



June 9, 2015

**Dear IASS members,**

We now have the results of the elections for new officers. We elected a new President-Elect, two new Vice-Presidents and a new Scientific Secretary for the years 2015-2017, and 6 new Council Members for the years 2015-2019. The new officers will start their term after the 2015 WSC in Rio de Janeiro. The election process was open to all IASS members.

On the closing date of May 12, 2015, a total of **366 out of 443 members casted their votes**, which amounts to a response rate of **82.6 %**, a remarkable response rate given that this is a voluntary survey. **Thank you all** for participating in the election process and casting your votes. There were no election surveys taken during the week before the closing date, and no exit polls!! We did it the old way.

The votes were counted by Gerrit J. Stemerding, an ISI elected member who works as a volunteer at the ISI Permanent Office. I know that by now you are very eager to see the results, so here they are:

- Elected for *President-Elect 2015-2017*: **Peter Lynn**
- Elected for *Vice-President 2015-2017*: **Monica Pratesi** and **Imbi Traat**
- Elected for *Scientific Secretary 2015-2017*:
  - There were two candidates for this post, the outcome is: **Denise Silva**
- Elected for *Council Members 2015-2019*: **Hukum Chandra, Maria Giovanna Ranalli, Timo Schmid, David Steel, Ineke Stoop** and **Nikos Tzavidis**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the new elected officers and many thanks to all those who agreed to stand for election and didn't make it this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the nomination committee; **Jean Opsomer** (Head), **Ray Chambers, Mike Brick, Jack Gambino, Risto Lehtonen** and **Daniela Cocchi**. You did a marvelous job in assembling such a wonderful group of candidates.

Finally, I would like to thank all the outgoing officers, **Geoff Lee, Jairo Arrow, Mick Couper, Christine Bycroft, Ka-Lin Chan, Olivier Dupriez, Natalie Shlomo, Marcel Vieira**, and **Alvaro Villalobos**. You all contributed a lot in running the IASS activities and it was a pleasure working with you.

I hope to meet you all in Rio.

Have a great summer,  
Danny Pfeffermann