The section on International Organizations brings together scholars interested in the politics, history, and practice of international organizations and their role in politics, global and local. The section is among the largest in ISA and has experienced strong growth the last years – although membership has slightly decreased this year from 747 to 732 members (658 in 2017). The section’s the financial balance is $20,175.39 as of November 1, 2018.

The section executive committee is comprised of John Karlsrud (Chair, to March 2020), Ingvild Bode, (Section Program Chair 2019), Robert Kissack, Secretary (to March 2020), Matias E. Margulis, Treasurer (to 2019) and four members-at-large Kirsten Haack (to March 2020), Sarah S. Bush (to March 2019), Tana Johnson (to March 2020) and Katie Laatikainen (to March 2020). Elections for expiring positions (Treasurer and one member-at-large position) will be held in February 2019. Election officer Kent Kille will oversee the election process. The new executive committee will choose a new program chair and the prize committees.

In Toronto, the IO section was allocated 53 panels. We continue the strong upward trend from last year (91, previous record was 64) and have 94 panels in total this year. Of these 16 are solely sponsored by the IO section and 76 are co-sponsored (some with multiple co-sponsors). As a result, we are co-sponsoring with a very broad range of partners this year:

- Conference Theme: Re-visioning International Studies (4);
- Diplomatic Studies (1);
- English School (1);
- Ethics (2);
- Ethnicity, Nationalism & Migration Studies (1);
- Environmental Studies (3);
- Foreign Policy Analysis (8);
- Global Development (6);
- Global Health (2);
- Historical International Relations (5);
- Human Rights (9);
- Interdisciplinary Studies (2);
- International Communication (2);
- International Law (4);
• International Political Economy (16);
• International Political Sociology (2);
• Peace Studies (12);
• Scientific Study of International Processes (3);
• Theory (7).

We will host a reception in Toronto, co-sponsored with the International Law and the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration sections. IO will contribute $1667 to the costs, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) will cover $1000 and Brill/Global Governance will cover $500 respectively.

We will also be presenting two major awards at ISA 2019: The Finkelstein Award for best graduate student paper delivered at ISA 2018, the Chadwick Alger Award for best book of the year on international organization. The Distinguished Scholar Award is a bi-annual award and will be awarded in 2020. In addition, at the ISA 2018 annual meeting, the IO section approved to continue to support a Special Workshop on the topic of International Institutions and/in the Global South for the 2019 meeting in Toronto.

A. The International Organization section 2019 prize committees:

Finkelstein prize:
Matias Margulis, Chair, University of Stirling
Sophia Dawkins, Yale University
Sarah S. Bush, Yale University
Nina Hall, Johns Hopkins University

Chadwick Alger prize:
Tana Johnson, Chair, Duke University
Katie Laatikainen, Adelphi University
Herman T. Salton, International Christian University (ICU)
Sarah von Billerbeck, University of Reading

Special Workshop on Global South: Clara Egger, Graduate Institute Geneva
Robert Kissack, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEl)
Bob Reinaldo, Radboud University

The Distinguished Senior Scholar Award is a biannual award and will be made next in 2020.

B. The International Organization section made the following awards at the 2018 Annual Meeting in San Francisco:


Finkelstein prize: Sophia Dawkins (Yale University), “Peacemaking “norms”: Vectors for violence?”