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## LE MOT DU DIRECTEUR / FROM THE EDITOR

Ce numéro du *Bulletin* contient la plupart de nos chroniques régulières. La chronique sur les études supérieures est remplacée pour l'occasion par une chronique spéciale rédigée par Charles Pentland et Steven Page qui nous tracent un bilan de la situation en science politique à l'Université Queen's, hôte des Sociétés savantes pour 1991.

Réjean Landry and Paule Duchesneau have kindly accepted to write our column on Research in political science. Their paper gives us an excellent overview of the activities of the Groupe de recherche sur les interventions gouvernementales. For his part, Chris Brown from Carleton has been kind enough to accept to take charge of our column on the Practice of Political Science. His paper discusses the problems and difficulties of doing research in Africa.

Enfin, Roger Gibbins a bien voulu accepter d'écrire la chronique sur l'avenir du Canada. Dans un texte extrêmement intéressant, il nous fait part de son analyse de la situation canadienne et trace quelques voies d'avenir. A tous ces collaborateurs, nos plus profonds remerciements.

This issue of the *Bulletin* also continues the practice of international collaboration that started with our March issue. To underline the IPSA meeting of Buenos Aires, we have asked our colleagues Maria C. Guinazu and Maria Alicia Gutiérrez to write a paper on the state of political science in Argentina. I take this opportunity to

thank them both very much for their responding so generously to our request.

Merci également à nos collègues Gilles Bouchard et Guy Robinson pour avoir accepté d'écrire un texte sur le nouveau programme en administration publique à l'Université de Moncton.

Ce numéro du *Bulletin* nous permet, par ailleurs, d'amorcer une collaboration avec l'Association irlandaise de science politique. The two Associations have agreed to let their bulletins reproduce articles of interest to both our scientific communities. It is therefore with pleasure that we reproduce in this issue of the *Bulletin* an article on the Swedish Political Science Association taken from the IPSA Bulletin.

Finally, let me thank Joan Pond and Peter Russell for their support. Je remercie également Marie-Pierre Ashby ainsi que Erick Duchesne et Claude Goulet qui m'ont aidé à préparer ce numéro du *Bulletin*.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere appreciation to my colleague Raymond Hudon who will shortly leave his post as Director of the Department of Political science at Laval. The use of the facilities at the department has been extremely valuable and I thank again Raymond for his support. Let us only hope that in the future each Editor of the *Bulletin* will be able to benefit from the same type of co-operation.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT /  
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**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT /  
RAPPORT ANNUEL DU PRESIDENT**

**Peter H. Russell**

Passing through the three-year presidential cycle - president-elect, president and past-president - helps one to understand somewhat better why an academic discipline needs an Association to defend and advance its interests.

One such interest of which I have become acutely aware this year is that of young Canadian political science Ph.D.'s.

For those who wish to join the academic side of our discipline in Canada the prospects rights now are very bleak. At our Annual Meeting, Board members Margaret Little and Richard Vernon will report the results of their survey of job openings and job seekers over the next five years. An early look at the data they have assembled indicates a serious short fall of tenure-stream positions for new Canadian political scientists up to 1995.

Les spécialistes en études supérieures nous assurent que tout cela va changer après 1995, lorsque ceux et celles d'entre nous qui ont été engagés durant la période d'expansion que furent la fin des années 50 et le début des années 60 atteindront l'âge de la retraite. Peut-être bien... du moins, espérons-le. Tout de même, c'est une bien piètre consolation pour ceux et celles qui cherchent un poste de professeur à l'université en ce moment. J'estime donc qu'il incombe à notre association de faire tout en son pouvoir pour inciter les responsables du recrutement dans les universités ou les directeurs de programme de recherche à offrir de bons débouchés professionnels à nos plus jeunes membres.

One practice I have adopted this year is writing Department Heads or Deans when I see advertisements for contractually-limited positions that appear to go beyond the usual rational of leave-replacements. The point of my letters is to try to ensure that contractually-limited positions are not used in an abusive way to exploit young scholars in our discipline. This practice, I must acknowledge, has made me as popular as a skunk at a garden party with the recipients of my missives - including those in a division of my own university. Still, I believe the CPSA should speak out on behalf of our younger members. I hope my successors will find more effective and perhaps more diplomatic ways of doing this.

Another of our Board members, Les Pal, has begun to work on a further dimension of the job situation. At the request of the Board, Les is preparing a brochure on employment opportunities for political scientists

outside of universities and colleges. The aim is not to recruit more students for our already swollen classes but to assist those whose university education has been centred in our discipline to find places where they can put their education to use. Our first cut at this endeavour cannot produce as grand and thorough a guide as that of our sister Association to the south. Still, it will be a start and one we can build on in the future.

During the year the Association strengthened itself in a area crucial to its capacity to support the interests of our discipline in Canada - namely, membership. Last year's Board identified membership growth as the most significant and immediate way of dealing with the financial crunch resulting from reductions in SSHRC subsidies to learned societies. This year's Boards set as its target raising the participation rate of university-based political scientists in Canada from 60% to 75%. I am pleased to report that, though we are not quite there yet, we now have 69% of the political science faculty in the Association. The progress we have made here is the result of the tremendous work done by Joan Pond and Michelle Hopkins at our head office and a fair bit of local prodding by our Board members.

The Association has also been trying to expand its membership base outside of the universities. An important part of this effort is the request sent out with the *Directory* questionnaires for the names of political scientists working in government or the private sector who might be interested in joining the Association. The response to this request has been so great that we are holding back on publication of the second edition of the *Directory* so that we can take time to follow up on all the leads.

The second edition will be out fairly soon after the General Meeting. The *Directory*, David Smith's labour of love (I hope), continues to be one of the Association's best recruiting devices. David, after consulting with the Board, has made very few changes in the format of the new edition. The main ones are a new sub-field, «*Women in Politics*», and an appendix providing information on political science graduate programs in Canada.

Participation in our Trust Fund through its third year has continued to grow. As Tom Flanagan, the Trust President, and his colleague Trustees continue to remind us, it is the level of participation not the amount each of us gives that really counts. In the last issue of *The Bulletin* Tom pointed out how members can contribute to the Fund's long-term future by including a legacy to the Trust in their estate planning. The Trust has also been intensifying its efforts to solicit contributions from private corporations focussing on those in publishing or the media which rely extensively on the work of political scientists. A bolstered list of Trust Fund Advisors should help generate solicitations across the country.

Important as our efforts to become more self reliant are in this era of privatization, like other scholarly societies we cannot relax our efforts to improve the funding available from government for political scientists. This is the key rationale for our membership in the Social Science Federation of Canada. The Board at its December meeting questioned whether we were getting our money's worth from the Federation. Subsequently I met with Dr. Ayman Yassini, the Federation's new Executive Director. I was impressed with the current lobbying efforts which are planned and underway. A number of these are described in the SSFC's January Bulletin. There is at least one positive indication that the SSFC's message about the systemic underfunding of the humanities and social sciences as compared with science and technology is getting through. The Royal Society of Canada's recent report outlining a «*A Strategy for University Research in Canada*» recognizes that the SSHRC must receive a much greater per centage increase in funds than NSERC or MRC.

S'il convient tout à fait que notre association incite la FCSS à défendre nos intérêts, nos membres, qui s'y connaissent en lobbying, devraient aussi être en mesure de contribuer au travail de la Fédération, notamment au sein du Réseau national de lobbying. François Rocher, qui est membre de notre conseil d'administration, représente l'ACSP auprès de la FCSS. Je sais qu'il aimerait recevoir toute suggestion que vous pourriez avoir sur la façon de donner encore plus de poids aux activités de pression de la FCSS.

One of the Federation's important initiatives is the establishment of a Women's Issues Network. The Network has had two national meetings at which Carolyn Tuohy has represented the CPSA. In addition to lobbying for better funding of research on women's issues, the Network is building an information base on research in the field and on women's participation in Canadian social sciences.

Notre programme de bourses à Essex est une victime temporaire de la réduction des subventions du CRSH. Un comité mis sur pied par le conseil d'administration et formé de Réjean Landry, de Dick Johnston et de Charlotte Yates a proposé que l'ACSP cherche des sources de financement privées pour un programme plus vaste de bourse d'études estivales axé sur les méthodes quantitatives, programme qui pourrait se dérouler non seulement à Essex, mais également dans d'autres universités. Nous nous affairons actuellement à trouver des entreprises commanditaires et sommes optimistes quant aux chances de voir se rétablir ce programme de bourses l'an prochain.

The Association's Research Communications Committee, chaired by Herman Bakvis, has had a relatively quiet year on the copyright front. But the committee has been actively working on another matter - CPSA prizes. Compared with associations in other disciplines the CPSA has few awards to recognize

significant achievements of its members. To remedy this situation, the Board asked the Research Communications Committee to develop some policy guidelines on prize policy. These guidelines were approved by the Board at its December meeting. The key principles are that prizes bearing the imprimatur of the CPSA be awarded on a regular basis, be well advertised, that selection committees be approved by the Board and maintain a proper gender and regional balance.

The Research Communications Committee has been developing the terms for a new CPSA prize bearing Don Smiley's name to recognize outstanding work in the field of Canadian Government and Politics. An appropriate corporate sponsor for this prize has been found. I hope that we are able to announce the details at the Annual General Meeting.

The Association's Archives Committee, consisting of Patrick Kyba, Alan Whitehorn and Reg Whittaker, has also been active. Reg Whittaker has been appointed to the National Archives' Researchers' Forum. While this still does not meet our objective of being accorded the same status as the historians with a seat on the Archives Board, still it does give us a stronger base for voicing the concerns of political scientists in Archives policy-making. At the provincial level the Committee has prepared a brief which it will present to an Ontario legislative committee reviewing the province's access to information laws. There may soon be opportunities for similar initiatives on behalf of the Association in other jurisdictions.

Le conseil d'administration a confié au comité des archives une autre tâche, plus «domestique» celle-là: celle de conseiller l'ACSP sur ses propres méthodes d'archivage. Si nous ne trouvons pas bientôt des critères de tri et d'élimination (surtout pour ce qui concerne les dossiers de la revue), nous devons soit payer une immense facture pour des services d'entreposage, soit nous amuser, lorsque nous ferons un tour au 1, rue Stewart à Ottawa, à essayer de trouver Joan et Michelle derrière des montagnes de boîtes!

In February, the Association's «state-of-the-art» seminar for Department Heads took place this year (according to tradition?) at the President's home university. The meeting was very well attended and I think that all who came appreciated the interesting agenda put together by Bob Mathews, the Toronto Head and host. It included a panel (Larry LeDuc, Graham White and David Wolfe) chaired by Leo Panitch on the «socialist revolution» in Ontario and some more business-like sessions, chaired by Ronald Keith and Michael Atkinson respectively, on different ways of organizing the various sub-divisions of our discipline and on the weighting or teaching, research and service in evaluating faculty.

Une idée qui a été lancée à la réunion des directeurs de département, l'an dernier, a suivi son cours. Je fais référence ici à la suggestion que l'ACSP offre aux pays

