

Board on Agriculture Assembly
International Agriculture Section Report to Policy Board of Directors

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(Please check the BAA-PBD Goals that each activity directly addresses.)

<p style="text-align: center;">BAA Section Activities (Briefly describe activities since previous reporting period)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">*Goals</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Emerging Issues and Future Directions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Resource Advocacy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Farm Bill and Legislative Action</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">System Integration</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICOP is currently chairing a working group of APLU-BAA stakeholders to draft food security legislation that will be introduced by the minority leader of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Senator Debbie Stabenow. This legislation will focus on enhancing the programming and structure of USDA so that it centers US Universities at the core of the agency’s international agriculture work. The draft legislation will be made available to BAA members at the time of submission to Senator Stabenow. 				X	X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A sub-committee submitted a white paper to the NIFA Director and his staff. This ICOP subcommittee was invited to provide potential language in AFRI calls for proposals that increases the scope of the call as well as encouraging applicants to conceptualize international programming. 		X	X		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICOP continues to look at how it might be more effective as a BAA representative with the idea that working with the other COPS who are represented on integration of domestic agendas with international activities that enhance these agendas will strengthen the work done by all of the COPS 		X			X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICOP is currently providing input on the Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Steering Committee 		X			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICOP is engaged in the planning of the joint meeting of CII and COE, which will be hosted by Colorado State University. 		X			X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICOP was a co-author on a response to a new USAID program called Higher Education Partnerships and Impact (HEPII). This is a new Annual Program Statement (APS) that USAID will invest in this fiscal year. ICOP anticipates the final APS will be released in April of 2015 and it will invite Universities to competitively bid to develop programming. 		X	X		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICOP continues to participate in the BAC; we will confirm a participant in the Joint COP meeting in July 2015 					X