

## **ISTS Board Retreat**

**August 18-22, 2014**

**National Conservation and Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV, USA**

This meeting was chaired by Yakup Kaska and Roldan Valverde.

### **Financing & Fundraising**

This Board retreat focused on the finances of the ISTS. All financial aspects related to the Society's operating costs and the Symposium were discussed to ensure that the ISTS is on a sound and solid financial footing and that the Symposium is affordable.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee's report was approved by the Board. It was also decided that Nominating Committee members cannot be nominated for an ISTS position while serving on the Committee, and that the Board of Directors would not promulgate guidelines to regulate campaigning by nominees for ISTS positions.

### **Membership**

The Board continued its discussion to clearly define who qualifies as a member of the ISTS, a structure for membership fees, and what the ISTS offers members.

### **Resolutions**

The Resolutions Procedure was placed on hold for 1 year during which a Committee would be established to review the Resolution procedure.

### **Annual vs. biennial**

The Board voted to re-evaluate this issue 6 years from now, when (at least in principle) none of the current Board members will be serving on the Board, thereby allowing for a fresh analysis in the future. A Board statement regarding this was shared with the membership.

*Members in attendance: Ana Barragan, Manjula Tiwari, Roldan Valverde, Yakup Kaska, Terry Meyer, Ray Carthy, Jesus Tomas, Alejandro Fallabrino, Cynthia Lagueux, Paolo Casale, Aliko Panagopoulou, Joanna Alfaro, Alan Rees, Emma Harrison, Mariana Fuentes and George Balazs.*

*Observer: Ingrid Yanez*

*\*Participated via phone or Skype*