

RESOLUTION No. 543

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE IABA TO THE
GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE TROPICAL AGRICULTURE
RESEARCH AND HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER (CATIE)**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Thirty-first Meeting,

CONSIDERING:

That, in accordance with the Law establishing CATIE, the Inter-American Board of Agriculture is that Center's highest governing body and has the right to appoint a Representative to sit on the Governing Council of CATIE with the right to vote;

That, in accordance with IABA Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 461 (XV-O/09), the Member States that will designate the IABA Representative to the Governing Council of CATIE are as follows: Dominica (2011-2012); United States of America (2013-2014); Chile (2015-2016) and Ecuador (2017-2018);

That IICA contributes roughly one million dollars per year to CATIE from the quotas it receives from the Member States, that said Center is also the usufructuary of IICA's farms in Turrialba and "La Lola" in Siquirres and administrates jointly with IICA the Orton Commemorative Library;

That the Executive Committee, at its Thirty-first Regular Meeting, adopted Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 550 (XXXI-O/11), in which it approved the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action for the period 2011-2014; and,

That the Executive Committee, by means of resolution IICA/CE/Res. 532 (XXX-O/10), stipulated that, at its Thirty-first Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee should propose to the IABA that the latter's Representative on the Governing Council of CATIE, in carrying out his mandate, should ensure that the joint work with IICA is completed, strengthened and expanded, and that the technical, administrative and financial mechanisms used to facilitate joint actions are strengthened,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend that the IABA charge its representative on the Governing Council of CATIE with the responsibilities listed in the Annex to the present resolution.
2. To task the Director General of IICA with providing the Member State representing the IABA on the Governing Board of CATIE with the information, logistical and technical support and legal advice required to carry out the responsibilities specified in the present resolution.

Annex
Responsibilities of the IABA Representative
on the Governing Council of CATIE

1. Develop a working knowledge of the Contract between the Government of Costa Rica and IICA on CATIE, as amended by Costa Rica Law 8028 of October 12, 2000, and the Joint Cooperation Agreement between IICA and CATIE of July 13, 2011.
2. Coordinate with the Director General of IICA and with the Member States to establish the IABA's position on matters dealt with by the Governing Council of CATIE, especially with respect to any decisions that the latter may take to expand the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action and strengthen the mechanisms for implementing joint activities.
3. Keep abreast of the commitments assumed and the agreements and resolutions adopted by both the IABA and the Executive Committee of IICA that have an impact on relations between IICA and CATIE, and, in particular, any that have to do with the joint activities implemented on behalf of the Member States.
4. Confer with the Member States and the Director General of IICA about any matters on the Agenda of the Governing Council of CATIE that might relate to IICA, or its assets, in particular any such matters which require a vote of the Council.
5. Provide follow-up to the implementation of the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action by: (i) requesting a special report from CATIE on the Program; (ii) keeping abreast of developments related to its implementation; (iii) proposing initiatives designed to strengthen the mechanisms for joint action; and, (iv) supporting efforts to overcome any constraints that affect the execution of the Program for Joint Action.
6. Submit an annual report on the Representative's activities to both the Executive Committee and the Director General of IICA.