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Editorial of the Director General

Editor

The Institute's reform process was accelerated decisively during the statutory meetings that were held in Brussels from 19 to 23 March 2007. The members of the Executive Committee unanimously adopted the broad lines of reform proposed by the Strategy Group whether concerning IIAS structures, the regulatory framework, or working procedures. This new reform momentum brings with it much hope. It consolidates the vision of an institute undergoing a major modernisation that far exceeds a superficial renovation of its facade.

The decisions taken in March in Brussels, together with the reconstruction of the Institute's website, have given the IIAS the means to become pro-active, to stand out as the genuine world platform for public administration. And it is in this ideal perspective that it is important to establish – or re-establish – more fully developed relations with current or potential partners of our network. This step must be taken with the clear intention of seeking synergies and of excluding any competitive spirit in our contacts with active organisations in the various fields of public administration. Indeed, it is in this light that we must perceive our relations with CAPAM, ASPA, NASPA, UNDESA/UNPAN, CLAD, CAFRAD, EROPA, among others.

These same relations must lead to participation in the major meetings organized by the different partners; this is not necessarily new. But they must also be strengthened by collective projects – yet to be defined – aiming to reach a common goal: the excellence of public administration. At the same time, it follows that we will continue to pursue our major activities: congresses, international conferences and specialized seminars.

Carrying out the overall objectives of this ambitious programme is our absolute priority. Speaking of this is fine, but doing it is even better!!

Rolet Loretan

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UNPAN, CEPA, NEW-YORK, 10-13 APRIL 2007

The meeting of the Committee of Experts in Public Administration of the United Nations took place in UN headquarters in New York from 10th to 13th April 2007. Mr. Rolet Loretan, IIAS Director General and Mr. Juan Cabrera-Clerget represented the Institute which has Observer status in the Committee. The main topic discussed was *Participatory Governance and Citizens*: <http://www.unpan.org/cepa.asp>.



In addition to very productive discussions during the meeting, the 4 days provided an opportunity to meet new contacts and revive former relations with a view to expanding and enriching the Institute's institutional relations.

UNDESA, VIENNA, 26 TO 29 JUNE 2007



The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) is organizing the 7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government: *"Building Trust in Government"*. The event will be hosted in Vienna from 26 to 29 June 2007

For further information: <http://www.7thglobalforum.org>.

From 24 to 27 March 2007, the IIAS Director General took part in the Annual Conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) held in Washington, D.C. At the panel on « *Building Global Governance Capacity through Networked Professional Associations* », he presented a paper entitled: « *IIAS as a Worldwide Platform for Public Administration: role and strategy in a globalizing world* ».

The ASPA Award Ceremony was held during the Annual Conference. One of the awards, the International Public Administration Award, honours a distinguished foreign scholar or practitioner for significant contributions in the field of international public administration.

We are delighted to announce that the 2007 winner is Mrs. Turkia Ould Daddah (Mauritania), former Director General of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences in Brussels from 1991 to 1998. Since then, Mrs. Turkia Ould Daddah has continued her consultancy activities with, among others, the World Bank and the Ministry of the Interior in Nouakchott.

The Director General and the IIAS community express their sincere congratulations to Mrs. Turkia Ould Daddah upon receiving this outstanding award.



*Turkia Ould Daddah,
former IIAS Director General*

The March 2007 (vol 73 -1) issue contained a mini-symposium on the 2006 Braibant Lecture by Jocelyne Bourgon on *"Responsive, Responsible and Respected Government. Towards a 'New' Public Administration Theory"*. This lecture has been reviewed by Marcel Pochard of the French Conseil d'Etat, Jeremy Lonsdale of the UK National Audit Office and Christopher Pollitt, Editor of IRAS. The idea proposed by Jocelyne Bourgon was no less than a new synthesis – a theory of public administration that could serve the rapidly changing circumstances of the 21st century. She began by identifying a series of dynamics which have challenged the traditional model, and which are not adequately addressed by the New Public Management. She then set out some building blocks for a new synthesis and, finally, suggested key factors and fields where she thought the most important future debates might take place.

The Editor invites both academics and practitioners to react to this "provocative" lecture and is willing to entertain the possibility of publishing commentary on the original lecture and its attendant commentaries.

Christopher Pollitt, Editor

27th International Congress of Administrative Sciences Global Competitiveness and Public Administration: implications for education and training

Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates), 9-14 July 2007

Approximately 120 draft papers will be presented orally in 3 workshops and 6 working groups that will convene in Abu Dhabi in July. A series of panels are also on the agenda: Middle East Panel, Virtue and Values in Public Administration Panel, Joint IIAS-UNDESA Panel, Joint IIAS-IASIA Panel, IRAS Panel, Francophone Panel on Cultural Diversity, Asian Research Project and Braibant Conference.

A number of participants from over 40 countries have already registered for the Congress. For those of you who have not yet registered, we should like to remind you of our online registration now available on the Institute's website:

http://www.iiasiisa.be/register_abu_dhabi/form_fr.html

We invite those participants who require an entry visa to contact - as rapidly as possible - the local organizers, solely responsible for this question.

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Documents/information to provide:

- Copy of your passport (your passport must still be valid for a duration of 6 months to one year from the date your visa request is submitted)
 - Identity photograph in colour
 - Complete names of your father and mother
- Fee for an entry visa: 50 US Dollars.

For additional information concerning the Congress
IIAS - conickx@iiasiisa.be & IASIA - cabrera@iiasiisa.be

During the Congress elections will be held for the Presidency of both IIAS and IASIA, respectively, as well as their statutory bodies.

EGPA 2007 Conference

Public Administration and the Management of Diversity

The next EGPA Conference will be held in Madrid from 19-22 September 2007 on the theme « *Public Administration and the Management of Diversity* ». A special panel will be organised on the Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation and Dialogue.

The EGPA Study Groups will convene at this occasion. The second National Sections and Editors Platform will be organised during the 2007 Conference. A Platform for practitioners will also be organised.

EPAN and EAPAA meetings and a PhD student seminar will be held prior to the Conference.

All the scientific details and the study groups' programmes as well as the practical information are available on the Conference website at: <http://www.egpa2007.com>.

Please join us in Madrid and register now!

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The Third Transatlantic Dialogue

Delaware, United States, 31 May to 2 June 2007

Leading the Future of the Public Sector

For further information, please consult the Conference website at: <http://www.ipa.udel.edu/3tad/>



European Public Sector Award

Bertelsmann Stiftung, Speyer University (DHV) and the European Group of Public Administration (EGPA) have launched a European Award for Public Administration.

The objective of the European Public Sector Award - EPSA for short - is to motivate public authorities throughout Europe to exchange best practice with one another and jointly advance the modernisation process. The EPSA unites the best and most innovative operators in the public sector, thereby creating a new-style learning platform. The EPSA is open to all fields of public administration in which extraordinary results have been achieved thanks to systematic improvements.

The application period will be from 15 April to 15 July, 2007. For further information, please consult the **EPSA website:** <http://www.epsa-award.eu> or contact us at:

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The next statutory meetings of IIAS and IASIA will be held during the Abu Dhabi Congress.

For information concerning these meetings:

IIAS - conickx@iiasiisa.be & IASIA - cabrera@iiasiisa.be

The next Steering Committee Meeting will be held in Madrid on Thursday, 20 September 2007 from noon to 02.00 pm.

Further information:

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PROJECT GROUPS

SUPRANATIONAL ADMINISTRATION Chairperson: *Chris De Cooker*

Upcoming Seminar: 14-16 May 2007

Venue: International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITCILO), Turin (Italy)

Themes:

- *From Pre-litigation to Litigation*
- *Privileges and Immunities*

For information concerning this group, please contact: **Juan Cabrera-Clerget:** cabrera@iiasiiisa.be

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION New Chairperson: *Stefan Fisch*

The Group held a working meeting on 21 April 2007 hosted by the University of Pavia.

During the meeting the Group unanimously agreed that Stefan Fish (Germany) should become the new Chairperson. The Group praised the retiring Chairperson, Fabio Rugge (Italy) for his excellent leadership and devotion to the Group's research since he took up the chairmanship in 2000. The project theme is: *Migration* [Rapporteurs Peri Arnold (United States) and Vida Azimi (France)]. In this context draft country studies were presented and discussed on this topic: "The Comparative Administrative History of Population Migration, 1800 to the Present". The Rapporteurs suggested that the theme be narrowed, that attention be focused on the administrative mechanisms/tools developed in each country to cope with migration problems over time. This would be the key to developing the comparative chapter and conclusions. After a stimulating discussion on how best to advance the study, the Group agreed with the Rapporteurs.

Preliminary papers based on this particular orientation will be submitted to Rapporteurs by 1 December 2007. The Rapporteurs will then have sufficient time to make comments/suggestions. Final papers for publication will be submitted by mid-March 2008.

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THE HUMAN FACTOR IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION Chairperson: *Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza*

Upcoming Meeting: 10th of May

Venue: IIAS Headquarters in Brussels

The group is reaching an important phase in its work. Members will be reviewing the different drafts prepared and will start working on how to organize the various chapters.

For information concerning this group, please contact: **Juan Cabrera-Clerget:** cabrera@iiasiiisa.be

VIRTUES AND VALUES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION Chairperson: *Pan Suk Kim*

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Upcoming Meeting: during the IIAS International Congress of Administrative Sciences

Venue: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

The group recently met in New York City at the United Nations. The participants officially agreed on future steps to be taken: among these, the setting up of a panel on virtues and values during the IIAS Congress in Abu Dhabi. A call for contributions may be launched soon.

For information concerning this group, please contact: **Juan Cabrera-Clerget:** cabrera@iiasiiisa.be

SECURITY Chairperson: *Jacek Czaputowicz (Poland)*; Rapporteur: *David Brown (Canada)*

The first meeting of the new Group took place in Warsaw on 16-17 May 2006 at the Office of the Civil Service. The main objective was to discuss the research framework and concepts of Security and Governance.

Theme: *Towards a Secure State: directions, threats and choices*

Three perspectives will be developed: 1. Security and the Citizens, 2. Security and the State and, 3. Security and the International System.

Different working notes are available on the Project Group Website. The participants in the Project Group will begin to prepare the different drafts and work will go ahead on how to organize the various chapters.

For information concerning this Group, please contact: **Fabienne Maron:** maron@iiasiiisa.be