Policy Statement

ICA is a complex international organisation pursuing a variety of goals in a permanently changing political and professional context. Solid financing of ICA’s activities is a must and decisive for the quality of its output and outcome. Particularly after the finance crisis, careful reviewing of resources and risk management is essential, as current plans and projects may have been affected by these recent developments: Budget cuts might become more widespread as we would like it to happen. Therefore, careful budgeting will remain necessary but creative ideas and risk-taking will be needed to improve the financial conditions. As Vice-President Finance of ICA I would see it as my main duty to overview and control the regular income, the economical expenses as well as the long-term oriented investments in order to contribute to an active present and a stable future of ICA and to ensure good governance and compliance of ICA and to contribute to transparency.

Finance management is a support function: Goals and activities have to be determined by ICA’s constitution, mission and business plan. It is up to the steering bodies (Annual General Meeting, Executive Board) not to a Vice-President Finance to determine the annual and mid-term activities of the organisation. However, to achieve defined aims and to succeed in business demands they have to be in balance with a given financial frame or the adaption of the financial frame will be necessary. In my view it is better to focus on few(er) specific action areas than trying to accomplish many things at the same time and thereby running the risk to succeed only partially. Therefore, as Vice-President Finance I would see my function in guarding this balance between the realisable and the desirable.

Finance management is a key function for all organisations and a challenging task. As it provides deep insight in all kinds of affairs, the Vice-president Finance needs the trust of all members of ICA. I would appreciate it very much to if I enjoy your confidence and you provide me the opportunity to assume the responsibility for the ICA’s finances.

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