

ASPA Conference Truly an International Experience

Society Offers Several International Sessions, Meetings and Gatherings at Annual Conference

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ASPA's growing international activities and interests are reflected in the programming offered at our 2009 Annual Conference (March 20-24, 2009, in Miami, FL). More than 30 panels, roundtable discussions, poster sessions, and special events show our commitment to voicing concerns and viewpoints from outside the United States and advancing public administration internationally.

In fact, we are pleased to have Señor Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza deliver the opening keynote address. Señor Pichardo has a long celebrated history in the Mexican government, serving as general comptroller and secretary of energy.

Here are some of the other international topics to be discussed at the conference:

Saturday, March 21

- Applying Tools of Complexity Theory to Understanding Metropolitan Governance: International Perspectives
- The Historical Development of Public Administration in East Asia: Japan, Korean, and Taiwan
- Understanding the World Bank as an Organization: Its Public Sector Management Projects 1983-2007
- Environmental, Economic, and Health Impacts of Petroleum Exploitation in the Niger Delta Communities of Nigeria

Sunday, March 22

- Building Administrative Capacity for the Age of Rapid Globalization: A Modest Prescription for the 21st Century
- Public Service Delivery of Network Governance and Across Border: The Case Study of Drug Abuse Control Center in Taiwan
- The Challenge of Oral Examination for Civil Service Recruitment in Taiwan
- Symposium on International Exchanges: Reaching Out to Promote Democratic Governance
- The Application of Public Policy and Environmental Issues: The Case of Water Rights Fee in Taiwan
- A Sociocultural View of Public Organization Ethics Building in the Balkans - Serbia and Montenegro
- Applying Social Equity in Urban Development in the City of Leipzig: A Model for some United States Cities?
- Making Citizen Participation Work in Latin America
- Collaborative Governance in Developing Countries: Improving Governance and Civic Engagement in Kyrgyzstan
- The Institutional Requisites for Successful Civic Engagement in Local Governance: The Case of Chung Kang Drainage Pilot Project

Monday, March 23

- Setting Global Standards of Excellence in Public Administration Education
- A Study of the Role of the Public Sector and the Change of Public Governance in the Economic Development Process: The Case of South Korea
- Innovation Activities across Borders: Evidence from Publications and Patents
- Approaches to Conflict Resolution in Forest and Water Policies in Mexico
- New Challenges in the Non-profit Sector: The Case of Iceland
- Implementing Performance Measurement: Balanced Scorecard (BSC) in the Korean Government
- Global Best Practices in E-Governance
- Emergency Management in the International Arena
- Citizen Engagement Capacity, Process, and Performance for Active Policy Involvement of Citizens in Korea
- Administrative Discretion and Public Opinion: Evidence from the EU

Tuesday, March 24

- The Role of Social Networks and Management Factors in Organizational Commitment: Evidence from Local Governments in South Korea

- Exporting American Public Personnel Management: The Case of Kyrgyzstan
- Globalization, Local Economic Development, and Cross-Border Collaboration in A Comparative Perspective
- 290 or So Elections Later - The Role of African Bureaucracies in Promoting Good Governance and Socioeconomic Development

ASPA will also host a meeting of the Consortium for International Public Administration at the conference on Monday, March 23, 2009. The consortium is comprised of representatives from the United States (ASPA, NASPAA and NAPA) and international public administration organizations.

We are also pleased to announce that Pan Suk Kim will receive ASPA's 2009 International Public Administration Award during the ASPA awards ceremony on Monday afternoon. Kim is Director and Professor, Institute for Regional Studies and Development, College of Government and Business, Yonsei University, South Korea. Monday evening, there will be an International Reception, sponsored by Rutgers University-Newark, to which all international attendees are invited.

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Students preparing for public service careers will benefit not only from the wisdom and insight in *Public Administration with an Attitude*, but from the pervading theme of the honor and dignity of public service. Practicing public servants will enjoy the rich use of examples, the telling of great public administration stories, and especially the descriptions of public administration heroes and heroic moments.

This book is a lot more interesting than a spreadsheet (...and more accurate)!

China MOU Has Busy Year

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In addition, *Public Management & Administration Illustrated* (edited by Marc Holzer and Etienne Charbonneau, 2008) is being translated into Chinese and will be published in the near future. Topics addressed in this book are: Systems and Environment of the Public Sector, Developing Human Resources, Adapting Technologies, Building Partnerships, Measuring for Performance, and Improving Public Productivity. Visual support enables insightful ideas to leap over language barriers. The translation of this book will provide a vivid tool in exchanges with Chinese Public Administration community. It will be available as a free download.

2009 Meeting with Chinese Public Administration Society

Robert Shick, on behalf of the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University-Newark campus, met with the Chinese Public Administration Society in February 2009. A new Beijing-based international MPA degree or certificate program, offered by the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers-Newark is being explored. This program, expected to start this coming summer or fall, will be the first international public administration program in China, incorporating both Chinese and international perspectives.

Chinese public administration is undergoing dramatic transformation. SCPA is committed to witnessing, recording, and analyzing this transformation by strengthening collaboration between the public administration communities in the United States and China. We certainly welcome more American scholars and practitioners as members of ASPA's Section on Chinese Public Administration.

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