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One of the overriding goals of the ISA Academic Freedom Committee is to raise the overall level of awareness of academic freedom issues in the organization – and beyond. Toward that end, at last year’s annual meeting in Toronto the Committee sponsored a roundtable panel entitled: Academic Freedom. For the upcoming ISA annual meeting in New Orleans, the Committee is sponsoring a panel on Blogging, which, among other things, should help attract younger scholars, especially those who blog already.

During the past year the Academic Freedom Committee was most intimately involved in the case of Alex Sodiqov, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Toronto who is employed by the University of Exeter. Sodiqov was detained in Tajikistan in June 2014 and shortly thereafter the Committee became involved his case, which ultimately resulted in a statement of support for Sodiqov issued by the ISA. The good news is that Sodiqov was eventually released.

During the course of the year there was some email discussion within the Committee about investigating other claims. However, the Sodiqov case was the only one where the Committee did so.