

The International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association had a banner year in 2013. The annual meeting with ISAC hosted by the Elliott School at the George Washington University took place in October 2013 with around 400 registered guests. The conference featured almost 100 panels covering a wide variety of security topics and two keynote events, an opening theme panel on the challenges of long-term planning in US foreign policy, featuring three former State Department Policy Planning Directors and one former Assistant Secretary of State, and a lecture by distinguished journalist Marvin Kalb. The success of the conference will permit the section to maintain a comfortable budgetary surplus to guard against future losses and to implement new programs. Our thanks go to James Lebovic, Christina Caan, Todd Sechser, and the Elliott School for their invaluable conference contributions.

We are looking forward to next year's conference in Austin, Texas in November 2014, hosted by Eugene Gholz and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. We have also made preliminary arrangements for the 2015 conference which will be in Springfield, Massachusetts, hosted by Jon Western of Amherst College.

ISSS membership grew to 1,383 in 2013, with 1,381 already registered for next year. As of September 2013, we had \$149,169 in our accounts, although this figure may be prior to disbursing some of the costs of ISSS-ISAC. It also includes funds for the International Security Studies Forum (ISSF) listserve, founded by Robert Jervis, which publishes article reviews, essays, and roundtables as part of H-Diplo, and for which ISA manages funds. In an effort spearheaded by sponsorship coordinator Kimberley Marten, we also raised over \$11,000 from 19 sponsors for our reception at ISA Toronto, not all of which is captured by this September 2013 figure.

ISSS will present four awards this year. Richard Ned Lebow, Dartmouth College, won the 2014 ISSS Distinguished Scholar Award. The ISSS Best Book Award goes to Ja Ian Jong for *External Intervention and the Politics of State Formation* (Cambridge University Press), with Bear Braumoeller receiving Honorable Mention for *The Great Powers and the International System* (also Cambridge University Press). The winner of the ISSS Outstanding Graduate Paper Award is Jacquelyn G. Schneider of Arizona State University, for her paper, "Cyber and the Security Dilemma: A China-United States Case Study"

Each of the ISSS awards carries a \$500 prize and plaque to honor the awardee. The winner of Honorable Mention for the book prize will also receive a plaque.

In the process of compiling the section program for Toronto, ISSS program chair Maria Rost Rublee received more than 1,000 paper proposals and 200 proposals for panels and roundtables, including first- and second-choice submissions. These proposals included 17% of all proposed participants in the conference. ISSS was allotted 140 panels for the Toronto conference. Because of Maria's work with other sections, she was able to secure 160 panels and roundtables for ISSS, of which 15 are roundtables. 39 are co-sponsored panels or roundtables with FPA, Intelligence, Gender Studies, among others, on subjects

including just war, extremist communication and radicalization, feminist security studies, ethnicity and conflict, and World War I in current scholarship. In accordance with ISA rules, approximately 50 percent of the panels were created from scratch; the other 50 percent included submitted panels and roundtables.

ISSS continued to work on its proposal for a new ISA journal, with the proposed title, *Journal of Global Security Studies*. We assembled a proposed initial editorial team, led by Deborah Avant as editor-in-chief-designate, and Felix Berenskoetter (University of London) Charli Carpenter (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), Michael Horowitz (University of Pennsylvania), and Stuart Kaufman (University of Delaware) as proposed associate editors. Together they finalized and submitted our proposal for the ISA Publications Committee (PC) to consider. There is currently a moratorium on new journals at ISA until 2015; however, we hope that a new security studies journal will be possible once the moratorium expires. Given the strong growth in the field, in the section, and the strong interest in the section in such a journal, we are committed to advocating for this and will continue to do so.

We are currently in the process of conducting elections for the ISSS Governing Council. James Lebovic, Vice Chair of the section, is overseeing this process. We have a record-breaking eleven candidates from three countries for four positions on the ISSS Council. As an indication of our rising prominence in the field, five of these candidates are holders of named or endowed professorships, and one is a Dean. Office bearers for 2013-14 are listed below.

Office-bearers

Section Chair: Stuart Kaufman (term ends March 2015)

Section Vice-Chair: James Lebovic (accedes as Chair March 2015)

Section Program Chair: Maria Rost Rublee (term ends April 2014)

Treasurer: Erik Dahl (term ends March 2015)

Governing Council Members

Through Spring 2014: James Lebovic; Gale Mattox; Tim Hoyt; Helen Purkitt

Through Spring 2015: Debbi Avant, Chris Demchak, Michael Horowitz, Matthew Gratias (graduate student representative)

Through Spring 2016: Stacie Goddard, Fiona Adamson, Richard Lacquement, and Maria Rost Rublee.

Distinguished Scholar Selection Committee: Deborah Avant (co-chair), Jack Snyder (co-chair), Fiona Adamson, Ted Hopf

Best Graduate Paper Selection Committee: Gale Mattox (Chair), Helen Purkitt, Tim Hoyt

Best Book Selection Committee: Richard Lacquement (Chair), Stacie Goddard, Chris Demchak

Website Liasons: Helen Purkitt (Chair), Matthew Gratias, Tim Hoyt

ISS Council Nominating Committee: James Lebovic (Chair), Michael Horowitz, Matthew Gratias, Fiona Adamson

ISSS editor, ISA Compendium Project: Jeffrey Larsen

H-Diplo-ISSS Forum Representatives: Patricia Weitsman, Stacie Goddard, Stuart Kaufman, T.V. Paul