

Invitation Letter & General Information

IAAS World



Invitation Letter



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Dear all,

We are so glad to be able to send you an invitation to join the largest association of students in agricultural and related sciences in the world. We would like to welcome you to our big family: the familiaAS.

The mission of IAAS is "To promote the exchange of experience, knowledge and ideas, to improve the mutual understanding between students in the field of agricultural and related sciences all over the world".

If you join IAAS and found your own IAAS Committee at your school/university or within your association, all your students/members would be able to benefit from our global projects and independent committees:

- Development Fund
- Village Concept Projects/SocIAAS
- No Food Waste
- Women in Agriculture
- Humans of IAAS
- IAAS Training Committee (ITC)
- Sustainability and Environment Committee (SECO)

You will also get the chance to participate in our Exchange Program (ExPro), which offers the possibility to do internships in agricultural and related sciences all over the world. Our members also have the opportunity to meet students from all over the world at annual events such as the World Congress, Directors Meeting in their region and ExCo Meeting - these events include General Assemblies, workshops, soft-skill trainings, lectures, sightseeing as well as cultural and social activities.

Moreover, you can host or attend an international or regional event hosted by another IAAS committee to see how agriculture and its related sciences are practiced around the globe.

IAAS is also your voice in front of big international organizations. We are invited to discussions and meetings to represent the opinion of agricultural students on an international level with the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization), UNEP (United Nations Environment Program), UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) as well as many other UN-bodies, NGOs and others.

If you are interested in joining IAAS, you should simply fill in the application form and send it to president@iaasworld.org & controlboard@iaasworld.org. After a few days, you will receive an invitation letter from IAAS World Executive & Control Board for a meeting, prepare a PowerPoint presentation for the meeting. After the meeting is held and if your application is approved, you will receive an acceptance letter proving that you are officially accepted as an IAAS Candidate member.

For more information visit our IAAS webpage - www.iaasworld.org.
Welcome to our FamiliaAS!

Farhate Omar
IAAS World President 2020/21





IAAS | More than 10000 members in 50+ countries

IAAS (International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences) is the biggest students' organization in the field of agriculture and related sciences worldwide. IAAS was founded in 1957 and started with only 8 member countries. It grew a lot to the organization it is nowadays with over 50 member countries and about 10.000 students as members.

Our mission

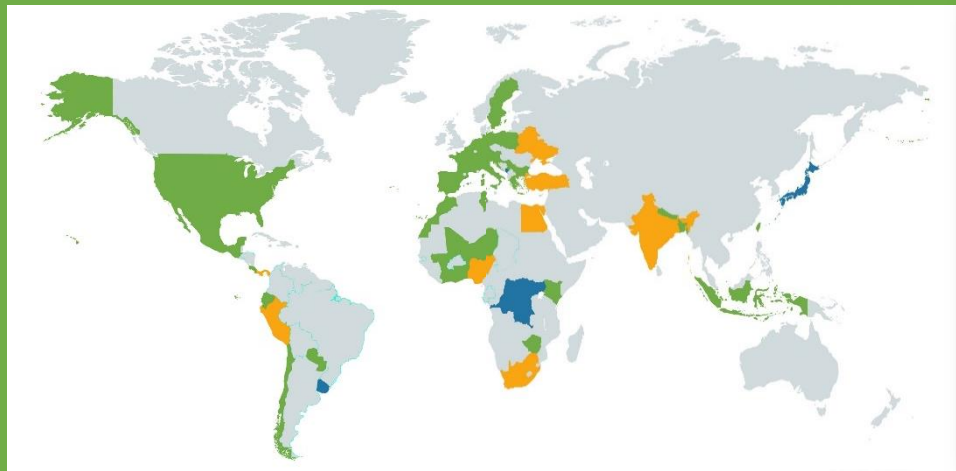
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Our activities

- IAAS provides internships opportunities on farms and organizations for the students and graduates in the agricultural and related sciences.
- IAAS offers an opportunity for fostering exchange of ideas, knowledge and mutual understanding among students in agriculture and related sciences by organizing different activities such as World Congress, Exchange Weeks, International Conference for Youth in Agriculture etc.
- IAAS supports a small-scale development projects (SociAAS) in order to improve the living conditions of a rural community.
- IAAS Training Committee (ITC) empowers IAAS members around the world by organizing educational activities such as soft skill trainings and workshops.
- IAAS launches projects globally on various vital subjects like "No Food Waste" with the goal to inform about reduce food waste.
- IAAS runs several online campaigns on topics related to the association and its mission on its official page of Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.
- IAAS works to ensure the diversity of regions being able to participate and represent their respective country at official events such as the World Congress.
- IAAS puts attention to the 'Women in Agriculture' according to Sustainable Development Goals 05.
- IAAS supports any other activities with appropriate aims arranged by various committees.
- IAAS provides universities the chance to promote their study programs via the IAAS network's "Study Abroad Program" and gives students the chance to find interesting study programs.
- IAAS cooperates with other international student organizations as well as the official representations such as the FAO, UN, EU and the respective partners of the association.
- IAAS encourages its members to create their own projects either in local or national level by allowing them to align with the specific target of Sustainable Development Goals by following the Global Project Guidelines that are provided by the Global Project Coordinators of IAAS

Where are we?

IAAS World headquarters are in the Faculty of bioscience engineering at KU Leuven, in Heverlee, Belgium. Here is the map of all our national committees.



IAAS Membership map



IAAS World Headquarters

Our events

- **The World Congress or WoCo** is an annual event taking place each year in a member country of IAAS. We usually have the general assembly with many elections (new EB/CB, amendments to our constitution...) many activities are also held such as touristic visits, parties, workshops, trainings, farm and field trips etc...

- **ExCo Meeting:** A week - 10 days event includes presentations, GAs, soft-skill trainings and workshops that are all about the exchange program (ExPro). Here we learn how to find new internship places, how to find new interns, how to make the program better. This event also includes visits and parties. From 2014 to 2019 the hosts were: Italy, Spain, Greece, Austria, France & Morocco.

- **Directors Meeting:** This consists of the same program as in the world congress but working specifically on and for the region. The IAAS Regions are: Africa, Asia Pacific, Americas, Europe and Middle East & North Africa, DMs are like a mini-woco since the event lasts about a week and also includes general assemblies, workshops, visits, cultural visits and parties

- **Seminars:** One week events which are more educational and scientific, addressing a certain scientific topic. The event includes a participation fee and is open to all IAAS committees. The event mostly includes visits to farms, factories, institutions as well as lectures/conferences and workshops.

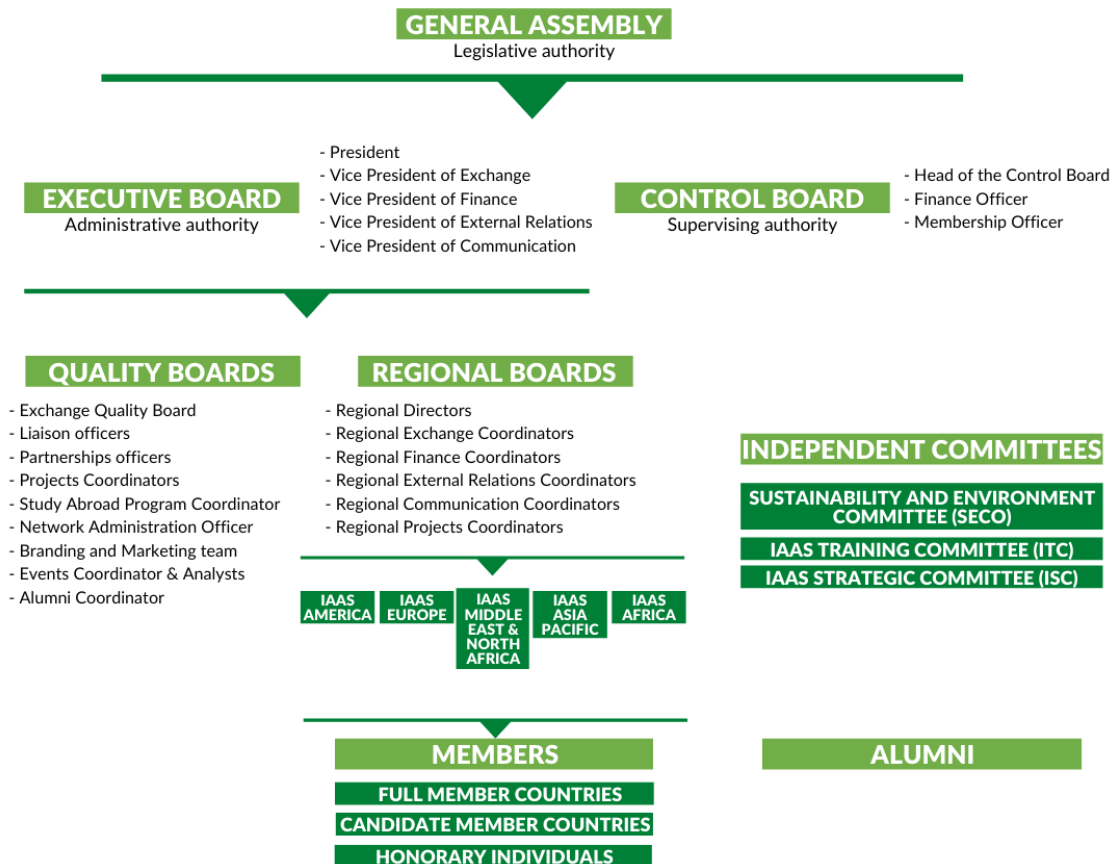
- **International Conference for Youth in Agriculture (ICYA)** is a 4-day, science-oriented event, covering a specific topic (or a set of specific topics). About 100 young international students are invited to join. Its main structure is divided into two parts focusing on: 1. Bringing up new innovative projects, ideas, youth movements. 2. Creating statements and expressing the voice of students on particular topics. 3. Fostering and facilitating the debate and dialogue between students from all over the world. 4. Giving the opportunity to every student to apply and participate in the Conference regardless whether he/she is a member of IAAS or not. 5. Collaborating with new partners/sponsors, universities and NGOs. Participants are internationally active young leaders



- **Exchange Weeks:** Inviting members of IAAS Committees to your country, they don't have to pay a fee and they later invite your committee members back to their exchange week. ExWeeks are another way to learn about another culture and gain knowledge about a specific topic in agriculture or related sciences, ExWeeks are a good opportunity to enjoy the time, have a lot of fun and party!
- **Training events:** Unlock your full potential through different training events! The ITC (IAAS Training Committee) can deliver workshops and trainings on any of your local, national or international events. Furthermore, your committee can host longer training events like a TNT (training new trainers) where members learn everything necessary to become extraordinary trainers themselves.

- **Motivational Weekends:** A weekend with a lot of fun activities surrounding agriculture provides a great source of motivation for our IAAS members. The weekend might also include Friday and/or Monday. Can be either local, national or international and can take several formats.
- **Local events:** They can take various formats such as:
 - Team Building activities could be games, walks, talks, or even a dinner together to help the members get to know each other better, build a stronger bond, and stay motivated.
 - Planting activities.
 - Blood donation.
 - Companies and/or farms visits
 - Breakfast actions or fundraising events
 - Recruiting ceremony to invite new students to join your IAAS Committee

Organizational chart of IAAS



How to join IAAS?

Click on the following link and follow the steps: <http://bit.ly/welcometoiaas>

Step 1: Get to know IAAS

The link provided above contains several resources about IAAS.

Step 2: Create a team

If there is no IAAS committee already established in your country, the next step is to create a new national committee, you will be then representing your whole country if you get accepted!

If another university from your country has an IAAS committee, you will join as a local committee from your country, and with the other local committee(s) you form a national committee.

Structure of the team:

Each local committee should have at least the 3 following positions:

- 1/ a Local Director (president of the local committee)
- 2/ a Local Exchange Coordinator (responsible for exchanges)
- 3/ a Local Treasurer (responsible for finances)

A local committee can also have the following positions:

- A local Secretary
- Vice President of Projects
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President of Communication
- Vice President of Partnership

Note: When there is only one local committee per country, the committee is a national committee and has a National Director (ND), a National Treasurer (NT), a National Exchange Coordinator (NExCo)... When there is more than one local committee in a country, the National Board (ND, NExCo, NT...) is elected amongst the members of all the local committees.

Step 3: Get in contact with IAAS World

Contact list is provided on the link above

Step 4: Apply as a candidate member

Applying to join IAAS means you join as a candidate member, after a maximum period of 2 years, you will have to extend your membership to 'Full Member'.

Application process:

- 1- Read this invitation letter
- 2- Fill in the application form (found in the same link above)
- 3- Send the Application Form to president@iaasworld.org and controlboard@iaasworld.org in word and pdf formats
- 4- After a few days, you will receive an invitation from the IAAS World EB/CB for a meeting
- 5- Prepare a short PowerPoint presentation explaining your team structure, motivation and plans.
- 6- Meet with IAAS World EB/CB
- 7- After review from IAAS World EB and CB, you will be notified regarding the status of your application

The whole application process usually does not take longer than one month.

If you have more questions don't hesitate to reach out to:
president@iaasworld.org or controlboard@iaasworld.org

