CISS continues to serve the needs of the international studies community by providing a forum, within the International Studies Association, for the exchange of interdisciplinary perspectives and comparative studies. The section’s emphasis in recent years has increasingly centered on encouraging a cross professional and cross-disciplinary dialogue amongst scholars, policy makers, military and business professionals, and non-governmental actors and organizations. The Millennium Series of international conferences were started in 1999 to draw together a small group of participants in a retreat like setting to engage in an intensive exchange of ideas and scholarship. This has led to increased participation by scholars and other interested individuals from a wide range of international institutions located across the globe. In addition, student participation has noticeably increased leading to the institution of a graduate student paper award, the Millennium Award, for interdisciplinary scholarship presented at the CISS Millennium Series conference. Thus far, ten conferences have been successfully organized. The international millennium series conferences have been highly successful in achieving the goal of bringing together a diverse cross section of professionals from different disciplines.

Conferences and Professional Development:

ISA Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada, March 16-19, 2011
CISS organized 36 panels and roundtables, as well as poster sessions for ISA’s 52nd conference in Montreal, on “Global Governance: Political Authority in Transition”. The Section held its Business Meeting and Joint Reception on Wednesday, March 16th, 2011. The reception was sponsored by CISS, DPLST, ENGSS, and Keesing’s World News Archives.

CISS Joint Conference WISC August 17-20, Porto, Portugal, 2011:
CISS contributed to the WISC meeting in Porto, Portugal, just as in previous years with the CEEISA meeting in Budapest (2003), and the first WISC conference in Istanbul (2005). The joint meetings have enabled us to expand the scholarly interaction beyond the section membership and provided us with a broader perspective. The Porto panels were well attended by section members.

CISS Tenth Millennium Series Conference, Venice, Italy, July 4-5, 2010:
The Venice conference represented a historic moment in the CISS Millennium Series of conferences that were launched in Paris in 1999. The theme of the Venice conference, “Global Cooperation: Alliances, Institutions, and International Relations,” was an effort to explore the scope and complexity of the contemporary challenges and opportunities confronting the global community, as well as underscore the need to construct an effective policy framework to deal with the increasingly large number of transnational problems. Reflecting the increased interest in the conferences, a record number of proposals were received. In order to maintain the intimate character of these meetings, the acceptance rate for the Venice conference was kept to 30% of the proposals received. This was designed to enable us to maintain the sense of community that is characteristic of these intellectual retreats. Participants representing 99 universities, institutions, and companies, from 27 countries, attended the highly successful conference held in one of the most unique cities of the world. The Millennium Award for the outstanding paper presented at the 2009 Potsdam conference by a younger scholar was awarded to Irma Slomczynska of Marie Curie-Sklodowska University, Poland.
MILLENNIUM CONFERENCES
Venice, Italy, 2010
Potsdam, Germany, 2009
Paris, France, 2008
Bucaco, Portugal, 2007
The Hague, Netherlands, 2006
Salzburg, Austria, 2004
Brugge, Belgium, 2002
Heidelberg, Germany, 2001
Washington D.C, USA 2000
Paris, France, 1999

JOINT CONFERENCES
Porto, Portugal, 2011
Budapest, Hungary, 2003
Istanbul, Turkey, 2005
Lucerne, Switzerland, 2005

OUTREACH CONFERENCES
Global Cooperation Initiative

Membership:
The section’s membership reflects a marked increase and the membership continues to be representative of a broad range of countries, institutions, and professional levels. Diversity has also been achieved in that members represent senior scholars as well as junior scholars, active professionals, and retired scholars. The section membership was reported to be 224. Countries represented include, Australia (4) Brazil (3) Canada (10) Chile (1) China (2) Denmark (1) England (1) Finland (2) France (2) Germany (7) Greece (1) Hungary (3) Israel (1) Italy (5) Japan (4) Lebanon (1) Mexico (2) Netherlands (1) Norway (3) Peru (1) Poland (2) Portugal (2) Scotland (1) Sweden (3) Switzerland (2) Taiwan (1) Turkey (7) United Kingdom (13) USA (135) Venezuela (2)

Financial Base:
The section’s finances are sound and judicious disbursement has enabled the Section to continue to host its various conferences and outreach activities. As of the most recent statement (December, 31, 2011) from ISA Headquarters, the section had a balance of $4303.78.

Respectfully Submitted,
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