



IAAC History

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INTER-AMERICAN  
ACCREDITATION  
COOPERATION

The Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation is a regional association of accreditation bodies and other organizations interested in conformity assessment in the Americas.

IAAC was created in 1996, in Montevideo, Uruguay, and was incorporated in Mexico, in 2001, as a civil association according to Mexican law.

# 2022

In August 2022, the General Assembly is held in Antigua, Guatemala and Andrea Melo from IBMETRO of Brazil is elected as president of IAAC.







# 2021

IAAC was accepted as a Regional Cooperation of the ILAC MRA for the scope of reference material producers (RMP) (ISO 17034) as of June 2021.

IAF and ILAC begin the re-evaluation of IAAC to confirm the maintenance of their MLAs.

IAAC currently has 22 signatory members of the IAAC MLA.

IAAC celebrates 25 years as regional accreditation cooperation.



# 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic begins at the end of the face-to-face meeting of the IAAC Executive Committee in the Dominican Republic in March 2020.

In 2020 IAF recognizes the sub-scopes of the IAAC MLA for certification of occupational health and safety management systems under ISO 45001 (OH&SMS).

IAAC is recognized as a Regional Cooperation of the ILAC MRA for the scope of proficiency testing providers (PTP) (ISO/IEC 17043) as of June 2020.

IAF and ILAC start evaluating IAAC to extend the MLA for the scope of certification of people under ISO/IEC 17024 and validation verification of greenhouse gases under ISO/IEC 14065.









# 2019



In 2019 IAF recognizes the sub-scopes of the IAAC MLA for certification of Energy Management Systems under ISO 50001 (EnMS).



# 2018

Members elect Liliane Somma from OUA of Uruguay as IAAC Chair.

In 2018 IAF recognizes the sub-scopes of the IAAC MLA for certification of management systems of:

- Food safety, under the ISO 22000 (FSMS) standard,
- ISO/IEC 27001 information security (ISMS),
- Medical devices under the ISO 13485 (MDMS) standard.











# 2017

Launch of the IAAC MLA for ISO/IEC 17021-1 level 3, sub-scope level 5, under the ISO 37001 sub-scope of Anti-bribery Management Systems.



# 2016



IAAC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
September 2018 in Lima, Peru.

Speeches delivered by AB representatives regarding their vision of IAAC's future at a long and medium term, the ways to strengthen it, and to extend and deepen the fulfillment of its strategic functions.

Members elect Randy Dougherty of ANAB of the United States as IAAC Chair.





At the conclusion of the evaluation of IAAC, IAF, and ILAC confirm that IAAC maintains its international recognition as a Regional Cooperation.

IAAC implemented a technical cooperation project "Quality Infrastructure Services for Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency (R3E) in Latin America and the Caribbean", together with the regional standardization and metrology organizations COPANT and SIM.

IAAC has a total of 21 MLA signatory members. There are 21 MLA signatories for the scope of Testing Laboratories; 15 for the scope of Calibration Laboratories; 11 for Quality Management Systems Certification Bodies, 9 for Environmental Management Systems Certification Bodies; 11 for Product Certification Bodies; and 10 for Inspection Bodies.

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# 2014

In 2014, IAF recognizes the IAAC MLA for the sub-scope of Global GAP IFA General Regulations, in May 2014.

IAF and ILAC carry out the evaluation of IAAC to confirm that it maintains the international recognition of its MLAs.





# 2012



In 2012, members elect Ileana Martínez from NVLAP of the United States as IAAC Chair and Blanca Viera from OAE of Ecuador as IAAC Vice Chair.

IAAC was accepted as a Regional Cooperation of the ILAC MRA for the scope of inspection bodies (ISO/IEC 17020) as of October 2012.







2011



IAF recognizes the IAAC MLA for the scope of Product Certification under ISO/IEC 17065 in May 2011.

IAF recognized the IAAC MLA for environmental management systems under ISO 14001 (EMS) in May 2011.





# 2010

In 2010, IAF and ILAC carried out the first re-evaluation of IAAC to maintain its international recognition and the expansion of the MLA for the scopes of EMS, Product and Inspection.

The General Assembly elects Beatriz García of the OAA of Argentina as IAAC Chair and Ileana Martinez of the INN of Chile as Vice Chair of IAAC.



# 2008

Members elect Pat Paladino of the SCC of Canada as IAAC Chair and later that year they elect Beatriz García of the OAA of Argentina as IAAC Chair.









2007



In 2007 IAAC had a total of 41 members from 22 countries of America, among these 23 full members, 8 associate members, and 10 stakeholder members.

The international accreditation community established June 9 as World Accreditation Day.

IAAC supports the celebration of the first World Accreditation Day under the motto: "Accreditation: Building trust in the global economy".





# 2006



In November 2006, IAAC achieved the recognition of ILAC and IAF at the Joint General Assembly held in Cancun, Mexico, for the scope of laboratories of Testing , Calibration and Certification of Quality Management Systems.

IAAC has the first 5 signatory members of the IAAC MLA.





# 2004

The members elect Ana María Coro from the INN of Chile as IAAC Chair.

IAF and ILAC carry out the first regional evaluation of IAAC to achieve international recognition of IAAC. A joint evaluation group of IAF and ILAC evaluated the operation and documentation of the IAAC Secretariat and the MLA Committee in Mexico, in March 2004.







# 2003

The new IAAC institutional structure and the creation of the IAAC MLA Committee are approved.

IAF and ILAC began evaluating IAAC in 2003 by evaluating a session of the IAAC MLA Committee during the General Assembly in Guatemala.







The assessment request was submitted to IAF and ILAC as part of the IAAC MLA recognition process.

The necessary documentation for the operation of the IAAC MLA and the necessary documentation for the operation of the IAAC management system were prepared and approved.

Starting in 2002, development projects for the region's accreditation infrastructure were managed with various support organizations including the Organization of American States (OAS), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Inter-American -American Development Bank (IDB), and the Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB)

# 2002



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# 2001

IAAC was established as a Civil Association under Mexican law in 2001.

The EMA in Mexico hosted the first IAAC permanent secretariat in 2001.





**Interamerican Accreditation Cooperation  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

Mexico City

October 2001

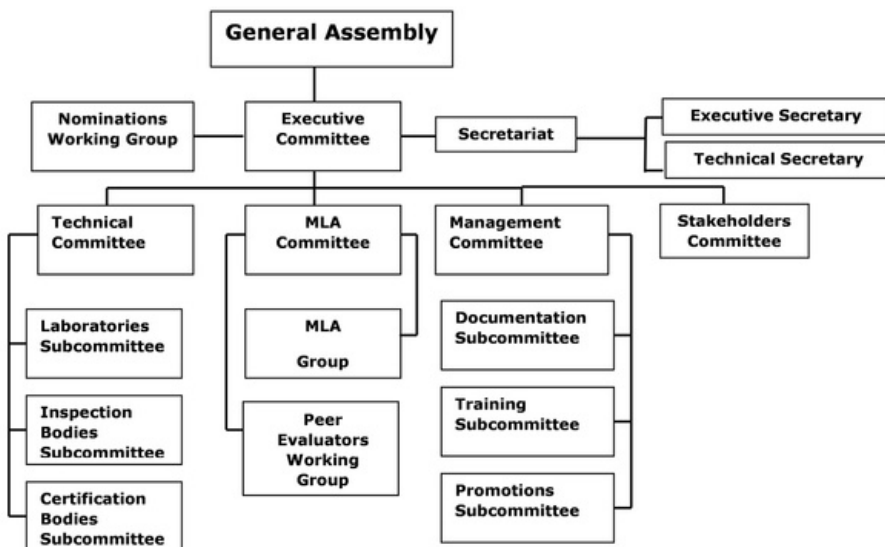


# 2000

The members elect Maribel López from EMA de México as IAAC Chair.

The Executive Committee was created, with the main task of consolidating our terms of reference and defining priorities to be implemented.

IAAC began its work as a regional accreditation cooperation with the programs of Testing Laboratories, Calibration Laboratories, Inspection Bodies, Product Certification Bodies, and quality and environmental management systems.





# 1999

IAAC developed its first technical cooperation project with the OAS (Organization of American States).

IAAC members agreed that IAAC become a member of IAF as a regional cooperation.



# IAAC

INTER-AMERICAN ACCREDITATION COOPERATION



# 1996

On November 22, 1996, the Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation was born. 10 full members and 6 associate members signed the Mutual Understanding Agreement for the cooperation to start its functions.

Reinaldo Figueredo of BRAZIL was the first elected Chair