Association of Chinese Political Studies is co-sponsoring an academic conference with Remin University of China, Chinelections.org and Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the United States. The conference will be held between June 11-12, 2004, at Remin University of China in Beijing.

The broad theme for the meeting is “Advancing Political Civilization in China”. Sponsors of the conference invite paper proposals concerning topics such as Chinese political culture, civil society, village democracy, reform of local people’s congress, rule of law, the role of media, judicial independence, transparency, and comparative democratization experiences. Papers related to the broad theme will all be considered.

Conference organizers will provided free lodging and meals (two days and three nights) for those who present a paper at the conference plenary or panel sessions. Members of Association of Chinese Political Studies whose paper proposals are accepted are eligible for travel subsidies. For contact information and deadlines, please look them up on page 3.

The ACPS Panel at the 2003 APSA Annual Meeting

The Association of Chinese Political Studies successfully sponsored a panel on “China’s New Leadership and Reform Policies” at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on August 27-31, 2003. The panel was chaired by professor Lucian W. Pye of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A total of five papers were presented. Paper topics include the following: “The Fourth Generation of Chinese Leadership and the Transformation of the CCP” by Weixing Chen of East Tennessee State University; “Middle Class: Friends or Foes to Beijing’s New Leadership?” by He Li of Merrimack College; “Sustaining Political Legitimacy in the Post-Jiang China: Challenges Ahead” by Baogang Guo of Dalton State College; “Leadership Transition and New Foreign Policy Orientation” by Guoli Liu of College of Charleston; and “Environmental Attitudes of China’s Future Leaders” by Yang Dongning of Peking University and Phillip Stalley of George Washington University. Wei Tang from the University of Pennsylvania and Zhiqun Zhu from Hamilton College acted as discussants. The panel was well attended.

The ACPS will continue to sponsor panels at the next APSA meeting in 2004.

The Editor’s Note

The board has decided to publish newsletter regularly to keep members informed of associational life and activities. Please help support this effort by e-mailing us at JCPS@sfsu.edu your news about major publications, promotions and appointment, honors and awards, community activities, academic exchange and study abroad programs, conferences and seminars, and so on. We will publish them in the forthcoming newsletter.
Updates on Journal of Chinese Political Science

• The journal is to publish a special theme issue on “China’s Transition under the New Leadership” in November 2003. For more information about the articles, please visit the website at http://jcps.sfsu.edu/

• The journal articles are now indexed and abstracted in more indexing publishers and database, including OCLC, PAIS International, International Political Science Abstracts, Historical Abstracts, America: History and Life, and EBSCO Database.

• The journal is pleased to offer e-access to the past issues. If you are a member and want to have electronic access, please contact the President of the Association of Chinese Political Studies, Professor Yang Zhong, for verification and assignment of an User ID: yzhong@utk.edu.

• On the ACPS web site http://acps.sfsu.edu, we initiated a new expert-database project to gather information on members’ expertise. We believe this information will be extremely helpful to our members and to the public. Media may use it to locate experts for interviews. We as editors of the JCPS can also use the database to find potential book reviewers or paper reviewers. We strongly encourage every member to register. It only takes a minute to register on the site. To register or to use the database, please go to: http://acps.sfsu.edu/acps/expertnew.htm If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Dr. Baogang Guo at bguo@em.daltonstate.edu.

Books Available for Review

The Journal of Chinese Political Science has received the following books recently. We are looking for reviewers to write short reviews (500-750 words). Please send your request to Dr. Baogang Guo at: bguo@em.daltonstate.edu. For those of you who have received books to review, please keep your deadline in mind.

1. China off Center: Mapping the Margin of the Middle Kingdom, eds. by Susan Blum and Lionel M. Jensen, Hawaii University Press
5. Paradoxes of Labor Reform, by Luigi Tomba, Hawaii University Press
8. China’s Regional Disparities, by VFS Sit, NOVA
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Call for proposals for the ACPS sponsored panel at the 2004 APSA

Dear ACPS members:

This is a call for proposals for the ACPS-sponsored APSA panel. The next annual meeting of the American Political Science Association will be held in Chicago on September 2-5, 2004.

ACPS has one panel right now. Paper proposals on Chinese transitional politics are welcome. Volunteers to serve as panel chair and discussant are also welcome.

Paper proposals should include name, paper title, abstract, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, and institutional affiliation. The deadline for proposal submission is DECEMBER 1, 2003. E-mail proposals are encouraged.

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Members News

• Dr. Li He, Merrimack College, has been selected to receive a Fulbright Scholarship to Taiwan— a two-month research award in 2003-2004 academic year.

• Dr. Greg Moore has taken up a position at Eckerd College (St. Petersburg, FL) as Assistant Professor of East Asian politics. His new email there is mooregj@eckerd.edu.

• Dr. Vincent Kelly Pollard, University of Hawaii at Manoa, has the following China-focused activities.
  1) Author and content manager [with transnational advisory board], "Taiwan Cross-Strait Directory, http://apdl.kcc.hawaii.edu/~taiwan/, Asia Pacific Digital Library, Kapi‘olani Community College, University of Hawai‘i System.
  4) Completed three more reviews of books in French and English for China Review International.

• Dr. Zhidong Hao, after finishing his Fulbright Scholar research project in Taiwan last year on the relationship across the Taiwan Strait, has received a position at the University of Macau, teaching China-related sociology at the Contemporary China Studies Department. This is his new email address: ZDHao@umac.mo. Meanwhile, he is organizing and fundraising for an international conference on the future political arrangements across the Taiwan Strait. His new book on Intellectuals at a Crossroads: the Changing Politics of China’s Knowledge Workers has just been released by State University of New York Press. For more information of his book, please see <http://www.sunypress.edu/details.asp?id=60675>.

Summer Study in China: An Opportunity for Your Students

The Asia Council of the University System of Georgia will sponsor a brand new Summer Study Abroad in Yangzhou between May-June, 2004. The program is hosted by Yangzhou University, which is close to many historical and cultural sites. Other program features include:

• Visit landmark cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou, Nanjing, and Zhejiang
• Earn up to 6 semester credits in philosophy, political science, sociology, or criminal justice
• Accompanying faculty from the University System of Georgia as you study and experience the world’s oldest civilization • All courses combine classroom instruction with field trips and weekend excursions • Additional cultural enrichment programs in martial arts, Tai-Chi, dances, Chinese language, etc. available.

The cost of the program is $3,295.00 which includes: round-trip airfare, visa application, lodging and most meals, class field trips, weekend excursions, and most ground transportation. Please share the information with your students. For more detailed program and registration information, please visit: http://www.valdosta.edu/~whuang/yu2004 or contact Dr. Baogang Guo at bguo@em.daltonstate.edu