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. The conclusion of the Millennium Series of conferences with the 10th Annual Conference in 2010 was followed by a renewed emphasis on joint meetings and outreach conferences to expand the scholarly interaction beyond the section membership and provided us with a broader perspective.

CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, March 26-29, 2014

CISS organized a record number of 36 panels and roundtables, as well as poster sessions for ISA’s 55th conference in Toronto on “Spaces and Places: Geopolitics in an Era of Globalization”. The Section held its annual Business Meeting and Joint Reception which were well attended by the membership. The reception was co-sponsored by CISS, DPLST, ENGSS, and Keesing’s World News Archives.

Prague Conference, November 20-22, 2014
25 Years After: The Challenges of Building the Post-Communist Media and Communications Industries

CISS was privileged to partner with and to provide a unique interdisciplinary perspective to the issues discussed in this historic conference that was held in Prague on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution and the sweeping changes that took place throughout the region after the fall of the Berlin Wall.
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

Bruges, Belgium, 2013
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 244. 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 financial statement (November, 2014) from ISA Headquarters, the section had a balance of approximately $1320.99.

Respectfully Submitted,

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