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, resulting in 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, San Diego, CA, April 1st-4th, 2012
CISS organized a record number of panels and roundtables, as well as poster sessions for ISA’s 53rd conference in San Diego on “Power, Principles, and Participation in the Global Information Age”. The Section held its Business Meeting and Joint Reception on April 1st, 2012. The reception was sponsored by CISS, DPLST, ENGSS, and Keesing’s World News Archives.

CISS Keynote Joint Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, June 24th-26th, 2012
The meeting theme “Between the Global and the Local: Actors, Institutions and Processes” focused on the interconnectedness of developments between the global stage and local contexts. The assumption that decision-making processes, ideas/norms, and institutional practices, exhibit a noticeable density in institutional structures and channels of communication that mediate between global developments and local situations was the basis for analysis in the various presentations. Whether focusing on the role of the state and the scope of its authority, the national as well as transnational reach of civil society activism, or the rights and responsibilities of individuals within society, it was evident that outcomes were often conditioned by the dynamic interplay between global and local processes, as shaped by the mediating endeavors of a wide range of actors and institutions.

Conference sessions were organized around the following topics:

- Growing trends in global governance and the responsibilities of the states within international society
The evolving relationship between international, state, and non-state actors

The role of normative values and socio-cultural considerations in determining the perceptions and conduct of the various actors within the system

The nature and scope of traditional and non-traditional challenges that confront humankind in the 21st century

A special session was dedicated to the memory of the late President Vaclav Havel whose thoughts and actions continued to inspire the gathering of delegates.

The joint meetings have enabled us to expand the scholarly interaction beyond the section membership and provided us with a broader perspective.

**Millennium Conferences**
Venice Italy, 2010
Potsdam, Germany, 2009
Paris, France 2008
Bucaco, Portugal, 2007
The Hague, Netherlands, 2006
Salzburg, Austria, 2004
Bruges, Belgium 2002
Heidelberg, Germany, 2001
Washington DC, USA 2000
Paris France, 1999

**Joint Conferences**
Prague, Czech Republic, 2012
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 285. Countries represented include: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands,
Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, USA, Russia, South Korea, Colombia, Philippines, Singapore, India, and Qatar.

**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 (February, 2013) from ISA Headquarters, the section had a balance of approximately $6486.51.

Respectfully Submitted,
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