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8th International Conference of ISTR and 2nd European Conference of the EMES European Research Network and ISTR in Barcelona, Spain.

Wednesday, July 9 through Saturday, July 12, 2008

ISTR's 8th International Conference was unique as the Society joined with the EMES European Research Network to hold the 2nd European Conference at the same time. For the second time after the first joint European conference in Paris in 2005, a partnership was created to allow special emphasis on European debates and contributions related to social enterprises and the Third Sector while placing them in a worldwide context. In addition, the CINEFOGO Network of Excellence cooperated through its research program on civil society and new forms of governance in Europe. These collaborations and networks brought a much wider group of delegates from the continent to explore this year's conference theme, "The Third Sector and Sustainable Social Change: New Frontiers for Research."

The Centro de Investigación de Economía y Sociedad (CIES) at the Universitat de Barcelona served as our local host and provided the venue for the largest gathering in the Society's history with 601 delegates from 61 countries attending. A new members reception was held on Wednesday to provide an opportunity for the ISTR board of directors

to welcome the Society's newest members. With more than 200 new members attending the conference, this was an excellent opportunity to welcome them to the Society.

The Conference Opening and Keynote speech on Wednesday evening was followed by a gala reception at the

Princesa Sofia Hotel with outstanding Spanish tapas and delicious local cuisine. The hotel provided a wonderful venue for meeting old friends and making new ones.

A second cultural reception took place on Friday at the Edific Històric de la Universitat de Barcelona in the Paraninf Hall. A musical evening with Miguel Javaloy on guitar and Maria Teresa Garrigosa Massana singing was an exceptional program

of Spanish music. The recital was followed by a cava toast in the magnificent historic building and gardens.

Professional Development Workshops

The conference began with a series of workshops that explored a range of topics including Bridging Research and Policy, The Third Sector in Spain, Civic Engagement in the

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Speech from the Opening Session of the 8th International Conference

The Third Sector and Sustainable Social Change: New Frontiers for Reserach

Distinguished members of the presidium, authorities, special guests, fellow researchers, good afternoon, I am Jacqueline Butcher, president of the International Society for Third Sector Research, ISTR.

If you allow me, I will briefly switch in Spanish to give a special greeting and thank you to our Spanish hosts...Bona Tarda. Primero que nada una disculpa por no dirigirme a ustedes en catalán, pero por lo menos puedo comunicarme con ustedes en castellano. Quiero comenzar esta magna reunión agradeciendo todas las atenciones recibidas por la Universidad de Barcelona, sin las cuales, esta asamblea de investigadores hubiese sido imposible...a CIES, a nuestros copatrocinadores y patronos, a los apreciables amigos catalanes y españoles, decirles que estamos todos muy contentos de estar en su tierra. Agradecemos de parte del ISTR y nuestros socios en esta ocasión, CINEFOGO y EMES esta recepción en un ambiente de convivio académico para nuestro octavo encuentro mundial de investigación y la segunda europea, en donde esperamos que estos trabajos sean trascendentes en cuanto a la contribución que entre todos, como investigadores, podamos hacer al Tercer Sector en el mundo.

Thank you all for your patience, I will leave the rest of the translation to our experts here.

As you well know, our mission at ISTR it to increase, share and apply knowledge about the Third Sector in all countries of the world. It is to build a scholarly community with an international and comparative focus on civil society, the nonprofit sector and philanthropy. And, what a better setting for this to happen than with over 600 scholars and practitioners, our largest group ever at a conference, that have come here from over 60 countries from around the globe? These biannual conferences have become the required academic gathering for those of us engaged in Third Sector research.

As we initiate this Conference let me say that it is not by chance that other meetings around the world are exploring associative practices and citizen participation and how it will shape policies and practices that will affect us all into the future. In May, the Council on Foundations in Washington focused on issues of leadership, the European Foundation Centre meeting in Turkey talked about Fostering Creativity and the CIVICUS reunion last month in Glasgow spoke to



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the issues of People, Participants and Power. All of these gatherings suggest going forward into exploring new and creative ways to assure a better world for future generations through participation and sound decision making.

It is now our turn from the research perspective to look into these issues as well. The Third Sector and Sustainable Social Change: New Frontiers for Research, the theme and title of this Eighth International Conference and Second European Conference of the EMES research network came about as we revised our work and pondered over the ever changing and difficult challenges that global civil society is facing and which all of us are experiencing in each and every one of our own contexts.

In setting our goals onto new frontiers of research we are saying that we must create new knowledge not only for policy making and its applications in and for our lives, but as leverage in strengthening the collective capacity to find solutions to development problems as well as the right building blocks of a better understanding that will hopefully provide a future of: less uncertainty, less discrimination, more equality and more opportunities in all societies.

I would like to merely address two points for reflection this afternoon: The first has to do with our role as researchers in reaching some form of "sustainable change." The second has to do with the ever pending theme of bridging research and practice.

Sustainability and change are key words. Fowler, reminds us...that "the core task in sustainability is in creating conditions so that benefits endure under changing conditions...or put differently.. "Sustainable impact is about creating a continuous ability to adapt."

From the perspective of change, Edwards and Sen suggest that social systems rest on three bases: a set of values and principles, a set of processes of institutions that undergrid the system and our own personal views and that the interaction of these three bases of change determine how economic, social and political power are exercised in society. Social change requires a recognition, and a conscious integration of all three bases of change and each of these systems of power. When change in one area supports the change in another, there are more chances that the outcome will become sustainable.

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We must now ask ourselves: How do we in our role as Third Sector researchers generate these conditions for change? What in our work provides this necessary adaptability? How does this fit into what we do and how to move forward?

One of the many possible answers to some of these questions pertain in how each of us pursues knowledge, let us say: "as objectively as possible" many times from purely theoretical angles and on other occasions from a practitioners end. Based on Habermas we could say that, on the one hand, science's stake in knowledge is the pursuit of theory stripped as much as possible of ideology and, on the other hand, practice oriented pursuit of knowledge is an understanding and justification of human interest: a verification of methodological approaches.

In reality, the more we understand what works for whom, the diverse stakes that both researchers and practitioners have as they pursue the epistemology of "knowledge", the better chances we have of creating bridges between these two very valid perspectives. Encountering overlapping points or joint spaces between them could be part of the clue of working together and encountering combined contents and combined solutions, since academics and practitioners have different views on "knowledge sharing." The first relay on peer review, documentation and comprehensive analysis and is accredited to the individual while the latter rests on action-based and empirical evidence which is meant to be shared through a series of different and diverse methodologies.

Whichever the case may be, when we refer in the main theme of our conference about establishing "new frontiers of research", we must note that the bridges between knowledge creation, availability, interpretation and applicability are still missing, and to advance to a common future, there is a need for them to be crafted into in place. The amount of work pending for all of us, as well as the opportunities of research in the future, become endless.

Knowledge creation not only represents a large amount of power, especially in information, it also poses a great responsibility. Knowledge, plus the right situation, and balance of this power, are the key factors in change for development, John Gaventa from ODI reminds us. We are well aware that decisions must be based on facts, not intentions. As a whole, in our collective intellectual capital, we create a strong initial basis on which others: public policy experts, governments, organized civil society at local and at international levels, and even social and grass roots movements, will probably make decisions and look up on to our find-

ings for guidelines. It is on most of our considerations, both theoretical and practical, on our discussions and elucidations about trends and social climates in different parts of the world that many institutions and foundations provide resources for sustainability.

As we trespass onto new frontiers, our creativity will be challenged. Just this past May, at the EFC closing session in Istanbul, Avila Kilmurray, Director of a Community Foundation in Northern Ireland delivered an eloquent speech on the importance of creativity... she said... "there is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it is going to be a butterfly, although to see it, it is necessary to be creative in the breadth of our perception and imagination..." This is the task before us... to understand the complexity of the caterpillar and to believe in the viability of the butterfly.

Our perceptions must be sharp, our imaginations, open. It has been our life's work to ponder, to formulate the adequate questions, to create hypothesis, to experiment with ideas and realities, to craft the correct methodologies and to pose whatever counter-arguments deemed necessary. To compare, evaluate, reach out, be critical in our judgments. This is our training... this is what we do well... And we must continue to do so. Ultimately, our responsibility lies in the artistry of our craft, in these carefully acquired skills, in our curiosity of what lies ahead and in never forgetting the ultimate goal: change, creativity and knowledge for and about the sector. Quite a combination, and quite a challenge.

In closing, I would like to share with you a quote of a great Mexican poet, a Nobel laureate in literature, Octavio Paz. I think that his words bring forth a reminder of the importance of this sector in modern society. In a simple way, it keeps our utopia alive... I will read it both in English and in Spanish...

..." faltan muchas cosas sin las cuales la vida no es digna de ser vivida. (There are many things without which life is not worth living) Si pensamos en aquella tríada con la que comienza el mundo moderno: libertad, igualdad y fraternidad,(if we think about the triad with which the modern world began: liberty, equality and fraternity) vemos que la libertad tiende a convertirse en tiranía sobre los otros: por lo tanto tiene que tener un límite, (we can see that liberty tends to create tyranny over others, and it should be limited) la igualdad por su parte, es un ideal inalcanzable a no ser que se aplique por la fuerza, lo que implica despotismo.(Equality is an impossible dream, unless it is applied by force, and this implies despotism) El puente entre

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ambas es la fraternidad, la gran ausente en las sociedades democráticas capitalistas. (The bridge between both of these two is fraternity, the great absentee in capitalist democratic societies). La fraternidad es el valor que nos hace falta, el eje de una sociedad mejor" (Fraternity is the value that we are missing, the axis of a better society).

I challenge all of us in ISTR, to our colleagues in CINEFOGO and in EMES and all those gathered here to explore together new possibilities as these next three days result in the sharing of ideas and projects. I invite you to stay true to the combination of wonder, challenge and creativity in the area of inquiry that each of us have chosen with the reminder and the spirit of fraternity as our guiding light in this task

Thank you all!



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Member News

Eugene R. Tempel, executive director of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, will become president of the Indiana University Foundation on September 1, 2008. Tempel, who has led the Center since September 1997, played an integral role in envisioning and founding it a decade earlier and has been involved in its development throughout its 20-year history. Under his leadership, the Center has experienced substantial growth and made many important contributions to philanthropy education, research and practice. Patrick M. Rooney, Ph.D., director of research at the Center, will serve as its interim executive director.

The UK's first dedicated research Centre for Charitable Giving and Philanthropy (CGAP) represents the first significant UK investment in research on the major issues affecting charitable giving and philanthropy. Co-Directors are **Jenny Harrow** and **Cathy Pharoah**.

As Professor of Voluntary Sector Management in the Centre for Charity Effectiveness, Cass Business School, **Jenny Harrow** leads the Centre's research interests in voluntary and community sector organisations. She is also a member of the Faculty of Management's Centre for Research in Corporate Governance. Jenny has held a range of London-based posts in the voluntary sector and is an active trustee board member of a South London university settlement and a grantmaking trust.

Cathy Pharoah is Professor of Charity Funding at Cass Business School and also directs Third Sector Prospect research consultancy. Cathy has been involved in publishing key data on charitable giving in the UK for several years, and has just produced a new publication, the Charity Market Monitor 2008, which updates figures for all areas of UK philanthropy. She is Chair of the Advisory Group for the Northern Rock Foundation's "Third Sector Trends Study," a member of the OTS Steering Group for the Evaluation of Futurebuilders, board member and treasurer of the Voluntary Sector Studies Network (VSSN), and advisory board member of the Institute of Volunteering Research.

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Mediterranean, The State of Philanthropy in Africa, Theoretical Dialogues, PhD Perspectives: Social Entrepreneurship Research, and Harnessing Social Enterprises in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The State of Philanthropy in Africa session by TrustAfrica, a professional methodological workshop, was organized as part of a larger project to cultivate and nurture interest in philanthropy both from a theoretical perspective and from a practitioner's viewpoint. It also sought to introduce an African presence and perspectives at the global level on matters of philanthropy. Further, the aim was to bring together researchers from Africa and expose them to dominant frameworks in the study of philanthropy.

The following thematic areas were discussed at the workshop:

Theoretical and philosophical underpinnings of Philanthropy in Africa;

1. Philanthropy and religion in Africa
2. Philanthropy and culture in Africa
3. Institutional forms of philanthropy in Africa, with a particular focus on North, South and West Africa
4. Philanthropy and development in Africa, with a particular lens on the relationship between the state and organized philanthropy
5. Philanthropy and the Diaspora; with a particular focus on Zimbabweans, Somalis, etc
6. Civil society legislation in many African countries

The workshop took advantage of the presence of international scholars and practitioners. For example, two of the guest speakers at the workshop were Professor Kathleen McCarthy from the Center for Philanthropy at the City University of New York and Dr. Gerry Salole from the European Foundation Centre. Prof. McCarthy presented on methodological challenges facing the study of philanthropy globally, while Dr. Salole looked at the global dimensions of

philanthropy and implications for African philanthropy.

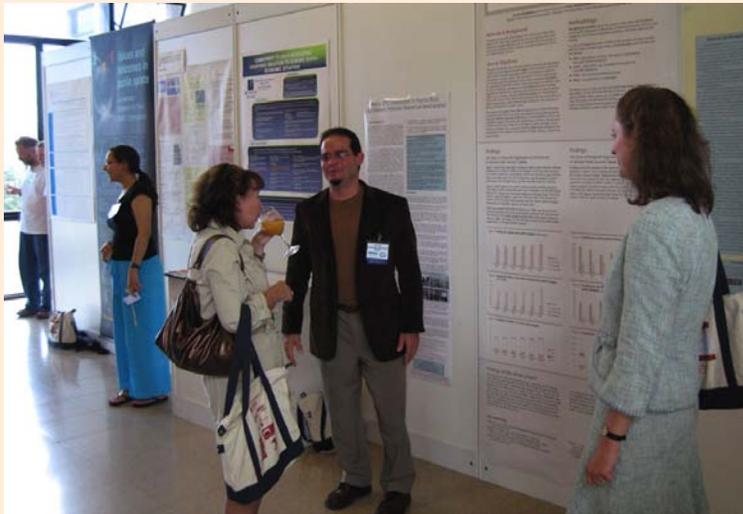
In addition to presentations, this meeting presented a moment in which researchers and scholars from across the continent and beyond could form a network of actors in philanthropy. Particularly interesting was the desire by scholars from Central and West Africa for information on philanthropy. There is a big gap in terms of the knowledge base on philanthropy between Central and West, and the other parts of the continent. The workshop served as a platform for partnerships and collaborations between researchers and actors from the different regions. Together with other institutions in Africa, TrustAfrica will follow this up by organizing an African ISTR regional meeting in 2009.

The workshop titled "PhD Perspectives: Social Entrepreneurship Research" was organized by the University Network for Social Entrepreneurship with the goal of analyzing the state of the academic field of social entrepreneurship and its relevance as a valuable field of study. The workshop opened with a video presentation featuring Bill

Drayton and a presentation mapping out the current academic field of social entrepreneurship after which participants discussed the particular challenges faced in a less established research domain. They also had an opportunity to share their current research initiatives. The workshop challenged participants to think about their role in the larger movement of social entrepreneurship and to look at their research through a practitioner lens in order to gauge their own personal potential for impact at a campus, national, and global level.

Plenary Sessions

The opening plenary featured the keynote address by Professor Victor Pérez-Díaz, Professor of Sociology at Complutense University in Madrid and Founding Director of Analistas Socio-Políticos, ASP Research Center in Madrid. Dr. Pérez-Díaz's comments addressed "The Voices of Civil Societies." Professor Adalbert Evers, of Justus Liebig Universität in Germany and a member of the EMES European Research Network, served as the respondent.



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Professor Pérez-Díaz explored themes of civil society, markets and democratic politics. Professor Evers reflected on uncivility and points of reference to blind spots in Third Sector research. The full papers and video can be found at <http://www.istr.org/conferences/barcelona/index.htm>

The conference's second plenary, "Global Civil Society and Democratic Cultures," was moderated by Professor Thomas P. Boje of CINEFOGO and Roskilde University in Denmark. The session included panelists Professor Klaus Eder, Humbolt Universität, Berlin; Professor Jude Howell, Centre for Civil Society, London School of Economics; and Professor Neera Chandhoke, University of New Dehli. This session addressed the role of global civil society institutions from various perspectives. The full session on video may be viewed at <http://www.istr.org/conferences/barcelona/index.htm>

On the final day of the conference, the plenary session on "Theorizing the Global Third Sector: Does North/South Make Sense?" moderated by Roseanne Mirabella of Seton Hall University (USA) used video technology to bring one speaker from Boston. Professor Adil Najam of the Pardde Center for the Study of the Longer-Term Future at Boston University shared his remarks via video as he was unable to secure a visa to travel. Professor Alnoor Ebrahim of Harvard Business School was the second plenary speaker. The session examined ideas about Third Sector theory including whether the theories of the global Third Sector are really global? This session can be found on video at <http://www.istr.org/conferences/barcelona/index.htm>

Conference participants also had the opportunity to hear remarks and ask questions from guest speaker, Michael Edwards, Director of Governance and Civil Society of the Ford Foundation and author of *Just Another Emperor? The Myths and Realities of Philanthrocapitalism*. The focus of his remarks was the topic of "Strengthening Civil Society: What has the Ford Foundation Learned?"

2008 Young Scholar Dissertation Award

ISTR awarded the second Young Scholar Dissertation Award

in Barcelona to Vanessa Timmer, PhD (Canada). The award of US \$1,000 is presented biennially for an outstanding dissertation that contributes to the field of comparative study of civil society organizations, nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, voluntarism and related issues. In addition, two distinguished research awards were presented to Sharon Eng, PhD (Australia) and Shawn Flanigan, PhD (USA). More information regarding the dissertations can be found on page 8.

International Fellowship Award

The Rockefeller Archive Center and ISTR awarded the first International Research Fellowship to Marwa El Daly. The purpose of the award is to support scholarly research in the field of nonprofit and philanthropic studies throughout the world. The fellowship is awarded to a scholar from outside

the U.S. and Canada to conduct research at the Rockefeller Archive Center and attend the International Conference of ISTR.

Marwa El Daly is the lead researcher of the first philanthropy national study in Egypt. She holds a Masters Degree from the American University in Cairo and is currently a PhD student at Humboldt University in Berlin. Her thesis is on philanthropy, waqf (traditional endowed structure) and community foundations. Her research proposal is on exploring models of Community Founda-

tions (governance, endowment buildings, investment, grant-making, legal framework) in the Western context to provide learning and possible adaptation to the Arab World with a focus on Egypt. More information regarding the Fellowship can be found on page 9.

Paper, Panel and Poster Sessions

The program included 125 paper and panel sessions. Papers were organized into sessions by theme and a list of sessions by theme track was included in the program. Thirteen posters were displayed during the conference. The conference abstracts can be found on the ISTR website <http://www.istr.org/conferences/barcelona/cd/index.html> and a CD Rom was distributed to all of the participants. Many



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of the papers presented in Barcelona will be reviewed for Volume 6 of the *ISTR Conference Working Paper Series* and for the *EMES Selected Conference Paper Series*. We also anticipate that some papers will be published in *Voluntas*.

Networking

Authors of recently published books were invited to sign and sell their books on Friday afternoon. This was a wonderful opportunity for delegates to showcase their publications and was very well attended. It was also a time for the poster authors to have conference participants ask questions about their research in progress. The Exhibition Hall was most successful with nearly one dozen exhibitors – both nonprofit organizations and publishers – sharing their research materials from around the world.



Conference Press Coverage

The Spanish press covered the conference in print, radio and television. The Radio Nacional de España (Spanish Public Radio) interviewed Jacqueline Butcher, ISTR President, on July 12th about the conference for their prime time news which has an audience of 1.5 million listeners. TVE (Spanish Public TV) interviewed both Jacqueline Butcher and Michaela Hertel, Director of the Fundación Bertelsmann. *El Punt*, a Spanish Daily newspaper, interviewed Isabel Vidal, Conference Co-Chair and our host at the University. In addition, there were a number of articles published in journals and on-line. Our thanks to Fundación Bertelsmann which arranged for all of this excellent coverage about the sector.

Conference Evaluation

The breadth of topics and research presented, the focus on emerging trends, and the opportunity for networking received by far the most comments in the evaluations. The broad spectrum of both junior and senior researchers in attendance was clearly a highlight for many delegates. One of the nicest comments was, “Excellent job – this was a stimulating and fantastic conference...thank you!”

Those completing the evaluation also shared numerous concerns ranging from problems at the conference venue, language issues, timing of sessions, need for environmentally

friendly catering and name tags, quality of the presentations, etc. Suggestion was also made to share full papers prior to the conference. The Conference Academic Committee will review the evaluations in depth to make sure that all of the issues are addressed, especially in terms of logistics, in order to make the 2010 conference a rewarding experience.

Conference Support

The conference would not have been possible without the support from generous funders including the CINEFOGO Network of Excellence and the following:

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We thank our Barcelona hosts for their special efforts and the exceptional support from the on-site team from Observatori del Tercer Sector, Barcelona with whom the logistics were managed. We also thank the wonderful community of colleagues celebrating this dynamic academic and social experience. ISTR now looks ahead to the 9th International Conference where we hope again to have high quality research papers from a truly international range of contributors. ■

AWARDS

2008 Young Scholar Dissertation Award

The ISTR Young Scholar Dissertation Award honors exceptional work by doctoral students from around the world. The award is presented biennially at the ISTR international conference for an outstanding dissertation that contributes to the field of comparative study of civil society organizations, nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, voluntarism and related issues. This year three outstanding young scholars and their dissertations were honored.

The winner of the 2008 ISTR dissertation award is Dr. Vanessa Timmer from the University of British Columbia in Canada. Her dissertation was titled “Agility and Resilience: The Adaptive Capacity of Friends of the Earth International and Greenpeace.” She received her Ph.D. in resource management and environment studies from the University of British Columbia in 2007 and is the co-founder and director of the One Earth Initiative, based in Vancouver. Dr. Timmer’s prize-winning dissertation was described by Professor Ben Gidron, a member of the judging committee, as “an innovative dissertation focusing on global organizations and their adaptive capacity. Such advocacy organizations have to balance many variables as they try to achieve their mission, and the repertoire of their tactics must reflect those challenges. Dr. Timmer’s work contrasts the ‘global grassroots movement’ and the ‘global campaigning organization,’ advancing our understanding of the nature of global civil society.” The winner received a prize of US \$1,000.

The committee also presented distinguished research awards to two other notable young scholars for their superb dissertations – Dr. Sharon Eng and Dr. Shawn Flanigan. Dr. Eng received her doctorate in the division of business at the University of South Australia in 2007. Her dissertation, “Toward a Definition and Development of NGO Organizational Effectiveness in Indonesia: An Unfolding

Journey,” seeks to understand how Indonesian grassroots NGOs perceive, understand, interpret and operationalize organizational effectiveness for their organizations during a time of rapid transition in Indonesia and for Indonesian civil society, asking which aspects of organizational effectiveness appear to be relatively universal and which appear to be context-specific. Her dissertation provides a new model for organizational effectiveness while addressing the environment for NGOs and other nonprofits in the crucially important country of Indonesia.

Dr. Flanigan received her Ph.D. in public administration and policy at the Nelson Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the University at Albany, State University of New York, in 2007. She is now Assistant Professor in the School of Public Affairs at San Diego State University. Her dissertation is titled “For the Love of God: Ethno-Religious Identity and Faith-Based Nonprofit Service Provision in Contexts of Violence.” It focuses on providing and analyzing empirical evidence of what influence ethno-religious identity has on faith-based organizations operating in countries that have been plagued by religious conflict, particularly addressing the question: How does ethno-religious identity influence the attitudes and behavior of faith-based organization staff in a context of conflict?

The Dissertation Award is generously supported by an anonymous donor. The purpose of the award is to encourage young scholars to enter the field of nonprofit and philanthropic studies throughout the world. Eighteen dissertations were submitted from Australia, Belgium, Canada, India, Italy, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom, and the USA. We are grateful for the submissions which represent the finest work being done and are the future of our field. The committee was chaired by Leilah Landim (Brazil), and comprised of Benjamin Gidron (Israel) and Mark Sidel (USA). ■

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International Fellowship Awarded to Marwa El Daly

Fellowship Report by Marwa El Daly

It was a breath-taking experience to find myself in the middle of Sleepy Hollow, New York, in the old cottage house of the Rockefeller Family that has been turned into a beautiful library gathering valuable archival materials, not only that of the Rockefeller's but also of other philanthropic organizations. The huge paintings of the family members, the Chagall originals on the walls, the peaceful sunny terrace and the researchers in their white dresses and quiet smiles add a certain flavor to the research experience, which by far, is a unique one. I was fortunate enough to have met Dr. Darwin Stapleton, Executive Director Emeritus of the Rockefeller Archive Center (RAC), and the current President, Dr. Jack Meyers, and both have made my experience a memorable one. I was warmly received by Dr. Ken Rose, Assistant Director, and a number of wonderful researchers putting all kinds of relevant materials at my disposal and sharing food and drinks with me in the breaks.

It was absolutely remarkable to view the original documents behind the creation of the Rockefeller Foundation and its outreach programs in different parts of the world. The deeds of trust set by early founders, like John Rockefeller and other endowers of his family resembled largely the deeds of waqf (endowment) builders in the Arab Region; however, the set up of the Board of Trustees was a development that lacked in my part of the world, and one that has to a great extent preserved the foundations in the West and led to their growth. In the Arab World, a person had to write a waqf or endowment deed and register it officially by appointing a nazir or a comptroller. This one-man business led to a lot of corruption and gave governments over the course of history the excuse, in the name of ending corruption, to step in by confiscating the properties or the income-generating businesses endowed until completely nationalized and managed by the Minister of Endowment under the

comptrollership of the Minister in the 1950s. The Minister changed deeds, appointed government employees to manage civic endowments and like most government-run businesses in Egypt and in this region, running philanthropic endowed foundations failed.

Searching through boxes containing piles of archival materials of philanthropic organizations, those of the Cleveland Foundation were of special interest to my research topic, which is: Exploring models of Community Foundations (governance, endowment buildings, investment, grant-making, legal framework) in the Western context to provide learning and possible adaptation to the Arab World with a focus on Egypt. As the concept of community foundation is new in Egypt, there is no concrete scholarly information about the existence of community foundations in their functional sense. For the past three years, I have done extensive scientific research on philanthropy and produced a study that is the first of its kind in Egypt and the Middle East with a representative sample of the Egyptian popula-

tion and the non-profit sector. One of the strongest findings is the existence of a forgotten culture of institutionalized philanthropy that manifested in civic endowments referred to as waqfs (30 percent of the Egyptians did not know what waqf was and the majority confused it with government property) and the existence of a current philanthropic tendency to give to people inhabiting the same geographical area (more than 70 percent) or those related by kin. Hence, there is a promising potential of the

success of the community foundation as a model if properly adapted to the Egyptian culture; especially in a time where ad-hoc, unorganized, charitable giving dominates the culture of giving leading to a waste of local resources with no valuable input to developmental challenges.

In the RAC, there was a section containing books, that were extremely helpful to me and that helped orient me to which archival material would be of special relevance. The archives on the Cleveland Foundation and what its inspiring founder, Goff, phrased arguing for the Living Trust against



Marwa El Daly receives her award from Dr. Darwin Stapleton, Executive Director Emeritus of the Rockefeller Archive Center

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the Dead Hand concept: “How fine it would be if a man about to make a will could go to a permanently enduring organization - an artificial immortal being.. and say: here is a large sum of money that I shall presently no longer need. I want to leave it to be used for the good of the community but I have no way of knowing what will be the greatest need of the community 50 years from now, or even 10 years from now. Therefore, I place it in your hands, because you will be here, you and your successors, throughout the years, to determine what should be done with this sum to make it most useful for people of each succeeding generation² (p.27)”. Following this mindset, there was a lot of learning referencing the techniques used to develop a Community Trust plan and others. To our concern, we have established in Maadi, a suburb of Cairo, the first model of a Community Foundation in Egypt: the Maadi Community Foundation / Waqfeya. Like Cleveland, it is arevolutionizing idea, because it is registered as a Community Waqfeya, claiming life to this civic endowment independent from the Ministry of Awqaf for the first time in modern Egyptian history.

The time in New York allowed me to visit the New York Community Trust, the Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society at the City University of



Marwa El Daly at the Rockefeller Archive Center with Dr. Kenneth Rose, Assistant Director (left) and Thomas Rosenbaum, Research Assistant (right).

New York, the Foundation Center, as well as other philanthropic organizations using diverse techniques for investments and fund management. These all provided me with rich on-the-ground materials that are vital to my work, especially the practical side of it. I also established relationships with research firms in the United States and we will be undergoing a very promising research project that involves the US, UK, Turkey, South Africa and Egypt. I hope by the coming ISTR conference I have good results to disclose at the 2010 International Conference!

Last but not least, I must say that the last Barcelona conference was a great success. The diversity of the participants, the quality of a large quantity of Third Sector researchers was remarkable. I was very fortunate to be part

of this significant scholarly gathering and was delighted to present in the workshop of Civic Engagement in the Mediterranean, which was also a good orientation to me on the work done in Italy by Guliana Gemelli and the endeavors of the Bertelsmann Stiftung and their efforts in encouraging community foundations. Also my presentation within the workshop organized by Trust Africa on African Philanthropy was of great input to my work and to our collective publication on African Philanthropy. Finally, I participated in a panel on Community Foundations and the global challenges they face. I was also fortunate to catch up with Rupert Strachwitz, Director of the Maecenata Institute, to which I am a current fellow finishing up my PhD Thesis at the Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany, on Philanthropy and Community Foundations.

Short Biography of Author

Marwa el Daly is the lead researcher of the first national study on philanthropy in Egypt. She holds a Master Degree in Professional Development on institutionalized private philanthropy from the American University in Cairo and is currently a PhD student at Humboldt University, Berlin, with a Thesis on philanthropy, waqf (traditional endowed structure) and community

foundations. El Daly is also a former fellow to the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the City University of New York and an Ashoka fellow selected in 2007 as a social entrepreneur from the Arab region. Based on, and in continuation to the findings of this study, El Daly recently founded and is the current Chairperson of a pioneering model of a community foundation in Egypt adapting principles and structure of a waqf in an attempt to revive the waqf institution embodied in Waqfeyat al Maadi al Ahleya – Community Foundation registered early 2007.

²Diana Tittle. *Rebuilding Cleaveland. The Cleaveland Foundation and its Evolving Urban Strategy*. Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data: 1992 ■

CONFERENCE NEWS

Statement on Freedom of Scholarly Expression and Debate

*Joint Statement of ISTR, ARNOVA, CINEFOGO, and EMES
11 July 2008*

Research associations, through their membership meetings, provide forums in which participants exercise their freedom of scholarly expression and debate. The International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR), the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), the CINEFOGO Network of Excellence, and the EMES European Research Network, are four research associations, made up of over 2000 members from over 80 countries around the world, that regularly convene to exchange knowledge and advance research on civil society, nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, and philanthropy. We have seen the benefits to our societies as well as our research associations of freedom of expression, association and travel. Our nations and communities are richer and stronger because individuals have had assured rights to travel, to meet, to speak and to publish, and to freely exchange knowledge and ideas. The protection and exercise of these rights have been essential building blocks of healthy and democratic civil societies.

As citizens as well as scholars of many countries, including the United States (US) and the countries of the European Union (EU), we are alarmed and deeply disturbed at recent events – specifically denials of visas and the creation of other obstacles to travel imposed upon scholars over the last year. A number of civil society scholars have been barred from the leading meetings in our field. Professor Adam Habib, Deputy Vice Chancellor at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, was unable to take part in ARNOVA's annual meeting in November 2007 in Atlanta – at which he had been invited to give a plenary address – after his US visa was revoked by the State Department. Other scholars have been prevented from participating in ISTR's membership meeting in July 2008 in Barcelona due to their inability to obtain a Schengen visa to enter Europe.

These travel restrictions on leading global scholars have violated their and our civil liberties. Their exclusion from the premiere academic forums in our field curtails our freedom of scholarly expression. In addition, the targeted exclusion from academic forums of scholars from particular

regions will negatively impact and seriously hamper the advance of knowledge and the resulting policies and practices flowing from this knowledge in these areas of study.

As members of the board of directors of ISTR, ARNOVA, CINEFOGO and EMES, and as scholars of civil society, we issue this statement to express our alarm and deep concern, particularly at a time when global democratic exchange is of utmost importance. Our concern is not only for the scholar mentioned in this statement, but for all of our colleagues who are prevented from engaging in peaceful democratic discussion. We thus call upon our colleagues, institutions, and governments to support democratic freedoms and scholarly exchange.

Biscay Conference News

The following came from Pedro Beitia of the Biscay Third Sector Observatory and EDE Foundation

We attended with two papers the 8th International Conference of the International Society for the Third Sector Research in Barcelona. It was really an excellent opportunity for discussing Third Sector issues, meeting new people and knowing how the reality of Third Sector is in different contexts.

The Observatorio del Tercer Sector de Bizkaia (Biscay Third Sector Observatory) is an initiative that gathers, generates and disseminates knowledge of Third Sector in our province in Bizkaia (Biscay - north of Spain). You can find more information in our website www.3sbizkaia.org (only available in Spanish).

Every month we share with our organizations and networks a kind of newsletter in which we introduce some issues of TSOs management, innovation, etc. July's newsletter is focused in the Conference as we want to share with our organizations the debate and some of the questions originated during the Conference with links to your website. The newsletter (only available in Spanish) can be found at: www.3sbizkaia.org ■



REGIONAL NEWS

ISTR Regional Conferences 2009

ISTR LAC Regional Conference in Mexico

The Seventh Regional Conference of ISTR for Latin America and the Caribbean will take place July 1-3, 2009, in Mexico City, hosted by the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey and CEMEFI, the Mexican Center for Philanthropy. The Conference will be held at the Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico City. The regional conference will be held simultaneously with the annual meeting of Mexican Third Sector researchers which CEMEFI holds each year.

The ISTR Latin American members meeting which took place in Barcelona established a committee to coordinate all the academic aspects of the regional conference, which will work closely with the national host committee. The international academic committee is comprised of: Mario Roitter, CEDES, Argentina (mroit@cedes.org); Beatriz Balián, Catholic University, Argentina (beatriz_balian@uca.edu.ar); Gustavo Verduzco, Colegio de México (gverduz@colmex.mx); Luis Serra, Red de Desarrollo Local, Nicaragua (luishector@serra@yahoo.com.ar); Jacqueline Butcher, CEMEFI, México (rivasjb@prodigy.net.mx); Felipe Portocarrero, Universidad del Pacífico, Perú (fportocarrero@up.edu.pe); and José L. Vega, University of Puerto Rico (jvega@uprm.edu); Anabel Cruz, from ICD, Uruguay, was elected as the coordinator of the Committee (acruz@lasociedadcivil.org).

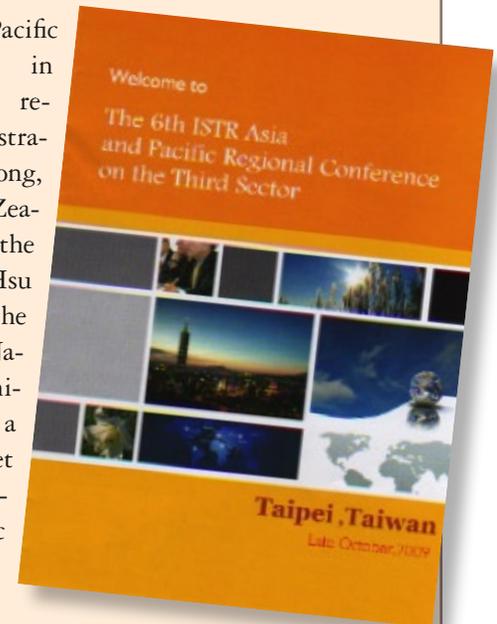
Two representatives of the host organizations have been invited to join the Committee, as well as Prof. Tânia Fischer, from the Federal University of Bahía, in her capacity as host institution of the last regional conference in 2007.

The committee members are meeting on a monthly basis via teleconference and are preparing the Call for Proposals, which is aimed to be published and widely distributed on November 1, 2008. The call for proposals will include the main topic of the conference and the sub-themes that researchers may choose to present their academic work.

ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Taiwan

The Sixth ISTR Asia and Pacific Regional Conference will take place in late October 2009, in Taipei, Taiwan, hosted by the Center for the Third Sector, National Chengchi University.

The Asia Pacific members meeting in Barcelona included researchers from Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, New Zealand, Taiwan and the USA. Shih-Jung Hsu from the Center for the Third Sector at National Chengchi University presented a preliminary pamphlet promoting the conference. Academic themes and the committee composition were discussed. Shih-Jung Hsu, National Chengchi University, Taiwan (srshiu@nccu.edu.tw) and Wendy Earles, ISTR Board, Treasurer, James Cook University, Australia (wendy.earles@jcu.edu.au) will serve as the conference co-chairs. The Call for Papers and the date will be forthcoming. ■



AFFINITY GROUP REPORTS

Affinity Group on Gender

The ISTR international conference in Barcelona was challenging for the Affinity Group on Gender (AGG) because we found that we have to further think about how the third-sector organizations can mitigate “asymmetric globalization” such as gender inequalities and income disparities in the current world since some of our members could not come to Barcelona due to the funding problem. To consider how the third-sector organizations can contribute to overcoming this issue and creating “inclusive society”, we held two panels, a meeting of AGG and implemented an active recruitment drive to AGG.

The first panel entitled “Money as the Key Player? Giving and receiving of women and women’s organizations” held in the morning of July 10 provided insights on how various forms of funding such as subsidies, fees for services, support from foundations and microfinance affect activities, management and growth of the third-sector organizations and female social entrepreneurs tackling violence against women and improvement women’s lives in four different countries – Germany (Chris Lange), Japan (Sachiko Nakagawa), India (Rekha Ramesh Gaonkar) and Ethiopia (Sisay Gebre-Egziabher).

The second panel, “Empowerment of Women in a Globalized World?,” held in the afternoon of July 11 offered active discussions with international audience on how the third-sector organizations empower women from economic, social, cultural and political aspects through experiences of India (Rekha Ramesh Gaonkar) and Russia (Eva Maria Hinterhuber) where traditional norms, customs and codes of behavior such as caste system and communism have strongly affected people’s lives and the third-sector organizations make an effort to overcome such traditional norms and empower women.

In the AGG meeting, for the ISTR international conference in 2010, we talked a lot what we can and should do to improve quality of gender research and implement effective “social movement”, e.g., holding a plenary session besides pre-conference workshop and panels focusing on such as theorizing about gender and migration/immigration and gender. Through the meeting, parallel sessions dealing with gender issues, receptions, lunch time and break, we could obtain many new members.

We believe that the third-sector organizations can build “bridge” between marginalized people and society to

realize sustainable global civil society. We will continue to implement discussions, research and practice so that every people can live at their ease beyond differences of gender, income, nationalities, culture and religion as members of the ISTR, the real leader for creating global civil society, through online and offline.

If you are interested in our group, please contact Sachiko Nakagawa (bear751@sfc.keio.ac.jp). She tells you about how to use the listserve as a daily communication method of AGG in details.

To join the ISTR-GENDER-AFFINITY listserve, send a mail to: listproc@listproc.hcf.jhu.edu.

The subject line in the header of the message has to remain blank.

The body of the e-mail should read:

SUBSCRIBE ISTR-GENDER-AFFINITY first name last name

You will receive a return e-mail message welcoming you to the listserve and with instructions on how to post messages to the list.

Legal Affinity Group

The Legal Affinity Group met in Barcelona and heard from each other about their work; discussed the state of nonprofit law research and teaching in various countries; and agreed to stay in touch in between ISTR international conferences. The group discussed a joint project between ICNL and ISTR to collect nonprofit law syllabi from around the world (outside the US, which is being handled by NYU) and provide information on methods and sources of nonprofit law teaching. The people gathered for the affinity group meeting generally concurred that gathering such syllabi and other information on nonprofit law teaching would be useful, and ICNL and ISTR will proceed to begin that work (coordinated by Doug Rutzen and Mark Sidel).

The Legal Affinity Group welcomes other ISTR members. Please contact Mark Sidel at mark-sidel@uiowa.edu. In connection with the ISTR Legal Affinity Group, we plan to convene a meeting of colleagues teaching in this area at the next ISTR international conference in 2010, and to continue discussions of ways we can work together. ■

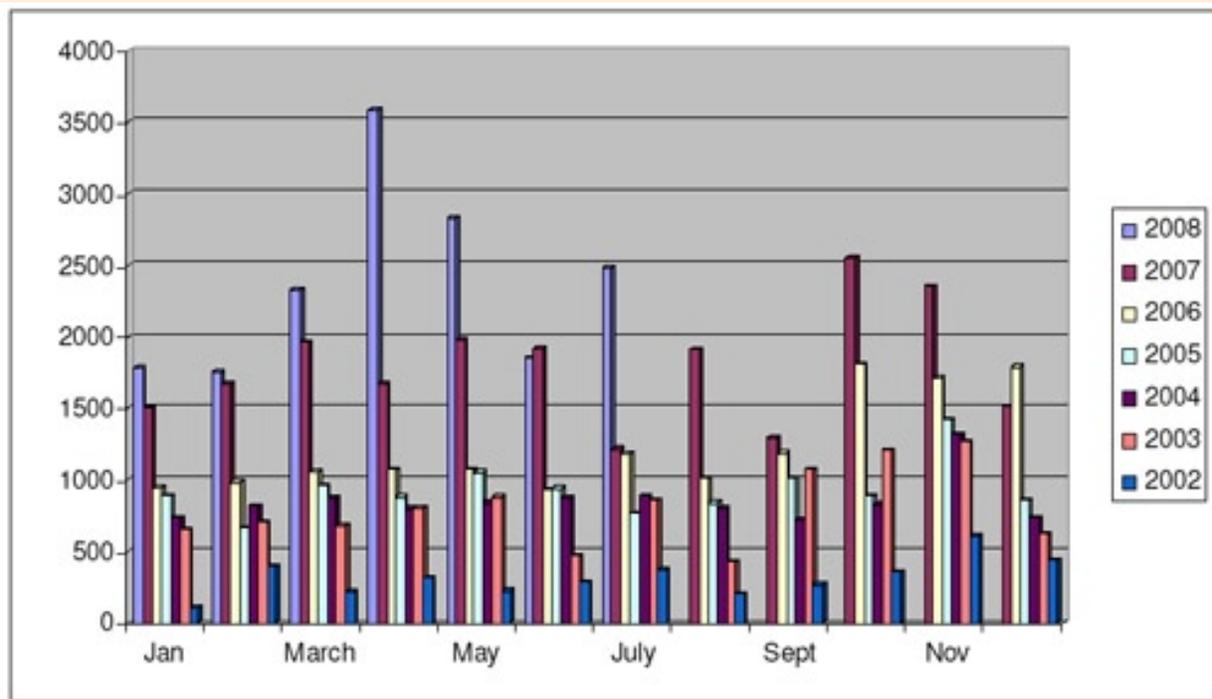
VOLUNTAS NEWS

Voluntas has received the highest ranking (category “A”) of a journal in the field of Nonprofit Management from JOURQUAL 2. It is based on a survey of German-speaking university professors, who comprise the German Academic Association for Business Research. Ranking details can be found at: http://pbwi2www.uni-paderborn.de/WWW/VHB/VHB-Online.nsf/id/DE_Teilranking_Oeffentliche_

BWL_Not-for-Profit-Management

Voluntas has also seen a significant rise in downloads. Total downloads for 2007 numbered 20,017 which is a 54.5 % increase from 2006 (12,953). For the first half of 2008 (January-July) saw a 39% increase to 16,637 downloads from 11,912 for the same period in 2007.

Monthly Downloads 2002- July 2008



UK RESEARCH CENTER

ESRC Research Centre for Charitable Giving and Philanthropy

The UK’s first dedicated research Centre for Charitable Giving and Philanthropy (CGAP), formally launched on October 1st 2008, represents the first significant UK investment in research on the major issues affecting charitable giving and philanthropy.

The Centre has been funded jointly by the UK’s Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Govern-

ment’s Office of the Third Sector (OTS), Carnegie UK Trust and Scottish Government. Together they have provided a total investment of £2.2million over 5 years.

The Centre results from a fusion of governmental and third sector thinking. In 2005, a government paper noted that although there were a number of sector and government surveys of giving, many gaps in our understanding and measurement of giving remained (A Generous Society, Home Office, 2005). In the same year, a Carnegie UK Trust report emphasized the importance of enabling a rigorous

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research focus on the field of philanthropy, including its forms, roles and values. (Stepping Up the Stairs, Carnegie UK Trust, 2005.)

Professor Jenny Harrow, Professor of Voluntary Sector Management at the Centre for Charity Effectiveness at Cass Business School, and Professor Cathy Pharoah, formerly Director of Research at the Charities Aid Foundation, have been appointed as Co-Directors of the Centre, to bring collective academic and practice experience to the role, and demonstrate the Centre's commitment to working across academic and practice communities. The Centre has a steering committee whose membership represents academic, voluntary sector, government and business worlds. It is chaired by Professor Nicholas Deakin, who chaired the Independent Commission on the Future of the Voluntary Sector in England in 1995-96.

Aims of the Centre

The new Centre aims to carry out high quality independent research which can inform policy and practice in the UK, as well as developing a much better understanding of how to support charitable giving and philanthropy in society today. It aims to:

- develop high quality independent research, to support policy and practice in this field;
- extend understanding of how better to support effective giving;
- explore and support change in the multiple cultures of giving and philanthropy in the UK;
- and to advance giving and philanthropy as a key field for scholarship.

The Centre will:

- conduct and promote high quality research on giving and philanthropy;
- foster creative knowledge exchange between academic and practice communities;
- develop and disseminate the evidence base to inform policy and practice;
- build the field through training new researchers and recruiting doctoral students;
- encourage the development of sector research capacity;
- adopt multi-disciplinary approaches to the study of giving and philanthropy.

Hub and Spoke Structure

The Centre is composed of a 'hub' and three 'spokes', involving five universities and the sector's national membership body, NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations). Each centre is independent, but working within a comprehensive programme of research which aims to contribute significantly to theory and practice which will be relevant to users.

Hub – Based at Cass Business School, Edinburgh University and NCVO, the Hub is dedicated specifically to sharing knowledge and research findings. The Hub will build a dialogue and engagement between practice and research, and encourage and extend existing and new research. It will help to disseminate research findings from across the whole of the Centre's programme through a comprehensive and accessible web-based resource centre for information on giving and philanthropy research, seminars, collaborative cross-disciplinary working, and published papers targeted at different stakeholders.

Spoke 1 – Based at The Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship, University of Strathclyde, Spoke 1 is focusing on the history and emergence of entrepreneurial philanthropy, taking an international perspective, and exploring its challenges and appeal for new generations of philanthropists.

Spoke 2 – Based in the Universities of Southampton and of Kent, Spoke 2 will focus on the relationship between charitable giving and social redistribution. With both qualitative and quantitative research strands, a cluster of 5 projects will look at the relationship between charities' expenditure and local need, the ethical frameworks which underpin decisions to donate, and the connections between the many different people and institutions who give and those who receive.

Spoke 3 – Based at Cass Business School and the University of Edinburgh, the programme of research in Spoke 3 is likely to be of special interest to donors, funders and grantmakers, exploring today's institutional frameworks of funding and grantmaking, how change is introduced, and partnerships between state and charitable organisations to deliver joint outcomes.

Over the next few months the Hub will announce its programme for the first year, and give more details of the projects, timetables and outputs in each of the individual research spokes. ■

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Global Accountabilities: Participation, Pluralism, and Public Ethics. By Alnoor Ebrahim and Edward Weisband. West Nyack, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2007. Cost: Hardback: \$95.00 (\$76.00 with ISTR Member Discount*) Paperback: \$37.99 (\$30.39 with ISTR Member Discount*). To order: www.cambridge.org/us

* (To receive ISTR Member Discount, reference ME8ISTR when ordering. Offer good until December 31, 2008)

Accountability is seen as an essential feature of governments, businesses and NGOs. This volume treats it as a socially constructed means of control that can be used by the weak as well as the powerful. It contributes analytical depth to the diverse debates on accountability in modern organizations by exploring its nature, forms and impacts in civil society organizations, public and inter-governmental agencies and private corporations. The contributors draw from a range of disciplines to demonstrate the inadequacy of modern rationalist prescriptions for establishing and monitoring accountability standards, arguing that accountability frameworks attached to principal-agent logics and applied universally across cultures typically fail to achieve their objectives. By examining a diverse range of empirical examples and case studies, this book underscores the importance of grounding accountability procedures and standards in the divergent cultural, social and political settings in which they operate.

Charity Law & Social Policy: National and International Perspectives on the Functions of the Law Relating to Charities. By Kerry O'Halloran, Myles McGregor-Lowndes and Karla Simon. Volume 10 of the Library of Public Policy and Public Administration Series. New York: Springer Publishers, 2008. Hardcover. 616 pages. Cost: US\$139.00; 94.95 (ISTR members receive a 25% discount). To order: www.springer.com/law/book/978-1-4020-8413-3

Charity Law & Social Policy explores contemporary law, policy and practice in a range of modern common law nations. It does so in four parts and from the perspective of how this has evolved in the UK.

As progenitor of a system bequeathed to its colonies and after centuries of leadership in developing the



core principles, policies and precedents that subsequently shaped its development, the contribution of England & Wales, the originating jurisdiction, is first described and analysed in detail. This is achieved in the seven chapters comprising Parts 1 and 2. These broadly sketch the parameters and role of 'charity'— seen as a mix of public and private interests – then address the law's role in protecting, policing, adjusting and supporting charity. This provides the critical dimensions for the comparative analysis of experience in the common law nations that constitutes the main part of the book.

Part 3, in 5 chapters, provides an analysis of the legal functions as they apply to type of need and thereby give effect to social policy in Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States of America. Part 4 concludes with three chapters that appraise political influence as a factor in aligning charity law with social policy to create a facilitative environment for appropriate charitable activity. Attention is given to the central role of the regulator, contemporary charity law frameworks and definitional boundaries.

Hope Not Complacency – Disaster Management in India and Sri Lanka. Edited by Mokbul Morshed Ahmad and Arvind Kumar. Bangkok: Asian Institute of Technology, 2008. 129 pages + XXI . To order: A.H. Development Publishing House, Dhaka, Bangladesh; ahdphbd@gmail.com or contact the author: morshed@ait.ac.th



Disasters are the first and foremost major threats to development, and specifically to the development of the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. In the past two decades, we have witnessed catastrophes in almost all continents with the recent memories of tsunami of 2004. Huge social and economic losses take a long time to reinstate the development process into action.

The nature and gravity of the disaster and its ever increased frequency has compelled governments, donors,

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non-governmental organizations and communities to realize the importance of integrating disaster management into development planning. Treating disasters as a one-shot event has been replaced by preparedness and mitigation. Incorporating cross cutting issues like transboundary, gender and governance have gone the extra mile to prepare community resilience towards tsunami and other disasters.

When it comes to executing disaster management plans into action, local institutions are critical as they ultimately become solely responsible for implementing the policies and plans. Further to this, governance is a critical area for innovation and reform in achieving disaster risk reduction with human development. It is important to identify those governance tools that are very likely to simultaneously facilitate disaster risk reduction and human development. This would include a presumption for equality in participation in decision making across genders, religious and ethnic groups, caste and economic classes.

This book is an effort to highlight the local institutions' response where they play a key role in preparing community resilience towards disasters like tsunami and other natural hazards. It also elaborates on policies, institutional arrangements and information management systems that are in place in both India and Sri Lanka, where the legislation came into effect after the tsunami of 2004. Issues related to relief, rehabilitation and sustaining preparedness for the future disasters have also been dealt with in detail. Further, in-depth analysis has also been done on the competencies of the non-governmental organizations in the area of disaster management where the organizations are facing daunting task to sustain the preparedness.

This book takes two track approaches, the first by investigating the synergy between global mandate on disaster management and practices at the local level. The second approach exemplifies the importance of information in disaster management by comparing the initiatives taken by both the governmental and non-governmental organizations at the community level. Jonathan Walter in "World Disaster Report 2005" pointed out that, "People need information as much as water, food, medicine or shelter. Information can save lives, livelihoods and resources. It may be the only form of disaster preparedness that the most vulnerable can afford. The right kind of information leads to a deeper understanding of needs and ways to respond. The wrong information can lead to inappropriate, even dangerous interventions." The second approach also tries to generalize the benefits poured out to the community in terms of level of awareness,

resource availability, preparedness and access to information by putting up resources (in abundance!).

This book is about disaster management practices in South Asia within the broader canvass of governance where local institutions play an important role to execute the policy and planning to benefit the people affected by disaster. Efforts have been made to unmask the issues related to disaster management ranging from global initiatives, local institutions and coordination for an information management system.

Foundation Yearbook: Facts and Figures on Private and Community Foundations, 2008 edition. New York: The Foundation Center, 2008. Cost: \$45.00 + \$6.50 S&H. To order: www.foundationcenter.org/marketplace

The 2008 edition of *Foundation Yearbook* documents changes in actual number, giving, and assets of all active U.S. foundations from 1975 through 2006, and provides estimates of foundation giving through 2007. The report provides an overview of the state of foundation giving in the current year and beyond; comparisons of foundation activities by foundation size; and breakdowns of foundation resources by geographic location and grantmaker type.

Giving by the United States's more than 72,000 grantmaking foundations rose by an estimated 10 percent in 2007 to a record \$42.9 billion. Adjusted for inflation, giving grew 6.9 percent. Despite worsening economic prospects for the latter half of the year, double-digit asset growth in 2006 – resulting from strong stock market gains and a record level of new gifts into foundation – and continued modest growth in the establishment of new foundations helped to raise the level of foundation giving. Also contributing to a higher overall level of foundation giving in recent years have been higher payout rates – in part reflecting the establishment of foundations by "younger" donors who are not yet ready to fully endow them – and the establishment of operating foundations by pharmaceutical manufacturers for the purpose of distributing medications to individuals in need.

All four major regions reported growth in the number of foundations, assets, and giving in 2006, with the West posting the fastest rate of growth across these measures. Among individual states, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Louisiana, and Vermont reported the greatest percentage in assets. In terms of giving, Vermont, North Carolina, Nevada and Louisiana showed the fastest growth. ■

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UN Report on the International Year of Volunteers

The final version of the Report of the UN Secretary General on Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV) in 2001 is now available in all UN official languages through the following link: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/63/184>

The Report examines the state of volunteerism around the world through the four lenses of Recognition, Facilitation, Networking and Promotion and concludes that the vibrancy of volunteerism globally, engendered by IYV 2001, continues although the pace and direction of growth is the subject of a number of factors that are explained in the Report itself. These factors need to be recognized and understood if volunteerism is to be properly incorporated into national policy and programmes. The Report underlines the vital role of research in policy setting and cites the increasing number of papers on volunteering at the ISTR conferences between 2000 and 2008 as indicative of growing interest in the topic among academics. (Page 10) One of the recommendations is for Governments to mobilize and support the research community to carry out more studies on the topic, in partnership with civil society.

The recommendations will be considered at the UN General Assembly during the coming weeks and a resolution will be drafted and submitted for the approval of Governments at a meeting to be held in New York the week of 6 October. The resolution will then be taken up at a plenary session of the UN General Assembly in December when it should be formally adopted.

For further information please contact:
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European Summer School on Social Economy (ESSE)

The Future of Social Enterprise: Models and Experiences

6-11 July 2009

University Residential Center of Bertinoro

In partnership with AICCON. In collaboration with IRIS Network

The Faculty of Economics of the University of Bologna (Forlì Campus – offering an Undergraduate Degree in Social Economy and a “Laurea Magistrale” (post-Graduate Degree) in Economics and Management of cooperatives and non profit organizations) in conjunction with AICCON, is pleased to announce the Summer School on Social Economy whose first edition will take place at the Bertinoro Campus of the University of Bologna in 2009.

General Aim

ESSE tries to fill an important gap in the list of courses currently offered to European students in economics and social studies. In a full-immersion week, ESSE will bring together an international group of students and scholars engaged in the analysis of the Third Sector and the interplay between economic activity and society. The Summer School curriculum typically covers 3 macro-areas of study:

1. social and cooperative economics;
2. business and management; and
3. socioeconomics and politics.

Recruitment

The Summer School aims at attracting young scholars who are currently engaged in graduate studies on various subjects related to Social Economics. In addition to graduate students, doctoral and postdoctoral students are also welcome, as well as junior faculty and experienced practitioners. The target number of participants is 40 (with a minimum number of 20).

Tuition and Accommodation

Lectures will be conducted entirely in English. They will take place in Bertinoro (Forlì Campus) during the week Monday 6 July to Saturday 11 July 2009.

The tuition and accommodation fee to complete session is 500 euros. This includes participation in the pro-

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gram, full board accommodation for 5 days, a welcome drink, a social dinner and a half-day devoted to a cultural visit of the town of Ravenna.

Some *scholarships* (five) will be available.

The ESSE covers 5 days: a typical day entails 4 hours of work in the morning (9:00-13:00 am) and 3 hours in the afternoon (14:30 – 17:30 pm). The total amount is 35 hours. Adding 15 hours of personal work, the school attendance requires a total of 50 hours of effort.

Timetable

Pre-registration deadline: March 15th
 Registration deadline: March 30th
 Payment deadline: April 15th

Information contact: Dott. Kristian Mancinone, ecofo.esse@unibo.it; www.aiccon.it

Center for Nonprofit Strategy and Management Working Papers Series

The Center for Nonprofit Strategy and Management of the Baruch College School of Public Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its Working Papers Series. The papers are works in progress by Baruch College faculty and other notable scholars in the field.

The papers discuss significant and emerging policy and management issues of interest to nonprofit scholars and managers. The inaugural papers in this series focus on nonprofit governance, nonprofit strategy, community-based organizations, and volunteering.

To subscribe to the series, please email: listserv@baruch.listserv.cuny.edu No subject is necessary, and in the email state: "Sub nonprofit_wkpapers (Your First Name) & (Your Last Name)" i.e. "Sub nonprofit_wkpapers John Smith"

For editorial questions, please contact the Series Editor, Professor Susan Chambré, susan.chambre@baruch.cuny.edu

New Report on Philanthropic Giving

"Financial Advisors as Guiding Stars to Philanthropic Giving? – Tips, Tools & Tactics" focuses on the practice of building resources, ethical confluences and conflicts of interest between fundraisers, financial planners and the wealthy. The report can be found at www.philanthropy.com, under "new" by Charles Bernard Maclean.

Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR) New Publications

The Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR) has produced a series of new publications reporting on the findings from recent research on volunteering.

Management Matters

This is the first national survey in England to look at the capacity of organisations to involve and manage volunteers. It involved speaking to over 1,300 volunteer managers in organisations across the country. As well as highlighting the under-investment in volunteer management, the survey explored the roles and positions of those who manage volunteers, it reports on the implementation of different volunteer management practices and issues that organisations face in recruiting and retaining volunteers. The full report can be downloaded from <http://www.ivr.org.uk/booksandlibrary>

Summaries of the research - *Working in Volunteer Management* and *Organising Volunteer Management* are also available from <http://www.ivr.org.uk/researchbulletins>

The impact of public policy on volunteering in community based organisations

Carried out in partnership with the Institute for Voluntary Action Research, this study explored the ways in which government initiatives and policies are impacting on volunteering in community-based organisations. The study found that volunteering in these organisations is increasingly being moulded by external factors such as legislation, policy and funding programmes. The full report can be downloaded from <http://www.ivr.org.uk/booksandlibrary>

A summary of the research is available from <http://www.ivr.org.uk/researchbulletins>

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IVR Publications (continued)

Volunteering to Lead: A Study of Leadership within Small Volunteer-led Groups

This study looked at the unique issues of volunteering within groups that are purely volunteer-led. In particular, it looked at leadership issues and the challenges faced by volunteers in these groups associated with their growth and development. The full report is available from <http://www.ivr.org.uk/booksandlibrary>

A summary of the research can be found at <http://www.ivr.org.uk/researchbulletins>

Further Findings from Helping Out

IVR has produced a number of research bulletins connected to Helping Out, the latest national survey of volunteering and charitable giving in England. Each bulletin focuses on a different issue, pulling together and summarising key findings, as well as reporting on new analysis. All of the bulletins can be downloaded from the IVR website: <http://www.ivr.org.uk/booksandlibrary>

Topics include:

Who gives time now? Patterns of participation in volunteering

The changing and non-changing faces of volunteering

Regular and occasional volunteers - How and why they help out

Young people help out - Volunteering and giving among young people

Volunteering among groups deemed at risk of social exclusion

Managing for success - Volunteers' views on their involvement and support

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Caring companies - Engagement in employer-supported volunteering

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