

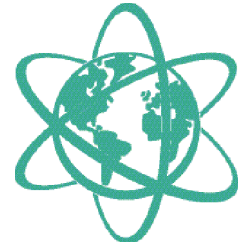


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## Editorial by the Director General

Editor



*On behalf of the IIAS team, all good wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!!*

*It has been almost a year since I took up my duties at the head of IIAS. I have discovered an exciting and all-absorbing universe, with practitioners and academics moving easily and competently in the vast domain of the administrative sciences, beyond differences in langue and culture. I have also come to know my new associates and to identify their capabilities. A partial modification of personnel and the structure of the Directorate General has been one of the major consequences of this process. The appointment of Mrs. Roxane Debus as Finance and Marketing Director, as from 1 January 2008, is the most recent illustration of these changes. This was also the year of statutory elections and the implementation of the first reforms. The new IIAS website will be operational in March 2008. The efforts made to ensure financial transparency are still insufficient; they will be intensified. A business plan is currently being drawn up based on a perspective to develop new resources. But we also wish to be more dynamic in other fields of activity. Thus, further to the appointment of Professor Gérard Timsit as IIAS Director of Publications, a new strategy has been defined, a strategy that we can summarize quite succinctly in two points: first, as from next year a specific newsletter about recent and future IIAS publications will be circulated regularly; second, the Institute will adopt a pro-active policy to encourage the submission of manuscripts, notably to revitalize its production of publications. As you can see, we are not lacking in projects and ideas and you can be assured that all of those working with and at IIAS are determined to put them into practice! Lastly, to conclude this message on a more festive note, I should like to wish all of you on behalf of the IIAS staff, a Happy Holiday Season and New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2008!*

*Rolet Loretan*

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## Sustaining Success for the International Review of Administrative Sciences

*Editor of the IRAS, Christopher Pollitt*

Over the past few years IRAS has received more and more manuscripts, and has moved steadily towards carrying a higher proportion of genuinely international and comparative material (rather than studies confined to one country). In other words it has been living up to its title. However, these successes have been gained within an increasingly competitive world of public administration and public policy journal publishing, which means that no journal can afford to rest on its laurels. IRAS may be the oldest truly international journal in public administration, but it has to move with the times.

Now two major developments should help to ensure that IRAS remains a premier, high quality journal. First, the previous arrangement of having just one Editor, assisted by a Journal Manager, will be replaced by an editorial team of one Editor in Chief and two Deputy Editors. Professor *Christopher Pollitt* will continue to act as editor in Chief, and *Catherine Humblet* as Journal Manager, but now they will now work closely with Professor *Pan Suk Kim* of Yonsei University, South Korea and Professor *Isabella Proeller* of Potsdam University as the new Deputy Editors. Meanwhile, as far as the non-English versions of IRAS are concerned, Professor *Pierre Sadran* will continue as Associate Editor with a particular responsibility for reviewing and advising upon the French edition of the Review. Similarly, Dr *Francisco Ramos Fernandez Torrecilla* and Dr *Youssef Essa Hassan Al-Sabri* are in charge of the translation and publication of (respectively) the Spanish and Arabic editions.

Second, papers submitted in English to IRAS will henceforth be managed through a sophisticated new piece of software, SAGETRACK. This has been provided by the publishers, Sage. This will enable authors, editors and referees to keep constant track of every paper, and will give the editorial team the ability to make rapid analyses of the spread and flow of material. We are currently investigating the possibility of including French manuscripts in the same system at a later date – for the moment they should continue to be submitted by email or hard copy.

Christopher Pollitt commented that: *“This is a big step forward. The arrival of Pan and Isabella gives us more capacity to handle the larger number of papers now coming in; it allows us to be more pro-active in approaching potential authors and it makes for a more international outlook than any single editor can provide alone. I know and admire their writings and I have a real sense of pleasure at the prospect of working with both of them. The introduction of SAGETRACK is also important. It gives us the possibility of operating in ways that are both more efficient and more author-friendly.”*

## The Human Factor in Global Governance

*Chairperson: Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza*  
*Rapporteur: Demetrios Argyriades*

The IIAS Project Group on *“The Human Factor in Global Governance”* met in London on 7th and 8th November 2007. It was hosted in government premises, particularly impressive at Admiralty House on Whitehall. The meeting proved to be very successful. Discussions were productive and good progress was made concerning logistics as well as the latest drafts of papers. The group members agreed to finalize their drafts by mid-May 2008 when a final meeting would take place in Brussels. The Group hopes to send its completed project to the publishers by August 2008, at the latest.

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The IIAS President and Director General, *Franz Strehl* and *Rolet Loretan*, were in China from 14 to 18 November at the invitation of the Personnel Ministry of the People's Republic of China. They were warmly welcomed in Beijing where a very full programme had been prepared for them. They had the opportunity to meet with the Vice-Minister of Personnel *Wang Xiaochou*, accompanied by his Director General *Liu Yanguo*, the IIAS Vice-President *Dai Guangqian* and the President of the Chinese Public Administration Society *Guo Ji*, together with an important delegation from the Society. Meetings were carried out in a most cordial atmosphere and were centred mainly on current and future cooperation between China and the IIAS, on China's interest in setting up a regional Asian group of IIAS and the setting up of a Europe-China dialogue. A greater implication of China in IRAS publications was also on the agenda. Following these meetings, visits to the University of Beijing and Tsinghua University were also planned where

discussions were focussed mainly on curricula in the field of the administrative sciences. On their way back home, the IIAS President and Director General were cordially welcomed in Jakarta on 20 November by *Ginanjart Kartasasmita*, the President of the Indonesian Association of Administrative Sciences (PERSADI). This visit was followed by a meeting with a delegation from PERSADI organized by its Vice-President, *Sapta Nirwandar*. Discussions were mainly about Indonesia's interest to host the 2010 IIAS Congress, in Bali, as well as the project to set up a regional Asian group within IIAS. As in China, the idea to see Indonesia become more involved in preparing articles for the IRAS was well received. Other meetings were also held with various heads of PERSADI as

well as with professors and students from the University of Bandung. The last meeting provided an opportunity for the IIAS President to give a talk on the role and tasks of our Institute.



From left to right  
*Sapta Nirwandar, Vice-President of PERSADI,*  
*Rolet Loretan, IIAS Director General,*  
*Ginanjart Kartasasmita, President of PERSADI and*  
*Franz Strehl, President of IIAS.*



Santo Domingo, República Dominicana  
 30 de octubre - 2 de noviembre 2007

The IIAS Director General was invited to participate in the Panel « *Building Global Governance Capacity through Networked Professional Associations* » during CLAD's 12th Congress which took place in Santo Domingo from 30 October to 2 November 2007. He presented a paper entitled « *The International Institute of Administrative Sciences as a Worldwide Platform for Public Administration* ».

Participation in this important Congress also provided an opportunity to promote IIAS in Latin America. In fact, the representatives of CLAD and the IIAS Director General agreed that in future CLAD would play the role of IIAS Regional Group for Latin America. The first effects of possible synergies were then discussed.

**ROXANNE DEBUS**

**FINANCES AND MARKETING DIRECTOR**



She grew up in the Belgian region of Chimay and is the mother of a 5-year old daughter, Lea. A graduate in marketing, she is a former executive of the Fortis Group and worked within the banking network. She managed the portfolios of approximately 150 clients (national and international companies). As from 1 January 2008, she will take up the post of Finance and Marketing Director at IIAS.

Her main tasks will be:

- to study the profile of members and define their real needs
- to draw up and develop a concept with a view to satisfying these needs (for both current and potential members)
- to promote the image of IIAS
- to negotiate sponsoring projects

## Lucerne Congress



As announced in our last number, an International Congress was held in Lucerne on 12 and 13 November 2007 on the theme of Innovation in Public Administration. The Congress brought together numerous experts and practitioners from more than 25 European countries and was a great success.

During the Congress the European Public Sector Awards for outstanding projects and activities managed by public administrations were conferred.

As you already know the EPSA competition is a common initiative of the Bertelsmann Foundation, the Deutsche Hochschule für Verwaltungswissenschaften Speyer and the European Group of Public Administration (EGPA-IIAS).

For two days the Lucerne Congress, inaugurated by the President of the Swiss Confederation Micheline Calmy-Rey, convened more than 300 politicians, civil servants and academics. They discussed questions linked to changes and innovation in the public sector. The IIAS President Franz Strehl, took part in the platform and underlined the importance of the joint initiative.

Six administrations from Belgium, Germany, United Kingdom, Romania and Sweden were rewarded for outstanding action in the modernisation of their structures and procedures. More than 300 administrations from 25 European countries had taken part in

the competition, notably in one of three categories: « *Collaborative Governance* », « *Targeting with Scarce Resources* » and « *Coping with Demographic Change* ».

In addition, 59 administrations from all parts of Europe had received a certificate for their modernisation efforts.

The organisers of the EPSA Awards and the Congress wished to encourage other public administrations to share with the laureates their experiences and good practices in an effort to modernize structures and working methods. The objective was to launch an European exchange and apprenticeship platform.

The Lucerne Congress and the Conferring of EPSA Awards was a first and essential step in this perspective.

For more information:  
<http://www.eps-award.eu>

## Statutory Meetings 2008

### EGPA-Tallinn

*Steering Committee*  
 Friday, 1 and Saturday, 2 February

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### IASIA-Brussels

*Board of Management*  
 Monday, 3 and Tuesday, 4 March

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### IIAS-Brussels

*Programmes and Research Advisory Committee*

Wednesday 5 March - morning  
*Finance Committee*

Wednesday 5 March - afternoon  
*Executive Committee*

Thursday, 6 and Friday, 7 March

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The IIAS reform continues and the new IIAS website will be available in March 2008

Ankara, 22-26 June 2008

### 4th International Specialised Conference

*"International Aid and Public Administration"*

<http://iias.todaie.gov.tr/>

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Kampala, 14-18 July 2008

### IASIA Annual Conference

*"Enhancing Efficiency, Effectiveness and Equity in Public Service Delivery"*

[http://www.iiasiisa.be/ecoles/feconf/kampala/iasia%20\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.iiasiisa.be/ecoles/feconf/kampala/iasia%20_flyer.pdf)

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Rotterdam, 3-6 September 2008

### EGPA Annual Conference

*"Innovation in the Public Sector"*

<http://www.egpa2008.com/>

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