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FROM THE EDITORS / UN MOT DE LA RÉDACTION

With the November 1996 issue, the editorship of the *Bulletin* passes to a new team -- Claire Turenne Sjolander and Gilles Labelle of the University of Ottawa. We are both pleased and somewhat intimidated to be taking over responsibility for the Association's newsletter, and only hope that we can maintain the high standards set for us by David Siegel of Brock University, *Bulletin* editor for 1995-96, and Gordon Mace of l'Université Laval before him.

Il faut dire que nous avons pu compter pour la réalisation de ce numéro sur l'excellent travail de Lawrence Peck, étudiant à la maîtrise que le Département de science politique de l'Université d'Ottawa nous a généreusement permis d'embaucher. Merci au Département et à Larry!

You will note some minor changes to the format of the *Bulletin*. We are introducing a new column on "cyberpolitics" which we hope to make a recurring feature. In this issue, François-Pierre Gingras details some of the exciting innovations he has been able to bring to his teaching with the application of multimedia tools. In future issues, we hope to include annotated lists of interesting and useful Internet sites which will keep us up to date on the developments in, and the research and teaching potential of, cyberspace.

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À signaler également dans ce premier numéro: un rapport de William Mathie, de l'Université Brock, concernant le congrès des Sociétés savantes en 1996 et la nouvelle formule qui y a été expérimentée. Par ailleurs, nous aimerions aussi attirer votre attention sur l'article de Heather Smith à propos des programmes pluridisciplinaires à la UNBC (University of Northern British Columbia).

On trouvera dans la section intitulée "Dans les revues" le fruit des efforts de Larry Peck, qui a patiemment passé en revue plusieurs périodiques de science politique pour nous livrer une liste d'articles intéressants. Nous nous permettons d'attirer votre attention, en particulier, sur le premier numéro de "Politique et Sociétés", qui succède à la "Revue québécoise de science politique" à titre de revue publiée par la Société québécoise de science politique.

We look forward to your comments and suggestions on this and future issues. We always welcome submissions on topics of interest to the members of our Association, so please keep the *Bulletin* in mind!

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT /
LE MOT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE**

The purpose of this column, which appears regularly in the *Bulletin*, is to up-date the members on the news of the Association. I am very pleased to report that the CPSA is in good financial health, despite the cutbacks being experienced throughout the university and research communities. Two pieces of good news stand out in particular. Our application to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for support for the *Canadian Journal of Political Science* was successful in 1995-96, as was our application for funding of travel grants. That we can look to the future with some optimism is due in large measure to the substantial contributions made by members of the Association to its everyday functioning as well as its major public activities.

In the last six months there have been several changes in the ranks of those responsible for these activities. We have a new editorial team at the head of the *Journal*: Professors Christopher Manfredi, T.V. Paul and Antonia Maioni for the English side and Professors François Rocher and Diane Éthier for the French. In addition, the *Bulletin* has been taken on by two new editors, Professors Claire Turenne Sjolander and Gilles Labelle. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these members of the Association for their hard work and McGill University and the University of Ottawa for the significant support they are giving these two teams. I would also like to acknowledge the continued support of the Administrative Editor, Professor John McMenemy of Wilfrid Laurier University.

The Trust Fund of the CPSA is another institution which plays an important role in supporting the activities of the Association. In June 1996 Professor Fred Fletcher retired as Chairman and Dr. Peter Meekison has agreed to direct the Trust Fund. Many thanks to Fred for his hard work, and welcome aboard Peter. I know that Peter has some innovative plans for increasing the Trust Fund, so no doubt many of you will be hearing from him or his trustees. If you are approached, I hope you will remember the role that the Fund plays in enabling the Association to engage in special events and underwrite particular projects.

It's not too soon to begin marking your calendars for the new century! The CPSA, in conjunction with the Société québécoise de science politique, made a successful application to the International Political Science Association and we will be sponsoring the IPSA World Congress in 2000. It will be held in Quebec City on July

28 - August 6. Congratulations and thanks to Professors Guy Lachapelle of Concordia University and John Trent of the University of Ottawa who put together the impressive submission to the IPSA Council.

Another calendar matter: Even though the holiday season is still ahead of us, it is not too early to think about reserving flights and lodging for the 1997 Annual Meeting which will be at the Memorial University of Newfoundland from June 8 to June 10. Professor Stephen Tomblin and his Programme Committee have put together an exciting set of sessions. Transportation and lodging spaces are limited, however, so be sure to plan ahead. The Learned's organisers are fully installed on the information highway, with a Web Site at <http://www.mun.ca/learneds/>.

I will also take this opportunity to remind you of the CPSA's own recent communication efforts. Our Homepage is available for consultation at <http://www.sfu.ca/igs/CPSA.html>. In particular, you can now find a copy of the up-dated *Careers for Political Scientists* prepared for the Association by Professor Leslie Pal. If you prefer to consult the guide in a more traditional way, copies are available in the offices of all Political Science departments or upon request from the Secretariat. Finally, the new edition of the *Directory of Political Scientists in Canada* is available (price: \$20) by contacting the Secretariat.

All of these documents represent the hard work of many members of the Association. Particular thanks go to Les Pal for *Careers for Political Scientists* and Michael Howlett of Simon Fraser, who manages the Homepage. Of course, the Secretariat is also crucial to all this. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of John Armstrong, who ably filled Michelle Hopkins' position while she was on maternity leave. Michelle is now back at her desk and on December 16 Marc Ronald Hopkins will be one year old!

I am also pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has decided to ask the membership to approve a constitutional amendment which will add a seat on the Board for a Graduate Student Liaison starting in June 1998. You will be asked to vote on this amendment at the Annual General Meeting in St. John's.

In my six months as President I have already heard from several members of the CPSA with suggestions for improving our activities. Such expressions of interest by members are most welcome. You can always reach me at jensonj@ere.umontreal.ca if you wish to make a

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