



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

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Dear ITD Alliance Members and Colleagues,

This News Bulletin includes:

- General Assembly 2024 voting results.
- ITD Alliance donors.
- Member opportunity: Workshop Concept Submissions, Austrian Academy of Sciences.
- ITD24 conference and featured events, 4-8 November.
- Oceania Regional Network seminar and networking event, 7 November.
- New dates for training needs workshops in USA, Canada and Oceania.
- An overview of additional upcoming events.
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General Assembly 2024 voting results

Thank you to those who voted on motions and Leadership Board candidates. The voting form was available online from 17-28 October 2024. 38 eligible forms were received.

Motions 1-6 were carried with the required majority of support votes.

Motions 1-4 sought approval of the activities of the Leadership Board, including President, Financial, and Executive Secretaries reports). A simply majority was required.

1.	That the General Assembly accepts the report of the President.	Support: 37 Do Not Support: 0 Abstain: 1
2.	That the General Assembly accepts the financial report.	Support: 35 Do Not Support: 0 Abstain: 3
3.	That the General Assembly accepts the reports of the Interim Executive Secretary and the Former Executive Secretary.	Support: 37 Do Not Support: 0 Abstain: 1

4.	That the General Assembly accepts the report of Leadership Board activities and the member reports.	Support: 35 Do Not Support: 0 Abstain: 3
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Motions 5 and 6 were proposed changes to the bylaws of the ITD Alliance to increase regional diversity on the Leadership Board. A two-thirds majority was required.

5.	That the General Assembly accepts the proposal to reserve four currently unfilled positions for members from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa.	Support: 34 Do Not Support: 3 Abstain: 1
6.	If motion 5 is supported, that the General Assembly accepts the proposal that the ITD Alliance bylaw requiring at least two-thirds of Leadership Board members to be representatives of institutional members is suspended until the 2025 General Assembly.	Support: 31 Do Not Support: 7 Abstain: 0

As motions 5 and 6 were supported, the following individuals were elected to the Leadership Board:

Institutional members (all re-elected)

- **Maria Helena Guimarães**, MED - Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development from Évora University, Portugal (Europe)
- **Jason Prior**, Institute for Sustainable Futures, Australia (Oceania)
- **Ria Lambino**, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan (Asia)

Individual members

- **Diaa Ahmedi**, Helwan University, Egypt (Middle East and North Africa)
- **Rashad Hegazy**, Kafr El Sheikh University, Egypt, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH GIZ-Egypt (Middle East and North Africa)
- **Seema Purushothaman**, Azim Premji University, India (Asia)
- **Umar Ibrahim**, Federal University Dutse, Nigeria (Sub-Saharan Africa)

The ITD Alliance Leadership Board for the next 12 months now comprises:

- 4 members from Europe
- 2 members from Asia
- 2 members from Latin America and the Caribbean
- 2 members from the Middle East and North Africa
- 2 members from Oceania
- 2 members from sub-Saharan Africa
- 1 member from North America

Of these 15 members, 10 are women and 5 are men, and 8 are representatives of institutional members and 7 are individual members.

This was the first election in the ITD Alliance's history where there were more candidates than positions, which meant that three candidates could not be elected. Many thanks to those three candidates. We greatly appreciate your willingness to be involved in the ITD Alliance.

Thanks to the small number of respondents who commented. For motions 1-4, there were comments thanking those involved. Other comments provided suggestions for improved

voting processes, specific explanations for how people voted, and amplification of points made in the meetings.

See the [2024 General Assembly web page](#) for recordings of the meetings, presentation slides, and agenda and papers.



ITD Alliance donors

In the President’s Report and during the General Assembly 2024 meetings, donations were highlighted as one way to strengthen the long-term stability of the ITD Alliance. We are pleased to recognise the following members who have contributed additional support to the ITD Alliance.

- Gabriele Bammer, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, The Australian National University, Australia
- Anne B. Zimmerman, Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern, Switzerland



Opportunities

<p>Aufruf zur Einreichung eines Workshop Konzepts, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften</p> <p>Die Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften sucht Konzepte für einen deutschsprachigen Workshop zum Thema „Qualitätskriterien transdisziplinärer Forschung“. Der Workshop soll im Kontext des Förderprogramms Earth System Sciences stattfinden und richtet sich an Projektleiter und Stakeholder des aktuellen Calls „Changing Alps – Multiple conflicts between production, protection and restoration“. Ziel ist es, Methoden transdisziplinärer Forschung zu vermitteln, Herausforderungen zu diskutieren und eine erste Vernetzung der Teilnehmenden zu fördern. Auch eine thematische Anbindung an UNESCO-, LTSER- und Future Earth-Programme ist erwünscht.</p> <p>Der Workshop wird im vierten Quartal 2025 oder im ersten Quartal 2026 an zwei Halbtagen in Wien stattfinden.</p> <p>Bitte senden Sie Ihr Konzept, das eine Programmskizze und eine Kostenübersicht</p>	<p>Call for Workshop Concept Submissions, Austrian Academy of Sciences</p> <p>The Austrian Academy of Sciences invites proposals for a workshop on "Quality Criteria in Transdisciplinary Research" in German. This workshop will take place within the framework of the Earth System Sciences funding program and is directed at project leaders and stakeholders involved in the current call, "Changing Alps – Multiple conflicts between production, protection and restoration." The workshop aims to convey transdisciplinary research methods, discuss anticipated challenges, and facilitate initial networking among participants. A thematic connection to UNESCO, LTSER, and Future Earth programs is also encouraged.</p> <p>The workshop will be held over two half-days in Q4 2025 or Q1 2026 in Vienna.</p> <p>Please submit your proposal, including a program outline and budget overview, by December 15, 2024, to the program management team at</p>
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enthält, bis spätestens **15. Dezember 2024** an das Programm Management (ess.programm@oeaw.ac.at), welches auch für eventuelle Rückfragen erreichbar ist.

ess.programm@oeaw.ac.at, who are available for any questions.



ITD24 conference and featured events

ITD24 - International Transdisciplinarity Conference 2024, Utrecht, The Netherlands, plus online component, November 4-8 <https://itd-alliance.org/itd24/>

The conference programme is available at: <https://www.conftool.net/itd2024/sessions.php>. Registration is still open, but the capacity limit for on-site participants has almost been reached.

Specific ITD Alliance events to note include:

- [Integration Experts and Expertise working group](#) on Monday November 4th.
- [Early Career Researcher \(ECR\) working group](#) on Monday November 4th.
- A keynote panel session titled “**Norms for Inter- and Transdisciplinary Research: Learning from Failure**” featuring Michael O’Rourke and Jason Prior. Read the full abstract in the [ITD Alliance Oceania Regional Network calendar](#).
When: Wednesday 6 November 2024, 5:30pm AEDT
Where: Livestreamed from Sydney and Canberra, free and open to the public
Join here: <https://utsmeet.zoom.us/j/82120651982>
- A [networking event for Asian participants](#) on Thursday November 7th, combined with an Asian regional workshop on “Training Needs for Transdisciplinary Research.”
- A [major general ITD Alliance networking event](#) on the morning of Friday November 8th.



Oceania Regional Network seminar and networking event

Michael O’Rourke from Michigan State University, USA, will present a seminar “**On the Nature and Practice of Crossdisciplinary Integration**,” followed by an open conversation with participants.

When: 12 noon to 1.30pm, Thursday, 7 November, AEDT (Sydney)

Where: Online, free and open to the public

[Register now](#)

The seminar (60-minutes) will explore the essential role of integration in cross-disciplinary research, introducing an innovative input-process-output (IPO) model. Discover how this model can bridge the gap between abstract and specific discussions. Learn practical strategies for facilitating integration in complex research. Read the full abstract in the [ITD Alliance Oceania Regional Network calendar](#).

The seminar will be followed by an additional 30-minute open conversation providing an opportunity for you to meet and talk with other inter- and transdisciplinary (ITD) experts across the Oceania region.



New dates for training needs workshops in USA, Canada and Oceania

New dates have been announced for online workshops to network and provide much-needed information about how to build the field of engaged research in the region by getting input on such questions as:

- The terms-in-use to describe “socially engaged science”
- The organizations that are associated with the practice (universities, networks, professional organizations, international NGOs, etc.)
- The people who do training, how they describe what they do, and the quality of the training
- The type of training currently funded in the region
- Who/what are the influencing agencies/organizations

USA AND CANADA

Workshop coordinator: Jacqueline Melvold

Contact: jmelvold@arizona.edu; RSVP as soon as possible

Option 1: Thursday, 14th November 2024, 9am – 10:30am GMT-7 (PST)

Option 2: Tuesday, 18th November 2024, 9am – 10:30am GMT-7 (PST)

OCEANIA

Workshop coordinator: Jacqueline Melvold

Contact: jmelvold@arizona.edu; RSVP as soon as possible

Wednesday, 19th November 2024, 9am – 10:30am GMT+11 (AEDT)

Online workshops for Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Africa have been completed. One online workshop for Asia has been completed. A second workshop for Asia will be held face to face at the ITD24 conference on 7 November.

The workshops are funded by the TD Training Collaboratory, and co-organised by the Collaboratory and the ITD Alliance. For more information, see the [October ITD Alliance newsletter](#).



Upcoming events

In addition to the events described above:

- **14 and 15 November:** ITD Alliance networking events, online (for details and Zoom link, see the [Member Networking Events](#) web page).



About this News Bulletin

This weekly News Bulletin focuses on the activities of the ITD-Alliance and its members. We also welcome contributions that may interest members such as policy news in education, funding and research, opportunities (including prizes and visiting fellowships), and relevant conferences and conference reports. Contributions welcome!

Please send contributions to Caryn Anderson caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org at least a week before you would like to see them published.

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