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MEMBERSHIP OF THE IPCC BUREAU AND THE TASK FORCE BUREAU

(Submitted by the Secretariat)

Proposal from Venezuela to replace Bureau member Dr. Maria Martelo with Dr. Miriam Diaz

The Panel at its 26th Session held on 4 May 2007 considered a proposal by the Government of Venezuela to replace Bureau member Dr. Maria Martelo with Dr. Miriam Diaz (IPCC-XXVI/Doc.10). Some delegates requested additional information about the reason for that replacement, and therefore the Panel agreed to postpone the decision on the proposal.

As a follow up, the Secretary of the IPCC sent on 6 June 2007 a letter to the focal point of Venezuela, seeking clarification about the reason for the proposed replacement (**Annex 1**).

In its letter of 15 June 2007 the Venezuelan Focal Point informed the IPCC Secretariat that “Dr. Maria Martelo decided by herself to quit her working relationship with this Ministry by personal reasons, on January 2006.” (**Annex 2**).

The “Rules of Procedures for the Election of the IPCC Bureau” adopted by the Panel at its 25th Session on 26-28 April 2006, provide procedural basis for this replacement. According to Rule 12, Dr. Diaz has been an acting member of the Bureau since she was nominated by the Government of Venezuela on 5 March 2007. An acting member is to be elected by the Panel by simple majority as a member of the Bureau for the remainder of the term of the Bureau. In accordance with Rule 19, which requires relevant scientific, technological and social-economic expertise of nominees, the Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Miriam Diaz is attached for consideration (**Annex 3**).

The Panel is invited to consider again the proposal for replacement of the Bureau member from Venezuela, taking into consideration additional information provided by the Government of Venezuela.

Annex 1: Letter from Secretary of IPCC to Government of Venezuela (6 June 2007)

Annex 2: Letter from Government of Venezuela to IPCC Secretariat (15 June 2007)

Annex 3: Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Miriam Diaz

No. 6942-07IPCC/BUR

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Geneva, 6 June 2007

Dear Ms. Hernandez,

I am referring to your correspondence with my office concerning membership in the IPCC Bureau and thank you for your prompt response. I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that a careful search of our files has revealed that unfortunately we never received your fax of 13 April 2005, reference number 154.

The Panel at its 26th Session on 4 May 2007 considered your government's proposal to replace Ms. Maria Martelo with Ms. Miriam Diaz as member of the IPCC. During the Panel considerations the question was raised why Ms. Martelo is unable to complete her term of office and the Panel asked the IPCC Secretariat to seek further information consistent with the conditions set in Rule 12 of the Election Procedures, which read:

"If a member of the IPCC Bureau or any Task Force Bureau, other than the IPCC Chair, resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, a representative of the same Member of the IPCC, with relevant expertise, is to be nominated by that Member of the IPCC..."

I would appreciate it if you could provide this additional information requested by the Panel, to allow me to submit it together with your original proposal to the Panel for consideration at its 27th Session, which will be held from 12 to 17 November 2007. Until that Session Ms. Diaz will continue to be acting member of the IPCC Bureau and will receive invitations to Sessions of the IPCC and the IPCC Bureau, as well as other relevant correspondence and financial support.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request, and allow me to express my sincere appreciation for your government's continued interest in and support for the IPCC.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary of the IPCC



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Dear Mr Liu,

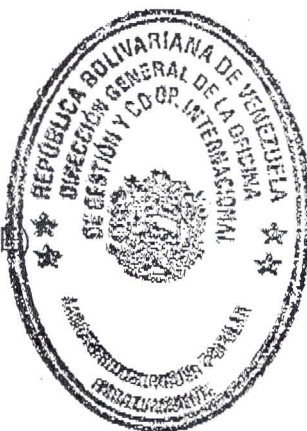
Hereby, I provide Curriculum Vitae of Miriam Díaz in English Version, in order to help the panel in any purpose or decision making, rules and internal procedures in which this information may be required in accordance with your letter No. 6832-07IPCC/BUR dated in Geneva, 30 March 2006.

In addition, I approach this opportunity to inform you that Dr. Maria Martelo decided by herself to quit her working relationship with this Ministry by personal reasons, on January 2006.

With assurance of my highest regards,

Heidy Louzon
Ms. Lisett Hernandez

Directora General de la Oficina de
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Anexo: Curriculum Vitae de Miriam Díaz

Gestión ambiental compartida
"2007 Año Internacional de la Capa de Ozono"

CURRICULUM VITAE***Miriam Díaz*****A. Professional Training:**

- Ph.D. Tropical Ecology. University of Cambridge (1999). Dissertation: Phenology and ecophysiology of very dry forest trees: responses to pulses of rainfall and irrigation.
- MSc. In Biology Ecophysiology. Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas (IVIC) (Caracas, Venezuela, 1984). Thesis: Physioecological studies of Cactaceae in natural Conditions.
- Bachelor of Sciences in Botany. University of Florida (Gainesville, USA, 1979) Thesis responses of aquatic plants to increment of temperature and CO₂ concentrations.

B. Appointments:**Universidad Nacional Experimental Francisco de Miranda**

Full Professor	2002 to date	
Associate professor	1994 to 2001.	
Aggregated professor	1989-1994.	
Assistant professor	1984-1989.	
Lecturer	1980-1984	
Director of the Center for Ecology and Arid Lands		1984 – 1990, and 2003 to date
Chairperson of the Plant Ecophysiology Laboratory		January 1981 to present.
Visiting Fellow. Harvard University	2001-2002	
Cisneros Fellow, David Rockefeller Center	Boston 2002	

Distinctions:

2005. Regional Price for scientific achievements. 2004 Tulio Arends Price for best scientific publications

2001. First Class. Government of Falcon State Order Juan Crisostomo Falcon. First class

2001: Presidency of The Venezuelan Republic Order “Work Merit” Gold Class

1998 National council for academics development (CONADE). **Outstanding Professor**

1996 National council for academics Benefits (CONABA).). **Higher Merit Professor**

1992 to present (12 times in consecutive years): National council of Sciences and Technology (CONICIT) – National Foundation for the promotion of researchers (PPI level 1).

1990: CONICIT- National Foundation for the promotion of researchers (PPI candidate).

1990: Presidency of Venezuela Order "Francisco de Miranda", Scientific achievements Second class.

1991: Elected Member of Cambridge Philosophical Society

1985: Distinctive University Researcher. Universidad Francisco de Miranda.

1974: Second price youth Festival of Sciences Planetario Humboldt. Caracas Venezuela

C. Most Relevant Scientific Publications:

1. Edwards E and **Diaz M** (2006). Ecophysiology of *Pereskia guamacho*: a cactus with leaves. **Plant Cell and Environment** Volume 29 (2) 247-256
2. **Diaz M** and Granadillo E. (2005). The significance of episodic rains for reproductive phenology and productivity in trees in semiarid regions of northwestern Venezuela. **Trees** 19: 336-348.
3. **Diaz M.** (2003) El Programa Agave: Ciencia Tecnología al servicio del hombre de las zonas áridas. Edic. Fundacite. Falcón pp23.
4. **Diaz M.** y otros (2001). El Problema de la desertificación en Venezuela. Primer informe Nacional sobre desertificación.
5. **Diaz M** (2001). Ecología Experimental y Ecofisiología: Bases para el uso sostenible de los recursos naturales en zonas aridas neo-tropicales. **Interciencia**. 26:472-478
6. Musset S & **Diaz M.** (2001) Crecimiento del *Agave cocui* Trelease, en asociación con *Erythrina velutina* willd, en un sistema agroforestal simultaneo en zonas semiaridas. **Croizatia** 2. 6-18
7. **Diaz M**, Haag-Kerwer A, Wingfield R, Ball E, Olivares E, Grams T E E, Ziegler H, Lüttge U (1996) Relationship between carbon and hydrogen isotope ratios and nitrogen levels in leaves of *Clusia* species and two genera of Clusiaceae at different altitudes in Venezuela. **Trees** 10:351-358.
8. **Diaz M** (1994) The Ecophysiological Responses of Arid Land Plants to Seasonal and Interannual Climate Variability: A Tool for Decision-Making Process In Sustained Agricultural Activities For The Dry Tropics. **NOAA-ENSO Workshop proceedings**. Pp. 78-80.
9. **Diaz M** (1991) Plant Physiological Ecology and The Development of Alternative Crops for Tropical Arid Land. In Hassam M. (Comp.) The role of women in the development of sciences and technology in the third world. ICTP-TWAS Edic. Trieste Italy .PP. 1826-1829.
10. **Diaz M**, Ball E. Lüttge U 1990 Stres-Induced Accumulation of The Xanthophyll Rhodoxanthin in Leaves of *Aloe vera*. **Plant physiology and biochemistry**. 28 (6), pp. 679-682.

11. Winter K, Lesch M. and **Díaz M** (1990) Changes in xanthophyll cycle components and in fluorescence yield in leaves of a Crassulacean acid metabolism plant *Clusia Rosea* Jacq. Trough A 12 Hour photoperiod of constant irradiance. **Planta** 182:181-185.
12. Adams W. **Díaz M.** Winter K. (1989) Diurnal changes In non-radiant energy dissipation, photosynthetic efficiency and reduced state of Q in response to natural High Light In Northern. **Oecologia Berl.** 80:553-561.
13. Alarcón C **Díaz M.**(1993) Relaciones hídricas y nutricionales de *Prosopis juliflora* en las zonas semi-áridas al Norte de Venezuela. **Biología Tropical** 45:111-116.
14. Medina E, Cram W S , Lee H.S.J., Lüttge U, Popp M., Smith J.A.C., **Díaz M.** (1989) Ecophysiology of xerophytic and halophytic vegetation of a coastal alluvial plain In Northern Venezuela **New Phytologist** 111: 233-243.
15. Popp M. Kramer D. Lec H. **Díaz M.** Ziegler H. Lüttge U. (1987) Crassulacean acid metabolism In tropical dicotyledonous trees of the Genus *Clusia*. **Trees** 1:238-247.

Most Relevant Divulgative Publications:

D. Synergistic Activities

- Director of CIEZA (Center for Research in Ecology and Arid Lands). Universidad Francisco de Miranda. 1986-1990, and from 2004 to present.
- Focal point for The Net work of Institutions fighting Desertification. 2004 to present
- President of the Falcon Institute for conservation and sustainable development of arid and coastal zones "Instituto Falconiano para el Desarrollo Sustentable de las Zonas Áridas y Costeras (INFALCOSTA)". 1995 to present
- Director of the Montecano Biological Reserve. Venezuela, 1984–1987, 1995- 2007
- Director of the workshop "**Reconstruction of the environmental changes in north-western South America. Falcón: A reference point for the prediction of global changes.**" A multinational and multi institutional effort (DIEU, Boston University, TWAS, ICTP, CONICIT, FUNDACITE Falcón) Coro. Venezuela, December 1991.
- Secretary general of the Venezuelan Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AsoVAC Capitulo Falcón, 1986-1988.)
- Member of the national technical committee for environmental sciences (CONICIT), June 1988-1990 and 2000 to present
- Member of the National Science committee for Biological sciences (CONICIT), June 1985-1988.
- Member of the editorial board of Acta Científica Venezolana, 1987 - 1990.

- Chairperson for the committee for creation and organization of the institute for research and development of tropical arid lands (IIDEZAT) March 1987 - October 1991.
- Chair of the botanical under-utilized resources association (PIRB), 1987.
- Founder Member of the Third World Organization for Women in Sciences. Italy 1987-1990

E. Collaborators and Other Affiliations

- (i) Collaborators: F.El-Baz. (Boston University), N Holbrook (Harvard University-USA), E. Edwards (Yale-USA);, U.Lutgue (Un. Darmstadt-Germany), K. Winter (Smithsonian research Institute), P. Lagos (NOAA-USA and Peru), W. Adams (Wuezburg- Germany), M. Popp (Uni. Wien), E. Ball, E. Medina (IVIC-Venezuela), P.G Grubb (U. of Cambridge-England), A. Herrera (UCV, Venezuela), Leon Croizat (Venezuela), Abdus Salam and Mohamed Hassam (TWAS, Trieste Italy)
- (ii) Graduate and postdoctoral advisors: E. Medina (IVIC), E. Tanner (University of Cambridge), P. Grubb (University of Cambridge)
- (iii) Graduate students: Alarcón Clara, Arellys Muñoz, Aurymary Peña, Enildeth Gotopo, Sonia Mussett, Eliana Reyes, Edjuly Marquez.

Additional and Relevant Information

Miriam Diaz participated actively in the creation and recognition of several institutions and programs related to environment at national and international level, among others: the Third World Association for Women in Sciences, the Inter American institute for environmental changes, the UN Convention to combat desertification, the Venezuelan chapter of RIOD (International net work of non governmental organizations to combat desertification). She also has been a pioneer researcher in alternatives crops and production system to ameliorate the impacts of desertification and climate changes. In 1991 organized in Coro Venezuela the first workshop on global climate changes. Has given more than 50 conferences about desertification and about global climate changes. Has collaborated with the Ministerio el Ambiente in Venezuela as a technical advisor on Desertification since 1996. And currently is the leader in Venezuela of the WAFLA Project (Water sustainable management trough agro forestry in Latin America) financed by the European Union and where 16 countries are involed.

More information <http://www.wafla.com/>, www.unefm.edu.ve