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❖ News from the President and Treasurer

On behalf of ourselves and the executive committee of IJSR, let us extend holiday greetings to the ISJR membership, and hopes for a peaceful, just, and happy New Year. The New Year brings some changes at ISJR, including new dues procedures, which is why this issue's "news from the president" is instead news from the President and Treasurer. One major goal the new executive committee set for itself in Berlin was to modernize dues collection and membership record keeping by turning more to web-based procedures. Many thanks to the efforts of Joe Oppenheimer (ISJR treasurer), and Christopher Bauman (ISJR member and html and Perl savant), we now have a web-based dues renewal system in place that simultaneously creates an up-to-date electronic membership database. To renew your dues (and to ensure uninterrupted delivery of *Social Justice Research*) please go to the following website:

http://study.psych.uic.edu/ISJR/ISJR_membership.htm (or go to the ISJR webpage and look for a new dues link that will be available after January 2, 2007). You will be asked to provide current contact information and designate your membership category, and will be asked if you would like to make a voluntary contribution to ISJR. Once you complete these steps, you will be transferred from our website and membership database to the Paypal site for finalizing your dues transaction. PLEASE PAY DUES BY JAN. 15, 2007 if at all possible: It is helpful for ISJR to process subscription renewals as soon as possible in the new year to avoid disruption in the delivery of *SJR*.

A note about voluntary contributions. As a still comparatively new organization, we have almost no financial reserves to handle unexpected expenses, facilitate organization, or to fund new initiatives. We therefore especially welcome and encourage members to help build the organization by making a voluntary contribution if they can afford to do so. These contributions will be used to build funds to support travel scholarships for student members or members without resources to attend the ISJR conference, to fund plaques for awards and to potentially create new awards or research funding opportunities for members, and related endeavors consistent with the mission of ISJR. Given that we do not yet have a confirmed tax exempt status in Germany (and are only at the beginning stages of exploring tax exempt status in the United States), a voluntary contribution to ISJR cannot count as a charitable deduction on one's income taxes, but we understand it can be deducted as a business expense (please see your tax preparer for the best advice). Members who make "leadership circle" contributions will be recognized in future newsletters and in the ISJR conference program as members of the ISJR Leadership Circle (unless they elect to remain anonymous).

A note about the security of our on-line dues payment procedures. For those concerned about the security of our on-line dues payment procedures, we also wanted to explain that we have taken a number of steps to ensure the security of our procedures. First, electronic announcements to renew dues are now sent through a secure and moderated listserv, which does not post e-mail addresses of the list to recipients. Therefore, members' e-mail addresses cannot be harvested from dues announcements or requests, which should eliminate any new incidences of SPAM associated with dues announcements. Please only accept messages about dues from the *ISJR Newsletter* and from the ISJR_listserv (ISJR_list@uic.edu) as legitimate messages from ISJR about dues or anything else. Second, we are using the secure services of Paypal to manage the financial transaction of dues payments (independent from our collection of membership and contact information). Although at one time Paypal required people to set up Paypal accounts to collect payments, Paypal has since merged with Verisign and another on-line payment system that now allow one to make payments with a credit card or by e-check, and without having to create a Paypal account (in other words, you do not need to share any information that will be stored by Paypal to pay your dues electronically). For those who already have a Paypal account, you can also use it to pay dues. The new Paypal service is being used very successfully and securely by a number of other large academic organizations for over a year, without any problems with security, identity theft, or SPAM (e.g., the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology* is using it for dues and conference registrations). Using this service is cost effective and could save ISJR hundreds of dollars in transaction and administrative fees per year. Although we know

not everyone easily embraces change, we strongly encourage our membership to embrace this one.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Skitka & Joe Oppenheimer

❖ 2007 SPSP Justice Preconference

We are pleased to announce that registration for the Justice Preconference to the annual meeting of SPSP is now open. The Justice Preconference will occur on Thursday, January 25, 2007 at the Memphis Marriott Hotel (Memphis, TN). The Justice Preconference will include a fabulous line up of speakers including Dan Batson, David DeCremer, Susan Fiske, Susan Opatow, Sam Sommers, and Kees van den Bos. As in previous years, the Justice Preconference will also include a poster session and paper swap (deadline for submissions for the poster session or paper swap is January 1, 2007). For more information and to register for the Justice Preconference, please visit: <http://131.193.133.38/JusticePreconferenceSPSP.htm>. We encourage everyone to register as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you in Memphis.

Chris Bauman
Kevin Carlsmith
Elizabeth Mullen
(Justice pre-conference organizers)

❖ Postdoctoral Fellowship in Social Psychology at Barnard College

Open: Postdoctoral Fellowship in Social Psychology at Barnard College, Columbia University, to assist with research on the psychology of procedural fairness. Barnard College is an undergraduate college where student research opportunities are emphasized. Fellow is expected to participate in weekly lab meetings and may assume some advising responsibilities for student researchers. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, CV, and 2-3 letters of reference to: Professor Larry Heuer, Department of Psychology, Barnard College, 3009 Broadway, New York, NY, 10027-6598. Women and members of under-represented minority groups are encouraged to apply. Barnard College is an equal opportunity employer.

❖ Grants to ISJR Members

Vera Cubela Adoric (University of Zadar, Croatia) received a 5 year grant from Croatian Ministry of Science and Education for the project entitled "Experiences of injustice and psychological well-being during some life transitions". To some extent, the project will focus on the comparison of justice - well-being relationship in adults from several European countries. International collaborators on the project include Claudia Dalbert (Martin Luther University, Halle, Germany), Jozef Dzuka (Institute of Psychology, Presov, Slovakia), Gerold Mikula (Karl Franzens University, Graz, Austria) and Hedvig Sallay (University of Debrecen, Hungary).

❖ Awards to ISJR Members

Robyn M. Dawes has been named as a fellow of the American Statistical Association. Congratulations!

❖ Special Issue on the History of Social Welfare: Call for Papers

The *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* is seeking manuscripts for a special issue devoted to the recent or contemporary history of social welfare. We are primarily interested in changes in social welfare policy that have occurred within the past quarter century, roughly beginning with the 1980 election of Ronald Reagan through the GW Bush administration. A previous issue of the *Journal* covered related history of social welfare through the early Reagan years. Our aim here is to complement and update that issue.

In general, topics relating to changes in the processes, products, or performances of social welfare policy and programs would be considered appropriate for this special issue. In addition to the more obvious topics as the morphing of AFDC into TANF, the addition of prescription drug benefits to Medicare, and the expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit, suggested topics would include, but not be limited to: Tax Policy, Child Welfare, Mental Health, Housing Policy, Criminal Justice, Budgetary Politics, Immigration Policy, Social Security "Crisis", Disabilities policy and SSI, Republican Control of Congress, Supreme Court Cases: Federalism, Abortion, Gun Control.

Please send electronic Microsoft Word copies of entire manuscripts limited to 25-30 pages to *JSSW* special issues editor Richard K. Caputo (caputo@yu.edu) by September 30, 2007. All manuscripts will be peer reviewed. Please include a title page with author name, affiliation, address, email address, phone and fax numbers. A separate Abstract of 150 words or less (+ the title) should also be included as the second page.

❖ Research on Social Issues in Management: Special Offer for ISJR Members

Volume 5 of *Research on Social Issues in Management*, edited by Stephen W. Gilliland, Dirk D. Steiner, and Daniel P. Skarlicki, has been published. The volume concerns ethical and social issues in management and is available to ISJR members at a special price. More information and an order form can be obtained on request from Dirk Steiner (Dirk.STEINER@unice.fr).

❖ New Journal: Judgment and Decision Making

Judgment and Decision Making is the journal of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making. It is published on the World Wide Web, 6 times per year (starting 2007). Relevant articles deal with normative, descriptive, and/or prescriptive analyses of human judgments and decisions. The web site of the journal is: <http://journal.sjdm.org>.

❖ Justice Sensitivity: Perpetrator Sensitivity Scale Available

To researchers who are interested in Justice Sensitivity: Please note that in addition to the victim sensitivity, observer sensitivity, and beneficiary sensitivity scales (Schmitt, M., Gollwitzer, M., Maes, J. & Arbach, D. (2005). Justice sensitivity: Assessment and location in the personality space. *European Journal of Psychological Assessment*, 21, 202-211.), a perpetrator sensitivity scale has been developed. It can be obtained on request from Manfred Schmitt (schmittm@uni-landau.de).

❖ Network “Responsibility, Justice, and Moral Behavior”

The internet pages of the network „Responsibility, Justice, and Moral Behavior“ that Leo Montada established in 1982 at the University of Trier, Germany, are now available in English. The pages contain information about the members, the research programs, the publications, and the research reports of the network. Most research reports can be downloaded. Electronic or paper reprints of the publications can be obtained directly from the members. You can access all information via the main page of the network: <http://www.gerechtigkeitsforschung.de/english/>. The pages are maintained by Manfred Schmitt. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact him: schmittm@uni-landau.de

❖ Recent Publications of ISJR Members

Feather, N.T. (2006). Deservingness and emotions: Applying the structural model of deservingness to the analysis of affective reactions to outcomes. *European Review of Social Psychology*, 17, 38-73.

Foschi, Martha. 2006. On the Application-Files Design for the Study of Competence and Double Standards. *Sociological Focus*, 39, 115-132.

Pagano, S. J. & Huo, Y. J. (in press). The role of moral emotions in predicting policy attitudes about post-war Iraq. *Political Psychology*.

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