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:

- As of November 2017, ISS has 401 members, up from 83 members in 2005. Between 2009 and 2012, membership increased from 150 to the 300s.
- ISS is sponsoring or co-sponsoring 30 panels at ISA 2018, up from 9 panels in 2004. Between 2010 and 2018, the ISS panel quota has increased from 13 panels to 26 panels.
- As of October 2017, ISS has a financial balance of $6915. The balance tends to fluctuate between $3000 and $9000 depending on where in the annual saving or spending cycle it is.

Intelligence Studies Section leaders include:

- Stephen Marrin, Chair, elected to a two year term in 2016.
- John Pyrik, Secretary-Treasurer, elected to a three-year term in 2017.
- Damien Van Puyvelde and Cris Matei, Program Co-Chairs, appointed to 1-year term in 2017

At the 2017 ISA Conference:

- Sponsoring Panels: ISS sponsored or co-sponsored 30 well-attended panels and roundtables.
- Roundtable and Reception Honoring Richard Aldrich as Recipient of the ISS Distinguished Scholar Award: A reception was held to honor Richard Aldrich 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 Publishing Group; Praeger/ABC-CLIO; Polity; SAGE Publishing; and the International Spy Museum.
- 2017 Outstanding Student Paper Award: The 2017 Outstanding Student Paper Award was awarded to Daniela Richterova for her paper entitled “Testing the Terror Network Theory: Prague's Unwilling Support of Carlos the Jackal.” 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 2017-2018 year include:

- ISS Nominating Committee Activities: Many thanks to Richard Aldrich (chair), Mark Stout, Spencer Willardson, Jon Wiant, and Andres De Castro for serving on the Outstanding Student
Paper Award selection committee, and to Erik Dahl (chair), Bill Spracher, Jon Wiant, and Dan Gressang for serving on the Distinguished Scholar Award Nominating Committee.

- **ISS/Early Career Scholars Group**: With Daniela Baches as its chair, the ISS/ECSG provided a presentation to the annual meeting of the International Association for Intelligence Education, and continues to post items of interest to its active Facebook page, to include jobs, fellowships, calls for papers, new publications, and other opportunities.

- **Collaboration with H-Intel**: ISS is a “Partner Organization” with H-Intel, part of the H-Net family of networks. H-Intel provides a platform for distributing intelligence studies-related materials. The ISS Director of Communications and 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](https://networks.h-net.org/h-intel)

**In 2018, ISS activities at the annual ISA conference will include:**

- **ISS Panels**: ISS will be sponsoring or co-sponsoring 30 panels and roundtables at the annual conference.

- **ISS Business Meeting**: An ISS business meeting is scheduled for lunchtime on Wednesday 4 April 2018 with food & refreshments included. ISS business will include: election for ISS Chair, discussion of committees and membership, specifically including the Early Career Scholars Group, and the presentation of the outstanding student paper award.

- **ISS Outstanding Student Paper Award**: The ISS 2017 Outstanding Student Paper Award will be given to Cullen Nutt for his paper titled “Seek, And Ye Shall Find: The Dynamic Effects of Previous Failure on Detecting Nuclear Programs”

- **ISS Distinguished Scholar Award**: On the evening of Thursday 5 April 2018 a reception will be held to honor Gregory Treverton as the ISS Distinguished Scholar Award recipient for all that he has done for intelligence studies. The reception will be sponsored by Georgetown University Press, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Pherson Associates, the Center for Asymmetric Threat Studies at Swedish Defence University and the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC).

**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, academic groups, platforms, initiatives with similar purposes** 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 associations, academic groups, platforms and initiatives could be expanded, encouraging the participation and dialogue across disciplines and fields of practice.

- **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 ISS/Early Career Scholars Group:** Identifying and promoting research, publication, funding, and employment opportunities, and social opportunities at the conference itself for early career scholars researching and writing about intelligence studies.

- **Promoting publications developed as a result of ISS workshops, panels, and presentations:** Many books, special issues of journals, and articles have been published as a result of papers presented on ISS panels at the annual ISA conference. Most recently, in 2017 a special issue of Intelligence and National Security was published based on a workshop organized at ISA on the subject of Understanding and Improving Intelligence Analysis by Learning from Other Disciplines. ISS could more effectively highlight publications developed as a result of ISS panels and other activities.