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NOTIFICATION

Subject: MoU with the Panamanian Association of Public Interest, Estación Científica (COIBA-AIP)

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the IAI Directorate and the Panamanian Association of Public Interest, Estación Científica (COIBA-AIP), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation and exchange of information between their scientific communities in the Americas.

The COIBA-AIP is instrumental in advancing the state strategy on science, technology, and innovation, spearheaded by the Panamanian National Secretariat of Science, Technology, and Innovation (SENACYT). COIBA-AIP and the IAI share common objectives in pursuing international cooperation and the complete and open exchange of scientific information relevant to global change. They also recognize the necessity to generate scientific information through a transdisciplinary and comprehensive approach that can inform global change mitigation and adaptation efforts and contribute to policy decisions.

The full text of the MoU is available at: https://www.iai.int/en/structure/institutional_documents.

The first implementation activity of the MoU is already underway through the organization in collaboration with SENACYT, COIBA, and the IAI Directorate, of the second Science Diplomacy workshop, which will seek to promote a Science Diplomacy and Estuaries project considering COIBA as the main case study.

The IAI Directorate hopes that this MoU will provide IAI Parties with greater capacity to meet the objectives in Article II of the *Agreement establishing the IAI*.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Anna Stewart Ibarra
Executive Director