FULL REPORT

(Please note: the annual reports from each of ISA’s journals can be accessed at: http://www.isanet.org/Publications.aspx)

As is our practice, I will leave most detail regarding individual ISA journals and the Compendium Project to the individual reports made available to the Governing Council by the editorial teams from those publications. See ISA website for detailed copies and data. Here I will concentrate on overarching issues and highlights concerning ISA publications during 2013 as well as looking ahead at larger trends. Major points include the following:

- Circulation for our journals continues to rise as both memberships and library subscriptions (particularly outside North America) continue to increase, though not as dramatically as in recent years.
- The Impact Scores and Rankings of our six journals, in the main, remain healthy. These ISI scores vary from year-to-year for all journals. It is best to watch the five-year average for a given journal, so we will need to be patient in tracking most of ours since they have only been recently certified in the ISI system.
- The past consistent performance, quality and high visibility of ISA journals did contribute to our winning a very favorable, new publishing contract with Oxford University Press for the January 2015-December 2019 period. As a result, ISA journals will contribute even more to the ISA treasury in the next five years.
- The Committee conducted a successful search for a new editorial home for International Studies Perspectives. The five year term for the current team led by Doug van Belle at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand will end in December 2014, and the Committee received four proposals to succeed the current team. The Publications Committee gave approval to two of the four proposals, and their ranking recommendation is provided in a separate memorandum.
- One important change in the duties of the Publications Committee concerns the Compendium Project. Specifically, guidance and oversight of this Project was transferred to this Committee by the GC last year. Thus we have watched as editorship was transferred smoothly from Bob Denemark to Renee Marlin-Bennett. Other issues remain that will be detailed for you in Marlin-Bennett’s report on the GC agenda. In all, the Publications Committee looks forward to offering continued support and guidance to Professor Marlin-Bennett and this very important Project.
- A proposal for a new ISA publication entitled the Journal of Global Security Studies has recently been submitted to the Publications Committee. A report from the Publications Committee to the Executive Committee and Governing Council will be submitted by the end of February.
Looking across all six journal reports from the editorial teams I underscore the following

Submission Rates
ISA’s journals processed over 1450 new submissions last year, setting another all-time record. (This does not count nearly 100 individual book reviews in ISR.) Each of our journals maintains an annual submission rate sufficient to expect a long-term, quality pool of publishable manuscripts.

Turnaround Time
Our target is 75 calendar days. Three journals are 10 to 20 days faster than this target. Two others meet this target, and the sixth (IPS) is very close. All six are trending to shorter times, which makes our journals attractive to authors.

Female Participation in ISA Publications
Data gathering on this question continues, and we have now accumulated enough data to see some simple patterns emerging. There is more data for some journals than others, due to their different ages (I refer you to the individual reports on the ISA website.) Relevant ISA Committee(s) may wish to examine these data, now readily found in our journal reports.

Non-North American Participation in ISA Publications
We also see continuing increases in participation by scholars from outside the U.S.A. and Canada in our journals. *International Political Sociology* continues to lead the way when it comes to non-North American manuscript submissions, but all of our journals are experiencing an increase in international participation.

In Sum
The state of ISA Publications appears to be very solid, and trending in desirable directions in several ways. Journal management is very sound, our readership and the number of scholars seeking to publish with us is rising. We also appear to be increasingly diverse in both gender and geographic terms. Our current publisher, Wiley & Sons, continues to serve us with great professionalism, while keeping us on the cutting edge of electronic publishing and web accessibility. The Compendium Project is steadily becoming “normalized” as it was originally envisioned, and we hope to make its operation smoother still in the year to come.
Recommendations on ISP Editorial Team

Bottom Line
The Committee has voted unanimously to recommend the proposal offered by Prof. Laura Neack (Miami University) to edit International Studies Perspectives for the 5-year term January, 2015 through December, 2019.

Overview of the Decision Process
- In addition to myself, voting members of the Publications Committee include Prof. Kristian Gleditsch (University of Essex), Jennifer Sterling-Folker (University of Connecticut), Prof. Rose McDermott (Brown), Prof. Pat Regan (Binghamton), and Prof. Miroslav Nincic (Iowa).
- We ran two announcements for the journal competition for the first time (Spring and mid-Summer), and made the deadline September 30 rather than June 30. This yielded four solid proposals which we believe is larger than we would have received had we followed our previous pattern. We plan to follow this new model in future.
- Indications of serious interest were received from six individuals/teams located at universities in Latin America (one), Great Britain (two) and the United States (four). In the end, as mentioned above, we received four proposals (Three from the U.S. and one from Britain).
- The “comment phase” of our full committee’s deliberations took place in October 2013. Full copies of the proposal, including CVs of all proposed editors (Managing Editors and any Associate Editors), were sent to voting members of the Publications Committee, to all ex-officio members of our committee, and to all current editors of ISA journals.
- Discussion among the six voting members (listed above) took place during November, 2013.

Key Details from Publication Committee Deliberations Concerning Each Proposal

4) American Public University
Editorial Leadership: Patricia J. Campbell, Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Studies and Elena Mastors, Ph.D., Dean of Doctoral Studies

- This is a quality proposal in terms of the support the institution is dedicating to the effort, and what the team hopes to bring to the journal.
- Compared to other potential teams/individuals in this competition, the academic visibility of this team is not quite as high.
- Vision regarding the future of ISP struck several Committee members as too narrow, at least in comparison to other proposals before us.

3) University of Glasgow
Editorial Leadership: Brandon Valeriano, Senior Lecturer, and Giorgios Karyotis, Senior Lecturer (six Co-Editors listed, five at Glasgow, one at U. Of Strathclyde)

- Solid publication records and participation in ISA, but other potential editors were judged to be stronger still.
- It is admittedly a bit more difficult to judge the level of support coming from non-North American institutions (especially in the area of graduate student assistance) but it appears that other proposals offered much more office support staff.
- Other potential editors are more senior, hence taking on editorial duties is less likely to hinder career development.
2) University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Eastern Illinois University

Editorial Leadership: John R. Strand, Associate Professor, and Ryan C. Hendrickson, Professor (Five Co-Editors listed, three are at non-North American Universities)

- Very solid publication records and participation in ISA. One is already a Full Professor, the other is close.
- Inclusion of additional Co-Editors makes this group more international than some other proposals.
- Support offered by UNLV and by EIU is sufficient to the task, quite solid.

If this were the only proposal received by the Committee, it would win our support.

1) Miami University

Editorial Leadership: Laura Neack, Professor

- A Full Professor with a highly solid publication record and very active history of participation in ISA. Clearly a service-oriented scholar.
- Neack has prior experience in editing a journal (International Politics). There will be little or no “learning on the job”.
- Release time, material and staff support offered by Miami is excellent. We realize that Neack will be working without Co-Editors, but the submission rate at ISP is low enough that we do not anticipate a problem.
- ISP has suffered from a lack of clear “identity”. It is our hope that clear editorial leadership in the hands of a mature and experienced scholar can provide the opportunity to shape the journal’s identity.
- If this were the only proposal received by the Committee, it would certainly win our support.

In Sum

The Committee is pleased to report that interest in editing ISA journals continues to be high as indicated by the fact that fine scholars at good institutions send us quality proposals. In this particular round of competition to become the next home for International Studies Perspectives, The Publications Committee judged two of the four proposals to be very far above the bar of acceptability. These well-qualified proposals came from a team led by John Strand and Ryan Hendrickson (UNLV/EIU) and from Prof. Laura Neack at Miami of Ohio. We emphasize further that while we saw great merit in both proposals, it was the unanimous preference of the Committee to select the Miami proposal for several reasons, including those highlighted above.