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## **Editor's Column**

Dear Friends.

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

In addition to a note from President Faye Crosby, you will find in this edition notes from Treasurer Karen Hegtvedt, and Conference organizer Jeff Pfeifer. You'll also find notes about several upcoming conferences. If you hear of any others that may be relevant for our members - please let me know!

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

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

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

Finally, may we remind you – if you didn't send your vote for the ISJR presidential elections- to exercise your democratic rights and send it ASAP? (All ISJR members should have received the information and ballot by mail).

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

Dahlia Moore.

Editor.

Please send all suggestions, comments or material you want to include to <a href="mailto:dmoore@colman.ac.il">dmoore@colman.ac.il</a> and we'll do our best to include it.

Dahlia Moore

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#### A note from the President

Dear Friends.

With the formal study of social justice, as with so much else in life, the devil is in the details. So, in this message, I'd like to communicate a few specific items of information and also a general one.

First, with the help of our paid worker, Sibylle Classen, along with if Treasurer Karen Hegdvedt, my assistants and I have been trying to get the membership files up to date. This task has proven somewhat more difficult than we anticipated. Who would have thought that it would be so hard to keep the list current? You can help a lot by paying your membership dues promptly and by communicating to Karen any changes in address or email.

You can also help by letting me know your opinions about whether you prefer to pay by mail or to use an electronic system such as paypal. If you have strong feelings, please email me at <a href="mailto:ficrosby@ucsc.edu">ficrosby@ucsc.edu</a>.

Second, Jeff Pfeifer and his colleagues at the University of Regina in Canada have been working incredibly hard to put together what promises to be an outstanding conference for the end of June. You can read more about that in other parts of the Newsletter, and we hope to see you there! The website for the conference is:

<u>http://cat.uregina.ca/isjr</u>
. Or you can access it through our main website: www.isjr.org.

I personally also hope that some of the ISJR members will think about attending the biannual conference of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) that will take place in Washington DC just prior to our own conference. SPSSI has a long and distinguished history as an organization that combines scholarship and activism. Some ISJR members are already members of SPSSI. Others have just received a gift membership to SPSSI, from me. If you are an ISJR member who is not already a SPSSI member but who would like to be, and if you did not recently get an email from me announcing the gift membership, then you should email me at your earliest convenience. SPSSI's website is: <a href="www.spssi.org">www.spssi.org</a>.

We also hope that people will begin thinking about the 2006 conference. Does anyone have a venue in mind? It's time to begin to explore our options. At the business meeting in Regina, we will want to select the site for 2006. So – put your thinking caps on now. Feel free to contact me to explore possibilities.

And while those thinking caps are on, you might cast a thought to whether you would like to be the next Treasurer or the next Secretary of ISJR. In Regina, we will elect the next Treasurer and Secretary.

Before Regina, we will know the name of the next President. We are keeping the ballots as they come in and my assistant, Audrey Leonard, will count them. By December 1, we should be able to announce the winner. With the help of Dahlia Moore and Audrey Leonard, we will be able to email the results to you.

So much for the details. Now for the general message. I wish generally to express heart-felt thanks to all the members, officers, and staff who volunteer their time and go above and beyond the call of duty for ISJR. When Mel Lerner conceived of the idea of an international community of scholars who could study issues of justice, he had a brilliant idea. Mel, Leo Montada, Riel Vermunt, Ron Dillehay, and many others worked hard to transform a good idea into a living reality. Meanwhile, the current cohort of enthusiasts has been working equally hard to continue the dream. Karen Hegdvedt has spent countless hours regularizing the membership rolls. Her work has been extremely important to us all and especially to John Jost, who has agreed to take over the editorship of SJR. Meanwhile, Kees van den Bos has stood at the ready to help in any emergency, and Dahlia Moore has been her usual indefatigable self putting together the newsletters and generating one good innovation after another. Jeff Pfeifer and colleagues have been working hard to make the 10th biannual ISJR conference a roaring success. And all the while, with the courtly presence of Leo Montada in the background, Sibylle Classen and Anette Weidler have labored at keeping our financial affairs in order and our website up to date! To all, I offer my sincere thanks.

Now, if only we could get our political leaders to work as hard at creating justice as we work to create an organization to study justice, the world would be a much sunnier place!

Best wishes to us all.

Faye Crosby

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#### A note from the Treasurer

#### IT'S A TIMING THING: DUES PAYMENT AND THE ARRIVAL OF SJR

ISJR members who paid their 2002 dues (by January of 2003) recently received a bundle of four issues of Social Justice Research. Soon Kluwer, the publisher of SJR, will ask for the list of 2003 dues paid members so that issues of volume 16 may go out (as a bundle). While receiving packages may be exciting, many ISJR members have rightfully expressed concern about not getting issues in a timely fashion. The executive committee and SJR editors concur.

To rectify this situation – and provide issues as they are produced – we must submit the names of dues paid members to Kluwer very early in the year (e.g., February). To that end, we encourage members to submit their dues as soon as possible (see the credit card payment form included in this newsletter). In addition, we will send a personal email with the credit card payment form as a reminder to pay dues for 2004. Payments will be processed by Ms. Sibylle Clausen, who will forward the money to the ISJR account so that we can pay Kluwer before the March issue is completed. Kluwer can then send out journal issues as they are produced.

Thus, it is a timing thing: when dues come in on time (by January), then issues of the journal can go out on time. No more big packages, but more frequent news of new studies and results. Thank you for helping us to ensure synchronization of the timing!

Karen A. Hegtvedt Emory University ISJR Treasurer

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# A note from the Conference Organizer

Dear Colleagues.

In 2004 the University of Regina will host the Xth biennial conference of the International Society for Justice Research. This international event will draw presenters from six continents and in the past has attracted people with a wide range of perspectives on justice research, including legal scholars and practitioners, people working in other professions and in government, and representatives from a range of academic disciplines. The conference will be in session from June 30th – July 3rd, 2004.

Information about the conference can be found at the conference website: www.uregina.ca/isjr. The organizers welcome applications from participants who wish to be part of pre-arranged sessions, and from individuals. The organizers particularly welcome applications from students, who may present papers or take part in the poster event.

<u>Jeff Pfeifer</u> Conference organizer

Call for Papers (Word-document)

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# **Applications**

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

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#### **Members' News**

Ronald Dillehay became Professor of Psychology Emeritus at the University of Nevada, Reno in May of this year. In so doing, he also relinquished his position as Director of the Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies. He is continuing research on media effects on prospective jurors in high profile cases, many of them involving the death penalty, and on voir dire issues. He is also seeing through to completion some doctoral students still pursuing their work and serving as a consultant to the Judicial Studies Program and the Grant Sawyer Center on a part-time basis for this academic year.

Jane Mansbridge, now Adams Professor at the Kennedy School at Harvard, announces stepping down as founding Faculty Chair of the Women and Public Policy Program at the Kennedy School. It feels great to have helped get this new program started, and it is now in the terrific hands of Iris Bohnet (an excellent behavioral economist who works on trust, and has done some good work on gender and trust).

**Dahlia Moore** was recently appointed head of the new Graduate Program in Organizational Development and Consulting at the Department of Behavioral Sciences, the College of Management, Rishon LeZion, Israel. The program is first of its kind in Israel. Amongst hundreds of applicants for the program, about 90 students were accepted.

**Margit Oswald** was made treasurer of the Section "Psychology of Law" of the German Society of Psychology, in September 2003.

**Daniel P. Skarlicki** received the Sauder School Research Award for 2003-2004. The Sauder School of Business is the new name of UBC Commerce, University of British Columbia. Dan's address has been changed to skarlicki@sauder.ubc.ca.

**Linda Skitka**, University of Illinois at Chicago, was promoted to full professor, September 2003.

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