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Editor's Column

Dear Friends.

Our meeting is getting nearer!!! You'll find all the relevant information – [dates, call for papers, etc.](#) – in this issue of the newsletter.

As is our custom, we try to maintain some sections that are constant: A note from the president, the updated members' list, etc., and add a "surprise" section. This time – it's a brief summary of the Skövde, 2002 meeting, and a bunch of pictures from the conference sent by Kjel Törnblom!

We continue to inform you about changes in the lives of our members – promotions, job changes, new research projects. Is there anything you would like to share with us? Feel free to send it to me, and it will be included in the next edition.

As always – the updated list of members is enclosed. Karen Hegtvedt takes care of updates, so – please inform her of any changes (khegtve@emory.edu)

The last segment includes membership renewal information. If you are not a member yet – please write to us or send an e-mail to Faye Crosby (fjcrosby@cats.ucsc.edu).

Finally, may we remind you – if you did not send your conference registration forms yet, please do so soonest.

Our next issue (hopefully - June, 2004) will include more specific information about our June 29 - July 2, 2004 conference in Canada .

Dahlia Moore.
Editor.

Please send all suggestions, comments or material you want to include to dmoore@colman.ac.il and we'll do our best to include it.

[Dahlia Moore](#)

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A note from the President

Where does the time go?

It seems like yesterday that Leo Montada was saying a sweet farewell to his tour as President of ISJR. In fact, it seems like a week ago that Mel Lerner was inviting many of us to a small meeting, in Leiden I think it was, for the start of what has now become ISJR.

Now it is my turn to anticipate the changing of the guard. In our June meeting, Claudia Dalbert will take over the reigns. Really, where does the time go?

Serving as President of ISJR has been very fulfilling for me, and I hope and trust that the other officers and I are passing on to Claudia an organization that is as strong now as it was two years ago. I think we are in great shape. Dahlia

Moore has done a great job with the newsletter, so that information about us and about individual members reaches many different constituencies. John Jost has begun to work vigorously with our journal, SJR. Karen Hegtvedt and Kees van den Bos, assisted by Anette Weidler and Sibylle Classen, have served us valiantly, helping us to expand and regularize our operations. Our finances are stable.

Membership is increasing steadily. The executive committee has decided to drop people from membership if they consistently fail to pay dues. Yet, we have more members on the books now than we did a year ago. Particularly gratifying is the growth in student memberships.

Not surprisingly, the 2004 conference, hosted by the University of Regina and by the Canadian Institute of Justice and Security, looks as if it will be wonderful. Jeff Pfeifer is taking the lead in organizing the conference. He is assisted by Katherine Owens, who will also help people make travel plans before and after the conference. Other members of the organizing committee are Romona Bobocel, Ken Leyton-Brown, John Ellard, Carolyn Hafer, and Murray Knuttila. Chief Justice McLaughlin will be one of the keynote speakers. Judging from the submissions, the conference will have the same exciting interdisciplinary and international flavor that has marked all of our conferences. How fitting that the 10th biannual conference should have as its theme: Social Justice in the World Today: Theory and Practice! For more information about the conference, you can link to the conference website from our main organizational website (www.isjr.org).

Some work remains to be done. We need to further streamline some of our administrative processes. We need to determine rules and practices and apply them evenly in all situations. We need to increase the flow of excellent articles to SJR. We need to grow our membership so that John Jost and we can bring SJR to the place of having it listed in scholarly indexes.

And there is one other need we also have, which is very present in my mind. We need soon to determine the location of the 2006 conference. The custom is to alternate stops. As 2004 is in North America, it would be best to hold the 2006 conference in Asia, Latin America, Africa, or Europe. PLEASE, if you are thinking that your university might like to be the host in 2006, get in touch with me so that I can help you prepare materials for presentation at the 2004 business meeting.

I'd like to close the brief note by thanking you all. Thank you for your involvement in social justice research and in social justice.

Faye Crosby
ISJR President

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A note from the Treasurer

The dues paying membership of ISJR for fiscal year 2003 was 92. Kluwer Academic/Plenum, the publisher of Social Justice Research, has been sent the 2003 membership list and should shortly be sending out all issues of the journal for 2003.

To date, 84 people have paid dues for fiscal year 2004. We are in the process of preparing that list for Kluwer so that the 2004 issues of SJR can be sent out as they are produced. If you have not paid your dues for 2004, please do so (you can use the credit card form attached to the newsletter.) We will periodically update the dues-paid list to Kluwer, but it is most efficient to submit one list early in the fiscal year. Those paying later are likely to receive their issues of SJR as a bundle at the end of the year.

The current ISJR banking balance is about \$ 5325. Forthcoming and past expenses include journal subscriptions and administrative costs (e.g., wire transfers, stamps, dues processing).

Karen A. Hegtvedt

Emory University
ISJR Treasurer

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A note from the Conference Organizer

Dear Colleagues.

The 10th International Society for Justice Research Conference is coming to **Saskatchewan in 2004**. It will be held on **June 30th – July 3rd, 2004**. This year's theme is Social Justice in the World Today: Theory and Practice. Conference proceedings will be hosted by the Canadian Institute for Peace, Justice and Security and the University of Regina, in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. All conference activities will take place on the campus of the University of Regina. Major sub-themes of the conference include: Justice and Indigenous Peoples, Justice and Policing, Social Capital and Civil Society, Distributive and Procedural Justice, Justice in Educational Settings, as well as Justice and Intergroup Relations. The actual submissions and panel organizers, of course, will shape the precise contents of the program. We have received many paper and symposia abstracts...it looks like conference attendees may have a hard time trying to pick and choose between all of the superb sessions available. In addition, we are extremely lucky to have four eminent keynote speakers; Chief Justice McLaughlin (Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Canada), Professor Faye Crosby (President ISJR), Professor Kees van den Bos (Utrecht University), and Judge Morin (Saskatchewan Provincial Court Judge).

Here are a few important pieces of information for your conference planning:

Deadline for submissions: February 15

Deadline for earlybird registration: April 30

Conference dates: June 30-July 3

Travel agent: Misty McKnight

ph: 1.306.569.2262 or email at mmcknight@carlsonwagonlit.ca

Registration fees (in US dollars) are as follows:

Early registration, includes dinner: \$230

Early registration, without dinner: \$200

Full registration, includes dinner: \$280

Full registration, without dinner: \$250

Student registration, includes dinner: \$60

Student registration, without dinner: \$30

Complete information about the Conference including venue, program, registration, and contribution information can be found on the Conference website at www.uregina.ca/isjr. The Canadian Institute of Peace, Justice and Security along with the University of Regina are honoured to be hosting the International Justice Conference in 2004. We look forward to having you join us.

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Applications

Applications to join ISJR are very welcome and may be addressed by e-mail to [Faye Crosby](mailto:Faye.Crosby@ucsc.edu) ([fjcrosby@ucsc.edu](mailto:Faye.Crosby@ucsc.edu)) including your curriculum vitae and a list of publications.

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Members' News

Susan Clayton and Susan Opotow have recently published the edited volume, *Identity and the Natural Environment: The Psychological Significance of Nature* (MIT Press, 2003). The book collects empirical work from psychologists and other social scientists that examines the connections between identity and nature. Three sections examine environmental identity at

different levels of social influence: The first focuses on the individual experience of nature; the second looks at how the social and community context mediates this experience; and the third examines the way social groups position themselves with regard to environmental issues.

Themes of justice are woven throughout the book, particularly in the first section, where several authors examine the extent to which nature is given moral standing and the consequent perception that people have a responsibility to protect it; and the third section, where authors discuss the ways in which group identities affect perceptions of justice in environmental conflicts.

Environmental issues appear to engage moral reasoning and beliefs in a unique and powerful way. This volume illustrates the impact of identity on beliefs about what is fair or moral in the specific context of environmental issues. An awareness of environmental identity can reveal the different ways that people understand and respond to the psychological and moral significance of nature.

Faye Crosby is happy to announce the publication of my latest book. Yale Press is the publisher, and the title is: *Affirmative Action is Dead; Long Live Affirmative Action*. The book seeks to unravel the mystery of why affirmative action, a rather unexceptional policy that promotes justice, is not fully embraced by justice-loving Americans.

From **Linda Skitka**: ISJR Members may be interested in the following special issue of the *Personality and Social Psychology Review* that was devoted to new and current directions in justice theorizing and research (Volume 7, Number 4, 2003). The issue was guest edited by Linda Skitka and Faye Crosby. The following articles appeared in the issue:

Skitka, L.J. & Crosby, F. J. Trends in the Social Psychological Study of Justice.

Skitka, L. J. Of Difference Minds: An Accessible Identity Model of Justice Reasoning.

Clayton, S. & Opotow, S. Justice and Identity: Changing Perspectives on What is Fair.

Hafer, C. L. & Olson, J. M. An Analysis of Empirical Research on the Scope of Justice.

Darley, J. M. & Pittman, T. S. The Psychology of Compensatory and Retributive Justice.

Exline, J. J., Worthington, E. L., Jr., Hill, P., & McCullough, M. E. Forgiveness and Justice: A Research Agenda for Social and Personality Psychology.

Tyler, T. R. & Blader, S. L. The Group Engagement Model: Procedural Justice, Social Identity, and Cooperative Behavior.

Crosby, F. J. & Franco, J. L. Connections between the Ivory Tower and the Multicolored World: Linking Abstract Theories of Social Justice to the Rough and Tumble of Affirmative Action.

Schroeder, D. A., Steel, J. E., Woodell, A. J., & Bembeneck, A. F. Justice within Social Dilemmas.

Lerner, M. J. The Justice Motive: Where Social Psychologists Found It, How they Lost It, and Why They May Not Find It Again.

Kees van den Bos has recently received a VICI innovative research grant from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) for his research proposal entitled "On reasoning and having hunches about right and wrong: An integrative social psychological examination of rationalist and intuitionist models of social justice." With this grant (\$ 1,250,000, which is about \$ 1,500,000 U.S.) a five-year research project will be financed, involving 4 PhD projects (which are paid positions in the Netherlands), a postdoc, and an assistant professor. The project will entail social psychological studies on how people form justice judgments.

From **Kjell Törnblom** :

I. Research in progress at The Center for Justice Research University of Skövde, Sweden

(1) Conceptions about the fairness of social resource allocation are presumably based both on the distribution and on the procedure. Two studies focus on the possible interaction between the distribution and the procedure as well as on the relative importance of each in the context of fairness judgements of social resource allocation. The following factors are of particular interest: the social relationship between provider and recipient, the mode of resource transaction, type of resource, and resource valence.

(2) People assess and respond to events in terms of dimensions other than fairness (expectational and behavioral modalities), e.g., preferential, normative, and intentional. Inconsistencies may occur among these modal responses. What are the cognitive, affective, and behavioral ramifications of the different patterns of conflict among modal responses? How is the degree of consistency among modalities affected by various factors (e.g., the social relationship between the actors, the severity of the situation, etc.)? How and to what extent are justice conceptions affected by modal inconsistencies?

(3) Another project focuses on the relationship between fairness and cooperation in public good social dilemmas, i.e., the impact of various goals on people's cooperative behavior and fairness judgments in a social dilemma.

(4) Within the area of procedural justice, one of the research projects investigates the role of instrumental vs. relational concerns in reactions to an authority's decisions. Specifically, we investigate whether the salience of

instrumental vs. relational concerns moderate the effects of outcome favorability and procedural fairness on reactions to decisions.

(5) Research on stress and justice is aimed at exploring whether the experience of a stressful event initiated by an authority is moderated by information about the authority's (fair or unfair) interpersonal behavior towards the recipient. We propose that information about an authority's interpersonal behavior will not only affect the recipient's reported stress, but also the physiological basis of the stress experience.

Members of the Center: Kjell Törnblom, Riel Vermunt, Daniel Eek, Tomas Ståhl, Ali Kazemi, Karin Kronberg, Elisabeth Olofsson, Yiannis Koutalos, Yvette Peeters.

Center secretary: Ingvar Karlsson (ingvar.karlsson@ibv.his.se).

II. Summing up the conference at Skövde, 2002 - Mementos from the 2002 Social Justice Conference in Sweden.

The IXth Social Justice Conference was hosted by the University of Skövde in Sweden, June 17 - 20, 2002, and organized by Ingvar Karlsson, Kjell Törnblom and Riël Vermunt. Skövde is a small town located between the two largest lakes in Sweden - Vänern and Vättern - and is an old military center that once hosted three regiments. Today the town is mostly known in its capacity as one of the Volvo headquarters. The conference was held on campus, conveniently reached by a 5 minute walk from the hotels and the railway station.

We were very pleased to have four pioneers within the justice area as invited plenary speakers: Morton Deutch ("Social Justice and Social Conflict"), Melvin Lerner ("Reflections on a Life of Studying Justice"), Leo Montada ("Is Justice Research Useful?"), and Elaine Hatfield ("Reflections on a Life of Studying Justice"). Elaine was accompanied by and shared her session with her collaborator, historian Richard Rapson .

Each plenary speaker was honored by truly eloquent dedications authored and performed by Karen Hegtvedt (for Mort), by Wil Arts (for Mel), by Gerold Mikula (for Leo), and by Willie Jasso (for Elaine).

About a hundred visitors and participants came from Australia, Britain, Brazil, Germany, Turkey, Italy, Portugal, France, USA, Israel, and other nations. (There were 16 different flags on the tables at the dinner party.) Over 70 papers were presented, organized into 22 symposia. Interesting presentations were held about various topics like: Discrimination and Inequality, Justice In the Mid-East, the Motivational Foundations of Justice Reasoning, the Belief In a Just World, Norm Violation and Justice, Gender and the Justice of Earnings, Functions of the Justice Motive, Social Exclusion and Injustice, Change and Justice, Social Justice and Conflicting Social Representations of Environmental Hazards, Justice In Social Dilemmas, Procedural Justice, Social Welfare and the Experience of Justice, Vulnerable Groups, and Consequences for Empirical Research of Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Social Justice.

A dinner party was held at a hotel on the northwest hillside of Skövde, with a great view over the city and the landscape. The dinner was preceded by an

outdoors trip to the neighboring town of Hjo (pronounced "you", which of course is a golden opportunity for the tourist bureau of Hjo to post roadside signs saying "I love Hjo"). It is a beautiful wooden town nearby Lake Vättern, on which we made a trip with Sweden's last fully functioning steam ship "SS Trafik". After dinner, a rock group was engaged to play some of their swinging good time music. One of their pieces was Big Joe Turners' "Flip, Flop and Fly". Unfortunately, a too high volume for people's eardrums made the word "fly" into a trademark for the evening, i.e., most people flew away from the scene early to make continuing conversations possible.

As everybody already knows by now, Faye Crosby was elected to succeed Leo Montada as the President of ISJR. At the General Meeting, Karen Hegdvedt and Kees van den Bos were elected as treasurer and secretary, respectively, and Dahlia Moore agreed to take on the editorship of the Newsletter.

Some people stayed a couple of days after the conference to experience our traditional Swedish Midsummer holiday celebrations, including Maypole, folk, and aquavit.

We wish to thank everybody who came to Skövde for making this conference into such an informative, warm and interesting experience. Some of the pictures taken at the conference are included.

We're looking forward to meeting again in Regina this summer.

Best regards,
Ingvar Karlsson, Kjell Törnblom, Riël Vermunt

Information about the conference is still available on the [web site](#), and information about isjr@ibv.his.se

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