Foreign Policy Analysis Section Annual Report 2012-2013

The FPA section held its annual business meeting at the convention in San Diego on April 3, 2012. Elections at the meeting produced the leadership team for 2012-2013, which included Cameron Thies (President), Steven Saideman (VP and Program Chair for San Francisco), Officers-at-Large Klaus Brummer, Jarrod Hayes, and James Scott, and Patrick Haney (Past President).

The section sponsored or co-sponsored 96 panels and 2 poster sessions, 1 of which was held in conjunction with our reception, thanks to Cameron Thies as VP and Program Chair. Officers-at-Large Amy Below and Jarrod Hayes also organized 1 innovative panel (“Debate: The Role of Constructivism in Foreign Policy Analysis”) and 1 working group (“New Media and Foreign Policy”) at the San Diego conference. We recognized Rachelle Cloutier as the 2012 winner of the annual Alexander George Graduate Student Paper Competition for her paper, “The Ties that Bind? Liberal Democracies, Global Human Rights Norms & Foreign Policy Dilemmas.” Honorable Mention was also awarded to Olivier Schmitt for his paper “Strategic Users of Culture: German Decision-making on the Use of Military Force in ESDP Operations.” Thanks also go to Trevor Rubenzer for chairing the George committee. The section held a special roundtable honoring Professor Yaacov Vertzberger as the Section’s annual Distinguished Scholar. Vertzberger was also honored at our annual reception, which was cosponsored for the first time with the Scientific Study of International Processes Section (SSIP) and the Political Demography Section and funded by the sections as well as by the donations of many partner groups and publishers. The reception was widely regarded as a success and we will continue our partnership with SSIP and Political Demography next year.

Looking forward to the San Francisco Convention, Steve Saideman has organized 94 Panels and Roundtables that we either sponsor or co-sponsor, and a poster session in conjunction with our reception. The Section is also involved—thanks to Officers-at-Large Jim Scott and Klaus Brummer—with an innovative panel (“Why Theories of International Relations Need Theories of Foreign Policy”). We will honor Professor Janice Gross Stein as our Distinguished Scholar with a special roundtable, and also honor her at our joint reception. Officer-at-Large Jarrod Hayes chaired the Alexander George Graduate Student Paper Competition which will make the award to Sibel Oktay for “Unpacking Coalitions: Extreme Foreign Policy by Coalition Governments in Europe Between 1994 and 2004,” We will also hold elections at our annual business meeting, where Steve Saideman will take the helm as Section President through the 2014 convention in Toronto.

The FPA Section currently has 876 members (up 50 from last year and still the second largest in ISA) and a balance of around $9,500, some of which will be spent at the San Francisco convention and reception.