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Para: Maria Cristina Pineda de Carias
CC: Vivien; WilliamsR
Asunto: RE: Central America National Membership Dues
(1997, 1998,1999,2000, 2001)

Dear Dr. Pineda de Carias,
thank you for your message of 27 June.

Please let me inform you of the decision of the IAU Executive Committee in its recent meeting. After much thought and discussion it has been decided to abolish Collective National Membership of the IAU entirely, as of the IAU XXVII GA in August 2009.

This implies that the IAU Secretariat is prepared to return to the CAAA the CHF 7572.- which we received at the end of 2007.

We realize that this may come as a disappointment to you, but we are convinced that in the end the abolishment of Collective National Membership is fair and beneficial to all National Members of the IAU.

All six member states of the CAAA (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama) are encouraged to apply for IAU National Membership individually. Instructions are given on the IAU web page <<http://www.iau.org/administration/membership/national/qualification/>>. Presently, countries can apply for Regular National Membership or Interim National Membership. The latter requires dues payment of one half of a dues-unit, i.e. CHF 1900 per year on the scale of 2008.

Should all six CAAA member states decide to apply this year for IAU Interim National Membership, to become effective at the IAU XXVII General Assembly in August 2009, then I am prepared to consider the payment of CHF 7572.- (done by the CAAA at the end of 2007) as dues payment by Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama for the year 2010.

The IAU welcomes applications for IAU National Membership.
Deadline for Letters-of-Intent: 1 September 2008.
Deadline for Applications: 1 December 2008.

Best regards,
Karel A. van der Hucht

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Dear Dr. van der Hucht:

This is to inform you that, from July 7 to July 11, in San Jose, Costa Rica, will be the XII Central America Course on Astronomy and Astrophysics (<http://www.curcaa.fisica.ucr.ac.cr/>).

Further to your message of December (see below) and the EC84 meeting of May that you mentioned, I would like to find out what is the Central America situation; if it were possible written in a formal letter.

At the Costa Rica meeting will attend representatives of all of the Central America countries.

For this event I would like to present an updated scenario for our region, for each country, in order to be ready and participate more actively for the 2009 events (IYA and IAUGA). Willing to hear from you.

Best Regards.
Maria Cristina

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CC: Cesarsky; 'iau'; WilliamsR

Asunto: RE: Central America National Membership Dues (1997, 1998,1999, 2000, 2001)

Dear Dr. Maria Cristina Pineda de Carias,

Thank you for your message of 20 December 2007, in response to my message to you of 19 October 2007.

I am pleased to learn that the CAAA has paid its dues to IAU for the years 1997 - 2001. This implies that the CAAA is no longer suspended as IAU National Member and resumes its National Membership of the IAU. I will propose to the upcoming

IAU Officers' Meeting to recommend formalization of the CAAA
National Membership of the IAU in the EC84 meeting, May 2008.

With my best wishes of the Season,
sincerely,

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Re: Dr. Karel A. van der Hucht letter of 19 October, 2007. Dear Sir(s):

This is to inform you that, on behalf of the Central America Assembly of Astronomers (CAAA), and under our obligation to pay past dues to the IAU over the years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001, I sent to the IAU Bank Account (as Mme. Monique Léger-Orine indicated to me) the amount of CHF7572.

We want to thank to the IAU Executive Committee for the wise solution found to solve this Central America financial problem. We appreciate very much the collaboration and advises received from Dr. Robert Williams, Dr. Larry Marschall, Dr. Ed Guinan and Dr. Silvia Torres.

With the local collaboration of each of the Science and Technology Organisms and that of the Central America and Panama Commission for Science and Technology, we look forward to organize professional cores of Astronomers in each of the Central America countries responsible, not only for development of the Astronomy within the region, but also to actively collaborate with the International Astronomical Union.

Yours Sincerely

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