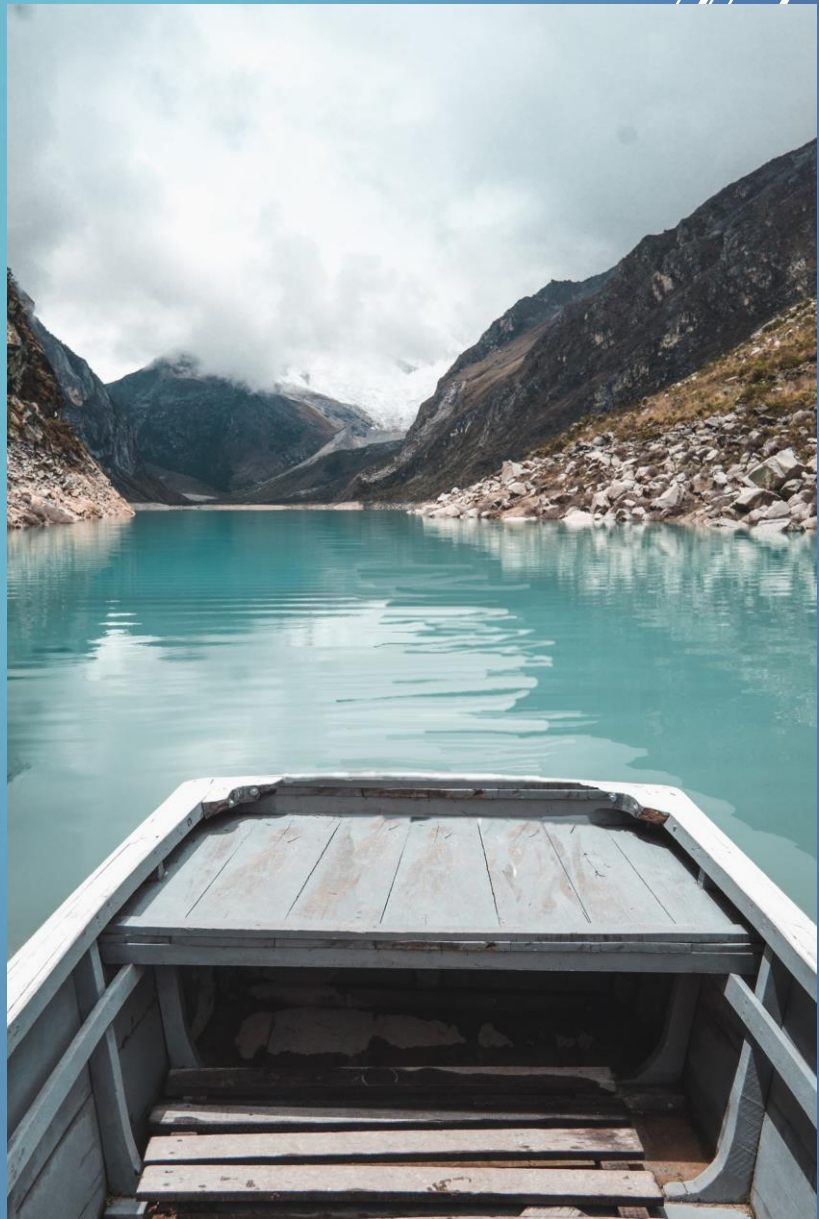




**International Association for  
the Study of the Commons**

# 2020 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.



# Happenings 2019 - 2020

Dear members,

The last fiscal year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) started with a very successful biennial global conference in Lima, Peru, with more than 500 participants. The impressive archaeological settings, the delicious food, and the well-organized conference resulted in a memorable conference. Thank you Deborah Delgado and Juan-Camilo Cardenas, the co-chairs of IASC 2019!

During the Lima conference, the process of establishing an Early Career Network of the IASC began, moderated by Beril Ocakli. The ECN provides opportunities for career development and networking and is becoming an essential component of the IASC. As of the date of this report, their membership has grown to 28 engaged and highly motivated members.

In October 2019, Charlie Schweik organized the second World Commons Week October 6-12 with more than 50 events worldwide.

IASC council member Esther Mwangi passed away too early on October 5, 2019. The IASC, in collaboration with the Center for International Forestry Research and Esther's family, established the Esther Mwangi Memorial Scholarship Fund to support African commons scholars in her memory.

In March 2020, we held the third annual Arizona IASC workshop during the week when the world flipped to a lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was the last in-person event we could organize until further notice.



# Highlights 2019 - 2020

In April 2020, we started bi-weekly webinars as reflections on resilience and the commons revealed by COVID-19 in collaboration with the Resilience Alliance and the Center for Behavior, Institutions and the Environment at Arizona State University to provide a platform of discussion during the pandemic. We have preserved these webinars on the [IASC Youtube channel](#) where they continue to get views.

In June, we held our first Virtual Summer School on Institutional Frameworks with 21 participants from all over the world. This successful summer school, which was planned to be virtual before the pandemic, demonstrated the opportunities that new technologies like Zoom provide to implement affordable international advanced education on the commons.

The IASC secretariat moved to Arizona State University where Caren Burgermeister formally took over the Executive Directorship in January 2020 from Rene van Weeren, after the transition year 2019. In the transition year, we spend quite some effort to reorganize the secretariat's activities with a new look and structure of the website, a more user-friendly membership database system, and more regular news updates to members.

Since a key function of the IASC is to facilitate the organization of events by and for members, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is causing organizational and financial challenges. For the foreseeable future we will continue to hold virtual events. Stay tuned for IASC 2021!

Marco Janssen  
President of the IASC 2019 & 2020



# Financial Summary

IASC completed another fiscal year on 30 June 2020.

## Statements of Financial Position

<u>June 30</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$57,672	\$51,864	\$29,824
Liabilities:			
IASC2019 <sup>1</sup>		\$125,965	
External Web-support <sup>2</sup>	\$7,500	\$15,000	
Ostrom Award <sup>3</sup>	\$6,004	\$6,004	
International Journal of the Commons	\$11,009		
Esther Mwangi Memorial Fund	\$1,320		

## Statement of Activities

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Conference services	\$1,800	\$140,659	\$28,050
Membership dues	\$36,392	\$30,462	\$32,179
Donations (Designated)	\$1,820	\$33,352	
International Journal of the Commons	\$4,588		
Other	\$33	\$125	\$2
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$44,633</b>	<b>\$204,598</b>	<b>\$60,231</b>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Secretariat (labor)	\$17,854	\$20,064	\$49,320
Secretariat (operations)	\$4,923	\$3,730	\$6,300
Ostrom Award		\$3,996	
Commons Video Contest <sup>4</sup>		\$2,800	
International Journal of the Commons	\$3,579		
External website support	\$7,500	\$5,000	
IASC2019	\$126,105		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$159,961</b>	<b>\$35,590</b>	<b>\$55,620</b>

<sup>1</sup>Collected payments received on behalf of Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

<sup>2</sup>Committed funds for external web support paid by earmarked donation

<sup>3</sup>Funds earmarked for Ostrom Award activities paid by earmarked donation

<sup>4</sup>Funded by earmarked donation

