

# The Integrated Assessment Society



## Plans 2024

Prepared by the Executive Board of TIAS  
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### 1. Priorities

*The key priorities of TIAS activities are derived from the overarching goal of linking science with practice, and specifically in bridging theory, methods and practice, and to provide a means of exchange within the community of scientists and practitioners using Integrated Assessment approaches and methods in their work.*

The priorities summarized in this report on plans reflect the interests of TIAS members including Executive, Advisory Board members and other members attending Annual General Meeting in March 2023 and the Executive and Advisory Board meeting in November 2023. These activities include webcasts, workshops/ conference sessions, and working groups on specific themes.

### 2. Prospective and ongoing activities

#### **Webcasts and conference sessions planned**

- **TIAS Webcasts** are led by several members but also non-members. The portfolio of potential webcast themes is regularly reviewed in executive board meetings and by advisory board and in bilateral exchanges with members. Potential presenters and panellists are then identified and contacted. The webcasts are often recorded and made available on the TIAS website ([www.tias-web.info/webinars](http://www.tias-web.info/webinars)).
- **The 20th anniversary of TIAS.** The occasion has been marked with some virtual memories of the evolution of TIAS and developments in our activities. See homepage [www.tias-web.info](http://www.tias-web.info). The art work for the TIAS anniversary documentation by Manuela Rosso-Brugnach has been much appreciated.
- **The TIAS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium on IA** with a focus on water is in the planning and will take place on April 15th in Vienna hosted by Laszlo Pinter at CEU. It is timed to coincide with the EGU conference also taking place that week in Vienna.
- **European Geophysical Union (EGU), April 2024 Vienna- IA and Water availability**, with USGS was accepted but as a result of not reaching the threshold of 20 abstract submissions the session was merged with another and TIAS stepped back to allow our USGS colleagues to remain as co-conveners since they initiated this.
- **iEMs Conference, June 2024, Michigan**, Two sessions on Environmental modelling in the changing assessment landscape and the Grand Challenges of SES Modeling have been accepted.
- **A summer school focused on IA principles, methods, and cases** in Shanghai in association with Tonji University is on hold for now. This is an initiative led by Marion Cheatle and Jan Bakkes.
- **A workshop or webcast on Uncertainty - ambiguity in IAs** is in the planning and continues in 2024 (Marcela Brugnach, Claudia Pahl-Wostl with input by Jan and Bas). A potential focus is water and comparative analysis between Germany and Spain.

### ***IA Principles working group***

A PhD research position is being planned jointly supervised by Utrecht University and Central European University building on the foundation work done by the TIAS working group on IA principles in 2017-2018.

### ***Outreach and Promotion Activities***

#### **Newsletter**

Three newsletters are planned for 2024 depending on timely contributions of feature articles. The next issue to be published in the first half of April will include a feature on *Envisioning transformative futures for water management* by Tom van der Voorn. Features for the two further newsletters are still in the planning. One idea is a newsletter feature is to reflect on the first decade of integrated models (IIASA Meadows, [Groping in the Dark](#) report:

#### **Website**

The website will continue to be updated as needed.

#### **Report Series and other publications**

A report summarizing the *Future of GEO* is still being explored.

## **3. Legal / Administrative Matters**

### ***Roles/Elections***

Elections for the extended executive board (secretary, treasurer, assistant to the exec board) and advisory board are scheduled for December 2024. In the meantime candidates for honorary secretary to replace current secretary, Caroline Lumosi, and for honorary treasurer, Christelle Rocoffort de Vinnière are being sought.

### ***Membership and donations***

TIAS attracts members mainly through the events it runs. Participation in working groups can be effective in recruiting more members and opportunities are being sought. Individual members from larger organisations are encouraged to upgrade to institutional members of TIAS. In addition, donations even small ones can make a significant difference for an organization operating largely with the support of volunteers.