

Revised AGAP Motion for the IAAP Meeting of Delegates, 2019

Motion 1.1: Principle

Be it resolved: Climate change due to anthropogenic carbon emissions is real, and flights for IAAP business and events are by far the greatest direct contribution from IAAP activities. We have been advised that a centrally organised initiative for carbon offsetting is invariably more effective than are voluntary individual actions. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the IAAP to facilitate the offset of flight carbon emissions via a reputable provider. We accept *myclimate* as the Gold Standard verified carbon offset provider recommended by AGAP and the IAAP. See: <https://www.myclimate.org>

If the foregoing principle is approved, then move to Motion 1.2.

Motion 1.2: Implementation

Be it resolved that:

- a) Carbon offsetting via *myclimate* applies for all business flights that are paid for or reimbursed by the IAAP. The cost is covered by the IAAP budget, with no membership dues increase.
- b) Carbon offsetting via *myclimate* for all personal flights connected with IAAP events is covered by an automatic surcharge in the event registration fees.¹ The event-specific surcharge is based on the organisers' best estimate of the average flight emissions per attendee.² The collected surcharges are remitted to *myclimate* by the IAAP or other event organiser, who, however, provides for individual exemptions or refunds as follow:
 - i) Attendees who reside in the host country or state³ of the event are exempted at registration from the surcharge.
 - ii) Attendees who provide evidence of individual carbon offsetting via *myclimate* or another Gold Standard provider, or evidence of non-flight travel (e.g. train or coach) are refunded at the event.
- c) For IAAP-paid or reimbursed flights, the Executive Committee (EC) monitors compliance with the carbon offsetting as well as its costs and accuracy. The event organisers do the same for

flights connected with IAAP events. The EC oversees all monitoring and reports the results to the membership at each triennial Meeting of Delegates at the latest.

- d) This Resolution in its entirety takes effect as soon as possible, but no later than the time of the next IAAP event for which registration procedures have not yet been established.

Rationale

This revised motion addresses as many as possible of the reasonable concerns that were raised at the February 2019 Council of Societies meeting. It offers a compromise, which better considers the complexities of the IAAP constituency, and thus more fairly spreads the costs of carbon offsetting. In particular:

- The carbon offset for IAAP-paid business flights comes at no additional expense to our collective but diversifies the ways in which our dues are put to work for the cause of collective concerns. In addition, the proposed approach is expected to very specifically match the business flight emissions.
- Surcharges for event attendance shift the responsibility for carbon offset from our collective to the attending individuals. This approach more accurately matches total flight emissions and avoids the subsidising of event attendees by IAAP Groups and their non-attending members. It especially benefits low-income individuals and Group Members in low-income countries.
- Consciousness is raised through the incentives for individual action—i.e., the options for exempted and refunded surcharges (b.i-ii)—and through negotiation with event co-hosts (Footnote 1).
- Finally, an IAAP-specific model is offered, which Group Members can adapt for their own purposes without double-charging their individual members. (The original AGAP motion, overwhelmingly approved last year by AGAP members, is a comparatively blunt instrument, which may be revised in the future.)

¹ "IAAP events" refers to all congresses and conferences which are sponsored, hosted, and/or co-sponsored or co-hosted by the IAAP. For events co-sponsored or co-hosted with other organisations, the IAAP organisers shall agree which organisation is responsible (normally whichever is responsible for registration and billing).

² Fixed percentage of the applicable registration fee for the whole event irrespective of length of attendance.

³ If the host country is a large one where travel distances between states, cities, or other jurisdictions are greater than those in smaller countries (e.g. the USA, Canada, Australia, Russia, China, Brazil).