This report was prepared by Stephen Marrin, ISS Section Chair

FULL REPORT

The Intelligence Studies Section (ISS) was established in 1985 in order to promote scholarly research and teaching in all aspects of intelligence, to internationalize the study of intelligence, and to build healthy, collaborative relationships with other academic disciplines:

- ISS currently has 346 members, up from 83 members in 2005. Between 2009 and 2012, membership increased from 150 to the 300s, where it has been since.
- ISS is sponsoring or co-sponsoring 30 panels at ISA 2017, up from 9 panels in 2004. Between 2010 and 2017, the ISS panel quota has increased from 13 panels to 27 panels.
- As of October 2016, ISS has a financial balance of $6142. The balance tends to fluctuate between $3000 and $9000 depending on where in the annual saving or spending cycle it is.

INTELLIGENCE STUDIES SECTION OFFICERS ARE:
- Stephen Marrin, Chair, elected to a two year term in 2016.
- Michael Andrregg, Secretary-Treasurer, elected to a three-year term in 2014.
- Julian Richards & Damien Van Puyvelde, Program Co-Chairs, appointed to one year terms in 2016

AT THE 2016 ISA CONFERENCE:
- **Sponsoring Panels:** ISS sponsored or co-sponsored 28 panels and roundtables. An average of just under 30 people (participants and attendees) attended each of these panels.
- **Roundtable and Reception Honoring James Wirtz as Recipient of the ISS Distinguished Scholar Award:** A reception was held to honor James Wirtz as the ISS Distinguished Scholar Award for all that he has done to establish the field of intelligence studies. The reception was sponsored by Routledge/Taylor & Francis; Georgetown University Press; Rowman and Littlefield, and Praeger/ABC-CLIO.
- **2015 Outstanding Student Paper Award:** The 2016 Outstanding Student Paper Award was awarded to Julia Macdonald for her paper titled “Leadership Beliefs and State Threat Assessments: Saddam Hussein and the Iraq War 2003.” This continues the effort to recognize outstanding scholarship by students.
- **ISS Business Meeting:** An ISS business meeting was held to discuss Section activities.

ADDITIONAL ISS ACTIVITIES DURING THE 2016-2017 YEAR INCLUDE:
- **ISS Nominating Committee Activities:** Many thanks to David Strachan-Morris (chair), Erik Dahl, Bill Spracher, and Spencer Willardson for serving on the Outstanding Student Paper Award selection committee, and to Mark Phythian (chair), John Gentry, Terry Quist, and Dan Gressang for serving on the Distinguished Scholar Award Nominating Committee.
- **Collaboration with H-Intel:** Established “Partner Organization” status with H-Intel, which is part of the H-Net family of networks. H-Intel provides ISS with a platform for distributing intelligence studies-related materials and posting content useful for researching or teaching about intelligence
issues. The ISS H-Intel editor is Michael Landon-Murray, who is responsible for: posting publications on site, organizing book or article reviews, and otherwise building useful resources for the field. For more on H-Intel, see: https://networks.h-net.org/h-intel

IN 2017, ISS ACTIVITIES AT THE ANNUAL ISA CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE:

- **ISS Panels:** ISS will be sponsoring or co-sponsoring 30 panels at the annual conference.
- **ISS Business Meeting:** An ISS business meeting is scheduled for lunchtime on Wednesday 22 February 2017 with food & refreshments included. ISS business will include: election for ISS Secretary/Treasurer, discussion of committees and membership, specifically including the Early Career Scholars Group.
- **ISS Outstanding Student Paper Award:** At the ISS business meeting, the ISS 2016 Outstanding Student Paper Award will be awarded to Daniela Richterova for her paper entitled “Testing the Terror Network Theory: Prague's Unwilling Support of Carlos the Jackal.”
- **ISS Distinguished Scholar Award:** On the evening of Wednesday 16 March a reception will be held to honor Richard Aldrich as the ISS Distinguished Scholar Award recipient for all that he has done for intelligence studies. The reception will be sponsored by Routledge/Taylor & Francis; Georgetown University Press; Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group; Praeger/ABC-CLIO; Polity; SAGE Publishing; and International Spy Museum.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, ISS MEMBERS CAN SUPPORT ISS ACTIVITIES BY:

- **Improving communications:** This can be done specifically by sharing more information about conferences and publications of potential interest, calls for papers/presentations, other resources, and a variety of other research-oriented opportunities via the existing ISA email list or H-Intel.
- **Increasing outreach and engagement with other intelligence studies associations:** In the 1980s and 1990s, ISS collaborated with CASIS as well as the British Security and Intelligence Studies Group. In summer 2012, ISS contributed two panels to the ISA/British International Studies Association conference and in 2014 CASIS contributed 2 panels to the ISA conference. These kinds of collaborations with other disciplinary, national or international associations could be expanded.
- **Promoting scholarship through the Compendium Project:** ISS seeks volunteers to write analytic review essays for the ISA Compendium Project. The Compendium Project is an effort to evaluate the state of the intelligence studies body of knowledge through evaluative literature reviews. Previous publications are listed here: http://intellit.muskingum.edu/refmats_folder/teachingiss.html
- **Acquiring more benefits for ISS members:** There is untapped potential in terms of working with publishers and other interested parties to acquire benefits for ISS members. For example, ISS acquired a subscription discount for all ISA members to the International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, in addition to the existing discount for ISA members to the journal Intelligence and National Security. Additional benefits for members could be expanded.
- **Supporting the Early Career Scholars Group:** Identifying and promoting research, publication, funding, and employment opportunities, and social opportunities at the conference itself for early career scholars group.