

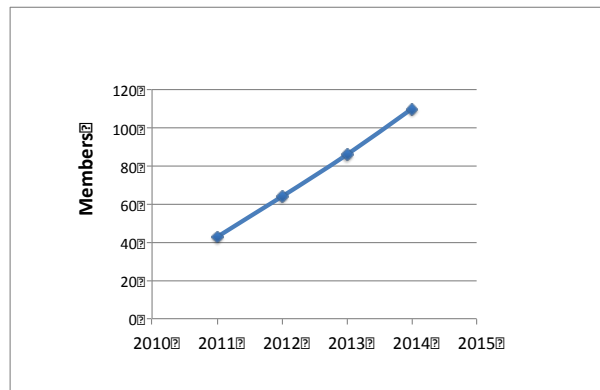
**International Studies Association**  
**Political Demography and Geography Section**  
**Annual Report 2013**  
**Summary**

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For the upcoming ISA/2014 Meeting in Toronto, our Program Chair, Alex Braithwaite (U. of Essex) organized 15 regular panel sessions, 1 distinguished scholar session, and 3 poster sessions. These sessions are split between demographic and geographic interests, and roughly 30% of the papers are being presented by non-US scholars. Our second “Myron Weiner Award” (distinguished scholar award for lifetime achievement) will be presented to Jack Goldstone at the Meeting. PDG-member Henrik Urdal (PRIO) will chair the session.

During the 2013-14 year, PDG’s newsletter editor, Steve Pickering, organized and produced two issues of *PDG People and Places*—the PDG Newsletter (the pre-annual meeting edition is in progress). *PDG People and Places* continued to feature a paragraph describing the research of a PDG Board Member in each edition.

PDG officers for the coming two-year term have been elected: Chair, 2014-16, Birol Yesilada, Portland State U.; and Program Chair 2014-16, Patrick James, USC. PDG’s incoming editor for 2014-16 for *People and Places* will be Jonathan Potton, U. of Aberdeen.



**Membership and Finance**

ISA’s *Political Demography and Geography Section (ISA/PDG)*, which was launched in 2011, has grown in membership to 110 members (just short of the 120 minimum needed for a permanency). Our section remains slightly below the ISA section minimum of 120, and we need to mount fresh efforts to recruit new members. to exceed the minimum this year and build a comfortable “cushion”. Our current funds stand at roughly \$450, as of November 2013.

Contributions to PDG this year have come from USC’s Center for International Studies (via Patrick James); Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO) (via Henrik Urdal); Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service (via Valerie Hudson), Portland State University, Hatfield School of Government (via Ronald Tammen); and the Stimson Center (via Richard Cincotta).

## **2013 Highlights**

- *March 2013.* First PDG distinguished scholar award for lifetime contributions to political demography (Myron Weiner Award) was presented to Michael Teitelbaum, at the ISA 2013 Conference. Our second Myron Weiner award, for 2014, will go to Jack Goldstone, George Mason U.
- *May 2013.* PDG Listserv created by Birol Yesilada, Portland State University.
- *June 2013.* First call for Papers, Warsaw Eurasia Conference, 2014, organized by Tad Kugler.
- *August 2013.* Committee on the PDG Graduate Student Award established, led by Andrea denBoer.
- *December 2013.* Conference on Political Demography at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscow, Russian Federation (6 PDG members in attendance).