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❖ President's Address

Dear friends and members of ISJR!

The members of ISJR had the choice between two excellent candidates for our next President ISJR, Linda Skitka (Chicago) and Larry Heuer (New York) and the majority voted for Linda Skitka as our new President. I congratulate **Linda Skitka** for this result and wish her a successful, and also enjoyable presidency! Linda will now join the Executive Board in her role as President-elect and I am looking forward to her cooperation. I cordially thank Larry Heuer for his willingness to run for President ISJR, giving all of us the democratic choice between two excellent candidates. Last, but of course not least, I express my deep gratitude to our departing Past President, Faye Crosby. Faye took over the responsibility in an important period for ISJR and successfully worked for the development of ISJR to become a more open and democratic society. Overall, it is my feeling that our society is in a very good shape when such a group of excellent individuals are willing to serve ISJR.

In May, our member **Robyn Dawes** was afforded a rare honor. The American Psychological Society presented him with a Festschrift, a collection of essays relate to his work, based on a daylong discussion of his impact by colleagues from around the nation and abroad. During his career which spanned 40 years, Robyn Dawes made significant contributions on several areas of psychological science, including human cooperation,

decision making, intuition and irrationality. When it comes to social justice research, we are grateful for Robyn Dawes for always being a brilliant and stimulating discussant. Congratulations for this very well deserved honor!

Nominations for the first **Early Career Contribution Award of ISJR** are ending October 31, 2005. In our next newsletter, we will inform you about the laureate who will present an address on some aspect of her/his scientific work at the 11th International Conference on Social Justice Research in Berlin, August 2-5 2005.

If you have any suggestions for ISJR, please send an email to claudia.dalbert@paedagogik.uni-halle.de. Any ideas and measures to enhance the exchange within our network are highly welcomed.

Claudia Dalbert, President ISJR

❖ Yet Another Fraud Alert!

While it seems incredibly ironic that criminals would try to take advantage of an organization dedicated to the study of justice issues, the sad fact is that yet another attempt to defraud our members has taken place. Some of you may have received an e-mail claiming to have been from Karen Hegtvedt (ISJR Treasurer). This e-mail requests that the recipient assist them by sending their names and bank account information so that a transfer of funds for hurricane victims can be made. This message, of course, was NOT sent by Karen. It is a complete fraud and should be ignored.

The authorities in the U.S. have already been made aware of this situation. While the nature of this e-mail is obviously fraudulent, and no one is likely to respond to it, it nonetheless is a criminal act, and our members need to exercise caution when they receive such messages. In the future, if you should receive any messages claiming to be from an ISJR representative and you have any doubts about the validity of the message, please contact the sender directly.

❖ Member Activities

As with our previous newsletter, I sent a mass e-mail in which I appealed for more information about members' activities. Once again, the membership has obliged my request – Thank you and keep it coming!

Presentations & Publications

Jonathan Baron (University of Pennsylvania). “Against Bioethics.” Published by MIT Press. Baron argues that applied bioethics lacks the authority of a coherent guiding theory and is based largely on intuitive judgments. Baron proposes an alternative, arguing that bioethics could have a coherent theory based on utilitarianism decision analysis.

Jerald Greenberg & J. A. Colquitt. (2005). Handbook of organizational justice. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Russell Hardin (New York University). Karen Cook, Russell Hardin, and Margaret Levi, COOPERATION WITHOUT TRUST? New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2005.

Linda Skitka (University of Illinois at Chicago) & G. Sargis (2006). The internet as psychological laboratory. *Annual Review of Psychology*.

Funding

Linda Skitka (University of Illinois at Chicago) recently received a grant from the National Science Foundation to study people's fairness reasoning and perceptions of institutional legitimacy in the context of physician-assisted suicide. The research will involve pre- and post tracking of national and Oregon public opinion.

Bernd Wegener (Humboldt University, Berlin) has received a grant from the German Science Foundation for a new International Social Justice survey in 2006, replicating most of the ISJP items, adding issues of intergenerational justice and sustainability (justice in time). The ISJP is an international collaborative research project in which social scientists from different countries join to study popular beliefs and attitudes on social, economic and political justice. The first two opinion surveys were fielded in twelve countries in 1991 (Russia, Estonia, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Germany, the United States, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Japan) and in six countries in 1996 (Russia, Estonia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Germany). In 2000 a third wave was conducted in Germany in combination with a three-wave panel study 2000-2002 to test the stability of justice beliefs over time. Since then several countries have seen replications of the ISJP, either partly or in full (e.g. Estonia and China). The study will again be comparative with identical surveys in Israel (Arye Rattner, Haifa), Chile (Juan Castillo, Valparaiso), the Czech Republic (Hynek Jerabek and Petr Mateju, Prague), and Hungary (Antal Örkeny, Budapest).

Awards, Promotions, and Recognitions

Faye Crosby (University of California, Santa Cruz) is now the Chair of the Academic Senate at UC Santa Cruz. She is also the winner of the 2005 Distinguished Publication Award from the Association for Women in Psychology. The award was given for the issue of the *Journal of Social Issues* called "The Maternal Wall" that she co-edited with Monica Biernat and Joan Williams.

Ken Leyton-Brown (University of Regina) received the Dean's Research Award, from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Regina, for a project examining violence and violent crime in early Saskatchewan (before 1920).

David M. Mayer has taken a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Management at the University of Central Florida.

Floyd Rudmin (University of Troms) won the 2004-2005 Otto Klineberg Intercultural and International Relations Award. His paper, "Debate in Science: The Case of Acculturation," was selected as the winner. The award commemorates Otto Klineberg, a founding member of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.

Manfred Schmitt (University of Koblenz-Landau, Germany) was appointed consulting editor of the European Journal of Personality and associate editor of the European Journal of Psychological Assessment. He also serves as associate editor of Diagnostica, the German journal of psychological assessment and as associate editor of Psychologische Rundschau, the German equivalent to the American Psychologist.

❖ Upcoming Events

The 2006 ISJR Conference

The webpage for the 2006 ISJR meetings is now in place. You can locate it at: www.isjr2006.org. If you should have any questions or suggestions, you can also contact the organizers, Stefan Liebig (liebig@isjr2006.org) and Bernd Wegener (wegener@isjr2006.org), who can provide you with information. In early November the registration and paper submission pages will be opened. All registrations and submissions will be completed online only. When the registration and submission period begins, emails will be sent to all ISJR members. Paper submission deadline is April 1, 2006.

2006 Justice Pre-Conference Program (SPSP Convention)

The 5th Annual Justice Pre-conference program, to be held Jan. 26, 2006 in Palm Springs, CA just before the annual Society in Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, is now available. Program information can be obtained online via <http://tigger.cc.uic.edu/~lskitka/justicePC.html>.

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