



**International Association for
the Study of the Commons**

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Our Mission

The purpose of the International Association for the Study of the Commons is to bring together multi-disciplinary research, practitioners, and policymakers for the purpose of improving governance and management, advancing understanding, and creating sustainable solutions for commons, common-pool resources, or any other form of shared resource.

Our Vision

IASC stimulates a community of scholars and practitioners that collaboratively advances science, practice and outreach to stimulate a sustainable future of our shared resources.



Highlights 2018 - 2019

Dear members,

The last fiscal year (July 1 2018 – June 30, 2019) was characterized by some novel types of IASC events as well as various organizational changes. October 4-12, 2018 the IASC held it's first Worlds Commons Week (<https://www.worldcommonsweek.org/>) kicked off by two workshops in the Washington DC area October 4-6, 2018, continued with more than 30 local events all over the world, and finished on October 12 with a 24 hour webinar. We also organized our first virtual conference from November 12-30, 2018 with 40 video presentations (<https://iasc-commons.org/iasc-virtual-conference-2018-welcome/>) including a Commons Video Contest to communicate commons scholarship to a broader audience in 3 minutes.

Besides the new kind of events we had a regional Asian conference July 13-16, 2018 at the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, a workshop on “Social mobilization and the commons: a virtual circle?” in Barcelona, and the annual Arizona workshop March 7/8,2019 in Tucson, Arizona.

We decided on a number of organizational changes. We included a student member to the council, now held by Beril Ocaklı. A running duration of the membership – instead of a fixed fiscal year duration, was implemented. Since Utrecht University will not continue the secretariat after December 2019, it was decided that Arizona State University will host the secretariat from January 2020 onwards with Caren Burgermeister as the new Executive Director. Although people may associate the International Journal of the Commons and the Ostrom Award with the IASC, they were not formally part of the IASC. They will be from the new fiscal year forward, funded by their own sources of support.

As we write this annual report we just had a very successful biennial conference in Lima, Peru with more than 500 participants, and look forward to the upcoming World Commons Week October 6-12, 2019.

Marco Janssen
President of the IASC 2019 & 2020



Financial Summary

IASC completed another fiscal year on 30 June 2019.

Statements of Financial Position

<u>June 30</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$51,864	\$29,824
Liabilities:		
IASC2019 ¹	\$125,965	
External Web-support ²	\$15,000	
Ostrom Award ³	\$6,004	

Statement of Activities

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Conference services	\$140,659	\$28,050
Membership dues	\$30,462	\$32,179
Donations (Designated)	\$33,352	
Other	\$125	\$2
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Total Revenue	\$204,598	\$60,231
<u>Expenses</u>		
Secretariat (labor)	\$20,064	\$49,320
Secretariat (operations)	\$3,730	\$6,300
Ostrom Award	\$3,996	
Commons Video Contest ⁴	\$2,800	
External website support	\$5,000	
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Total Expenses	\$35,590	\$55,620

¹Collected payments received on behalf of Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

²Committed funds for external web support paid by earmarked donation

³Funds earmarked for Ostrom Award activities paid by earmarked donation

⁴Funded by earmarked donation

