

Results of Election to the Council of the Association

This past spring the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences conducted its first election for the Council of the Association. The following individuals were elected:

For four-year terms:

Carol Barner-Barry
Roger Masters
Glendon Schubert
Albert Somit
Meredith Watts
Elliott White

For two-year terms:

Robert Blank
Lynton Caldwell
Odelia Funke
Samuel Hines, Jr.
Jean Laponce
James Schubert

Special thanks are owed to the Nominating Committee, consisting of chairman Steven A. Peterson (Alfred University), and members William Kitchin (Loyola College) and Fred Kort (University of Connecticut). The Committee very ably handled all of the many tasks associated with this election.

A Word of Appreciation

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International Political Science Association

The Biology and Politics Research Group of the International Political Science Association, chaired by Albert Somit of Southern Illinois University, organized three panel sessions at the recent IPSA Congress which convened in Paris, July 15-20. The panels and papers presented were as follows:

Session 1

Papers:

The Evocative Significance of Kin Terms in Patriotic Speech: An Empirical Study Based Upon a Theory Linking Kin Selection and Patriotism

Gary Johnson
Lake Superior State
College

Biology, Moral Conduct, and Administrative Science

Joseph Losco
Ball State University

A Biochemical Property Relating to Power-Seeking in Humans

Douglas Madsen
University of Iowa

Discussants:

Rudolf Wildenmann
Politische Wissenschaft
der Universität Mannheim

Jean A. Laponce
University of British
Columbia

Session 2

Papers:

Emotional and Attitudinal Responses to Political Leaders' Facial Displays

Roger D. Masters
Denis G. Sullivan
Dartmouth University

Empirical Tests of a Biosocial Model of Status

Allan Mazur
Syracuse University

Age and Political Behavior in Collective Decision-Making

James Schubert
Alfred University
Thomas C. Wiegele
Northern Illinois University

Samuel Hines
College of Charleston

Discussants:

Tatu Vanhanen
University of Tampere

Finland
Glendon Schubert
University of Hawaii—Manoa

Session 3

Papers:

Sociobiology and the Biology of Socialism

John Bokina
Pan American University

Centralization and the Diffusion of Medical Innovations

J. Rogers Hollingsworth
University of Wisconsin—Madison

A Neurocognitive Approach to Categorizing Political Leaders

William Kitchin
Loyola College

Discussants:

Vincent S. E. Falger
Volkenrechtelijk Instituut
Netherlands

John Wahlke
University of Arizona

J. David Singer
Mental Health Research
Institute

Organ Transplantation

A conference on "Legal and Ethical Issues Surrounding Organ Transplantation," co-sponsored by the American College of Legal Medicine, the American Society of Law and Medicine, and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, was held in Arlington, Va., April 18-20, 1985.

Among the issues discussed were selection of recipients and donors, resource allocation, organ procurement, reimbursement decisions, informed consent, the role of state health departments and institutions, and medical determination of death. A special session of the conference focused on the effect of new federal legislation on organ transplantation policy.

Environmental Ethics and the Solar System

The Center for Continuing Education of the University of Georgia conducted a conference on "Environmental Ethics and the Solar System" June 5-8, 1985 in Athens, Georgia. The conference was co-sponsored by the Planetary Society and the journal *Environmental Ethics*, with a grant from the Ethics and Values in Science and Technology (EVIST) Program of the National Science Foundation.

CSEP Publications and Papers

The Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions has issued a new listing of available publications and papers. Among the ethical issues discussed are those involving: artificial insemination, sperm banks, genetic technology, human experimentation, and medical ethics. Publications describing the resources and activities of the CSEP are also available. For ordering information, write the Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois 60616.

Biotechnology PatentWatch

McGraw-Hill has expanded the "PatentWatch" section of its publication *Biotechnology Newswatch* into a separate newsletter.

Now in its fifth year of publication, *Biotechnology Newswatch* reports on developments in various fields of biotechnology: basic research, scale-up, finance, law, and regulation. *Biotechnology PatentWatch* will focus exclusively on patent disclosures and issuances in the field of biotechnology.

Like its parent newsletter, *PatentWatch* will be published bi-monthly. For information about these publications, write to McGraw-Hill's *Biotechnology Newswatch*, Newsletter Publishing Center/43rd Floor, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10124.