Global Development Section

2014 Chair’s Report – Jeanne Simon

The financial state of the section is very healthy. Third World Quarterly once again will contribute $1500 to the reception and eminent scholar activities. This year GDS will recognize the contribution of Third World Quarterly to disseminating innovative academic work on global development issues in the Third World.

For the 2014 program, our quota was maintained at 48, and we sponsored 32 panels and co-sponsored 34 panels for the Toronto programme.

Membership figures have dropped from 476 in 2013 to 456 in 2014. In the 2013 Business Meeting, different proposals were discussed to promote greater participation in GDS, especially with graduate students and junior scholars.

First, GDS is developing new communication strategies and will work within the new ISA Web site. In addition to the Yahoo group and Bi-annual Newsletters, GDS has established a twitter account and a blog.

Second, in addition to the eminent scholar, GDS has established a Best Ph.D. Student paper award. The main criteria for judging the papers will be outstanding scholarship, originality, and theoretical innovation. Papers must be presented at the ISA annual conference.

The winner of the Best Ph.D. Student Paper Award will be announced during the Global Development Reception. Nominations and a copy of the paper should be sent to the selection committee chair gds-isa@gmail.com. The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2014.

Third, GDS is defining strategies to promote mentorship of graduate students with senior scholars.