



ISA-CANADA REGION

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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FULL REPORT

ISA-CANADA AGM APRIL 2018

ISA-Canada Annual General Membership meeting and reception were held during the ISA Convention in San Francisco in April 2018. The AGM elected a new Executive Committee and a new Professional Development Committee as all the incumbents had completed their terms. The position of Secretary-Treasurer remained vacant until ISA-Canada's regional business held at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences (Congress hereafter), June 2018, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Two positions were filled at the regional meeting. They were the Secretary-Treasurer and the ISA/CPSA IR Section program co-chair for CPSA's 2019 Conference.

ISA CANADA EXECUTIVE APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019

ISA CANADA EXECUTIVE

President: Dr. Nilgun Onder, University of Regina

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Secretary-Treasurer: Suzanne Hindmarch, University of New Brunswick

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chair: Dr. Ben Muller, King's University College

Member-at-Large: Dr. Bianca Baggiarini, Independent Scholar

Graduate Student Representatives:

Kayla Grant, Balsillie School of International Affairs

Yvonne Su, University of Guelph

ISA CANADA REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2019, PROGRAMME CHAIR:

Scott Fitzsimmons University of Limerick

ISA CANADA'S REGIONAL CONFERENCES

ISA-Canada regional meeting took place at the 2018 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, May 30 – 1 June 2018, University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan. The positions of Secretary-Treasurer and the 2019 ISA/CPSA IR Section program co-chair were elected at this meeting.

As in past years, ISA-Canada collaborated with the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) in organizing the IR section of the 2018 CPSA / ISA Canada Annual Conference held in conjunction with the Congress. A total of 19 panel and roundtable sessions were held on a variety of topics. I would like to thank ISA-Canada / CPSA Program Co-Chairs, Nicole Wegner (ISA-C) from the University of Saskatchewan and Stéfanie von Hlatky (CPSA) for organizing a highly successful series of panels and roundtables at the regional conference.

In addition to the regular program, three professional development workshops were scheduled at the regional conference; these workshops were supported by funding from ISA HQ. The workshops were scheduled as part of the ISA-C / CPSA Joint Program. One of the workshops was designed specifically for doctoral candidates, post-doctoral and junior career scholars; and the other two were aimed at all IR scholars. The workshops were entitled “The Publication”; “Teaching by Design”; and “Navigating the IR Job Market”. A big thank you is in order to the members of the Professional Development Committee, Tanya Narozhna, University of Winnipeg, Nisha Shaw, University of Ottawa (faculty members), Sandra Yao, and Andrea Lane (graduate student members).

The 2019 ISA-Canada Region conference will be held at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, June 4-6. The deadline for paper and panel proposals was November 5, 2018. There were 71 single paper proposals; in addition, proposals for 6 panels and 3 roundtables were received. Based on the submissions, a total of 33 panels, roundtables, and workshops are scheduled. The scheduled sessions include three professional development workshops sponsored by ISA HQ. Two of the workshops are aimed specifically at doctoral candidates, post-doctoral, and early-career scholars who are seeking academic jobs. The workshops are entitled “Navigating the International Relations Job Market” and “Perfecting Your Application Dossier”. The third workshop focuses on Indigenizing the IR curriculum and takes account of the diverse experiences and knowledge systems of Indigenous peoples from around the world.

ISA CANADA / CPSA RELATIONSHIP

At the time of writing, I am scheduled to meet with the Board of Directors, Canadian Political Science Association, in Ottawa, on December 8, 2018. ISA Canada has good working relationship with CPSA including the joint organization of the IR section of CPSA Annual Conference. I expect that the meeting will help further develop the collaborative relationship between the two organizations.

ISA-CANADA GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

ISA-Canada received a total of eight submissions for the 2018 ISA-Canada Graduate Student Paper Prize. The Adjudication Committee was composed of:

Dr. Can Mutlu, Department of Politics, Acadia University

Dr. Jesse Salah Ovadia, Department of Political Science, University of Windsor

Dr. Marie-Joelle Zahar Centre for International Studies and Research Université de Montréal

Based on the Terms of Reference of the Prize, the Adjudication Committee used the following major criteria for assessing the papers and selecting the best paper: originality, strength and clarity of argument, and contribution to the appropriate literature. The Adjudication Committee also included the following related criteria when evaluating the papers: quality of theoretical framework; appropriateness and quality of research design (if relevant); and structure and style. Based on the Prize criteria, the Adjudication Committee selected for the Prize Anastasia Ufimtseva's paper "The Role of Host-Country's Politics in Shaping the Rules of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): An Analysis of Chinese FDI in the Canadian Hydrocarbon Sector." Anastasia Ufimtseva is a doctoral candidate at Balsillie School of International Affairs, Wilfrid Laurier University. All the applicants as well as the winner were notified of the result. The winner will be officially announced at the upcoming AGM scheduled for March 28, 2019 during the ISA Convention in Toronto.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SPONSORSHIP

We extend our thanks to the following sponsors for their financial contributions to ISA Canada: University of Regina Provost's office; University of Toronto Department of Political Science; York University Department of Politics, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies; Queen's University Political Studies Department; Dalhousie University Department of Political Science; University of Regina Department of Politics and International Studies; University of Saskatchewan Department of Political Studies; University of Alberta, Department of Political Science. In total, \$3150 was raised this year, which is an improvement over the previous two years.

ACCOUNT BALANCE

Account Balance:

ISA-Canada's balance as of December 1, 2018 is \$8756.77. This balance is healthy, and provided that the current level of sponsorship can be maintained, will leave the association with a positive balance at the end of the next fiscal year.

Revenue Sources:

1. Annual ISA-C regional membership dues: this amount varies each year. We receive \$5 for every ISA member with a Canadian address. These dues arrive month by month, and are deposited in the ISA-C account under the auspices of ISA. Membership dues received for 2019 were \$1450 (290 memberships), which is lower than 2018 (\$1780) and 2017 (\$1580) amounts. The reason for the decline in Canadian memberships is unclear.
2. ISA conference registration fees: amount varies each year. 2019 amounts are not available at time of report writing.
3. Sponsorships: amount varies each year. In 2019, amount raised at time of report writing was \$3150.
4. ISA Professional Development funding: This is a one-time allocation of \$2000 which ISA Canada applied for and was awarded by the ISA Professional Development Committee.

2018 Expenses:

1. Annual PCMA Insurance, which all ISA regions must pay on an annual basis.
2. Student paper prize (\$500)
3. Receptions held at ISA and ISA-Canada Regional conferences
4. Award dinner for 2018

Distinguished Scholar Upcoming expenses in 2019:

1. PCMA Insurance
2. Student paper prize
3. Receptions held at ISA (Toronto) and ISA-Canada Regional (Vancouver) conferences

While most of ISA-Canada's expenses are fixed (insurance, paper prize), or can be approximated with a good degree of accuracy (receptions, award dinner), revenue is unpredictable, as we rely almost entirely on membership dues and sponsorships and these fluctuate annually. Strategies to build and diversify revenue sources would be useful.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

2018 ISA-CANADA REGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ISA Canada offered three professional development (PD) workshops at the regional conference held at the University of Regina, 30 May-1 June 2018. These workshops were supported by funding from ISA HQ. The workshops were scheduled as part of the ISA-Canada / Canadian Political Science Association Joint Program. One of the workshops was designed specifically for doctoral candidates, post-doctoral and junior career scholars; and the other two were aimed at all IR scholars. The workshops were entitled "The Publication"; "Teaching by Design"; and "Navigating the IR Job Market". The Professional Development Committee 2018 was composed of Tanya Narozhna, University of Winnipeg, Nisha Shaw, University of Ottawa (faculty members), Sandra Yao, and Andrea Lane (graduate student members).

2019 ISA-CANADA REGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ISA-Canada Region association received \$2,000 from ISA HQ to support three PD workshops to be offered at the 2019 ISA-Canada Region Annual Conference to be held at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, June 4-6. Two of the workshops are aimed specifically at doctoral candidates, post-doctoral, and early-career scholars who are seeking academic jobs. These workshops are entitled "Navigating the International Relations Job Market" and "Perfecting Your Application Dossier". The third workshop focuses on "Indigenizing the IR class", taking account of the diverse experiences and knowledge systems of Indigenous peoples from around the world. Each workshop will be designed and delivered by different experts in the fields of professional development and teaching and learning. The Indigenizing the IR class workshop will be conducted as a roundtable consisting of 4 instructors.