

## **JUNE 2006 / Vol. 20 (1)**

### **Editorial—'06 World Congress Year**

2006 is a World Congress year, which means a new cycle of RC28 officers and activities will get off the ground. This newsletter describes our panels for Fukouka in July, and contains many reminders about current activities.

First and foremost, 2006 is a cycle year for all members to pay their dues, something of a problem for the Committee over the years. Elsewhere in this bulletin is an announcement that tells you where to send your \$45.00 US 2006-2009 dues. Your support is needed, since IPSA grants will support only a limited number of activities.

Second, it is time to salute our colleagues Uwe Leonardy, Maureen Covell, and Bob Williams. Uwe put in long hours and considerable energy in negotiating an agreement between RC28 and the Forum of Federations. It should provide a number of interesting opportunities for our members. It is published in this edition. Bob and Maureen planned and organized our successful 2005 RC28 Conference in Menaggio, Italy. Four panels were sponsored and 15 members attended. A program will be reproduced in this newsletter. If you want to access a paper, contact the participant directly, since we were unable to secure abstracts this time.

Third, World Congress year means nomination/award years. There will be a new chair and a slate of officers, council members this year. The Chair of the Nominations Committee is Lloyd Brown-John (lbj@uwindSOR.ca). Other members are Gesila Faerber and Dirk Brand. The Chair of the Distinguished Federalism Scholar Award Committee is Rudolph Hrbek (Rudolf.hrbek@uni-tuebingen.de). Other members are Alan Tarr and Cheryl Saunders. Please send your nominations to them.

Fourth, since the response was limited to the Directory of Federalism Experts questionnaire it is repeated in this issue. Please complete it and send it back to us. Remember this is our initial joint project with the Forum of Federations.

Fifth, Hooray for us! IPSA renewed RC28 for six more years!  
Robert Agranoff  
RC28 Chair

### **Agreement on Co-operation between the Forum of Federations and the IPSA Comparative Federalism and Federation Research Committee**

The Forum of Federations (hereinafter referred to as "the Forum") and the Comparative Federalism and Federation Research Committee of the International Political Science Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") agree on co-operation as follows:

Both institutions will co-ordinate their activities as widely and intensively as possible. A special emphasis of their co-operation will be on the availability of relevant information for practitioners of federalism. The Forum realizes that membership of the Committee is open to academics and practitioners alike and that it comprises both categories of experts.

The Committee established a Directory of Experts on Federalism in 1999. Co-operation with the Forum is already underway to expand this Directory, to update it and to make it Website-available. This project will be finalized in 2005, and thereafter it will be continuously expanded and updated by both institutions jointly. Each of them will name one representative responsible

for this function. Persons who are members of the Committee will be marked as such in the Directory.

The Committee will identify Forum publications regularly on its Web-based Newsletter. Relevant publications and papers of members of the Committee will be referred to and, space and copyright permitting, will be published on the website of the Forum.

The Committee will receive the Forum's calendar of events and changes of that calendar as early as possible in order to enable the Committee to make proposals for suitable experts who might participate in Forum events.

Members to be nominated by the Committee will assist in establishing and updating the Forum data-bank for the specific needs of practitioners of federalism if the Forum decides to establish such a data-bank or to expand its website for such purposes. The Committee will be kept informed on upcoming and taken decisions of the Forum on a project of this kind.

The Forum will be regularly invited to participate in the Annual Conferences and Business Meetings of the Committee, such conferences and meetings taking place during each of the triennial IPSA World Congresses, in the following year and in the year thereafter (preceding the next IPSA Congress), in the latter case jointly with the International Association of the Centres for Federal Studies.

For the implementation of this agreement and in order to institutionalise permanent contact the Forum and the Committee will nominate one office-holder each to perform these functions. Until further notice this will be the Head, Partnerships and Development for the Forum and the First Vice Chair for the Committee.

This agreement shall remain in effect until December 31st, 2008 and the parties may agree to renew it for 36 months at that moment

This agreement may be terminated unilaterally by either of the parties in a written communication made 30 days in advance or by mutual agreement.

Agreed to on August 19th, 2005

For the Forum:

[signed]

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(George Anderson)  
President

For the Committee:

[signed]

.....  
(Uwe Leonardy)  
First Vice Chair

## **2006 World Congress Information/RC28 Panels**

XX World Congress, Fukuoka, Japan, 9-14 July 2006

Complete details on registration, accommodation, calendar and program, and contact information can be found at <http://www.fukuoka2006.com/en/>.

2006 World Congress IPSA Panels

Federalism: Institutions, Processes and Behavior

This panel invites single country or comparative research papers on a variety of federalism related topics: fiscal federalism, federal institutions, federal policy and its implementation, political parties and voting in federal countries, intergovernmental relations, subnational governance, social federalism attitudes, political opinion and related processes. Priority will be given to papers analyzing completed research, in preliminary or final form.

#### Federalism and Democracy

This panel invites single country or comparative research on various topics that relate democratic processes and federal systems. Included topics, but not limited to these, are: federalism, ethnic accommodation and democracy; local governments, democracy and federal systems; democratic theory and federal theory; regional mobilization, democracy and federalism; power-sharing and democratic institutions and processes; and, essential features of federal democracy. These topics are merely suggestive. Proposals under this theme might include a range of topics. Priority will be given to papers that analyze completed research, in preliminary or final form.

Proposals should be sent to both co-chairs:

Robert Agranoff at [agranoff@indiana.edu](mailto:agranoff@indiana.edu)  
Maureen Covell at [covell@sfu.ca](mailto:covell@sfu.ca)

#### **2005 Menaggio Conference Program, October 4-7**

Co-sponsored by IPSA RC 28 and the Center for the Study of State Constitutions, Rutgers University

Tuesday, October 4  
Grand Hotel Victoria  
On the lakefront at via B. Castelli 11

6:00 p.m. Meet and Greet and Committee  
Business Meeting

7:30 p.m. No-host dinner  
Wednesday, October 5  
Grand Hotel Victoria (Room number TBA)

9:00 am Panel 1: Judicial Federalism  
Brian Galligan, "Judge-Made Federalism in Australia"  
David O'Brien, "US Supreme Courts, the ECJ and Federalism"  
Midkhat Farukshin, "Russian Constitutional Court and Federalism: pros and cons"

12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch in town

2:00 p.m. Panel 2: Constructing and Modifying Federal Systems  
Peter Woolstencroft, "Federalism in Iraq: Potentials and Pitfalls"  
Galina Gribanova, "The Council of Federation and the Development of Russian Federalism"

5:30 p.m.- end of panel  
Thursday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Panel 3: Comparative Federalism and Judicial Federalism  
Gisela Faerber and Nils Otter, "Data Bank for Comparative Federalism Research"  
Revekka Vulfovich, "Cities as member units of Federations"  
Karen Schlueter, "Legislative Arenas in Federal and quasi-Federal Systems"  
Klaus Detterbeck, "Party Careers in Federal Systems"

12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch in town

2:00 p.m. Panel 4: Constitutional and Nonconstitutional Change in Existing and Emerging Federations

Uwe Leonardy, "The Federal Elements of the European Constitution and its Future"  
Wolfgang Renzsch, "The German Commission on Federal Reform and Canada: Citizen Assemblies"

Maureen Covell, "Getting Constitutional Change on the Political Agenda in Belgium, Canada and the EU"

5:00 p.m. Business Meeting

7:30 p.m. Dinner at the Villa Vigoni, hosted by RC 28

## **2005 Business Meeting Minutes and Financial Statement**

IPSA RC 28 Annual Conference 2005 in Menaggio, Italy

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Tue Oct. 4 6:30 p.m., Grand Hotel Victoria  
and (continuation)

Fri Oct. 7, time and venue to be announced on Tue

### **AGENDA**

Welcome and opening of Conference  
(Uwe Leonardy)  
Organisational announcements for the Conference  
(Maureen Covell and Bob Williams)

Approval of agenda

### **Minutes**

There being no business meeting in 2004 (due to postponed Ontario conference) there are no meeting minutes. Attached are the activities reports for 2003-5 submitted to IPSA this year.

### **Treasury Report**

Attached are the 2003 and 2004 end of year financial statements submitted to IPSA. The major changes in 2005 are as follows: a. \$780.00 US was returned to McMaster University for the state of the discipline project book. The authors were not able to produce the book in time to spend the money. However, Michael Stein has assured RC 28 that this money will be dedicated to indexing costs. Thus, all book royalties will go directly into our treasury when it is produced.

b. RC 28 was granted another \$500.00 US grant from IPSA in June, 2005 to update its website and to help produce its Directory of Federalism Experts. Agreement on Co-operation with Forum of Federations a. Presentation by Uwe Leonardy and discussion of the Agreement (attached; the text will also be published in the next Committee Newsletter)

b. Directory of Federalism Experts (No. 2 of the Agreement): Sub-Committee already formed and announced:

Ajay Mehra, India

Robert Agranoff (coord.)

John Kincaid

Forum staff replacement for Karl Nerenberg

c. Publications (No. 3 of the Agreement): Report on details of implementation

d. Procedure for proposing suitable experts for the events of the Forum (No. 4 of the Agreement): Report

e. Data Bank Project (No. 5 of the Agreement): Report and forming of Sub-Committee, enlisting of volunteers and appointment of co-ordinator

Renewal of Committee

IPSA has renewed RC 28 for another six years. A copy of the letter will be distributed.

2006 World Congress Programme

Report: Maureen Covell

RC 28 has two federalism panels approved. Thus far, three paper proposals have been submitted. Anyone wishing to submit a paper should send it to Maureen Covell and Bob Agranoff. There has been some difficulty in registering abstracts/papers electronically with IPSA. Bob's assistant Juan Pedroza (jpedroza@indiana.edu) will help enter all RC 28 panels. Attached is the call for papers for the two panels.

Menaggio paper abstracts

Please send your Menaggio paper abstracts to Bob Agranoff so that they can be included in the next newsletter. Be sure to include your affiliation and e-mail address.

Questionnaire for Directory of Federalism Experts

Soon you will be receiving a request to complete the Directory of Federalism Experts form. If you wish to be included please send back to Indiana University (Patricia Withered).

Suspension of involvement in Federalism Report

The chair, with consultation from officers, has suspended our \$500.00 per year contribution and participation in The Federalism Report. There have been difficulties and misunderstandings with regard to deadlines, submissions. The last deadline was met, six months elapsed, and then Bob Agranoff was told that his material was dated. At that point he suspended involvement. Moreover, the APSA 400 strong section on Federalism/IGR has completely pulled out, so we can no longer reach them by the Report. With dues payments lagging and IPSA grants increasingly dedicated (they will not fund the Report because they fund our own electronic newsletter) participation is not feasible. The ensuing need for suspension will have to be discussed.

Nominations Committee for Officers and Council 2006-2009

Report; the Nominations Committee includes:

Lloyd Brown-John, Chair, Canada  
 Gisela Faerber, Germany  
 Dirk Brand, South Africa

Outstanding Scholar Award Committee  
 Rudolf Hrbek (Chair), Germany  
 Alan Tarr, U.S.  
 Cheryl Saunders, Australia  
 Miscellaneous  
 RC28 Financial Statement 2004

<b>Income</b>	
2003 Dues Paid	\$180.00
Carry Over, Non Encumbered (\$860.00 U.S. Dedicated for State of Discipline not included)*	\$427.06
IPSA Grant 2003 (delayed until mid-2004)**	\$500.00
IPSA Grant 2004	\$500.00
<i>Total Non-dedicated Income</i>	\$1,180.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Newsletter/website maintenance	\$633.75
2003 (cancelled) meeting expenses	\$81.50
Federalism Report payment	\$500.00
Expenses of carry-overs from IPSA check-offs, low income country members, postage for those not on electronic mail	\$87.83
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$1,303.08

\*Note: Our account continues to hold back the equivalent of \$1,000.00 Canadian to pay for the production expenses of the state of the discipline book as per grant from another IPSA RC. Returned to McMaster University, grantee for IPSA in May, 2005.

\*\*Mostly used to pay deficit financing of \$371.53 carried by the School of Public and Environmental Affairs pending receipt of our 2003 award, received around 5/1/04.

## **RC28 Renewal for Six Years**

### **How to Join IPSA/RC28 (2006)**

If you have an interest in comparative federalism and wish to join the Committee it is very easy to become a part of our working group. If you wish to see what this group of around 100 active scholars do, click on our website and view the expanded version of this newsletter, Comparative Federalism Newsletter. The current, Vol. 20 No. 1 edition not only contains business news of the Committee and announcements but book notes involving four new and important books on comparative federalism and a compendium of web addresses for federalism scholars, including research associations and centers, journals, government agencies and civic associations in federal countries.

Click on <http://www.iu.edu/~speaweb/IPSA/>.

Membership in the RC is \$45.00 U.S. for three years. Membership is required for participation in conferences. Membership fees are payable by check or bank draft in USD to "Comparative Federalism Research Committee" c/o Prof. Robert Agranoff, SPEA, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405-1701, U.S.A. Membership in the research committee is separate from that of IPSA.

The IPSA membership (for one or three years U.S. \$75.00/\$100.00) includes a subscription to the International Political Science Review (four issues per year) and to Participation, the newsletter of the Association (two or three issues per year). Membership requests received from October 1st will be applied to the coming year. You will receive all publications printed during the year of your membership, including past issues of the current year. For further information click on <http://www.ipsa.ca> or e-mail [info@ipsa.ca](mailto:info@ipsa.ca).

### **Federalism Directory of Experts**

Federalism Experts Directory Revision—  
Your Opportunity to Register

#### **RC 28 Receives Grant for Directory Update**

In April, 2004 we were informed by the IPSA Committee on Research and Training that RC 28 was awarded a \$500.00 grant to expand, update and make website available our 1999 Directory of Experts on Federalism.

The original volume contained names and details of those who chose to Register with the Research Committee as "experts." In every case, the individual notion of "expertise" was warranted. At the end of the volume was a compendium of others who were known to be very knowledgeable. They were listed because they too should be known although they chose not to seek formal Registration.

The recipients of this compendium were free to contact those persons listed for consulting/advice on matters affecting constitutional, political, economic and social matters relating to complex federal political systems. As a global community of scholars, governments and private companies seeking expertise on such difficult issues as managing diversity within unity found the volume helpful.

The revision of the directory is a joint project with the Forum of Federations in Ottawa, Canada. At our November, 2002 Business Meeting, it was voted and approved to approach the Forum for joint sponsorship. Ronald Watts acted as our "go-between." The Forum agreed, and Karl Nerenberg of the Forum is our cooperating partner.

Discussions are underway about the format and RC 28 members and Forum contacts will be solicited electronically in a separate communication. The subscribers to the Federalism Report, a joint RC 28/IACFS/APSA Federalism Section biannual publication, will be solicited in hard-copy format.

Plans are to "post" the directory on the RC 28 and Forum directory sometime in 2005.

Directory of Federalism Experts: Questionnaire

(Please see separate form.)

To return the questionnaire you can either:

1. Photocopy the completed page and mail to:

Patricia Withered  
SPEA 330  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, IN 47405-1701  
USA  
2. Fax to Patricia Withered: (812) 855-7802  
3. E-mail to [pwithere@indiana.edu](mailto:pwithere@indiana.edu).

## **International Encyclopedia of Political Science**

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## Prospectus

### The Project

The International Encyclopedia of Political Science (IEPS) is a joint project of the Encyclopedia Society and the American Political Science Association. The encyclopedia will be in five volumes and will consist of over 1.8 million words, or about 3,000 pages. It will contain 2,500 bylined articles by contributors drawn from over 60 countries. The manuscript is scheduled for delivery in 2007 with publication planned for 2008. An online version of the encyclopedia will follow in 2009.

IEPS will be one of the most ambitious encyclopedia projects in political science. It will be a commanding survey of the state of politics and political science at the beginning of the 21st century.

### Magisterial Resource

Encyclopedias are magnets that attract and Petri dishes that preserve and grow scholarship. They are unique resources that distill current and past ideas, place them in a comparative context and tie them together for quick reference. They also provide a platform for discussion on issues and thus help to develop and clarify new theories and concepts. They can be revised periodically, both in print and online, to reflect changes on the ground. They explore the past, define the present and help to bring the future into focus. Every discipline needs an authoritative flagship encyclopedia to serve as the central repository for scholars to draw on for ideas and information.

IEPS is designed to fulfill such a role as a central and magisterial encyclopedia for political science. It will bring together many distinguished political science scholars from all over the world and offer them an opportunity to comment on the core issues that have concerned political scientists from the dawn of time, and to chronicle the evolution of political theories and practice.

### Rationale

Politics is one of the most dynamic drivers of change in the world and its theory and practice are being transformed in remarkable ways. The sovereignty of the nation-state is being eroded by regional and global forces, from within as well as without. Even as many authoritarian regimes have been swept away in the past 50 years, new challenges have emerged based on gender, race, ethnicity and religion, forcing political scientists to rethink old ideas and devise new ones. The very language of politics and the sources of collective identity have been recast. As the old and familiar landscape of politics disappears, there is a need for new resources around which scholarly discourse can coalesce and from which the community of scholars can draw fresh ideas. Designed to explain ideas as well as processes, the encyclopedia will offer cutting-edge analysis and interpretation and convey the vitality and excitement of the world of politics.

### Scope and Treatment

In the selection of topics as well as the selection of contributors, IEPS will be guided and defined by two principles: It will be international in scope and balanced in treatment. An important task of the encyclopedia will be to illustrate the global nature of political ideas and movements. Politics, like the world itself, has become borderless. To reverse the oft-quoted maxim, all politics is global, subject to the "butterfly in China" syndrome. The encyclopedia will acknowledge and communicate a wide range of interpretations, both Western and non-

Western, national and international. Similarly, contributors will be drawn from a wide catchment area that will extend to all continents.

The encyclopedia also will offer balanced treatment consistent with the needs of innovative scholarship. It will incorporate perspectives drawn from a host of related disciplines, especially women's studies, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, theology, law, history, environmental studies, international studies and business. On controversial issues, it will offer a number of alternative interpretations by different authors.

#### Functions of an Encyclopedia

All mature disciplines need a dedicated encyclopedia where current ideas in the field are assembled so that students can find an authoritative source which they can use as a benchmark for further research.

An encyclopedia performs valuable services to the field with which it deals. In the Middle Ages, the two terms used to describe encyclopedias were Summa and Notitia. Summa means a summary or a distillation of ideas so that a reader does not need to go to hundreds of books to obtain basic information on any field of knowledge. Notitia means the state of the art in any existing field, that which a student or scholar needs to know in order to gain a working knowledge. IEPS will perform both these functions.

It will also help to point the direction in which the discipline should move and grow. This is the prescriptive function of an encyclopedia. This is an especially important function for a multidisciplinary field which sometimes tends to grow in an unsystematic fashion. By demarcating the field, the encyclopedia will help scholars focus on the most promising areas of growth.

IEPS will also serve as a desk reference or a treasury of information. The many appendixes planned are an indication of the broad desk reference function of the encyclopedia.

#### Special Features of the Encyclopedia

All encyclopedias generally follow the same format, that is, their entries are in alphabetical order; the entries do not have footnotes, and so on. But each encyclopedia will have some unique features. IEPS will have a number of such features.

It will be a DIACHRONIC encyclopedia. Encyclopedias are generally divided into synchronic and diachronic. Synchronic encyclopedias are descriptive encyclopedias that present the state of the art of any subject. Diachronic encyclopedias are historical encyclopedias that delve into the history of a subject. Many of the major articles in the encyclopedia will have historical aspects that clarify the background and evolution of the subject matter.

It will truly be an INTERNATIONAL encyclopedia not merely in its coverage and scope but also in the nationality of its contributors. Its contributors will be drawn from a wide catchment area covering many major nations. The diversity of the contributors will ensure that all perspectives and traditions are represented. It will particularly ensure that not only Western and Northern but also Eastern and Southern perspectives are presented.

It will be MULTIDISCIPLINARY in approach drawing on scholars from many fields to lend coherence to the conflicting policies, theories, constructs, programs and ideas that populate the field. Opposing viewpoints will be presented objectively and fairly.

Its CHRONOLOGICAL depth will extend to all historical periods. There will also be a discussion in many entries on the future.

#### Editorial Organization

IEPS will be organized in strict A to Z dictionary format with 2,500 short and long articles. The encyclopedia will be prefaced with a Syntopicon that organizes the articles in a thesaurus format showing the interrelationships among the entries and logical sequence. Among the 2,500 articles there will be over 50 core overview articles and 50 interpretive essays written by outstanding specialists. They will deal with the central themes, concepts, ideologies and institutions that undergird the work. These essays will provide the scaffolding for the work as a whole. These longer articles will range anywhere between 3,000 and 5,000 words each. Shorter, breakout articles will deal with subsidiary topics, biographies, nations, and historical events. The largest group of entries will be biographical. Biographies will include not only political figures but also major political scientists in history.

#### Illustrative and Supplementary Features

In addition to the text, IEPS will include a number of illustrative and supplementary materials:

- 100 photographs
- Timelines of political institutions and ideas
- Source Documents
- Charts
- Portals and Data Bases in Politics
- Political Statistics
- Bibliography
- Taxonomy of Governments and Nations

All entries will carry bibliographies and cross references and other navigational aids.

#### Audience

IEPS is gaited primarily to the needs of teachers and students of political science in high schools and colleges. The style of writing will therefore be nontechnical and jargon-free. Another important target audience will comprise political scientists, policy experts, scholars and researchers. The encyclopedia will also be of interest to politicians, journalists, diplomats and those engaged in international organizations.

#### Plan of Work and Outline

The encyclopedia is in A to Z alpha format. The 2,500 entries will be in six classes: Overview articles; Interpretive Essays; Historical Articles, Breakout Articles; Issue Discussions and Short Informative Articles.

The headword list will be built around 50 categories. These categories will anchor the encyclopedia and will be critical to its architecture. Twenty-four of the categories will correspond to 24 of APSA's 36 sections. The remaining 26 will be devised for the encyclopedia to reflect areas, trends and subfields that are gaining in importance in the new century.

#### Categories

1. Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
2. Law and Courts
3. The Executive
4. Legislative Studies
5. Public Policy
6. Political Organizations & Parties
7. Public Administration
8. Representation and Electoral Systems
9. Political Methodology
10. Religion and Politics
11. Local Politics
12. Women and Politics

13. Race and Ethnicity
14. Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Politics
15. Foundations of Political Thought
16. Political Theory
17. Information Technology
18. International Security & Arms Control
19. Comparative Politics
20. European Politics and Society
21. Political Communication
22. Comparative Political History
23. Political Economy
24. Political Psychology
25. Politics and Literature
26. International Relations
27. Subnational Governments and Politics
28. Constitutions and Constitutionalism
29. Asian Politics and Society
30. Latin American Politics and Society
31. African Politics and Society
32. Middle Eastern Politic and Society
33. The South
34. Democracy and Democratization
35. War and Politics
36. Interest Groups and Lobbies
37. Media and Politics
38. Political Pathologies
39. Regions and Regionalism
40. Globalization and Politics
41. Political Elites
42. Political Checks and Balances
43. Transnational and Supranational Politics
44. Contentious Politics
45. Political Concepts
46. Freedoms
47. Politics of Terrorism
48. Political Change
49. Rights
50. The State
51. Political Language
52. Politics of Oppression
53. Political Infrastructure
54. Political Ideologies and Concepts
55. Political Ethics
56. Cultural Politics
57. Politics and Society
58. Countries
59. Future of Politics and Political Science

#### Appendixes

In addition to thematic articles built around core categories; IEPS will include: (1) 80 biographies of eminent political scientists and political leaders, past and present and (2) 163 country profiles. Major country articles will be between 1,000 and 3, 000 words long.

## **2006 Committee on Federalism and Federation**

This Research Committee was organized in 1983. It is devoted to exploring scholarly knowledge about federations and federal arrangements in a comparative perspective. Its members are from six continents and include political scientists, lawyers, economists, political geographers, and political sociologists from many federal and nonfederal countries. Knowledge about federalism is researched and exchanged about specific countries as well as cross-national phenomena.

As an active committee, it meets virtually every year. Every third year it holds a committee conference, such as the 2001 Jávea, Spain conference and the 2005 Menaggio, Italy meeting to exchange papers and to organize its work agenda. The next year it normally meets jointly with another organization, the International Association of Centers of Federalism (IACFS) (a group of research centers). The 2002 joint meeting was held in Innsbruck, Austria in November. The third year of the cycle the Committee meets and sponsors panels as a part of the World Congress of Political Science, which will meet in Fukuoka, Japan from July 9-13, 2006.

Several publications have been produced as a result of these meetings, including:

C. Lloyd Brown-John (Ed.), *Centralizing and Decentralizing Trends in Federal or Non-Federal Countries* (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1993).

Bertus De Villiers (Ed.), *Evaluating Federal Systems* (Dordrecht: Martinus Nijhoff, 1994).

C. Lloyd Brown-John (Ed.), *Federal Type Solutions and European Integration* (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1995).

Robert Agranoff (Ed.), *Managing Diversity: Asymmetry in Federal Countries* (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 1999).

Peter Bussjäger and Anna Gamper (Eds.), *The Homogeneity of Democracy, Rights and the Rule of Law in Federal or Confederal Systems* (Vienna: Wm. Braumüller, 2003).