

News and Notes

Romanian Society of Political Studies

The Romanian Society of Political Studies invites membership applications from international scholars with relevant interests. The Society was established in January 2000 to enhance and provide an institutional setting for efforts aimed at improving the standards of Romanian political science. It emerged as a response to the growing need for better communication and co-ordination between scholars based at established institutions and those working independently both within Romania and abroad. Its main goal is to improve the academic teaching and research environment in political science in Romania.

The Society holds an annual conference and publishes a semi-annual journal, *The Romanian Journal of Society and Politics*. Those interested should contact Laurentiu Stefan (Chair) by email at <laur_stefan@yahoo.com>. More information can be found via the Society's web site, <www.srsp.ro>.

German Historical Institute

The German Historical Institute is creating an interdisciplinary directory of North American academics working on Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and comparative topics including these countries. The purpose of this directory is to facilitate interdisciplinary networking among scholars. In addition to political scientists, the directory will include historians, sociologists, anthropologists, German literature specialists, and art historians. The directory will list contact information, publications, and research interests. Data will be collected online. The directory will be available online spring 2003 and in print fall 2003. Questions about the directory and requests to be included should be directed to Ari Sammartino of the German Historical Institute <sammartino@ghi-dc.org>.

New ACE Poll: Attitudes About International Education

The American Council on Education recently released the findings of a poll that shows the overall public, student, and faculty support for international education, study-abroad, and language training remains strong following the terrorist attacks of September 11. The poll was conducted by ACE's Center for Institutional and International Initiatives. The findings of the report, *One Year Later: Attitudes About International Education Since September 11*, which compares the results from random sample telephone surveys of more than 1,000 respondents, age 18 and older, collected in March 2002 and April 2000. Complete results are available online <www.acenet.edu/programs/international/pubs.cfm?pubID=266>.

Social Science Research Training Fellowship for Junior Faculty

Applications are being solicited from junior faculty for a unique research training program aimed at fostering the next generation of social scientists addressing societal considerations of natural hazards and extreme events. This program, "Enabling the Next Generation of Hazard Researchers," is funded by the National Science Foundation and is being undertaken by the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in collaboration with faculty from seven other universities. The program will consist of a two-year series of workshops, tutorials, and discussions focusing on practical advice about research initiation and research proposal development for social science research addressing hazards and extreme events. Participants will receive an honorarium and travel expenses to workshops and meetings with senior faculty mentors. Deadline for applications: March 1, 2003. For more details, please visit the program web site <www.unc.edu/depts/curs/enabling/>

Update on the Next Recompetition of the American National Election Studies (ANES)

At its meeting on November 13, 1997, the National Science Board of the National Science Foundation approved a Resolution Concerning Competition, Recompetition and Renewal of NSF Awards (NSB 97-224). In the Resolution, the Board:

· "(a)ffirms its strong support for the principle that expiring awards are to be recompeted unless it is judged to be in the best interest of U.S. science and engineering not to do so. This position is based on the conviction that peer-reviewed competition and recompetition is the process most likely to assure the best use of NSF funds for supporting research and education.

· And (r)equests that the Director, NSF, take such steps necessary to ensure that NSF practices embody this principle."

The NSB Resolution, together with the support provided to the ANES by the Political Science Program since 1977, resulted in an ANES recompetition in 2000-2001. The current ANES award ends January 1, 2006.

In keeping with the recompetition precedent and the scientific and infrastructural progress and needs of Political Science, the next ANES recompetition Dear Colleague Letter is scheduled for release in the Summer of 2003. **The deadline for proposals will be on August 15, 2004.**

Note, the yearlong gap between the Dear Colleague Letter and the competition target date is being done to give all potential applicants sufficient planning time. Further details will be forthcoming in the Spring of 2003.

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