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TO: IAP for Research Board 2017-2020
FROM: Daya Reddy and Richard Catlow, Co-Chairs, IAP for Research
SUBJECT: Welcome, Secretariat Transition, and 8 February Meeting

Thank you for serving on the IAP for Research (IAP-R) Board for 2017-2020. We appreciate those academies that were able to attend the 13 October meeting in Berlin. Many thanks to our host, the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. In the coming weeks, we will be sending a summary of those discussions and will be asking for your approval of several actions related to IAP-R's legal and financial transition from a Netherlands-based foundation to a U.S.-based non-profit.

In the meantime, we would like to update you on several items.

New Board is Approved

The IAP for Research Board for 2017-2020 was approved by the outgoing Board. The membership is as follows (the five new members are marked with an asterisk):

Regular Academy Voting Members

African Academy of Sciences*, Australian Academy of Science , Brazilian Academy of Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Académie des Sciences (France), German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Indian National Science Academy, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (Italy)*, Science Council of Japan, Royal Scientific Society of Jordan*, Mexican Academy of Sciences, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences*, Nigerian Academy of Science, National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka*, TWAS – The World Academy of Sciences

Ex-Officio Voting Members

InterAcademy Partnership for Health, InterAcademy Partnership for Science, International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences (CAETS)

Non-Voting Board Observers

International Council for Science (ICSU) and U.S. National Academy of Sciences (secretariat host)

New Co-Chairs are Approved

The outgoing Board approved Daya Reddy and Richard Catlow as IAP-R Co-Chairs for 2017-2020. We are very grateful to outgoing Co-Chair Robbert Dijkgraaf for his leadership over the past eight years.

Secretariat Transition

The outgoing Board also approved acceptance of the offer by the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) to provide the IAP-R Secretariat for up to 5 years.

We are happy to announce that Teresa Stoepler will be taking over as Executive Director of IAP-R, replacing Tom Arrison. Teresa's bio sketch is attached. Tom is taking on other responsibilities at NASEM, and is helping with the transition as needed between now and the end of 2017.

8 February 2018 Meeting in London

Finally, given that a number of members of the new Board were not able to join us in Berlin, and that we have been focused on transition issues during this time, we would like to organize a Board meeting early next year that will be focused on IAP-R's substantive priorities and the development of new project ideas. The meeting will be held 8 February 2018 (Thursday) at the Royal Society in London. The meeting would run from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, with a dinner to follow. We will forward additional details in the next few weeks.

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