The Political Demography and Geography section of the International Studies Association has seen a steady growth in membership since its inception in 2011. Our regular panels at the Toronto ISA Annual Conference in 2014 were well attended and the sections were split between demography and geography interests with about 30 percent of presenters being non-US scholars. Our second Myron Weiner Award (distinguished scholar award for lifetime achievement) was presented to Jack Goldstone at a roundtable discussion chaired by Henrik Urdall of PRIO. The Myron Weiner Award will be presented at the 2015 ISA Conference in New Orleans. Our section editor Jonathan Potton (University of Aberdeen) published the Newsletter (PDG People and Places) and a second issue is being prepared for distribution before the 2015 ISA Conference. We also started a new competition, The ISA Jacek Kugler Political Demography and Geography Student Paper Award, to be awarded to the best graduate student paper presented at the ISA Conference. The selection committee chaired by Andrea den Boer (University of Kent) will present the first award at the 2015 ISA Conference. Our section was also active in co-organizing an international conference in Poland. Tad Kugler (Roger Williams University) organized the Joint ISA/PDG-Collegium Civitas Conference, entitled “Eurasia: Defining and Crossing Barriers” at the Collegium Civitas, a Polish social science institute.

Membership and Finance:

As shown in Figure 1, PDG membership increased by 16 new members (14.5
percent) since last year. This is a slight decrease from the previous year’s figures of 27.9 percent increase (24 members) but shows a healthy overall growth.

Our section’s finances are also in good shape as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Finances of PDG (1/1/14 – 10/31/14)**

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As of November 2014, our funds stand at roughly $4,066. This year, we received contributions from Uppsala Conflict Data Program (via Samuel Taub), PRIO (via Henrik Urdal), Stimson Center (via Rich Cincotta), Mark O. Hatfield School of Government of Portland State University (via Ron Tammen), Center for Turkish Studies of the Hatfield School of Government-Portland State University (via Birol Yesilada) earmarked for the joint PDG/FPA/SSIP reception in New Orleans 2015. Other co-sponsors of the reception are Keesing’s, Routledge, Rowman & Littlefield/Lexington Books, Stanford University Press, Journal of Peace Research, and the PDG, FPA, SSIP.

**ISA 2015 Panels:**

Our program chair Pat James and Distinguished Scholar panel organizer Alex Braithwaite organized a rich collection for PDG sponsored/co-sponsored panels for ISA New Orleans 2015. We will recognize John O’Loughlin as PDG Distinguished Scholar who will receive the Third Annual Myron Weiner Award. Furthermore, at the joint PDG/FPA/SSIP Reception our section will host 6 poster sessions.

**Graduate Student Paper Award:**

This year, PDG Board decided to establish The Jacek Kugler Political Demography and Geography Student Paper Award to recognize the best paper with a political demography and geography themes presented at the ISA Annual Convention. The selection committee (Andrea den Boer, chair, Danielle Cohen and Ali Fisunoglu) selected Nina von Uexküll (Uppsala University) to be the winner of this award. The runner-up is Yasutaka Tominaga (Osaka University). They will be recognized at the 2015 ISA Conference.
Members of the PDG Board 2014-2015:

Birol Yesilada, Chair, Treasurer & Listserv manager, Portland State University
Richard Cincotta, immediate past-chair, The Stimson Center
Patrick James, Program Chair, USC
Jonathan Potton, Newsletter Director, University of Aberdeen
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