The Global Health Section (GHS) was formally approved in April 2013 during the annual International Studies Association conference in San Francisco. Since its creation, it has had the following objectives:

- To facilitate disciplinary and interdisciplinary research collaboration on the politics of global health between ISA members from around the world;
- 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;
- To disseminate global health research being conducted in International Studies to policymakers and other practitioner audiences;
- To offer scholars from other disciplines a clear hub and means of organization for strengthening and advancing their work on global health politics;
- 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 third meeting on Thursday, 17 March 2016, during the annual International Studies Association conference in Atlanta. The discussions revolved around strategies for continuing to attract new members, the anticipation of holding our first drinks reception, an update on our prizes (and our interest in attracting even more nominations for each of the prizes, particularly the Early Career prize), a discussion of Routledge’s Global Health book series, our strategies for attracting future sponsorships, and the election process for officers and Executive Committee members. We also thanked those officers and Executive Committee members whose service would be ending with the announcement of election results at the Business Meeting. The outgoing members played a vital role in helping establish and maintain the section in its early days, and we appreciate their service.

Members of the Executive Committee for this meeting were:

- Sara Davies, Griffith University (not in attendance)
- Stefan Elbe, University of Sussex (chair)
- Sophie Harman, Queen Mary University of London (not in attendance)
- Adam Kamradt-Scott, University of Sydney
- Amy Patterson, University of the South
- Valerie Percival, Carleton University
- Simon Rushton, University of Sheffield (secretary)
- Jeremy Shiffman, American University
- Owain Williams, University of Queensland (vice-chair/program chair)
- Jeremy Youde, University of Minnesota Duluth (treasurer)
The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on Thursday, 23 February 2017, from 12:30 to 1:30 during the annual International Studies Association conference in Baltimore.

**BUSINESS MEETING/RECEPTION**

The GHS Business Meeting took place on Friday, 18 March 2016. The meeting discussed an array of issues, including promoting the various prizes the section offers, discussing the Routledge Global Health book series, soliciting feedback on strategies for attracting more membership and sponsorships, and encouraging attendance at our first-ever GHS drinks reception immediately following the business meeting.

2016 was significant for the section, as we conducted our first election. Simon Rushton, in his capacity as secretary, organized the election. Members had the opportunity to vote via an online portal or in person at the Business Meeting in accordance with our charter. We were fortunate in having candidates for all of our officer positions and seven candidates for the six Executive Committee positions. Rushton announced the results of the elections for officers and Executive Committee members. The following were elected:

- Section Chair—Jeremy Youde, Australian National University
- Vice-Chair/Program Chair—Owain Williams, University of Queensland
- Secretary—Anne Roemer-Mahler, University of Sussex
- Treasurer—Sara Davies, Griffith University
- Executive Committee Members:
  - Stefan Elbe, University of Sussex
  - Christian Enemark, Aberystwyth University
  - Sophie Harman, Queen Mary University of London
  - Adam Kamradt-Scott, University of Sydney
  - Amy Patterson, University of the South
  - Simon Rushton, University of Sheffield

There was a peaceful transfer of power.

The GHS Drinks Reception followed the Business Meeting, with approximately 60 people attending. This was a good turnout for our first reception, and we look forward to holding receptions at future conferences. Stefan Elbe, as the outgoing Section Chair, distributed certificates to Adam Kamradt-Scott (Best Book) and Tiina Vaittinen (Best Graduate Student Paper) for winning awards.

**MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH**

GHS has continued to grow each year since its creation. As of 27 October 2016, our section membership numbers 136—an increase of 16 (13 percent) over the past year. We continue to encourage those interested in global health politics to join the section.

GHS maintains an active Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/ISAGlobalHealthSection/?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/ISAGlobalHealthSection/?fref=ts)). It currently boasts 945 members, and provides regular updates about publications, job postings, and other material of interest. We are also exploring sponsorship opportunities that will allow us to further our presence at the annual conference and open up new possibilities for awards and professional development opportunities for our members.
PRIZES
Winners of the 2016 prizes will be announced during our drinks reception at the annual conference in Baltimore in February 2017.

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The Global Health Section has witnessed yet another growth in submissions of papers and panels. We not only attract submissions from schools of international relations, but increasingly from public health, geography and other disciplines. The 2017 ISA Conference attracted some 150 first- and second-choice preferences. The section also had some 12 complete panel and roundtable proposals. We have succeeded in co-sponsoring panels with a wide range of sections, such as Global Development, Security, FTGS and others. Our total number of panels for Baltimore 2017—co-sponsored and otherwise—is 21.