

**EB Courier**  
March - April 2021



## **IAAS Vision 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 FamillIAAS!

It is almost the end of the term, I don't believe we came all this way!

These two months as always, I continued to support and guide the work of the Executive Board but I was also busy with other things of course!

In these 2 months, I represented IAAS in 2 external events, one is from IFSA (Interim Meeting) where I presented IAAS and talked about how Covid-19 impacted us, it was a great opportunity to network and discuss with a similar organization as ours, the second one was an event called Cultivating conversations organized by OCP North America and Emerging Ag, from this event, I was linked with the Youth Alliance for Zero Hunger for which I am coordinating the process of having IAAS as a convening organization.

Internally, I represented the Executive Board in the Directors Meeting of the MENA region and the Special General Assembly for Africa to elect new Regional Boards. I created the first ever Regional Board Start-Up Package filled with a whole arsenal of resources which will support the Regional Boards with their work, of course the rest of the Executive Board helped me out with the content, hopefully it will be useful for all generations to come and will increase the efficiency of the Regional Boards' work.

Additionally, I collected input from different members and created a concept note for an IAAS Advisory Board which is going to support after its inception the IAAS officials and members throughout the years.

I represented IAAS along with Thomas (IAAS Netherlands ND) and Nina (IAAS Belgium ND) in the GCA and thanks to that, IAAS will take part in several intergenerational dialogues, more information will be shared about that.

For the Village Concept Projects, I was able to support the creation of a new one in Togo which is being jointly developed by IAAS Togo and IAAS France, and I hosted a workshop-like discussion with IAAS Switzerland to motivate them to be involved in one of the VCPs.

I also coordinated with the help of Majo, IAAS Americas Regional Director and the rest of EB/CB the creation of IAAS Argentina, such a motivated team which I welcome once more to our big family!

In the next months, I will mostly be busy with the organization of the World Congress which is going to be online from the 30th of July to the 5th of August 2021, all I can tell you for now is that we are planning to make it unforgettable for all of us, we will keep you posted about it. I will also continue to direct the work of the EB, support our members globally, listen to feedback and strive for excellence. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Omar Farhate  
IAAS World President 2020/21

## Updates from IAAS VP of Exchange



## EDUARDO HERRERA

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Hello dear FamiliIAAS,

Again, it is a pleasure to address you to let you know my progress for March-April 2021 period.

First and foremost, the **Exchange Coordinators Meeting** that will be held in **Guatemala** from July 01-11, 2021, the applications are open **until May 07!** If you would like to attend please fill out this link: <https://bit.ly/ExCoMeeting2021> and if you want more information about the event check out this link: <https://bit.ly/ExCoMeetingInformation> in this way, there is also a **development fund**, which is intended to help you financially to attend the event (especially for the countries categories: A and B). U have been very close in the organization with IAAS Guatemala and I can say that they are organizing a great event.

In addition our **IAAS-website course** is available in Google Classroom, you can check your official IAAS email to which I have sent you and also see more details of it in this link: <http://bit.ly/IAASWebsiteCourse>.

It is really important that you take this course so that you understand how the platform works 100%. This information will have access: RExCos, NExCos and ND's

Following this, several updates to our database have been made:

- The new Regional and National Exchange Coordinators around the world.
- The offer of the exchange program, **a total of 50 worldwide**, many of these are not receiving people due to the Pandemic, but we will start an advertising campaign of the active places and that currently receive students, must be attentive to our Instagram @exproiaas.
- Exchange participants around the world, **44 in total**, 11 have had a totally successful application and are close to traveling, 1 has canceled their application and the rest is waiting for a response from the company.
- Testimonials from people who have done the exchange program before and are giving us feedback as well as from companies that are IAAS allies.

On the other hand we have updated all the documents that are used for the exchange program, you can access through this link: <https://bit.ly/ExProDocuments2021>. **(Before using them I recommend downloading them to your computer and editing them)**. You will find the information in **English, Spanish and French**, choose of course the one that best suits your reality. Once you choose the language you're going to use, open the folder and inside it you'll find 5 more folders with the following information:

# Updates from IAAS VP of Exchange



## EDUARDO HERRERA

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### 1. Hosting Place cooperation

Here you will find **4 documents**: the first is an email that is written and you can send to the companies/farms that you want to join our exchange offer (talk about what IAAS is, what is the ExPro and our intention to make a formal agreement with them), additionally you will find a brochure that you can attach it to the mail you send, in expro partnership proposal is an editable document that you can use when you introduce with companies and last and not more importantly the collaboration contract that must be signed when the company agrees to receive interns from abroad.

### 2. Application process

Here you will find all the guides to do the interviews between NExCos + Exchange participants + OP Takers as well as the acceptance and invitation letters, finally the student agreement.

### 3. Evaluation

In this evaluation can be done online by this link: <https://bit.ly/EvaluationExPro> where we will receive feedback from students who have made an expro as well as the op takers who have received people previously, finally the certificate that is given to the student at the end of their expro.

### 4. Biosecurity booklet

This document can be sent to people traveling abroad where you can follow certain measures (which may change from country to country), so that the student travels safely to their expro.

### 5. National booklet

In this folder I have set an example of how we can disseminate information from our countries in particular what is culture, food, cost of living, tourist places, etc. That is useful information for people traveling to unknown countries. There is an editable document that you can download and fill with your own information.

Finally we continue to work together with the VP of communications in the **ExPro Marketing Project**, very soon you will have more information. Without more to say, I say good-bye.

Carpe Diem,  
Eduardo Herrera

## **Updates from IAAS VP of Finance**



### **KAMIAR TORABI**

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Hello Everybody

The last months have been busy. First of all, there was the publication of the Finance Standard: the document that explains how to get your financial situation on order. By following the guidelines of the Finance Standard, you will be able to make your committee thriving like a real business with amazing potential, and financial sustainability and independence. There will be a small update on the Finance Standard and the previously published Merchandise Guidelines soon, which will mainly provide a fancy layout for both documents. The most of the work is already done, but I have other priorities currently.

One of these priorities is the upcoming Finance Summit, organised in collaboration with my Quality Board, the ITC and the VPER. This is an event that will contain a series of workshops, trainings and webinars all related to finance and business, to enable you to professionally manage your committee. The skills you will learn, will also be very useful in your future professional life if you will have anything to do with company-life.

Something else that we have been working on is the Global Project Contest. In total, 10 committees have submitted a full Project Proposal to IAAS World to compete for the first three places to win the prize money. If they win the money, they can use it to pay their costs and invest it in their projects to create even more great impact. Normally, you will hear about these projects soon on social media.

Talking about money grants, we as IAAS World are also looking for some money: there are new open application rounds for the Erasmus+ programme, so we are currently looking into that. It is all very technical, but hopefully we manage to find a good grant and prepare a good application the next month so that the European union can help us with very welcome money.

Last but not least, the RFCos and me are still guiding countries in setting their strategies right to find enough money to pay their annual Membership Fees. There are still a lot of countries that have to pay with the deadline almost passed. If you need help or a reduction, you can still ask for it. We have already been able to help more than five countries in totally transforming their financial situation.

Peace,  
Kamiar

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## **Updates from IAAS VP of Communication**



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Hello FamiliIAAS!

Greetings from all of us, the Communication Team  
Gen 2021!

March and April 2021 were hardships for me. Despite having a workload, I also got some health issue which makes me unable to sleep for almost three days straight. Nevertheless, my spirit to work for IAAS is still on fire. I had such a fantastic Communication Team in Global and Regional that is making good progress to ensure the sustainability of our communication operations. This is why collaboration and synergy between my QB and Regional Team are very crucial.

Talking about my work from March until April, I mainly working on making Marketing Academy for both EXPRO and Communication. Although it's all about time management-wise, we're still unable to finish it on time due to many prioritize to do such as promotion for ICYA 2021, Global Project Contest, and other online publications. Instead, we pledge to ensure all of the Academy initiatives will be available during May 2021.

March and April 2021 were the months where we put such a mindset to dare to go for the extra miles in each of our activities. Since Communication Team began developing a better workflow, we still need to be agile in making our routines sustainable and giving the best performance to keep our members updated. That's why we have been working tirelessly to making this possible. This is not just only for my term, but soon this will be inherited for my successor, whoever they are.

No matter how hard your days, be positive and be resilient!

TetapSemangat! (Keep on Fire!)  
From your Iron Man!

## Updates from IAAS VP of Finance



# MARIE-AGNES FINE

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Dear IAAS members,

I am delighted to invite you to the very first online ICYA on the topic of Resilience of the living world! The ICYA 2021 will be held from May, 13<sup>th</sup> to May, 15<sup>th</sup> and from 9am to 5pm CEST.

In this event, you will be able to participate in several conferences on various agricultural issues lead by amazing speakers as well soft skills trainings provided by wonderful trainers. Stay tuned for the application for the trainings which have a limited number of spots available...

You will also be granted the chance to meet the officials of KU Leuven, the honourable virtual host of this ICYA.

Here are the links to join the event and have a look to the schedule of conferences and the speakers:

- In English:  
<https://icya-iaas.org/international-conference-for-youth-in-agriculture-2021.vitrine#/en/>
- En français:  
<https://icya-iaas.org/international-conference-for-youth-in-agriculture-2021.vitrine#/fr/>
- En Espanol:  
<https://icya-iaas.org/international-conference-for-youth-in-agriculture-2021.vitrine#/es/>

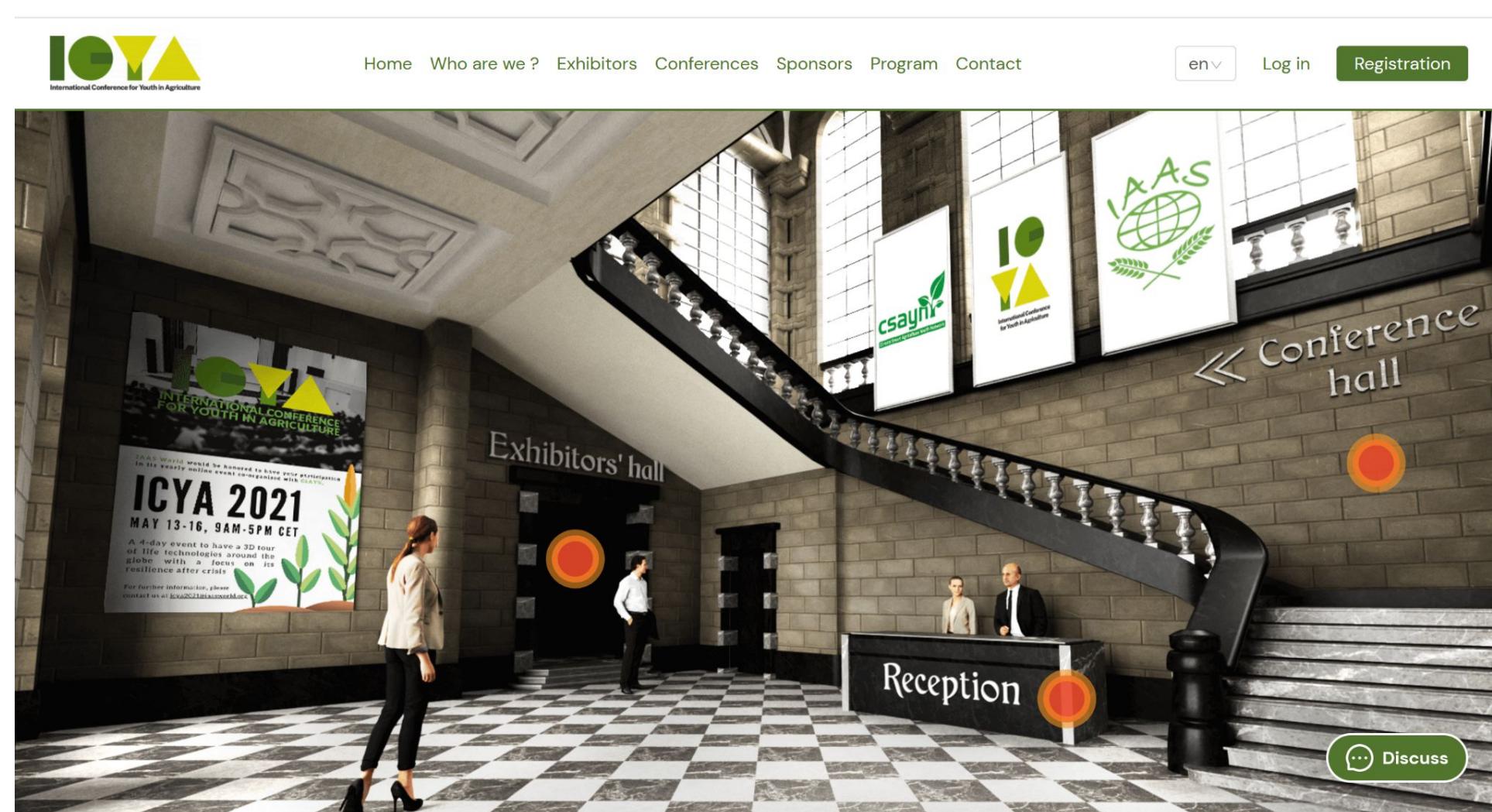
**So don't hesitate any longer and register now!**

**Don't forget to spread the word among your friends, the students you know, your university... The more we are the better the exchange of knowledge and passion will be!**

Best regards,

Marie-Agnès Fine

IAAS World Vice-President of External Relations  
2020-21



# Updates from IAAS VP of Finance



## MARIE-AGNES FINE

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Dear IAAS members,

I spent the past months working on the organisation of the ICYA:

- Looking for sponsors (I created a [sponsormyevent](#) page and contacted around twenty different companies): Syngenta is therefore our loyal ICYA sponsor!

- Organising the schedule of conferences, finding speakers and coordinating the presence of trainers with the head of ITC.

**Our speakers**

**Dr. Marie Brusler**  
Community Manager and Entrepreneurship Leader

**Caroline Steiblin**  
Strategic Initiatives Leader

**Tomas Norton**  
Assistant Professor

**Sramika Rijal**  
Assistant Professor

**Sachina Paudel**  
Research Assistant

**Alfonso Suarez-Tapia**  
Agronomist

**Huiyu Ouyang**  
Incubator Coordinator & Food Policy Officer

**Mike Khunga**  
Vice-Chair for UN Food System Summit Action Track 5: building resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

**Lana Weidgenant**  
Vice-Chair of Shifting to Sustainable Consumption for the UN Food Systems Summit & Deputy Partnerships Director

**Lavetanalagi Seru**  
Vice Chair of the UNFSS Action Track 3 & Co-founder

**Janya Green**  
Community Garden Manager

**Maureen Muketha**  
Nutritionist

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Events Contacts

**IOTA** International Conference for Youth in Agriculture (ICYA), Conference  
FACULTY OF BIOSCIENCE ENGINEERING, HEVERLEE, LEUVEN, BELGIUM

**ANALYTICS** % LINKS % SHARES % NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSALS

Visits 39 Shares 0 Negotiations 0

Visits Last Week

All Visits (39)

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- Finding universities/companies willing to present themselves at the fair: only KU Leuven replied positively.

CONFERENCES		
Be a (temporary) startup founder – take your product from field to market	2021-05-13 10:00	2021-05-13 12:00
Towards sustainable animal production with Precision Livestock Farming	2021-05-14 11:30	2021-05-14 12:00
Involvement of youth in sustainability	2021-05-13 14:00	2021-05-13 15:00
One health, nutrition and food safety	2021-05-13 16:00	2021-05-13 17:00
Best Agricultural Practices for Soil Preservation	2021-05-14 15:00	2021-05-14 16:00
Integral valuation of ecosystem services and biodiversity	2021-05-13 15:00	2021-05-13 16:00
Act4Food Act4Change in support of GoodFood4All	2021-05-14 9:00	2021-05-14 10:00

[SEE THE AGENDA](#)

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# MARIE-AGNES FINE

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- Managing the implementation of the online platform hosting the event.

In terms of number, we can already count on 385 participants from all over the world!

The screenshot shows a registration page for the International Conference for Youth in Agriculture (ICYTA). The page has a green header with the ICYTA logo and navigation links for Home, Who are we ?, Exhibitors, Conferences, Sponsors, Program, and Contact. There are also buttons for en (dropdown), Log in, and Registration. The main content area has a green background with white text. It says 'REGISTRATION' in the center. Below it, there is a section titled 'Complete the following informations to create an account'. It contains fields for Last name, First name, E-mail address, and Password (min 8). There is also a 'Discuss' button with a speech bubble icon.

- Collecting all promotional materials for speakers and conferences to be showcased on social media by the VP of communication

Aside from the ICYTA, I am also working on a workshop with Hajar Haybou related to fundraising for the Finance Summit.

- Providing support to the VP of Finance in the presentation of the participants of the IAAS Global Project Contest whose winner will be announced during the ICYTA!

Best regards,

Marie-Agnès Fine

IAAS World Vice-President of External Relations  
2020-21

# Announcements!

## Welcome to IAAS Argentina!

A new family joined us in March 2021 from the University of Villa Maria in Argentina, welcome to the FamillIAAS! You can contact them through [argentina@iaasworld.org](mailto:argentina@iaasworld.org) , [expro.argentina@iaasworld.org](mailto:expro.argentina@iaasworld.org) ; [finance.argentina@iaasworld.org](mailto:finance.argentina@iaasworld.org)



## International Conference for Youth in Agriculture

May 13th to May 16th from 9 am to 5 pm CEST

This year's theme is all about the Resilience of the Living World. How can we adapt our life technologies to overcome crises? We will unveil it in ICYIA!

What will you do in this ICYIA? 4 days of conferences, exhibitor's fair, conferences, training, and workshops to explore the living world's resilience, discussions on agronomy and food sciences, youth empowerment, and leadership.

English user: <https://icya-iaas.org/#/en>

French user: <https://icya-iaas.org/#/fr>

Spanish user: <https://icya-iaas.org/#/es>

You can also access more information through our Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/iaas.icya/>



## The Online World Congress 2021 - July 30th to August 5th

Missed having our online GAs? Our World Congress (WoCo) is happening online from July 30th to August 5th. Unforgettable experiences are awaiting for all our IAAS members! So save the date! More information will be shared soon!

## [SOON]

Call for WoCo 2023 Host

Call for ExCo Meeting 2022 Host

Call for EB/CB Candidates for 2021/2022

And more!



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of Students in Agricultural  
and Related Sciences

