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ISA section annual report for 2014

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Chair, SSIP 2013–2015

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1 Organization

Håvard Hegre has been chair for the SSIP section from April 2013. Cameron Thies (Arizona State University) ended his three-year term as councilor, and Ursula Daxecker (SSIP program chair in 2014) entered the advisory council. Jacob Kathman (University at Buffalo, SUNY) has been appointed as section program chair for the 2015 meeting. The SSIP leadership for the 2014–2015 period then is:

• Håvard Hegre, chair
• Jacob Kathman, section program chair
• Ursula Daxecker, councilor (University of Amsterdam)
• Megan Shannon, councilor (Florida State University)
• Susan Allen, councilor (University of Mississippi)

2 Activities

• Sponsoring and organizing panels at the annual meeting of the Association. In Toronto 2014, Ursula Daxecker was section program chair. SSIP sponsored or co-sponsored 44 panels, including two ‘working group panels’, 3 roundtables, 2 poster sessions, and a working-group meeting in the 2014 meeting. Attendance at SSIP panels in Toronto was generally good. The 2015 SSIP panels for the New Orleans meeting were organized by Jacob Kathman. According to the preliminary program, SSIP is sponsoring or co-sponsoring 40 panels, 3 roundtables, and 1 poster session.
• Dina Zinnes award. The section received eight nominations for the 2014 Dina Zinnes award for the best graduate student paper presented at a panel or poster session sponsored by the SSIP Section or the Convention Theme. The advisory council selected the paper “Weak or Evil? Why Do Groups Start Fighting in War-Torn States?” by Nils-Christian Bormann and Jesse Hammond as the winner of the award.

• Maintaining and enhancing the SSIP website and listserv. The section chair maintains a listserv which is hosted at Rice University. The listserv is utilized to send information to section members about section business. The ISA website does have the updated officer, chair, and program chair information.

• For the fourth time, SSIP will jointly host a reception at the annual meeting in Toronto with the Foreign Policy Analysis and Political Demography and Geography sections.

3 Membership and finances

SSIP membership in 2014 was 299, unchanged from 2013 (300) and slightly up from 275 in 2012.

The section finances are under control. As of 1 January 2015, the balance is $2,807.37, roughly the same level as at the same time in 2014. For the coming year, the annual meeting reception (jointly with FPA and PDG) is the most important expense item.