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Message from the IIAS Director General

Editor

The 2007 IIAS Congress in Abu Dhabi is behind us! It leaves us with unforgettable memories – a warm welcome, a sumptuous infrastructure, a stimulating programme and a participation that reflected quality work. The success of the Congress, organized in parallel with the Annual Conference of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration is an encouragement. It brought together 300 participants from more than 46 countries! We attempted to improve a few practical points, especially to improve the registration process. Progress was made, but we can do better. The solution is to be found not solely in improving technical supports but also in the optimization of the Institute’s internal resources. In this respect specifically, several changes are currently impacting the staff and tasks of the Directorate General in Brussels:

- The recent departures of Juan Cabrera-Clerget and Christian Rosseeuw
- The appointment of Johannes Irschik as the new IASIA Executive Secretary
- The reorganisation of finances, with the outsourcing of our bookkeeping
- The search for a new Finance and Marketing Director
- The setting up of specific task-oriented teams for major IIAS projects (notably concerning conference organisation and the management of our membership network).

Staff changes within the personnel that have taken place - or that are in the process of taking place - are thus a loss and an opportunity. A loss, because colleagues who carried out their tasks professionally and who, thanks to their openness and social and technical skills, were appreciated by our members and partners, are no longer with us. An opportunity because this will bring to the Institute new talent and a new impetus; this will be reflected in an optimized reorganisation of tasks.

Once again concerning our major meetings, we just experienced the 2007 EGPA Conference held in Madrid; from every point of view, it was quite remarkable - from programme contents to participation and organisation. At the end of October, we also plan to participate in a panel to be held in Santo Domingo during the 12th International Congress of CLAD. Following this event, the President and I will travel to Beijing in mid November, at the invitation of China, and then on to Jakarta. An agenda of issues to be examined has now been drawn up that clearly sets out the objectives of these visits. Generally speaking, these various activities aim to revitalize our relations with Asia and Latin America, but also, at term, to promote the establishment of regional groups on the model of EGPA. In spite of this intense programme, our attention still remains focussed on carrying out other priority tasks, in particular the total redesign of our website.

As a Chinese proverb proclaims, "...a thousand days are not enough to do things well, but to do harm a single day suffices amply".

Rolet Loretan

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As usual, the IIAS statutory meetings were held during the Congress and the leading bodies were renewed for a three-year period (see list on the IIAS website: http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aigestio_ec.htm).

The next statutory meetings will be held in Brussels, in March 2008, according to the following timetable:

- Programme and Research Advisory Committee: 5 March - morning
- Finance Committee: 5 March – afternoon
- Executive Committee: 6-7 March

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The last Board of Management meeting was held during the IIAS/IASIA Congress in Abu Dhabi on July 10, 2007. Elections for both the presidency and the statutory body of IASIA were held on this occasion. Dr. Allan Rosenbaum of the Institute for Public Management and Community Service, Florida International University, was elected as the new President of IASIA. He succeeds Dr. Turgay Ergun, Director General of the Public Administration Institute for Turkey & the Middle East.

The next Board of Management meeting will be held in Brussels, Belgium on Monday and Tuesday, 3 and 4 March 2008.

For further information, please consult the IASIA website: www.iiasiisa.be/schools/aeacc.htm.

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The Steering Committee meeting took place in Madrid on Thursday, 20 September 2007.

The Steering Committee terms of office were renewed and new members were nominated as followed: *Prof. Dr. Geert Bouckaert*: 2007-2010: Second mandate as EGPA President; *Prof. Dr. Jacques Ziller*: 2007-2010: Extension; *Prof. Dr. Van de Donk*: 2007-2010: Extension; *Mrs. Katju Holkeri*: 2007-2010: Extension; *Prof. Dr. Tiina Randma-Liiv & Dr. Isabella Proeller* were approved as new members: 2007-2010.

For more information: <http://www.iiasiisa.be/egpa/aggest/aggescdir.htm>

The next Steering Committee meeting will take place in Tallinn on Friday and Saturday, 1 & 2 February 2008.

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CONGRESS – 9-14 JULY 2007 – ABU DHABI – UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



The 27th International Congress of Administrative Sciences took place in Abu Dhabi, from 9 to 14 July, on the theme: *“Global Competitiveness and Public Administration: implications for education and training”*. It was a real success, both in terms of attendance and organisation, as well as results. The theme raised interesting debates, often leading to conclusions with practical applications. (see first conclusions on the Congress [website: http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aiconf/abu_dhabi/themes-en.php](http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aiconf/abu_dhabi/themes-en.php)).

Five panels were also held during the Congress:

- **Middle East Panel:** *Administration of the Arab State in a Globalizing World*, organised by the host country
- **UN-DESA/IIAS Panel:** *The Millennium Development Goals and Public Governance: what are capacity building issues?*
- **UN-DESA/IASIA Panel:** *Standards of Excellence*
- **Francophone Panel:** *Legal Diversity and Administrative Practices*, chaired by Mr. Jean-Marc Sauv , Vice-Pr sident du Conseil d’Etat, France
- **IRAS Panel:** *Improving Public Service Quality*



as well as the 6th Braibant Lecture given by Prof. G rard Timsit (France) on the theme: *“Reinventing the State”* and the launching of the new Project Group *“Virtue and Values”* chaired by Prof. Pan Suk Kim (South Korea).

4TH INTERNATIONAL SPECIALISED CONFERENCE – 22-26 JUNE 2008 – ANKARA-TURKEY



At the invitation of the Public Administration Institute for Turkey & the Middle East (TODAIE), the 4th International Specialised Conference of IIAS will be held in Ankara, Turkey, from 22 to 26 June 2008 on the theme: *“International Aid and Public Administration”*. Information will be posted on the IIAS website. You are kindly invited to visit it regularly:

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



ANNUAL IASIA CONFERENCE – 14-18 JULY 2008 – KAMPALA-UGANDA



The next IASIA Annual Conference will be held in Kampala, Uganda from 14 to 18 July 2008 on the theme: *“Enhancing Efficiency, Effectiveness and Equity in Public Service Delivery: challenges, opportunities, good practices.”* The Conference will be hosted by the Uganda Management Institute, Uganda’s national centre for training, research and consultancy in the field of management and administration. Preparations for the Conference are already well underway.



The 6 Working Groups of IASIA will convene during the conference:

- Working Group 1: Education and Training Programme: aligning missions and quality
- Working Group 2: State-Market Partnerships and Enterprise Management
- Working Group 3: Public Sector Reform: people in the public service
- Working Group 4: Local Governance and Development
- Working Group 5: Accountability and Trust
- Working Group 6: New Tools for Public Financial Management

Future updates of information concerning the Conference will be available on this web address:
http://www.iiasisa.be/ecoies/feconf/kampala/iasia%20_flyer.pdf

DR. ALLAN ROSENBAUM
PRESIDENT



Dr. A. Rosenbaum

During the meeting of the Board of Management held in Abu Dhabi on July 10, 2007, Dr. Allan Rosenbaum of the Institute for Public Management and Community Service, Florida International University, was elected President of IASIA succeeding Dr. Turgay Ergun, Director General of the Public Administration Institute for Turkey & the Middle East.



Dr. Turgay Ergun

We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Ergun for his many years of service and of course, congratulate Dr. Rosenbaum and wish him the very best.

JOHANNES IRSCHIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Johannes Irschik is Austrian and grew up in Vienna. After obtaining a Master's degree in History as well as British and American Studies at the University of Vienna, he recently graduated from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, a postgraduate school for international studies.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES - PROJECT GROUP

Administering Global Governance - The Human Factor : Chairperson: Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza, Rapporteur: Demetrios Argiriades
Upcoming Meeting: 7 and 8 November in London. The Group will finalize its study for publication.

European Group of Public Administration

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 19-22 SEPTEMBER 2007 – MADRID – SPAIN

More than 450 participants from 58 countries participated in the 2007 EGPA Conference on the theme: “Public Administration and the Management of Diversity”. The PhD Conference took place prior to the Conference on the theme: “Public Management and Public Governance: new developments in public sector research.” A Special Workshop on Public Administration in Arab Mediterranean Countries was also organised and the 12 permanent EGPA study groups convened during the conference. The **new Permanent Practitioners Group** convened for the first time on the theme: “How to Learn from Good Practices:



bench learning on bench learning initiatives”. Cases, experiences, approaches of different countries were presented. How to create a strategy for bench learning and stimulate public sector organizations was examined with a view to exchanging experiences and learning from one another. The Host Country Panel focused on topics related to the organisation and role of central government after the decentralisation of public policies and services. This 2007 edition was an outstanding success. We thank all of you for your participation and your contributions.

CONFERENCE AND AWARDS CEREMONY – 12TH & 13TH NOVEMBER 2007 – CULTURE AND CONVENTION CENTRE, LUCERNE – SWITZERLAND



European Public Sector Award

The most innovative representatives from public administration bodies from all over Europe will meet in Lucerne for the first European Public Sector Award (EPSA) ceremony on 12th & 13th November 2007. More than 320 public administration bodies from 25 countries have applied for the European Public Sector Award. Awards and diplomas will be rewarded in three categories: 1. Collaborative Governance; 2. Targeting with Scarce Resources; 3. Coping with Demographic Change. The European Public Sector Award is at the heart of the new pan-European learning platform for the public sector.

Join us in Lucerne!

Be part of this exciting opportunity to exchange experiences, discuss ideas and extend your network.

Further information and programme: www.eps-award.eu



FOURTH TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE – 12-14 JUNE 2008 – MILAN – ITALY THE STATUS OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES

Website: <http://www.4tad.org>



ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 3-6 SEPTEMBER 2008 – ROTTERDAM – THE NETHERLANDS – ERASMUS UNIVERSITY – INNOVATION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR



What is the role of the public sector in creating technical, socio-economic and cultural innovations? What can the public sector learn from the business sector? How can governing networks of public and private organizations contribute to innovative policy making? What is the role of institutional learning and leadership in such creative processes?

Workshop 1: Governing Innovation: public innovation in-between managerialism, professionalism and public participation

Prof. Victor Bekkers, Prof. Janet Newman, Prof. Mirko Noordegraaf

Workshop 2: Innovation in Governing Networks: institutional learning and leadership

Prof. Erik-Hans Klijn, Prof. Geert Teisman

Workshop 3: Innovation Policy and the Public Sector

Dr. Sibout Nooteboom, Prof. Stefan Kuhlmann, Prof. Ruud Smits

Host Country Panel: Innovation in Public Administration - the Rotterdam Approach.

Pre-Conference: EGPA PhD Seminar: innovation in the public sector - 1-2 September 2008. Prof. Dr. Christoph Reichard and Prof. Dr. Walter Kickert.

The 13 permanent EGPA study groups and the Permanent Practitioners Group will also convene during the conference.

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