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COSSA'S GOVERNING STRUCTURE: 1985

The Consortium of Social Science Associations is pleased to have the advice and counsel of a distinguished Board of Directors. Each Member association of the Consortium is represented on the Board by two members, the Executive Officer of the organization, and the President or other representative of the organization. In addition there are four at-large members of the Board who represent other parts of the COSSA constituency such as the Affiliates, university Contributors, and social scientists employed outside academe.

Dr. Risa I. Palm of the University of Colorado was elected President of the Consortium at the recent COSSA Annual Meeting. She will serve in that position through the end of 1986. Professor Millard H. Ruud, Executive Director of the Association of American Law Schools, is Chairman of the Executive Committee. A complete list of members of the Board of Directors follows.

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COSSA EXPANDS LIST OF AFFILIATES, CONTRIBUTORS

Much of the success of the Consortium during 1984 must be attributed to the support of its Members, Affiliates, and Contributors. As COSSA's legislative agenda and educational activities have expanded, so has its list of supporters. The support of the social and behavioral science community continues to be the major strength of the Consortium.

We are pleased to announce the addition of the Speech Communication Association to the list of COSSA Affiliates. The SCA is a membership organization of teachers, researchers, and scholars concerned with the artistic, humanistic, and scientific aspects of human communication.

In the coming year COSSA will also have three new university Contributors. The University of Chicago, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville have recently pledged their support of the Consortium in 1985. These additions bring the total number of Affiliates to 27 (up from 24 a year ago) and total Contributors to 40 (up from 28).

CENSUS BUREAU TO HOLD FIRST ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The Bureau of the Census is planning to hold its First Annual Research Conference on March 20-23, 1985, in Reston, Virginia. The Census Bureau has a long tradition of obtaining advice from experts in academia and the public and private sectors to assist in the development and improvement of its statistical programs. This conference will provide a forum for researchers to discuss and exchange current research and methods in areas relevant to Bureau programs.

Session topics will include automation, survey design and estimation, statistical computing, evaluation of data quality, confidentiality issues in federal statistics, improving national population projections methodology, total survey design approach for telephone surveys, valuation of noncash benefits, the underground economy, non-response adjustments procedures in sample surveys, statistical standards, and quality issues and experiences. The conference will also include a lecture by Alan Greenspan, former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and presentations by Sidney L. Jones, Under Secretary for Economic Affairs at the Department of Commerce, and Janet Norwood, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Sessions will include papers by Census Bureau staff and invited papers, concluding with discussion by expert panelists and the audience. A fee for the conference of \$75 will include copies of presented papers and publication of the proceedings. For additional information/reservations, contact Carolee Bush, Conference Coordinator, Center for Survey Methods Research, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC, 20233; 301/763-7976.

PEACE INSTITUTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES

According to recent newspaper accounts, the Reagan administration may alter or abolish the United States Institute of Peace. After a decades-long struggle spearheaded by the National Peace Academy Campaign, the Institute was established by Congress in the closing days of the session last year (see Update, September 28, 1984). These administration plans may make it difficult to attract high-caliber people to serve on the Institute's bipartisan Board of Directors.

The Institute, which received \$4 million in appropriations in FY 1985, will promote interdisciplinary research, training and education on the causes of war and methods of conflict resolution without recourse to war. Under the law passed by the Congress, the President is required to appoint a Board of Directors by April 20, 1985. The administration, which opposed the creation of the Institute, may simply not appoint members of the Board or may ask that the appropriations be deferred or rescinded, all actions that would prevent the Institute from commencing operation. It particularly opposes the provision of the law that gives Institute researchers access to classified documents.

In the meantime, COSSA and other groups are collecting names of possible nominees to the Board. The names will be submitted to the White House with the intent of persuading the administration that there are sufficiently qualified researchers and practitioners who believe in the idea of a peace institute. Readers of Update are encouraged to submit such names to COSSA, keeping in mind that such persons would undergo security and political clearances.

'OPERATIONAL' FY85 BUDGET FIGURES FOR NSF

Because of the importance of the National Science Foundation's budgets for social and behavioral science to that research community, Update is publishing the 'operational' figures for the current fiscal year. Such figures represent an agency's allocational decisions, based on the Office of Management and Budget's interpretation of congressional appropriations. These figures are approximate, subject to revision later in the fiscal year.

The figures in this table show the general budget levels for research programs in the Division of Behavioral and Neural Sciences (selected programs) and the Division of Social and Economic Science. The figures are somewhat lower than projected in the budget presented to Congress because of adjustments to the budget to meet various internal NSF purposes for such areas as advanced scientific computing, international programs, the Presidential Young Investigators Program, and others.

An additional \$5 million is available in these programs for proposals in the area of Teaching and Learning in Science and Math. Until proposals in this area have been reviewed, however, these funds cannot be allocated to specific programs.

NSF Social and Behavioral Science Research Programs in BBS (in million \$)

	Actual FY80	Actual FY81	Actual FY82	Actual FY83	Actual FY84	Actual FY85	%Change FY84-85	%Change FY80-85
Division of Behavioral and Neural Sciences (selected programs)								
Neuroscience								
Psychobiology	4.5	4.3	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.3	+2	-4
Cognitive Science								
Memory & Cog. Processes	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.5	-4	-4
Social & Dev. Psychology	3.3	2.6	1.5	2.1	2.6	2.5	-4	-24
Linguistics	2.7	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.5	+4	-7
Anthropology	6.6	6.0	5.5	5.8	6.4	6.6	+3	N/C
Subtotal	19.7	17.5	14.7	16.1	18.2	18.4		
Division of Social and Economic Science								
Economics & Geography								
Economics	12.2	9.4	6.3	7.1	9.4	9.8	+4	-20
Geography	1.6	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.2	+24	-25
Social Measurement & Analysis								
Sociology	3.9	3.0	2.2	2.4	3.0	3.5	+18	-10
Meas. Meth./Data Improvement	5.0	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.6	3.3	-8	-34
History/Philosophy of Science	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.5	+13	N/C
Political & Policy Sciences								
Political Science	3.6	2.9	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.4	+23	-5
Law & Social Sciences	0.9	0.9	1.1*	1.2	1.4	1.6	+16	+78
Regulation & Policy Analysis	2.6	2.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.2	+9	-54
Decision & Management Sci.			0.5	0.8	1.0	1.2	+20	N/A
Subtotal	31.3	25.1	17.6	19.9	24.6	26.8		
TOTAL-Social & Behavioral Science Research Programs	52.4	43.7	32.3	36.0	42.8	45.2	+5	-14

*In FY 1981, this program was combined with the Law and Policy Program of the Division of Applied Research.

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CANADA'S SCIENCE COUNCIL LOOKS AT THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

On October 3-5 1984, the Science Council of Canada convened a conference on "Social Science Research in Canada: Stagnation of Regeneration?" The conference, which included as participants representatives from both universities and the public sector, had as its task to study the present state of research in the social sciences, and issues in creating knowledge for a changing society.

The Science Council of Canada is that country's national advisory agency on science and technology policy. The nearest equivalent in the United States is the National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council structure.

Five workshops set out to examine how well social science research actually fulfills the needs of society, and to look at impediments to research in the various social science disciplines. Some of the fundamental themes of the conference were: use of the social sciences for the collective good, communicating research results to various publics, the isolation of the social sciences, and the optimum use of existing resources.

Participants from outside Canada included Kenneth Prewitt, president of the Social Science Research Council (New York), who delivered a paper entitled "Making a difference: the social sciences."

In reporting on the conference, the bulletin SOCIAL SCIENCES IN CANADA/SCIENCES SOCIALES AU CANADA comments: "The very fact [of the conference] constitutes an important event. Apart from the publication of the proceedings (planned for spring 1985), it is difficult to forecast what will be the further outcome of this initiative. We hope that, once awake, Rip Van Winkle will not fall asleep again...."

CHINESE SOCIAL SCIENTISTS VISIT COSSA

Three economists from the Institute of World Economy and Politics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in the People's Republic of China visited COSSA on November 19. Mr. Su Goyin, Ms. Cao Meiyi, and Mr. Sang Bingyan discussed their research on economic statistics in the changing economy of China and the nature of economic and social science research in the United States with David Jenness, COSSA Executive Director, and Howard Silver, Associate Director for Government Relations. The three social scientists from Beijing were on an extended visit to the United States to learn about econometric models and statistical systems. In addition to COSSA, they spent time talking with officials from the National Research Council, the Council of Economic Advisers, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Brookings Institution.

SOURCES OF RESEARCH SUPPORT: NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

COSSA provides this information as a service and encourages readers to contact the agency rather than COSSA for more information.

Division of Information Science and Technology

The Division of Information Science and Technology supports research in three related programs: Information Science (increasing the fundamental knowledge necessary for understanding information processes), Information Technology (the application of information science to the design of advanced information systems), and Information Impact (understanding the economic aspects of the production, distribution, and use of information). Unsolicited proposals for basic and applied research in these areas are encouraged. Limited support for conferences is also available. Proposals may address problems that cut across programs or involve more than one goal.

FY 1985 Budget: The overall budget for the Division for FY 1985 is \$8.9 million.

Funding Mechanisms: Grants

Review Process: Peer review

Disciplines Supported: Any area related to information science, including computer, cognitive, social and mathematical sciences, linguistics, economics, and engineering

Restrictions on Awards: Awards are generally made for projects of not more than three years duration. The average size of awards in FY 1984 was \$60,000.

Success Ratio: 42% in FY 1984

Deadlines: Proposals may be submitted at any time, allowing 6-9 months between submission and the project starting date. Investigators seeking FY 1985 funding should submit proposals by early February, 1985.

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