

English School Section Annual Report 2012-2013

The English School Section continues to attract new members, if slowly. The new historical section can be expected however to result in a stabilisation of numbers, since hitherto the ES has tended to attract people wanting an historical perspective, and they can be expected to join the new history section instead.

The budget is in good order and is being directed towards a proposed conference in 2014 jointly with the Interdisciplinary Section on the subject of 'Emerging Norms and Practices'. We have invited the International Law Section to join us in this venture and the Section's officers have expressed interest.

There were 23 ES sponsored panels at the San Diego conference, which occasioned a considerable buzz; and there were several spectacularly successful poster sessions. No ES junior scholar papers were accepted for the San Francisco conference, to my knowledge, but the system seemed to work well, and the ES program director was able to include several in regular panels. There were many good papers and panels proposed and accepted for San Francisco, and there were few defections.

Section members proposed and planned a Working Group on the Relations of International Organizations and Master Institutions (diplomacy, sovereignty, great power management, etc.) which in the event had to give way to the new Theory Group. However, an innovative panel was suggested and accepted, and the Section is looking forward to this major theoretical innovation. It is directed to devising models of the varied intersections between IOs and MIs. The IO section members have been invited to participate in the innovative panel, which will take the form of a 'town hall meeting'. A lot of publicity has gone out concerning the panel and we hope for a good uptake. The group leaders (Laust Schouenborg, Tonny Brems Knudsen and Christian Breutsch) will report the results of the innovative panel at the PanEuropean conference in Warsaw in September.

In the meantime the English School Guide to International Studies is nearing completion and the manuscript is expected to be with Wiley by 1 April, to join the ISA series, when the 2013 Conference opens. It contains seven new chapters, in addition to the seven chapters drawn from the Compendium. Updated, they together cover the major research areas of the English School, plus several historical chapters on the origins of the School and the early ideas of the original British Committee members. This represents a major opportunity for the English School to 'enter' the American 'market of ideas', and the editors, Cornelia Navari and Daniel Green, have been pleased to take up this opportunity to present the ES wares.

The other development is the introduction of a buffet at the annual reception, to be continued at San Francisco.

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