GLOBAL HEALTH SECTION

The new Global Health Section (GHS) was formally approved in April 2013 at the annual convention of the International Studies Association in San Francisco. GHS has the following objectives:

1. To facilitate disciplinary and interdisciplinary research collaboration on the politics of global health between ISA members from around the world.
2. To promote global health as an important area of study in the discipline of International Relations, and as one that sheds light on the changing nature of international politics.
3. To disseminate global health research being conducted in International Studies to policymakers and other practitioner audiences.
4. To offer scholars from other disciplines a clear hub and means of organization for strengthening and advancing their work on global health politics.
5. To actively collaborate with other research networks, associations and programs focusing on the global politics of health.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The GHS Executive Committee held its second annual meeting on 18 February 2015 from 12.30-1.30 in Grand Salon 10 of the Hilton Riverside in New Orleans. During the meeting the Chair updated the group that the international advisory board had now been successfully formed (see membership information further below).

Committee discussions centered around reviewing the reception arrangements from this conference, and around how to move forward for the next year. Following a very well attended joint reception in New Orleans, interest was expressed in holding the reception immediately following the business meeting, and for the section to hold its own reception. Interest was also expressed in putting in a workshop application for ISA 2016 in Atlanta. The committee further discussed the need to raise additional income, and also received a report from the Governing Council meeting by the Section Chair. The Programme Chair provided an update about panel composition and strategy moving forward. Finally, interest was also expressed in creating additional prizes beyond the Best Graduate Student Paper.

The members of the GHS Executive Committee are:

- Sara Davies, Griffith University
- Stefan Elbe (Chair), University of Sussex
- Sophie Harman, Queen Mary, University of London
The 2016 meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on Thursday, March 17, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM in Room 401 of the Atlanta Hilton.

**Business Meeting:**

GHS held its second annual business meeting at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans on 20 February 2015. The Business Meeting identified the formation of additional prizes as a priority for the coming year, along the lines commonly practiced by many of the other sections. The Committee also received a report from Governing Council meeting by the Section Chair; decided to host its own reception at the next conference; and developed strategies for panel submission at the next Annual Convention in Atlanta. The Committee further noted the requirement to hold elections at the next annual convention. The meeting also discussed a new global health book series launched by Sophie Harman and Adam Kamradt-Scott with Routledge. Finally, the committee shared information on major publications in the area of global health, as well as on forthcoming global health events. The 2016 business meeting will take place on Friday, March 18, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in Room 311 of the Atlanta Hilton.

**International Advisory Board:**

The Executive Committee agreed a list of invitees to serve on the advisory board, and the following people were approached and have agreed to serve on the board:

- Surie Moon
- Mely Caballero Anthony
- Kelley Lee
- Lisa Richey
- Ilona Kickbush
- Sue Peterson
- Kathleen Vogel
- Maxine Whittaker
- Gorik Ooms
- David Fidler
- Evan Lieberman
- Andrew Price Smith
- John Wyn Owen
- Keith Martin
- Colin McInnes
MEMBERSHIP:
Over the course of the year, GHS has been able to further increase its membership to 120.

FUNDRAISING:
A fundraising campaign led by the treasurer has secured a contribution of US$304.59 from the School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary, University of London to go towards the Global Health Section Reception at the 2016 Annual Convention of the International Studies Association in Atlanta.

RECEPTION:
The success of the fundraising campaign has enabled GHS to host its first formal reception at ISA 2015 in New Orleans, hosted jointly with IPS. The reception took place on Wednesday 18 Feb 2015, 7.15pm - 8.30pm, and was very well attended. The 2016 GHS drinks reception will take place on Friday, March 18, 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM, in Crystal A of the Atlanta Hilton.

ONLINE PRESENCE:
GHS have continued to maintain their online presence through:

- the section's official website: http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Sections/GHS.aspx; and
- its Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ISAGlobalHealthSection), which has attracted more than 800 followers and contains news about upcoming events, calls for papers, and job opportunities.

ISA ANNUAL CONVENTION 2016:
For the forthcoming Annual Convention in 2016, the Global Health Section was allocated 9 panels. Overall, the section received some 140 papers as first and second choice, and some 8 complete panel proposals. GHS will be offering 14 panels and one roundtable at the Atlanta convention either as sole sponsors or as co-sponsors (with additional panels linked to GHS members being submitted under the BISA allocation or under the conference theme). Nine of our panels will be co-sponsored: 2 with International Political Sociology; 1 with Foreign Policy Analysis; 1 with the Global South Caucus; 1 with International Security Studies; 1 with Global Development; 1 with International Organization; 1 jointly with Foreign Policy Analysis and IPE; and 1 jointly with Global development, Human Rights, IPS and Theory sections. In addition, GHS was sole sponsor of 4 panels and the roundtable.

GHS has therefore secured three additional offerings as compared to the 2015 convention. We also have co-sponsorships with roughly double the sections as compared to 2015. We feel that these collaborations reflect the growing multidisciplinary appeal of Global Health as a field of study and the status of ISA as an intellectual home for these diverse intersections. A total of 30 papers (choice 1-3) were orphaned.
**Publications:**
Members of the section have been involved in a number of publications projects, including a special issue on Global Health and International Relations published in the *Review of International Studies*, and special issues on the 2014-15 Ebola outbreak in West Africa forthcoming in *Third World Quarterly* and *Global Health Governance*.

**Prizes:**
- The 2015 Best Graduate Student Paper Prize was awarded to Tiina Vaittinen for her paper “Transnational Biopolitics and the Governance of Filipino Nurses as a Global Population.”
- The 2015 ISA Global Health Book Prize has been awarded to Adam Kamradt-Scott for his book *Managing Global Health Security*.
- There was no award for the Early Investigator Prize in 2015.