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FROM THE EDITORS / UN MOT DE LA RÉDACTION

Another year is winding down, and this issue of the *Bulletin* reflects the extent to which it has been an exciting and yet contentious one. As Editors, our task is made much easier by the cooperation of countless colleagues across the country who respond so quickly to our e-mail messages, the expertise and patience of Michelle Hopkins at the CPSA office, and the efficiency and care of Marc Doucet, our graduate assistant. Marc, a PhD candidate in International Relations in the Department of Political Science at the University of Ottawa, worked tirelessly on the production of this issue *Bulletin* and we, on behalf of the Association, owe him our thanks. We are also thankful to our Department for the financial support which has made it possible to compensate Marc for his work.

This issue of the *Bulletin* includes the Report on the Status of Women in the discipline of Political Science by Diane Lamoureux (Laval), Linda Trimble (Alberta) and Miriam Koene (Alberta). The Report's message, which raises serious questions about the experience of women -- our colleagues -- in our field, should give us all pause, and then should move us to action. Equally, we include a thought-provoking article by Don Desserud of the University of New Brunswick (Saint John) on the downsizing -- and upsizing -- of a small department. Don's piece speaks to the challenges we all too often must face.

Careful readers of the *Bulletin* will notice that we too have been the victims of downsizing -- literally. Yes, indeed, the font in this issue is slightly smaller, as we remain ever vigilant of the cost of producing the *Bulletin*. Si jamais nous devons réduire davantage le texte, nous vous promettons de vous envoyer une loupe!

À signaler également dans ce numéro: un rapport de Stephen Tomblin, de l'Université Memorial, concernant le congrès des Sociétés savantes en 1997 à St. John's. Par ailleurs, Claire aimerait aussi attirer votre attention sur l'article de son co-directeur, Gilles Labelle, sur l'étude de la pensée politique. Gilles nous fait part de ses réflexions personnelles à l'égard de l'état de sa discipline.

Nous apprécions vos commentaires et suggestions sur tout aspect du *Bulletin* de notre Association. Nous cherchons toujours à publier des articles à l'intérêt des membres de l'ACSP, alors n'hésitez surtout pas à nous faire parvenir vos textes et vos idées.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT /
LE MOT DU PRÉSIDENT**

Approximately 430 people registered for the CPSA section of the Learned's in St. John's. We are grateful to Stephen Tomblin, the programme chair, his committee, Christopher Dunn, responsible for local arrangements and all the student volunteers for a most successful conference at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Professor François Houle, as chair, has assembled a most impressive programme committee for the 1998 meeting in Ottawa, May 31, June 1 and 2. Our thanks to all of them for their willingness to serve.

Organization of the IPSA World Congress is proceeding well. It will be held in Quebec City on July 30 - August 4, 2000. The CPSA will hold its annual conference jointly with the SQSP during the IPSA Congress. A programme chair for the CPSA/SQSP conference will be announced soon.

At the 1997 Annual General Meeting a constitutional amendment was approved to add a graduate student position to the Board of Directors. Please keep in mind the importance of this position when you receive your ballot.

When you vote, please bear in mind Nietzsche's famous remark about the need for proactive transparent governance in the world community as we approach the new millennium.

We owe thanks to Diane Lamoureux (Laval) and Linda Trimble and Miriam Koene (Alberta), for the report of their survey on the status of women in the discipline. This report has been given full consideration by the Board of Directors and will be considered further at the Chairs meeting, January 31 -February 1, 1998.

The response rate to the questionnaires I sent to department chairs has been most gratifying. The responses are currently being analyzed, and a useful profile of Canadian political science departments will be available for the 1998 Chairs meeting and for the May edition of the Bulletin.

The deadline is December 10, 1997 for submission of books for two prizes administered by the CPSA:

1) the C.B. Macpherson Prize is awarded biennially to the author (who must be a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant who resides in Canada) of the best book published in English or French in political theory;

2) the Smiley Prize is awarded biennially to the author or authors of the best book published in English or French in a field relating to the study of government and politics in Canada. Books should be submitted to the Macpherson Prize Jury or the Smiley Prize Jury. Please contact the CPSA secretariat at 613-564-4026 or at cpsa@csse.ca for further information. The winners will be announced at the 1998 Annual General Meeting in Ottawa.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors, at its June 1997 meeting, established the Lemieux Prize for the

best Ph.D. thesis, to be determined through a biennial competition. The criteria for awarding the prize, as established by the Board, are the following: that the thesis is judged eminently worthy of publication in the form of a book or articles; that the thesis was completed and defended at a Canadian university during the previous two years. Theses in any subfield of political science and written in either English or French are eligible. The prize will be awarded for the first time in June 1999, for theses defended in 1997 and 1998. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank the Presses de l'Université de Montréal for its financial contribution toward this prize and Professor Alain-G. Gagnon who, with Professor Jane Jensen, formed the ad-hoc committee to establish this prize.

Environ 430 personnes se sont inscrites à la section ACSP du Congrès des Sociétés savantes à St. John's. Nous remercions Stephen Tomblin, président du comité du programme; son comité; Christopher Dunn, le responsable des arrangements locaux; et tous les étudiants bénévoles pour la conférence couronnée de succès à la Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Le professeur François Houle, à titre de président, a mis sur pied un comité du programme fort impressionnant pour la réunion qui se tiendra à Ottawa le 31 mai et les 1er et 2 juin 1998. Nous remercions toutes ces personnes de leur empressement à servir.

L'organisation du Congrès mondial de l'Association internationale de science politique (AISP) va bon train. Le congrès aura lieu dans la ville de Québec du 30 juillet au 4 août 2000. L'ACSP tiendra sa conférence annuelle conjointement avec la Société québécoise de science politique pendant le Congrès de l'AISP. On annoncera bientôt le nom du président du programme pour le congrès ACSP-SQSP.

À la réunion générale annuelle de 1997, on a approuvé une modification constitutionnelle consistant à ajouter un poste d'étudiant du deuxième ou troisième cycle au conseil d'administration. Veuillez garder à l'esprit l'importance de ce poste quand vous recevrez votre bulletin de vote.

Quand vous voterez, n'oubliez pas la célèbre remarque de Nietzsche au sujet de la nécessité de gérer les affaires publiques de façon proactive et transparente dans la communauté mondiale, alors que nous nous rapprochons du nouveau millénaire.

Nous remercions Diane Lamoureux (Laval) ainsi que Linda Trimble et Miriam Koene (Alberta) de leur rapport relatif au sondage sur la situation de la femme dans la discipline. Ce rapport a été examiné de près par le conseil d'administration, et il sera étudié pendant la réunion des directeurs, qui se tiendra les 31 janvier et 1er février 1998.

Le taux de réponse aux questionnaires que j'ai envoyés aux directeurs de département a été très satisfaisant. Les réponses sont en cours d'analyse, et un profil utile des départements de science politique au Canada sera disponible pour la réunion des directeurs en 1998, ainsi que pour l'édition de mai du Bulletin.

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