

**DRAFT AGENDA****IANAS WOMEN FOR SCIENCE FOCAL POINTS MEETING**

AUGUST 12th-15th, 2019, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

HOSTED BY THE COLOMBIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

**Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** travel day, arrival

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**Accommodation:** Hotel FJ Boutique Hotel. Carrera 43B No 24A-10, Teusaquillo, Bogotá.**Meeting Venue:** Academia Colombiana de Ciencias Exactas Físicas y Naturales, ACCEFYN[HTTP://WWW.ACCEFYN.ORG.CO](http://www.accefyn.org.co)

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**Local Transportation:** The Academy will pick up participants at the airport to take them to the hotel. Transportation between the Hotel and the Meeting Venue will be provided.**Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** First Day of WfS Meeting

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**9:00 - 9:20 Welcome**

Frances Henry, WfS Co-Chair

Enrique Forero, President of the Colombian Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences

Beatriz Caputto, IANAS Executive Director

**9:20 - 9:30 A report of IANAS Programs advances in 2017-2019; effects of reduced budget**

Jeremy McNeil, IANAS Co-Chair (Zoom)

**9:30 – 9:40 Introduction of New Members**

Ana Denicola, WfS Co-Chair

Presentation: **My life, my science in 5 minutes.** The Women for Science Program is proud of each one of its Focal Points and we think that the best way to welcome our new Focal Points is to hear about their scientific interests and motivations that drove them to take this path.

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Mexico (If present), Brazil: Dr. Marcia Margis, Ecuador Dr. Jenny Ruales, USA Dr. Lucia Rothman

#### 9:40 - 10:10 **Reports from the Academies**

Summary of the most important activities reported by the Focal-points of each Academy, presented by Frances Henry to the IANAS General Assembly in May, 2019

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#### 10:10 – 11:00 **Status of the Projects**

Frances Henry and Ana Denicola

During the last WfS meeting, several activities were planned. This is the current status

a) **Science education:** project on a book on women and science education was proposed. meanwhile IAP put out a call for research grants and an application was made by Frances and Carlos Bosch. Unfortunately, IAP removed this funding opportunity due to its own budget reduction.

b) **Energy:** revised chapter on women and energy was shelved as there was little interest by the original authors.

c) **Food and Nutrition Security:** This book, including our chapter on gender is available on our website. Please download and share your thoughts with us.

<http://www.ianas.org/index.php/books/ianas-publications>

<http://www.ianas.org/index.php/programs/food-and-nutrition-security>

d) **Water Program:** The chapter on women and water was completed. The book itself was published and many Academies created a celebratory event to launch the publication.

<https://www.ianas.org/images/books/wb10.pdf>

#### **Q&A**

Note taker: Carol Gross (US), Gloria Dubner (Argentina)

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#### 11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

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#### 11:30 -13:00 **Status of the Projects (...continue)**

##### **e) The Anneke Levelt Sengers Women for Science Prize**

Ana Denicola, Marcos Cortesao

A very strong competition this year with 13 highly qualified applicants. The judges awarded the prize to the applicant from Colombia Dr. Karina Caballero Gallardo.

Yes, 3 editions of the Prize

first one, the prize was a 6 months-stage at first level university. Candidates from Bolivia, Cuba, Nicaragua, CAS (Caribbean, Dominican Republic, Panama, Colombia, Guatemala, Peru, Costa Rica, Honduras, Venezuela

2012 Awardee - Clarimar Camacho, Chemistry, Central University of Venezuela

second one, the prize was to attend the ABC meeting in Rio, may 2016, but she could not go due to zika virus and pregnancy, remember?

2016: Awardee - Dr. Lianet Monzote from Cuba

third one, again the prize was to attend the ABC meeting. Candidates from Bolivia, Cuba, Nicaragua, CAS (Caribbean, Dominican Republic, Panama, Colombia, Guatemala, Peru, Costa Rica, Honduras, Venezuela and Uruguay

2018: Awardee Karina Caballero Gallardo from Colombia

**2020?**

#### **f) Mentoring Committee**

Frances Henry, Henrietta Raventos,

A revised mentoring plan was put forward and we were to design the webpage, notify social media that we are starting a mentoring program, and hopefully begin to have a few responses. Unfortunately, the financial crisis affected IANAS seriously and with no administrative help we were unable to begin this project. Meantime, \$2000 has been allocated in the new budget for this proposal. **This needs detailed discussion.**

#### **g) Census Updates**

We will discuss the dates for the next census update. We will consider the possibility of starting the update process this November.

#### **Q&A**

Note taker: Henriette Raventós (Costa Rica), Liliana López (Venezuela)

13:00 – 14:00    **Lunch**

14:30 – 15:30    **Visibility of Women Scientists**

**a) Dissemination of IANAS Women for Science:** a website for Facebook was created by Veronica Crespo (Ecuador). However, she left the WfS to continue her research. We need to discuss the future of the Facebook website.

Monica Moraes

**b) Biographies:** Biographies are being collected from academies that did not participate in our earlier project. We need to hear progress reports from Bolivia, Ecuador, Honduras, and Uruguay and plan a strategy for their publication.

## Q&A

Note taker: Carolina Alduvin (Honduras), Carmen Samayoa (Guatemala)

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15:30 – 16:00      **Coffee**

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16:00 – 17:00    **Visibility of Women Scientists (...continue)**

**c) Women Scientists as Entrepreneurs:** This project was initially suggested by Argentina and at this time needs some further discussion. One idea is that we send a letter of invitation to the Presidents of the Academies and their focal points after this meeting. We will suggest that they find articles written by journalists about women scientists who have also been successful as entrepreneurs. Again, nothing further was done on this idea, although one focal point Neela Badrie from the Caribbean did send in a woman entrepreneur biography.

**d) Video Competitions:** Were discussed at our last meeting but no actions have been taken  
Proposed Discussion: We need to discuss this again in Bogota.

With the commitment of the Focal Points, IANAS will invite 2 or 3 Academies every year to conduct a project similar to the one started in Chile and Mexico. The Academies could use one of the Calls implemented by these two countries, but each Academy will have the freedom to operate the project as they feel suitable.

The Academies will be in charge of the selection of the 10 best videos and send them to IANAS for publication on YouTube and other public media.

Pros: a) The Academies have the power to support this project. b) It will give visibility to local scientists c) Provide role models for the new generation c) It will require an effort of follow-up to encourage the Academies and maybe some funds to support the prizes

Cons: The process will be a little bit slower and it will demand full commitment for the Academy and 100%-time attention from the Focal Point

**e) Involving Men in our Efforts:** It was agreed that men should be invited to participate in our activities, and we had begun by inviting the Brazilian president last year. We will continue this tradition by inviting the President of the Colombian Academy

**f) New Business. New Project Ideas:** One major idea is to develop a plan of simple actions that each Academy can take to popularize the importance of women in science: e.g., build a network of women, send a strategy plan for each Academy to start Videos, set up a lecture or information series, etc. and **each focal point has to report back the following year to WfS meeting**

Note taker: Jenny Ruales (Ecuador), Cecilia Hidalgo (Chile)

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17:15 **Adjourn and plans for the following day**

**Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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9:00 - 10:00 Conclusions of Tuesday WfS discussions, especially action-oriented plans

10:00 - 10:15 Videoconference with **Helena Nader**, new IANAS Executive Director

10:15 - 10:45 Presentation of the Colombian Network of Women Scientists (Red Colombiana de Mujeres Científicas, RCMC), **Angela Camacho**

10:45 - 11:15 Panel about main achievements of RCMC **Adriana Paola González, Paola Barato, Myriam Jiménez**

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11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee**

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11:30-12:00 Motivation of girls towards science, **Angela María Rojas**

12:00-12:30 Mentoring program for young women scientists, **Laura Ortiz**

12:30-13:00 Model for empowering for women scientists, **Ana María Aldana**

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13:00 – 14:00    **Lunch**

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14:00-14:30    Public Gender politics, **Imelda Arana**

14:30-15:00    Special research projects: Gender, Environment and Health, **Johanna Herrera**

17:00-20:00    Special Session of the Colombian Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences. This session will be held at a different location, so participants will be transported from the HQ of Academy to that new venue (The Colombian Academy of Language).

**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019: travel day, departure**

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