concept projects in Nepal (2), Morocco, Zimbabwe and Ecuador. Stay tuned for more information!

With the help of an alumni and previous IAAS President Mirjam Troost, I got in touch with the ministry of foreign affairs of the Netherlands and together we are organizing a Youth in Agriculture pre-event to the Climate Adaptation Summit taking place in January under the topic: 'The importance of youth engagement in enhancing the climate adaptation & resilience in agriculture and promoting food security for all' with a special focus on the African continent. For that I recruited an international organizing committee to organize a diverse and outstanding event! More information will be shared soon by the OC.

With other student organizations from the World Healthcare Students' Alliance, I organized and represented IAAS in the First Global AMR Youth Summit (Nov 20-22), this was so far the biggest event IAAS ever organized, we had 2500 participants from 120 + countries, additionally the event had high level speakers from WHO (Assistant Director General), FAO (AMR focal point), OIE (Deputy Director General), UN (Assistant Secretary General), UNEP, UNICEF, ReAct and more! IAAS was part of the first youth declaration on

antimicrobial resistance which was supported by these organizations! I presented our policy recommendations regarding AMR and the environment and moderated a high-level roundtable on the same topic.

It is so hard to write here all what I have done as it has been so busy these two months, but I tried to write the essentials. You can always reach me out for more information or in case you need any help!

In the upcoming weeks, I will continue to represent our organization with external stakeholders and try to bring new interesting opportunities for our members, I will work closely with host committees of scientific events, continue working on our global projects with the project coordinators, and most importantly continue leading and directing the work of our EB.

I hope to see all of you soon, hopefully in person!

Go Further Go IAAS!

Omar Farhate, IAAS World President

Updates from IAAS VP of Exchange



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Hi dear FamiliaAS

It has been several months since I took the position of VPE at IAAS World, I must confess that an international position is a demanding task of great time and effort. It requires creating a global vision, beyond the local, to understand the different realities of different countries, which leads me to seek new strategies and activities. Now I have formed my team where the Regional Exchange Directors with whom we have been working very closely are also part and we plan to organize an Agrotourism congress (very soon they will have more news of that), where each country will have the opportunity to show its agriculture and its tourist wealth so that many members will be able to know about each country and motivate the itself to travel.

On the other hand, it is nice to tell you that a new version of the catalogue is about to come out where you can find the active exchange places around the world. I know well that the Pandemic is not over, it is a very difficult situation for each country and I also imagine that for each of you, but I hope that soon a vaccine

will be found and all this will be solved, so that many of you can travel, despite the reasons for an exchange. I speak for Ecuador and we have started our application process to receive two boys from Belgium by July 2021. It will all depend on the companies, whether they open their doors for extractions or decide to wait for later.

Finally, I would like to add that our current offer is 41 exchange locations spread throughout each region and that each exchange coordinator is prepared to do everything necessary for you to apply. My goal at the end of my period is to double that offer so that the number of applicants will go up, the exchange program has not been used as it should during this past time. Perhaps because of a lack of management or the very lack of knowledge of the members of their existence, but I assure you that it will soon change.

Best regards,

Eduardo

Updates from IAAS VP of Finance



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A good day my dear FamiliaAS

Last months have been very busy but interesting, probably for the most of you. For me, the first months of my term as VPF were especially hard, because I had to learn many things. I was after all totally new to the financial area of this organization. This financial part of IAAS is something unfamiliar for the most of us. That is why I want to stress to all of you why taking our financial issues seriously is important. So make sure to read the first part of my letter, it may change your life!

Let's look at the future first: The most important thing I want to achieve is that all (or most) IAAS countries get a good idea of how important a financial strategy and financial independence are so that we are motivated to get some money in. The biggest reason why IAAS countries stop existing is in my opinion because they don't know how to organize interesting events and how to get money in an independent way to pay their costs and the membership fee. Financial independence also provides us a lot more opportunities of organizing cool events and encountering interesting and useful partners, who cannot only help IAAS and make your work inside IAAS more interesting (with sponsorships,

exchange places, company visits...). It will also improve your personal skills and maybe even lead to amazing job opportunities before you even graduate from your university. Besides that, IAAS will get more appealing in your country, so that finding new members goes easier and you will attract real talent without any effort. So: learning how to gain financial independence only has advantages, even if it will cost you effort and time, your IAAS Committee and your life can change forever, believe me.

If you don't know how to begin with this, you're of course less motivated to do this. This is why we need a clear and sustainable plan to change the current existing problems of a lack of communication and ignorance. This will not only require efforts from me and my team, but also from you guys. Believe me, you won't regret this, because the things you'll learn will last for all your life. Giving clear examples: We will not only have communication on social media, but also directly with you, in order to develop plans together. I even want to promise something to you: If you have financial issues, show good motivation and a good strategy to get money (developed together with us if you want) and if you take this plan into action,

I can promise you that we will lower the amount you have to pay for your memberships fee (exact amount to be discussed, but I can guarantee at least 10%). Don't hesitate to already start and reach out to us, join us, don't wait for u to contact you!

Examples of other things I want to do: having cheaper ways of transferring money internationally, organizing workshops to train IAAS'ers on how to get money for IAAS, finding grants (and sponsors with the VPER), spreading awareness about the Development Fund and developing an online way to get money for the Development Fund.

As I already said, I had to get familiar with a lot of financial and legal aspects of IAAS: I managed to register the new Executive Board (EB) at the Belgian court and bank, so that what we do is legal, I started doing the bookkeeping, helped countries paying their Membership Fee from last year, did some investigations on PayPal and read some useful sources from previous VPFs about all kind of financial topics. Besides this, I updated the handover documents already, so that the next VPF will even have a more easy start. I organized myself with the Regional Finance Coordinators in the Finance Team, having biweekly meetings, and

believe me: they are already doing an amazing job! Because, they really have an amazing impact on the ideas of how to improve the financial situation for everybody in IAAS. Further on, I also had more general jobs as an EB-member, like assisting the Vice President of External relations (VPER) in a sponsorship strategy, having meetings with our website developer, which will soon be launched (!). I further helped IAAS Belgium in organizing the first of a series of amazing scientific events: Beer&Sustainability, which was really wonderful!

The last thing I want to talk about is the WhatsApp group for all National treasurers and all others responsible of Finance in IAAS: this is meant to have at least one person of each country in it, not only to be able to share all our future work to you, but also to have questions and answers and to have some casual talks and brainstorming evenings about our financial strategies. More on this coming soon...

Peace and Love,

Kamiar

Updates from IAAS VP of Communication



Hello FamillAAS!

October and November were exhausting months (again) because many unexpected things and uncertainty happened in my life, which interrupting my work as VPC as well. At least, I got a decent workout and sleep time. To highlight what I've been doing during October and November, I did finished the most important thing that it's very important as well for every IAAS member; The Greenbook 2020 and The IAAS Brand Guidelines 2020. And the most exciting is we now have our own Canva Team! Which could help everyone in the world to learn and how to design like Festus (just kidding hahaha). The idea for this Canva team is actually to help every IAAS member to design according to Brand Guidelines easier than using other tools such as Photoshop. During November as well, I was also helping Omar's and other IAAS members for Climate Adaptation Summit preparation, and the other association in arranging the AMR Summit (I only did my design stuff like always), starting synergy works with VPER, VPF, and VPE to build something new which could help IAASer to grow up their committees in each of the function (coming soon!

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This will be awesome!), and lastly, representing IAAS World in several countries but mainly in Indonesian Local Committees to be their speaker's and giving them information about what's happening in IAAS right now. Although, maintaining social media is the most important thing for me. But unfortunately, our social media during October wasn't very active enough in providing you all the newest stuff from us due to a lack of information delivery system optimization during that time. But, I just found a better way that also would help the regional, national, and even local committee to optimize their social media more. With this, I would like to encourage you all to keep stay tuned and keeping our enthusiast to spread more impact through your social media soon!

That's all from me, it's not much but I wanted you all to keep yourself motivated and never stop innovating with something new during this situation.

Have a great day!

Announcement: New VP of External Relations



Due to the resignation of the previous VPER Mitzi Aguilar, the EB and CB appointed Marie-Agnès Fine from IAAS France as the new VP of External Relations considering her experience in IAAS and her skills. On the next page, you will find the resignation letter sent by Mitzi Aguilar.

Marie-Agnès Fine

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Dear IAAS members,

I am Marie-Agnès Fine, the new nominated VPER for the upcoming year. I am not entirely unknown by most of you and I am happy to get a second chance to work with all of you. For the ones who don't know me yet, I am from IAAS France and I am currently in my second year of master in biotechnology and bioprocesses. Despite the conditions which brought me to the position, I hope that we will be able to achieve the best work together. This new position is going to be really challenging for me but I am hopeful that together with the wonderful team welcoming me major improvements will be done. Indeed, as you may know the partnerships and sponsorships of IAAS have been left in a rather unwanted situation and my goal is to bring back a strong network of partners and sponsors for IAAS.

The main goals I want to reach are the following:

1. Connect all the universities hosting the

IAAS committees within the Study Abroad Program,

2. Build an ambitious fundraising strategy and implement it,
3. Create a reliable database of sponsors and partners and include the alumni within it,
4. Organise an online ICYA,
5. Empower each committee in fundraising knowledge.

I count on your support to build an IAAS network on the local level in order to have effective global partnerships and sponsorships which fulfil your expectations.

Best regards,

Marie-Agnès Fine

IAAS World Vice-President of External Relations 2020-21

Resignation Letter from Mitzi Aguilar

Guadalajara, Jalisco, México

24/11/2020

Hello, EB and CB of IAAS World!

First I want to say thank you for the opportunity that you gave me during these months, thanks to IAAS for everything they have given me and the opportunities I have for this incredible association, but I entered a stage of my professional life where it is a bit difficult for me to support you from a managerial position as high as the VPER. I have personal, academic, health and labor issues to resolve and I want you to know that I will always be there to help you as much as possible from my position as an active member of IAAS Mexico and IAAS Americas. In the future I will be an Alumni and I hope to be able to help the association from that point too.

It was a pleasure working these months alongside an incredible team such as EB-CB 2020-2021, I am not leaving IAAS but I think it would be unfair that I am not giving my 100% to such an important team, so as a member I will continue present in the activities and in everything that I can help.

I hope to see you soon somewhere in the world!

Go Further! Go IAAS!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mitzi S. Aguilar M.', is centered below the text 'Go Further! Go IAAS!'.

Mitzi S. Aguilar M.

Thank you Mitzi for all the work you have done to our organization, locally, nationally, regionally as well as globally. We are totally sure that even as alumni you will continue supporting our organization. We hope to see you soon and we wish you all the best in your career and future endeavours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to IAAS Colombia!

A new family joined our big FamiliaAS, from the university of Magdalena in Santa Marta, it is IAAS Colombia, feel free to send them greeting messages through colombia@iaasworld.org and follow them on Instagram [here](#)



IAAS Scientific Events calendar

Our committees world-over are organizing multiple scientific events, check out our exciting calendar, you can apply using this link: <http://bit.ly/registrationscientificevents>

December		
Carbon Sequestration in agricultural soils	10 Dec	IAAS Netherlands
Agro-life in the Middle East & North Africa	12 Dec	IAAS Middle East & North Africa
Agriculture in Times of Climate Change	17 Dec	IAAS Germany (Bonn)
Biotechnologies & Agriculture	18-20 Dec	IAAS Morocco - LC Meknes
January		
International Conference: Food Security; Then and Now	3-4 Jan	IAAS Nepal - LC AFU
Innovate and sustainable horticultural production - from ornamental plants to industrial crops	6 Jan	IAAS Germany (Bonn)
Climate Adaptation Summit - Youth in Agriculture Pre-Event	16-17 Jan	IAAS World
Agrotourism	23 Jan	IAAS France
World Education Day: The role of building knowledge and skills for young farmers & youth in agriculture	24 Jan	IAAS Training Committee
Climate Smart Agriculture	29-30 Jan	IAAS Morocco - LC Agadir
Water Scarcity	31 Jan	IAAS Tunisia + IAAS Morocco (Rabat)
February		
Workshop: SDGs	4 Feb	IAAS Germany (Bonn)
Impacts of Climate Change on Agriculture	13 Feb	IAAS France
Biodynamic Agriculture	20 Feb	IAAS Tunisia

Would you still like to organize an event? Send an email to: president@iaasworld.org and vpcommunication@iaasworld.org

