



Dear IRAS member,

Suppose you are one of the lucky ones. In that case, you are settling back into your routine after a bang-up week at the 2022 IRAS conference (“We and They”: Cross-Cultural Conversations on Identity) and carrying the glow of another terrific week on our beautiful Star Island.

Our week on Star was filled with the usual unique mixture of heady lectures and discussions of great intellectual depth, moments of heightened emotional and spiritual experience, renewal and deepening of friendships, and deep appreciation and gratitude for the beauty and wonders of the natural world on that little piece of rugged rock ten miles out in the Atlantic.

I think it’s fair to say that the IRAS/Star experience is unlike any other. For many of us, it’s the high point of our year, and the depth and uniqueness of the experience keep many of us coming back to the island year after year.

Those of you who have been to the island know what I mean. Those of you who haven’t should consider it – it’s the best vacation I can imagine, with all of the richness of experience, community, and natural beauty it brings us every year.

So *right now*, mark your calendars for next year’s conference, **The Wizards of Climate Change: How Can Technology Serve Hope and Justice?**, chaired by Arthur Petersen (Professor of Science, Technology and Public Policy at the University College and editor of *Zygon*), Connie Bertka (consultant with Science and Society Resources LLC and IRAS chaplain in 2019) and Bruce Naylor. A very partial description of the conference is below. Although Star hasn’t set the dates yet, they will likely be June 25 – July 2. We will let you know as soon as the dates are firm.

Warmly, and hoping to see you in 2023,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C.J. Love'.

CJ Love
IRAS Council President

In this conference, we will critically examine how technology can be developed, deployed and governed responsibly, to address climate change in ways that foster hope and justice. We will respectfully engage a multiplicity of world views, including religious perspectives, as we learn how countries throughout the world determine and apply climate and technology policies.