



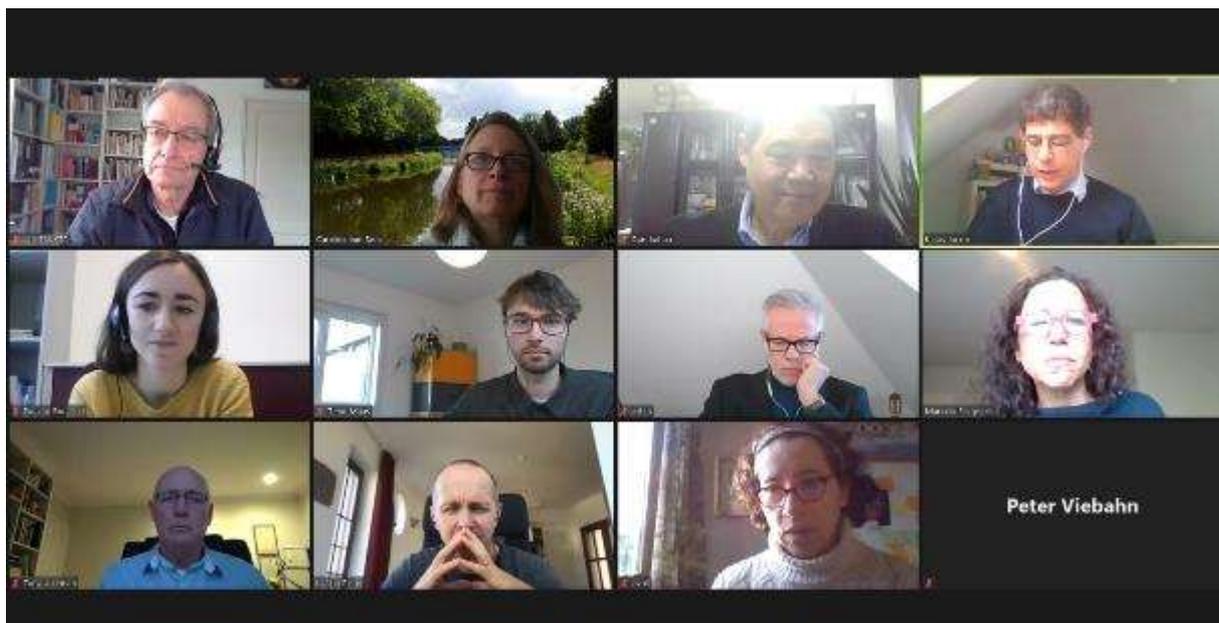
# The Integrated Assessment Society Annual General Meeting 2020

November 18 and December 8, 2020

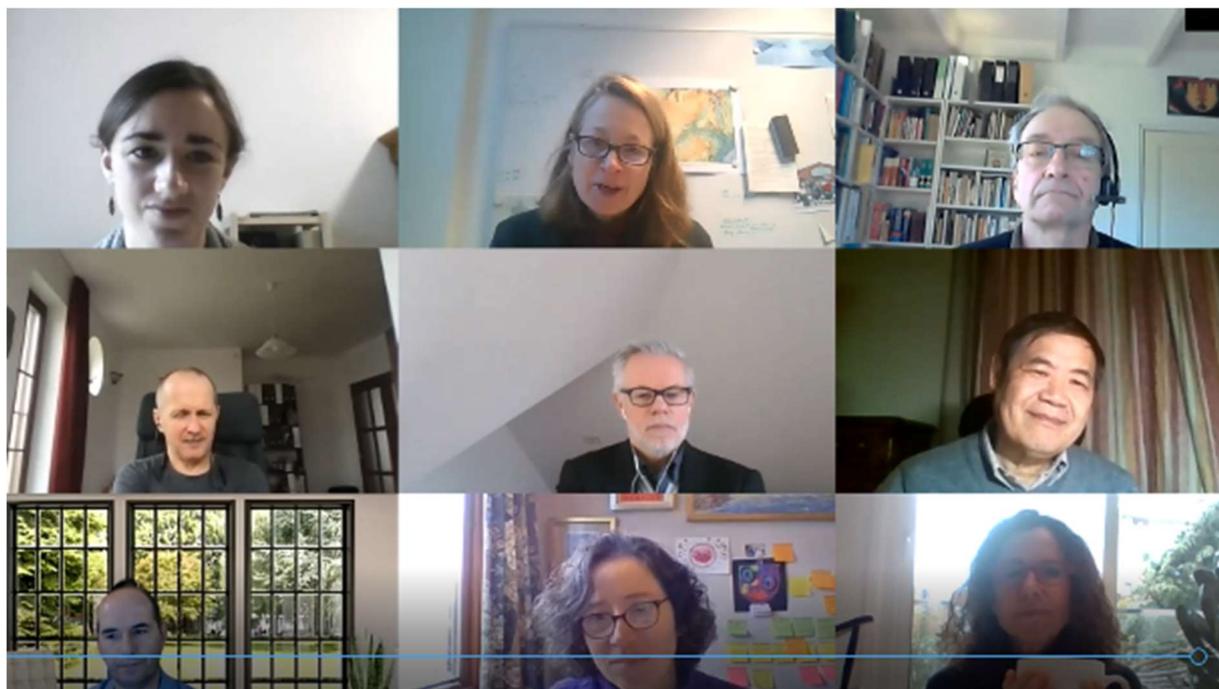
## Minutes

**Members participating AGM Part 1 – Nov. 18:** Bas Arts, Jan Bakkes, Peter Viebahn, Laszlo Pinter, Joanne Vinke-de Kruijf, Pan Jiahua, Timo Maas, Pauline Riousset, Bas Arts, Marcela Brugnach, Jacob, Klaus, Ana Pena del Valle, Anthony Jakeman (left early), Caroline Lumosi, Caroline van Bers

**Members participating AGM Part 2 – Dec. 08:** Jan Bakkes, Laszlo Pinter, Pan Jiahua, Pauline Riousset, Bas Arts, Marcela Brugnach, Ana Pena del Valle, Caroline van Bers, Hadi Veisi



November 18 2020



December 08, 2020

## 1. Introduction

- Klaus Jacob welcomes members
- Introduction Round
- Review of agenda (*Caroline van Bers*)

## 2. Open exchange of relevant IA news

### Laszlo Pinter

- Involved in an intergovernmental process on the future of GEO involving 35 countries. The steering committee was to complete an options paper on the future of GEO. Because of Covid it will happen in two parts: the procedural part to be delivered in Feb 2021 which we will deliver as an interim report for this meeting. The committee will then submit its full report in **Feb 2022**. The background paper is final and we will make it public. The consulting teams will then end and it will be up to the steering committee as to how they want to continue.
- Involved in a review of global assessments by UNEP. Includes IPCC types of assessments. Robert Watson is leading this.
- Leading similar work on possible approaches to underpin the SOE report for European Environment Agency. We are developing approaches now and narrowing this down.
- Also interested in cities – and co-leading the team on sustainability and looking for new initiatives. We are putting together an initiative for regenerative cities and renaturing in cities.

### Pan Jiahua

- Involved in COP 15 to the Biodiversity Convention which is delayed to May 2021. Members who are interested are asked to let him know.
- China is developing a semi-mandatory economic development plan for 2021 – 2025. They will establish indicators and our work is focusing on carbon emissions and looking forward to 2030.
- Involved in the Global SD report for 2023 challenges and solutions and members are invited to contribute.

### Klaus Jacob

Jan Bakkes and Jill Jaeger developed some good ideas on how to conduct IA assessments better. Please circulate this in some form in TIAS.

### Timo Maas

PBL is holding a webinar on options for the future of assessments next week. This is based on a synthesis of insights from various outlooks and provides key lessons for Dutch policy. Information will be shared with TIAS members.

### Bas Arts

Members may be interested in the *Evidence for Policymakers* conference in mid December. For more information: <https://www.scienceworks.nl/en/events/befbp.html>

### 3. TIAS News and Activities 2019

- Approval of Minutes 2019 - **approved** unanimously 13
- Approval of annual and financial reports 2019 - **approved** unanimously 13

### 4. 2020-21 activities — Postponed to AGM part 2 on December 8

TIAS extends a warm welcome to new member, Hadi Veisa, who specialises in Agroecology in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center.

#### Report on key outcomes of meeting with advisory board January 2020

Caroline summarises the event including suggestions to run a summer school again; dedicated sessions at workshops and conferences is something we want to continue; creating a poll to track participation of members at specific conferences; to make more of TIAS network function by illuminating expertise, affiliations and current projects of members. This requires placing up-to-date bios of TIAS members on-line, starting with AB members.

#### Working group on IA principles

- **Jan** reports that IAMC not so interested in collaboration in a review of IA principles. So we may be better off pursuing national funders. Have considered a different members and suggest bringing in insitutional members. IISD took the IA principles initiative so we could involve them again.
- **Bas** asks why we are interested in reviewing the principles since they are already broad and current.
- **Jan** responds that the existing principle are ok. However current trends suggest shiftinh needs over the next decade: there is a an increasing need for transparency, science is disputed, format of IA's is changing, there are in increasing number of assessments on land, there is an enormous amount of literature and a wave of new practitioners. Revisions to the principles in 2007 (Bellagio) reduced the principles in number and made them more crisp.
- **Pauline** regarding the revision of the IA principles it is interesting to explore how this relates to our work on the future of technology assessments with a focus on digital technologies. It would be interesting to address transparency and how scientists use these technologies. Role of digitalisation in cities: Regarding urban sustainability I am working on the role and contribution of digitalization especially concerning critical infrastructure for water and it could be introduced in the context of a summer school.
- **Laszlo**: What we have done for the principles we focused on how they worked in practice. The summer school could allow partiicpants to focus on a particular principle.
- **Marcela**: summer schools are a good venue for developing stories where assessments are applied in an interdisciplinary setting.
- **Laszlo**: during the first iteration of principles the application of the principles was reviewing. Participants of summer school to examine each individual principle but they need to be sequenced.
- **Jan**: the GEO experience suggests that we need to be careful. It is a difficult project ahead so we should focus on what can be learned. There is heavy institutional involvement. Practioners and the media were involved in the last review. This time,

we have not been successful in finding funders. It is an opportunity to do things differently, to link with practice and we can improve on the format by bringing in more organisations. IA Principles shift to national science councils and we should take that up now. TIAS institutional members could be brought in for this.

## Regional Chapter

- **TIAS-LA – Ana:** translation of relevant IA documents into Spanish and Portuguese was still planned, and that a conference was planned to bring more researchers focused on Latin America into IA and TIAS-LA. We could connect with the Costa Rica project on biodiversity and livelihoods that Caroline has been involved in and shows promise in being funded.

## The Learning Community

Joanne sent the following report on the activities of the learning community:

- Members of the Learning Community published a [Special Issue on Learning in Transitions](#) in the [Journal of Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions](#).
- As a follow-up of the special issue, they organized a dialogue session at the *International Sustainability Transitions* conference in August 2020.
- Members of the Learning Community co-organized an interesting TIAS [webinar on Narratives](#) in October 2020.
- We tried to launch an initiative to exchange on learning and unlearning from the corona crisis to draw lessons for a more sustainable future. There was some interest from members but no follow-up has taken place yet.
- We have not met as coordinating team recently and still need to prepare and discuss our plans for 2021.

## Research activities

Caroline reports that the Interreg MEDUWA project, in which TIAS was involved as one of the coordinating partners, is finalising its activities after four years. The project develops solutions (12 innovations) to pharmaceuticals and antibiotic resistance in water with the Vechte as the case study. The results are presented on the website: [www.meduwa.eu](http://www.meduwa.eu) including the MEDUWA project video, presentations of a recent webinar presenting the results the research of PhDs involved in the project, and publications. A final report on summarising the project results as well as an evaluation by partners is also being prepared. The project officially ends on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 although partners finish their activities this year. We are looking at ways to follow up e.g. swimming in uncontrolled contaminated water.

## Outreach/networking

Caroline reminds us that outreach/networking is carried out mainly through the newsletter and website. In our previous executive discussions we discussed an informal biannual meeting with our members for exchange. Lets see if we can make it happen in 2021 and start by generating some topics of interest.

The TIAS ‘portfolio’ of topics for **webinars, workshop sessions and perhaps reports** includes:

- Environmental Expertise – Connecting Science, Policy and Society (= 2019 book by Willemijn Tuinstra et al.)
- Advances in development of worldwide scenarios, following the 2019 Denver conference and subsequent writing by Brian O’Neill et al.
- Integrated environment-related assessment in times of “Populism” – Bas reports he is still interested in running this. Jan suggest it could be an in-person meeting.
- The recent European State of the Environment and Outlook report – focus for the webinar to be established
- Knowledge repositories (inspired by questions about project life after subsidy) – originally envisaged as a webinar by TIAS in collaboration with Ecologic
- The state of play in SDG monitoring and assessment -- remains a recurring subject of interest (follow up on three we have had in previous years)
- Scenario development/Positive visions of the future – led by the Early Career Network (if they get started)
- Robustment of broad assessments (alternative to accounting for transparency complex models)
- The practice of reviewing complex models
- Geo 6 and planning of Geo 7
- Modeling of socio environmental systems is underway with Tony Jakeman and Sondoss Elsayah

**Laszlo:** work on the 2025 European SOE report is on the way and EEA is very methodical in their assessments. TIAS may be interested in this.

**Pan:** Suggests holding summer schools in Beijing focused on IA principles, methods, and cases materials and if they are of interest to Chinese they can be translated. Some research projects could also be of interest and we could make a joint application to the national science foundation of China.

**Bas:** Suggests the summer school in China could link COP 15 Cunmin China May 2021 conference on Biodiversity. Bas plans to be there.

**Laszlo:** Could we connect this to urban nature and green infrastructure? We are initiating a project in this area and maybe we can package this together.

**Jan:** Climate is always good for summer schools in Cunmin. Make materials available to Pan on summer school and IA principles (Caroline send to Pan and Pauline)

**Marcela:** could end the summer school in a case study – e.g in a city where greening is occurring e.g. focus on biodiversity and ecological restoration.

## 5.0 Legal/Constitutional and Administrative Matters

### Election

Candidates for the Extended Executive Board and the Advisory Board are introduced.

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## **Election of Extended Executive Board** (Secretary, treasurer, assistant to the executive)

- Secretary - Caroline Lumosi, 13 votes
- Treasurer - Caroline van Bers, 12 votes, 1 abstention
- Assistant to the executive - no candidate

**Election of Advisory Board:** all candidates elected with 12 votes and one abstention in each case except for the one candidate that was absent, Claudia Pahl-Wostl, for whom the vote was unianimous

- **Bas Arts**, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, NL; and Department of Environmental Sciences, Wageningen University and Research, NL
- **Anthony Jakeman**, Fenner School of Environment and Society, and the Integrated Catchment Assessment and Management Centre, Australian National University, AU
- **Timo Maas**, PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, NL and Forest & Nature Conservation Policy Group, Wageningen University and Research, NL
- **Jiahua Pan**, Professor Pan is Director General of the Institute for Urban and Environmental Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS), CN
- **Claudia Pahl-Wostl**, Institute of Environmental Systems Research, University of Osnabrück, DE
- **Laszlo Pinter**, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Central European University, AT and Senior Fellow, International Institute for Sustainable Development, Winnipeg, CA
- **Pauline Rioussel**, Office of Technology Assessment at the German Bundestag, DE
- **Peter Viebahn**, Division Future Energy and Industry Systems, Wuppertal Institut für Klima, Umwelt, Energie gGmbH, DE
- **Joanne Vinke-de Kruijf**, Department of Civil Engineering and Management, University of Twente, NL

## 6.0 Plans, Budget and capacity for 2020-21

- ANBI –non-profit status in the Netherlands (opportunities) (*Jan*)  
ANBI Status: TIAS now has the same non-profit status in netherlands as in Germany. Jan will donate his fees to TIAS and deduct from his income . It won't be large amounts.
- Budget and outlook into 2021 (*Caroline vB*)  
We had 3098 Eur at the end of 2019. Revenue in 2020 is expected to be €2096, resultng in a small deficit of € 104 which is adequately covered by the surplus in the account with an expected balance of € 2094 at the end of the year.

**The plans and budget are approved by all nine members participating in the December 08 meeting.**

## 7.0 Motions

No motions

## 8.0 Next TIAS AGM meeting and close of meeting

Jan: Good to hear what people are working on and initiating. Take aways: focus on IA principles, involving individuals members in this. Summer schools are a good activity to run.

Marcela: Very good to meet with all you. We have some effective ways of involving young people and our activities are a great way to bring us together.

No date set for the next AGM.