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International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)

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VP for Western Europe



Overview

History:	founded in 1930, preparations dating back to 1910
Nature:	international association under Belgian law
Area of action:	originally European, now global
Purpose:	promotion of “administrative sciences” (“public administration”; “good government/governance”; “deliberative government”)
Main ideas:	(i) cooperation of practitioners (bureaucracy) with academia (ii) global exchange of views (also with States/ systems not adhering to the Western model of democracy)



Members

- Member States (currently 30)
- International Organizations/other subjects of international law (currently: Holy See)
- “National Sections” = national associations (practitioners & academia)
- “Corporates” (residual category)



Structure & Organization (Overview)

- General Assembly (assembly of all categories of members)
- Presidents & Council of Administration
- Programme and Research Advisory Committee (PRAC)
- Financial Committee
- Specialized (Scientific) Entities
- Secretariate (Director General & Staff; Brussels)



Organization (detailed information) I

Council of Administration (three years' term of office; renewable once):

- President
- Host Country Vice-President (Belgium)
- Eight Regional Vice-Presidents: Africa, East-Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Northern America, South-Asia and the Pacific, Middle East, Western Europe
- Additional members (up to 20)



Organization (detailed information) IIa

Specialized (Scientific) Entities I

- IASIA International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (global; established the “International Commission on the Accreditation of Public Administration and Training Programs” = ICAPA)
- AGPA Asian Group for Public Administration (continental)
- LAGPA Latin American Group for Public Administration (continental)
- EGPA European Group for Public Administration (continental)



Organization (detailed information) IIb

Specialized (Scientific) Entities II: EGPA continued

- partner of “The Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe” = NISPAcee;
- together with NISPAcee
 - holder of the “European Association for Public Administration Accreditation” (EAPAA)
 - organizer of the “Trans European Dialogues” (TED)
- together with “The Middle East and North Africa Public Administration Research Network” (MENAPAR) organizer of the “Euro-MENA Dialogue”
- together with the “American Society of Public Administration” (ASPA) organizer of the “Transatlantic Dialogues” (TAD)



Organization (detailed information) III

Publication Activities

- International Review of Administrative Sciences (IRAS)
- Palgrave MacMillan governance and public management series
- Developments in Administration
- IIAS Public Governance Series



Organization (detailed information) IV

Political Advisory Function

- Since 1947 Special Consultative Status at UN ECOSOC
- Since 2013 General Consultative Status at UN ECOSOC



2022 Conferences

- IIAS-EUROMENA 2022 Rome Conference “Next Generation Governance and Young Global Public Administration” (27 June - 1 July)
- IASIA 2022 Rabat Conference “Implementing and Promoting Effective Governance Principles To Leave No One, No Place Behind” (25 - 29 July)
- EGPA 2022 Lisbon Conference “Public Administration for the Sustainable Future of our Societies” (6 - 9 September)
- LAGPA 2022 Barranquilla Conference (5 - 7 October)



2023 Conferences

- IIAS - School of Economics, Administration and Public Policy (SEAPP) 2023 Doha Conference “Developmental States and Professionalization of Public Administration and Public Policy” (6 - 9 February)
- IASIA 2023 Manila Conference “Building Better Futures of Governance towards Achieving the SDGs in a VUCA World” (31 July – 4 August)
- EGPA 2023 Zagreb Conference “Steering the European Union through poly-crises storms: The Role of Public Administration” (5 - 8 September)



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Prospect: IIAS Conference 2024

IIAS-Kenya School of Government (KSG) 2024 Mombasa
Conference “International Collaborative Governance”
(26 - 29 February)



Common ground of IIAS/CoR (CDDG)/areas of cooperation

- Historically: *René Cassin*
- Thematically: “deliberative government/democracy”
based on empirical research & rational argumentation
rather than on purely irrational will
- Instruments:
 - (i) global academic network (“Specialized Scientific Entities”)
 - (ii) global impact (“ECOSOC”)



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