



Dear IABS Members,

We hope that all is well with you at the start of this New Year! May it be a Happy, Healthy and Successful one for you.

It's time to renew your membership in IABS which you may do via this link:

<http://membership.iabs.org/login.php>. Alternatively, you may use the form attached to this e-mail. Please return the form to: abbie.charlet@iabs.org

At the start of this New Year, we would like to solicit your interest in joining the recently established IABS Communication Committee. This solicitation is an action item from the November 2016 Board meeting whereby any interested IABS member in good standing could be nominated to join the Committee. Background on the Committee's formulation and mission are included here:

In June 2016, the IABS Board of Directors established a Communication Committee at the 186th Board meeting in Lyon, France. The remit of this Committee is to provide recommendations to the Board regarding several aspects of communication and information sharing related to the mission of the organization and the activities of the Scientific Committees. In accord with the Appendix 1 Section 3 of the newly-adopted IABS Constitution, the Committee began work on the following areas:

- *Establishing a Publications Committee that shall be responsible for all publication activity.*
- *Coordinating the mailing of information to be published on the website*
- *Keeping contacts with selected organizations active.*

If you are interested in joining this Committee, send an e-mail expressing your interest to the current Committee Chair, Rick Hill (arhill@iastate.edu) by February 28, 2017. Nominations for others (including non-members) that may be interested joining IABS and serving on the Committee are also welcome.

I believe that the future of IABS is very positive with all the various and interesting initiatives you all take in your different domains and positions. Strengthening the Alliance's outreach through an active Communication Committee will help support our mission and I am hoping you will volunteer to lend your efforts to this initiative.

With my best wishes for the New Year,

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