

International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) and the Ontario Association for Impact Assessment (OAIA), an Affiliate of the IAIA

Memorandum of Understanding on Benefits and Responsibilities

IAIA and OAIA, through friendly discussions and exchanges, have reached the following Memorandum of Understanding that establishes the mutual benefits and responsibilities between the two parties.

Background

IAIA is the leading global authority on the best practice in the use of impact assessment for informed decision making regarding policies, programmes, plans and projects. Through its activities, it provides an international forum for advancing innovation and communication of best practice in all forms of impact assessment to further the development of local, regional and global capacity in impact assessment.

IAIA was founded in 1981 in North America as a non-profit international educational association and today has individual members in 100 nations. It has wide reaching influence on the global scale. However, to further service impact professionals in local and regional areas, IAIA recognizes in its by-laws and encourages the creation of local branches, affiliates and associated organizations which share similar objectives.

It is considered appropriate and necessary for IAIA to confer the status of affiliate on locally focused impact assessment organizations and thereby extend the vision and mission of IAIA efficiently and effectively to impact assessment professionals throughout the world.

OAIA is a Canadian forum for advancing innovation, development and communication of best practice in impact assessment through the exchange of ideas and experiences among its members and with other organizations with compatible interests. It promotes development of local, provincial, national and global capacity for the application of impact assessment in which sound science and full public participation provide a foundation for equitable and sustainable development.

OAIA seeks to

- improve the practice of impact assessment to better meet the needs of the 21st century, particularly with respect to its use as a tool for achieving sustainable development objectives
- develop partnerships with other organizations and institutions involved in impact assessment
- enhance multi-disciplinary cooperation in impact assessment
- expand professional development opportunities for impact assessment practitioners
- contribute, on behalf of members, to public policy discussions related to the role of impact assessment in Ontario and in all of Canada.

IAIA and OAIA pursue similar objectives and wish to ensure co-operation and mutual support.

Details of Cooperation

IAIA and the OAIA Affiliate agree to jointly

- promote and enhance the quality of impact assessment
- promote academic exchange and professional training
- encourage participation in IAIA and affiliate conferences and activities
- exchange the latest information in environmental assessment
- provide hot links to each other's websites

Obligations of Each Party

IAIA will

- provide to OAIA at its mailing address one free subscription of the IAIA newsletter and journal
- provide access to the "members only" section of the IAIA website via an identification number which may be shared with all the OAIA members; this number will be changed on an annual basis and will coincide with the receipt of the annual list of membership and contact information as agreed
- admit members of OAIA to the IAIA annual conference event at the reduced registration fee set for IAIA members
- designate the president of OAIA (or an OAIA nominee) as the IAIA News Network Contributor providing regular OAIA input to the IAIA Newsletter
- list OAIA as a current and functioning affiliate of IAIA on its website and in its Annual Report to the Membership
- designate the president of OAIA (or an OAIA nominee) as a member of the IAIA Affiliates Committee

OAIA will

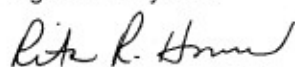
- distribute news from IAIA to its members, including the IAIA call for conference participation
- send one copy of all member communications and publications to IAIA Headquarters
- pay to IAIA, on or about January 1 of each year, an annual fee of \$100 US for use of the IAIA logo and affiliate designation
- nominate an individual from OAIA as the News Network Contributor, who will provide, for inclusion in the IAIA newsletter, items of OAIA news of potential interest to IAIA members
- provide to IAIA, on or about January 1 of each year, a list of OAIA's current members and associated contact information

IAIA is not responsible for the OAIA's operating structure and activities; the OAIA Affiliate operates separately and independently of IAIA. IAIA is not responsible or liable for the actions or activities of OAIA.

Neither IAIA nor OAIA is empowered to make statements regarding professional policies or related issues on behalf of one another without prior agreement.


This Memorandum of Understanding shall continue indefinitely. It may be cancelled or renegotiated by either party, by giving the other party one month's written notice of such cancellation or revision.

Signed for by IAIA



16 January 2004

Signed for the OAIA Affiliate



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