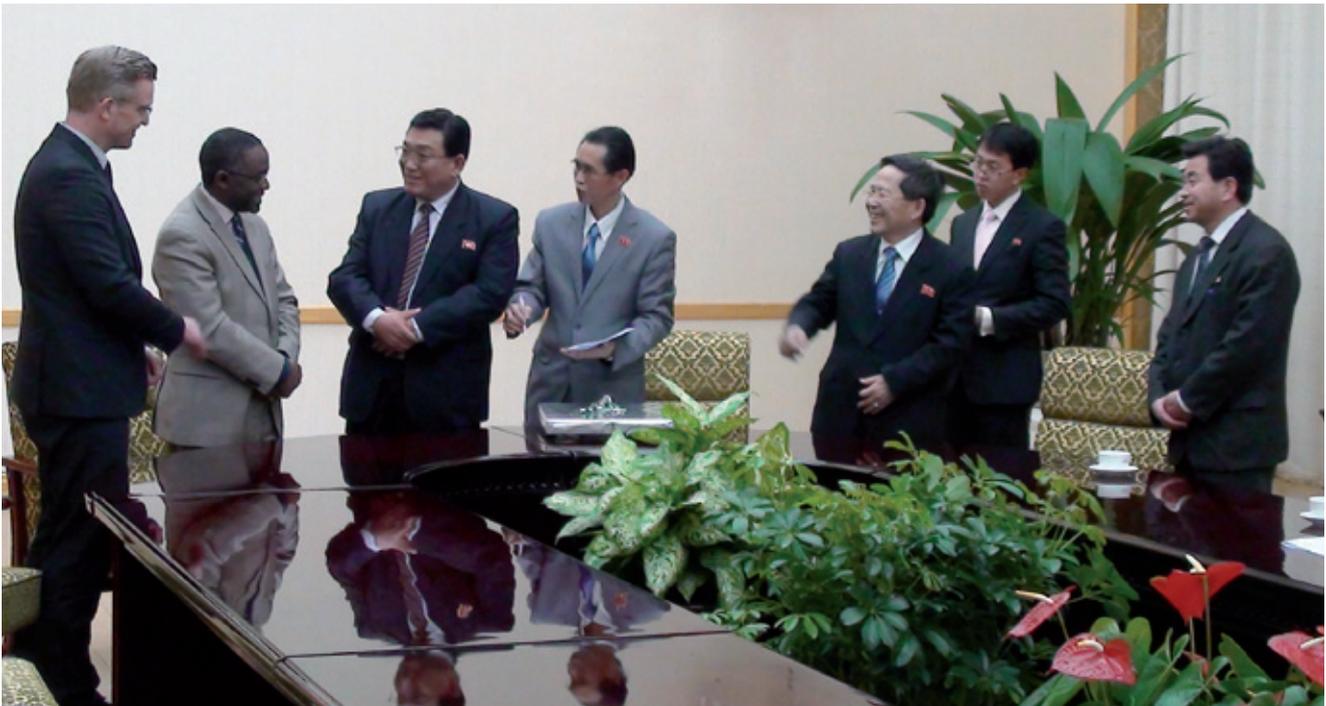




▲ The founding members and board of directors of *Academia de Ciencias del Ecuador* [ACE] with TWAS President Bai Chunli. From left: Carlos Soria, Santiago Ron, Katya Romoleroux, Bai Chunli, Eugenia del Pino, Tjitte de Vries. [Photo: Diego Quirola]



▲ During a visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea [DPR Korea] 13-16 January, TWAS Executive Director Romain Murenzi and UNESCO Beijing Office Programme Specialist Hans Thulstrup met in Munsudae Assembly Hall with officials from the nation's State Academy of Sciences. Murenzi visited several State Academy institutes and met with Academy President Jang Chol and others to discuss strengthening its ties with TWAS, as well as the State Academy's participation in international science diplomacy activities. From left are Thulstrup; Murenzi; Jang Chol; Bureau of International Cooperation Official Kim Kyong Min; Bureau of International Cooperation Director Hong Ryun Gi; DPR Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs Stenographer Ri Kuk Chol; and Bureau of International Cooperation Senior Official Ri Hak Chol. [Photo credit: DPR Korea State Academy of Sciences Photographer Kim Kwang Ho]