

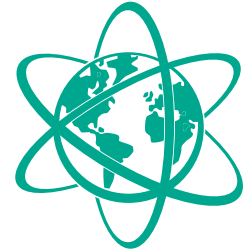


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## Editorial by the IIAS Director General

Editorial

The IIAS and IASIA statutory meetings are now behind us and they were attended by a record number of participants. During the first week of March, the atmosphere that prevailed in Brussels was both serious and relaxed and the outcome was quite positive. The same could be said for the EGPA Steering Committee that was held in Tallinn (Estonia) at the end of January. This springtime new momentum has been given to the reform process approved by the Council of Administration in Abu Dhabi in July 2007.

Concurrently with the reforms launched, the staff as a whole are now focussed on the organisation of the Institute's Annual Conferences, namely: the IIAS Conference to be held in Ankara (Turkey) from 23 to 27 June; the IASIA Conference to be held in Kampala (Uganda) from 14 to 18 July; and the EGPA Conference to be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands from 3 to 6 September.

The respective calls-for-papers have produced good results in terms of both the quality and quantity of papers selected. To further the modernisation of our procedures and products, we have launched a completely new conference concept for our Ankara Conference under the leadership of the General Rapporteur, Mr. Bob Bonwitt (Head of SIGMA at OECD). At the end of the Conference, depending on the results obtained and the practical feasibility of the project, we shall decide how to further implement the concept.

You will also find in this issue « *International News* » providing an overview of the work carried out by the Project Groups « *Supranational Administration* », « *Global Governance : the human factor* » and « *History of Administration – Migration Flows* ». You will note that here too our projects are progressing well and that the various studies will soon be published. Concerning publications, we should like to draw your attention to the new « *Publi-Flash* » bulletin that you will find online (on the IIAS website). The first issue invites you to submit your manuscripts to the Director of Publications, Professor Gérard Timsit.

We are already looking forward to meeting you at our Conferences in Ankara, Kampala and/or Rotterdam. Preparations are well advanced, the themes are of great current interest and the venues are most welcoming. So please, do not hesitate to come and join us!

Brussels, 24 April 2008  
Rolet Loretan

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## Supranational Administration

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The *Supranational Administration* Project Group will hold its next meeting on **6-7 May 2008, at the invitation of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Sèvres (near Paris), France.**

During the two-day seminar, the following topics will be discussed by more than 40 participants from over 30 International Organisations:

- The Review of Internal Justice Systems
- Investigation and Due Process
- Developments and Trends in Privileges and Immunities
- Data and Information Protection

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## The Human Factor in Global Governance

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The next meeting of the Project Group on "*The Human Factor in Global Governance*" will take place at the **IIAS secretariat in Brussels on 14 and 15 May.** At this final meeting, the members of the Group will mainly discuss the conclusions and recommendations arising from their finalized chapters. The completed project should be submitted for publication by August 2008, at the latest.

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## History of Administration – Migration Paris, 4-5 April 2008

CHAIRPERSON: STEFAN FISCH

The last meeting of the History of Administration Project Group on the theme: *The Comparative Administrative History of Population Migration, 1800 to the Present*, took place in Paris at the Faculty of Law, **Paris-Panthéon, on 5 April 2008.** Upon the invitation of Professor Vida Azimi the Group convened to discuss, for the second time, the administrative history of migrations under the chairmanship of Stefan Fisch and with the assistance of the Rapporteurs. After the welcoming message of the IIAS Director General and an introductory report by the Chairperson, the participants presented the progress made on their respective country papers and drew attention to the specificities of their national administrative systems set up during the 19th and 20th centuries to manage the migratory flows. The excellent working meeting closed with a discussion of the best way to finalize the

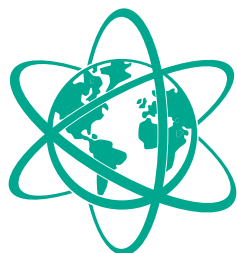


writing of case studies and recommendations. The Rapporteur drew attention to the aspects that he wished to see developed in national reports and then set out some reflections about possible conclusions. The participants were also pleased that the former study had been published: « *National Approaches to the Governance of Historical Heritage over Time* » and that it was now available in the IIAS collection.

## UNDESA CEPA Meeting, 14-18 April, New York

The seventh session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 14 to 18 March. The Institute, which has the status of observer, was represented by the IASIA Executive Secretary (on behalf of the IIAS Director General, Mr. Rolet Loretan) and the IASIA President Mr. Allan Rosenbaum. The main topic discussed was "*Capacity-Building for Development*". For more information please visit: <http://www.unpan.org/cepa.asp>.





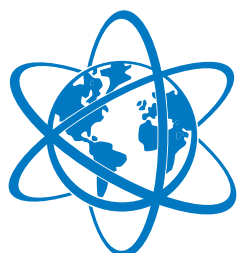
## IAS - TODAIE

4th International Specialised Conference  
Ankara, Turkey, 23-27 June 2008  
<http://iias.todaie.gov.tr/>



### *International Aid and Public Administration*

The second busy phase during the beginning of the year was the organisation of the Ankara Conference, planned for June. A new concept was introduced by Bob BONWITT, General Rapporteur, and discussed during the March statutory meetings. Concerning the preparation of the Ankara Conference, several papers were proposed for presentation in the different workshops and the three Rapporteurs (Bob BONWITT, Omer BOZKURT and Michiel de VRIES) made their selection during a meeting in Brussels. TODAIE, the Institute's Turkish Conference partner, is providing its expertise and experience to ensure that Ankara will be a most successful meeting place.



## IASIA - UMI

Annual Conference  
Kampala, Uganda, 14-18 July 2008  
<http://www.iasiisa.be/ecoles/feacc.htm>



### *Enhancing Efficiency, Effectiveness and Equity in Public Service Delivery : challenges, opportunities and good practices*

The annual IASIA Conference is fast approaching! This year's highlights will include, in addition to the sessions of the six established IASIA Working Groups, a Forum for Ministers of Public Service and Heads of National Schools and Institutes of Public Administration (in conjunction with UNDESA/DPADM and CAFRAD), the presentation of the final report by the UNDESA/IASIA Joint International Task Force on Standards of Excellence for Public Administration Education and Training, an event that involves WG VI in collaboration with the UN Special Capacity Building Workshop on E-government in Africa and finally a Workshop on Publication in Public Administration.



## EGPA -



Annual Conference  
Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 3-6 September 2008  
[www.egpa2008.com](http://www.egpa2008.com)



### *Innovation in Public Sector*

The **Lisbon Strategy**, also known as the **Lisbon Agenda**, is a development strategy for the European Union. Its aim is to make the EU "the most dynamic and competitive knowledge-based economy in the world capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion, and respect for the environment by 2010". This will require innovation. Increasingly, there is general acknowledgement that innovation is also required within the public sector. Conferences for European Public Services and Common Assessment Framework already provide many opportunities for discussion and exchanges of view; they must also be completed by introducing a platform for discussion on innovation within the public sector. During the 2008 EGPA conference at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, the Permanent Practitioners' Group will establish a bridge between academics and practitioners on the central theme of innovation. The permanent study groups and the workshops will centre their attention on innovative strategies within the Public Sector. This will be a unique experience for academics as well as for practitioners and will be complementary to the Quality Conferences and the CAF User Groups. For that reason, we invite academics and practitioners to attend this conference on a theme of great current interest.

## Statutory Meetings 2008

### IASIA-Brussels Board of Management

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The IASIA Board of Management convened in Brussels on 3 and 4 March; with 24 members and two observers attending, this meeting was one of the largest in past years. On the agenda were such items as the upcoming conferences (Kampala 2008, Rio de Janeiro 2009, Bali 2010), the IASIA/UN Taskforce on Standards of Excellence for Public Administration Education and Training, new membership applications and finances. In addition the Board established an O.P. Dwivedi Public Service Award to honour this distinguished academic's leadership, service and loyalty to IASIA.

The next meeting of the Board of Management will take place in July, during the upcoming IASIA Conference in Kampala, Uganda.

Springtime is always a very busy time at IIAS. In 2008 between the statutory meetings and the Ankara Conference preparations, there has been no exception to this rule. The Executive Committee members convened in Brussels on 6 and 7 March. This important occasion for the Institute to take decisions and evaluate its management made it possible to examine in depth the most important projects in progress. Questions such as financial transparency and clarification were thus broached, as well as the Ankara and Helsinki Conferences, the new format for Annual Conferences, scientific activities, or yet again the reconstruction of the website to make the IIAS the worldwide platform for international administrative cooperation. These meetings, moving forward in a sustained cadence and with serious intent, resulted in the Executive Committee taking important decisions for the future of our Institute.

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The members of the Programme and Research Advisory Committee (PRAC) convened in Brussels on 5 March 2008 to discuss the major scientific orientations of our Institute. Under the chairmanship of Professor Akira Nakamura, they discussed the critical governance issues (CGI) that will be examined by the Project Groups and on which the future activities of IIAS will be developed. A list of CGI was proposed and will be finalized during the next session of the Committee in Ankara. The Committee members also discussed future conferences and the new Conference format. A new quarterly project to ensure the visibility of Conference results with the Institute's partners was also examined. In addition the subject of the Institute's publications was also discussed. The PRAC members were in particular pleased with the progress made by IIAS concerning its coherency and visibility.

Concerning the Institute's financial management, the system has been greatly improved. All members of staff are involved in improving procedures. Thus, a better follow up of invoices sent, acknowledgments of receipt in due form of members' payments, a better follow up of invoices received and simplified payment procedures (electronic procedure). The Auditor will examine the 2007 accounts in May. Further to the March statutory meetings, we are working to ensure that the accounting figures are simplified and more transparent. In this respect, the Finance Committee decided to streamline the existing analytical accounting procedure. Analytical bookkeeping is based on the general accounting procedure with an objective of presenting - for management purposes - an economic perspective of IIAS-EGPA-IASIA activities. As such, it is centred on the profit and loss account thus setting out the profitability of the various centres of activity. It is, moreover, a break down of costs between the different areas of activity and aims to provide an analytical outcome (loss or profit). This new approach will be presented in Ankara (22 June), as well as the 2008 revised budget and the 2009 budget.

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### MATTHIEU FRAGNOUD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE IIAS

The Institute is pleased to announce the arrival of *Mr. Matthieu Fragnoud* as the new IIAS Executive Secretary replacing of *Ms. Catherine Coninckx*. Mr. Fragnoud comes from a small village in the Rhône Valley, not far from Lyon (France). He studied Political Science in Lyon before graduating with a Master's in Applied European Policies at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Aix-en-Provence.