

CAETS/IAP Meeting, Leopoldina Office, Berlin, November 21, 2:00 PM  
Summary Minutes

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Participation CAETS: Baldev Raj, INAE; Bob Pullen, SAAE; Frank Behrendt, acatech; Achiel Van Cauwenberghe, BACAS; William C. Salmon, CAETS.

IAP: Detlev Ganten, Co-chair IAP for Health; Volker ter Meulen, Co-chair IAP for Science; Mohamed Hassen, Co-chair IAP for Science; Peter McGrath, Coordinator IAP.

Background Volker ter Meulen was welcomed to address the CAETS Council at its 4 June 2014 meeting in Beijing ([Sum Min Council Meeting 4June14, agenda item 6](#)). He reviewed recent InterAcademy Council actions to transform the InterAcademy Panel into the InterAcademy Partnership. He invited CAETS to consider joining the new IAP as a fourth major unit which would be devoted to Engineering/Technology. The Council agreed that CAETS leaders would meet with IAP leaders at a mutually agreed date and place. The 21 November 2014 meeting in Berlin was agreed through e-mail exchanges between Meulen and Salmon and the support of acatech and Leopoldina.

Discussion The participants introduced themselves. On behalf of the IAP Volker ter Meulen presented the current concept of the proposed InterAcademy Partnership, a global network of science academies. There are four main sectors of activity: Research; Science; Health; and Engineering/Technology. He believes that advice on significant international issues involving science/health/engineering/technology need the full spectrum of academies involved to gain support for studies and acceptance of the results. A case study for the support of the new IAP was e-mailed to the CAETS participants several weeks prior to this meeting. A list was distributed of 48 topics for potential study submitted by IAP/IAC/IAMP member academies. The IAP Secretariat is located at TWAS in Trieste and receives support from the Italian Government through UNESCO.

An overview of the purposes and activities of CAETS was made by Bill Salmon and copies of "The First 35 Years of CAETS" and CAETS Bylaws were given to all participants. The CAETS team members explained that CAETS, while open to working with IAP on important international issues of mutual interest, would continue its operations and activities and not become legally involved or financially liable for IAP activities. CAETS participation in a study/activity would depend on finding one or more members of CAETS member academies with the appropriate technical expertise willing to participate and with the financial and other resources needed.

After about two hours of discussion the meeting ended with CAETS welcoming from IAP a specific proposal of a study/activity and the arrangements for collaboration. In addition, IAP was invited to be represented at the CAETS Council meeting on 15 October 2015 in New Delhi. IAP also reciprocated with an invitation for participation of CAETS in their Council Meeting.