Section membership has increased slightly after a dip last year. It now stands at 669.

The balance of the IPS budget was $16,936.36 at the end of October 2017. The main expenditures included the book award for 2017 (1 plaque at $100 and a cheque for $300), and the annual meeting reception (IPS contribution: $1205.15), jointly held with STAIR. The finances of the section are therefore healthy, a state of affairs that will be communicated to the incoming chair.

The initial panel allocation for ISA 2017 was 53 panels (5.2% of convention allocation. IPS sponsored 100 panels/roundtables in the Atlanta program (2016: 136; 2015: 127), 26 organized by myself and 54 user submitted. For the 2018 conference in San Francisco, the has 28 crafted panels, 59 submitted panels, and 21 roundtables.

David McCourt (University of California-Davis) served as chair in 2017/18. Xymena Kurowska (Central European University, Budapest) was elected vice-chair/program chair. Other positions included Anna Wojciuk (University of Warsaw, Treasurer), Frank Stengel (University of Kiel, Communications), Ty Solomon (University of Glasgow, Member-at-Large), Francesco Ragazzi (Leiden University, Member-at-Large), Ted Hopf (National University of Singapore, Member-at-Large), Marta F. G. Moreno (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Member-at-Large), and Dirk Nabers (University of Kiel, Past Chair).


The winner of the 2016 graduate paper awarded for the best paper presented by a PhD student at the ISA Annual conference in Baltimore is Pernilla Johanson, for her paper titled “The Feel-ings for the Game: How Emotions Shape Listening Practices in Peacebuilding Partnerships.”