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From_the_President

Greetings! It is my distinct honor to be your President for the 1998-99 year, and I look forward to working with the Executive Council during my tenure in office.

The Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) held its Sixteenth Annual Meeting in Durham, North Carolina, October 8-10, 1998. The commitment and support of the participants helped to make the Conference a success! Furthermore, the Local Arrangements Committee members deserve special thanks for their dedication! In addition, let me take this opportunity to thank Donald Simmons who urged me to run for office in the first place.

The ATWS annual meetings allow members to express their debt of gratitude, by carrying his torch, to the Association's founder, Harold Isaacs. Since its inception in 1983, the ATWS has grown both in membership and professional activities, including publication of the JOURNAL OF THIRD WORLD STUDIES, A.T.W.S. CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, and A.T.W.S. NEWSLETTER. Furthermore, the Association is proud of its chapters in Africa and South Asia. Thanks to Marcia Jones, the Fifteenth Annual Meeting in Connecticut marked a quantum leap in publication of the Conference Program. The Sixteenth Annual Meeting in North Carolina successfully implemented the pre-registration policy (for Conference participants) and introduced Conference paper sale. Tom Leonard will take the forthcoming Seventeenth Annual Meeting to Costa Rica, the first time that ATWS will hold its Annual Meeting in the Third World. Hopefully, the Conference will promote an ATWS chapter in Latin America!

As ATWS grows, understandably, it will experience "growing pains," particularly during its teenage years. Consequently, there is a greater need to institutionalize the processes for organizational management. During my tenure in office, I plan to work with the Executive Council in four areas: professional excellence, transparency, outreach, and diversity.

The conference paper sale was an additional step in giving a professional image to our Annual Meetings. It not only implies that discussants have completed papers, but also that colleagues can benefit from a copy.

While the Association is delighted to have regional chapters, it would be helpful to have greater opportunity for interactions between the regional and international bodies. In addition to periodically holding the international meeting in the Third World, it would be enriching to have scholars from the chapters participate at the Annual Meetings. Funding, of course, is a challenge in that outreach effort. As ATWS has grown, so has the diversity of its membership. That diversity could be better reflected in the decision-making process of the Association. Such an outcome warrants greater willingness

on the part of new members to run for office, including Committee membership. Furthermore, institutionalization involves developing new guidelines. The general membership needs to be informed about the changes in rules and regulations, including the Constitutional process.

I wish you a pleasant and productive year! Look forward to seeing you in San Jose, Costa Rica, in November 1999.

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The-ATWS-Book-Length-Award

Renamed for Cecil B. Currey

The ATWS Book-Length Publications Award was recently renamed for Dr. Cecil B. Currey in honor of his generosity in supporting the award. Dr. Currey, a well-known authority on the history of Vietnam, became the first recipient of the ATWS Book-Length Publications Award. Created by Dr. Bill Head in 1997, the award recognizes the success of an ATWS member in producing a book-length publication.

Professor Emeritus of History at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Dr. Currey still teaches part-time and has a total of 32 years of service at USF. A prolific scholar who has written a total of 15 books and many chapters in books, articles, review essays, and reviews, Dr. Currey is well-known for publications such as *Victory at Any Cost*, a biography of Vo Nguyen Giap, the great Vietnam general.

Dr. Currey is a full retired Colonel in the National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve and has served as a chaplain for 27 years.

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Third-Annual-South-Asia-Chapter-ATWS Conference Held in Trivandrum, Kerala, India

By, K.K. Kusuman, Chairman of the Program Committee for Annual Conferences
ATWS, South Asia Chapter in India

The third annual conference of the ATWS-South Asia chapter was held at Trivandrum on March 7-8, 1998.

On March 7 at 9:30 A.M., there was an inaugural session which was chaired by Dr. Isaiah Azariah, president of the ATWS–South Asia Chapter. Dr. Anand Inbanathan, secretary of the ATWS, welcomed the gathering. Dr. K.K. Kusuman, chairman of the program committee, made the introductory remarks and this was followed by the inaugural address of Mr. R. Ravindra Kumar, additional director, Electronics Research and Development Centre unit of ER & DEI, a scientific society of the Department of Electronics, Government of India. He stressed environmental pollution, which invited, among other things, genetical problems. It was followed by the presidential address of Dr. Azariah who explained in brief the activities of the ATWS–South Asia Chapter in the past two years. Mr. Raja Thankam, secretary, conference arrangement committee, proposed a vote of thanks.

The inaugural session was followed by panel sessions. The general theme of the conference was “India on the Brink of Twenty–first Century”. The first session was chaired by Dr. V. Yesudhasan. Dr. Padmaja A. Patil (Shivaji University, Maharashtra), Dr. K. Jyothikamalam (Department of Demography, University of Kerala), Dr. R. Sooryamoorthy and Dr. D. Renjini (Loyola College, Trivandrum), presented papers on various aspects of women’s problems.

The second session, which focused on women’s problems, was chaired by Dr. V. Balambal. Dr. L.K. Sivanesan (reader in history, Periyar E.V.R. College, Trichy, Tamilnadu), Dr. V. Sathianesan (reader of the same college), and Dr. K.G. Vijayalakshmi (assistant population education officer, Family Planning Program of India) presented papers.

The third session was presided over by Dr. M. Kuttappan, director of economics and statistics, Govt. of Kerala. Dr. M. Kunhaman (reader in economics, University of Kerala) and Mr. C. John Rose presented papers. These two papers analyzed certain aspects of the economic problems faced by third world countries, with particular reference to India.

The fourth session was chaired by Dr. K. Sadasivan, professor of history, M.S. University, Tamilnadu. Dr. E. Marimuthu, Mrs. P. Vasumathi Devi and Dr. S.M. Mohammad Koya presented papers. The authors discussed some of the socio–economic problems of South India.

The fifth session concentrated on environment. The session was chaired by Dr. K. Narayanan Nair (formerly scientist, V.S.S.C., Thumba). Papers were presented by Dr. A. Prasanna (Govt. Law College, Trivandrum), Dr. K.G. Vasanthamadhava (fellow, I.C.H.R., University of Calicut), and Dr. P. Hymavathy (reader in history, Kakatiya University, Andhra Pradesh).

The sixth session was chaired by Dr. L.K. Sivanesan and papers on women’s problems were presented by Dr. K. Sadasivan and Dr. V. Balambal.

On March 8, 1998, the valedictory session at 4 P.M. was chaired by Dr. Azariah. The gathering was welcomed by Smt. P. Vasumathi Devi. The valedictory address was given by Dr. P. Jayasingh, principal, N.M. Christian College, Tamilnadu. Dr. P. Rajalingam proposed a vote of thanks.

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ATWS–NEEDS–YOUR–SUPPORT

There is a real need for the ATWS to develop a separate fund to be used to support scholarship among our members, to award prizes each year for a *Best Book written by an ATWS member*, and a *Best Article written by an ATWS member* published in *The Journal of Third World Studies*.

Such efforts are now difficult at best and cannot be funded solely by money in our general fund.

Last year the ATWS started a *Book Prize Fund*. The Executive Council needs your help and your financial support to make it grow. The Council asks you to join in this effort by completing the attached pledge/support card. Your continued support of the ATWS is greatly appreciated.

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1998-Conference-Another-Success

M. Bazlul Karim was the recipient of the *Presidential Award* presented by Dr. Marcia Jones for his outstanding contribution — the ATWS website.

John M. Mbaku won the “Cecil B. Currey ATWS Book-Length Publications Award” given for the best book published by an ATWS member during the previous year. John received his award for the book he published in 1997 entitled *Institutions and Reform in Africa: The Public Choice Perspective* (Praeger).

Dr. Osita G. Afoaku, associate professor, Department of Africana Studies, University of North Colorado, received the *Reddick Award for Best Article on Africa*. His article entitled, “The U.S. and Mobutu Sese Seko: Waiting on Disaster” was published in the Spring 1997 issue of the *Journal of Third World Studies*, Vol. XIV, No.1, pp.65-90.

ATWS’s 16th Annual Meeting was held from October 8-10, in Durham, North Carolina, at the Regal University Hotel. The conference theme, *Rhetoric versus Action: The Challenge of Policy Implementation*, led to the presentation of many thought-provoking papers and discussions on topics such as “The Role of Education in the Third World,” and “Diplomatic Relations in the Middle East.” All told, nine panels, each containing four sessions, were held with a total of 84 presentations given by the end of the conference. Scholars from all over the world took part, representing institutions and organizations from the United States as well as Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, India, Kenya, Mexico, and Singapore. This year’s pre-registration procedures were very successful, ensuring that participants were registered and received all conference materials when they arrived. Congratulations go to Dr. Rolin Mainuddin for his excellent organization of the conference. Everything went very smoothly and all who participated were complimentary of the professional manner in which the conference was conducted. Dr. Mainuddin certainly has set the standard for future conferences. A special note of thanks to Department Chair, Dr. Jarvis Hall, and the administrative staff and students of North Carolina Central University. — Nancy Shumaker

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Upcoming-Conference

17th Annual Meeting
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**November 18-20,
 1999**

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 Rica – San Jose
 San Jose, Costa Rica

Theme:

Interdisciplinary Approach to
 Third World Studies

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Publications

From the Members:

A.B. Assensoh has published an article on the suspicious death of Chief M.K.O. Abiola in the *Indiana Daily Student* (IDS), the student newspaper of Indiana University. The article appears on the newspaper's website at www.idsnews.com, and appeared on July 13, 1998, on page 6.

A.B. Assensoh has published a book, *African Political Leadership*, with the foreword written by **John M. Mbaku**. The publisher is Krieger Publishers, Krieger Drive, Malabar, FL 32950.

William Head and **Ed Clausen** are co-editors for a new Praeger/Greenwood book entitled, *Weaving a New Tapestry: Asia in the Post-Cold War World*, which came out in October 1998. Rachel Nugent, Pacific Lutheran University, **Paul Rodell**, Georgia Southern University, David Potter, Northern Kentucky University, **Sun Yi**, San Diego University, **Sudha Ratan**, Georgia Southern University, and **Peng Deng**, High Point University, are among the contributors.

From the Inter-American Development Bank

Progress, Poverty and Exclusion, an economic history of Latin America in the 20th Century by Rosemary Thorp. Read chapter one at www.press.jhu.edu (1998, 384 pp., 1-886938-35-0, \$19.96, reg. \$24.95 pb).

Budget and Control, Reforming the Public Sector in Latin America by Humberto Petrei (1998, 450 pp., 1-886938-41-5, \$19.96, reg. \$24.95 pb).

High Price for Change, Privatization in Mexico by Jacques Rogozinski (1999, 196 pp., 1-886938-43-1, \$19.16, reg. \$23.95 pb).

From the Overseas Development Council

The Future of Multilateral Aid, by Ravi Kanbur (1999, 100 pp., 1-56517-026-1, \$11.16, reg. \$13.95 pb).

Supporting Effective Aid, a framework for future concessional funding of multilateral development banks by Stephen Eccles and Catherine Gwin (1999, 120 pp., 1-56517-028-8, \$11.16, reg. \$13.95 pb).

Trade, Environment, and the WTO by Gary Sampson (1999, 100 pp., 1-56517-029-6, \$11.16, reg. \$13.95 pb).

From the International Food Policy Research Institute

Famine in Africa, Causes, Responses, and Prevention by Joachim von Brawn, Tesfaye Tekly, and Patrick Webb (1999, 224 pp., 23 illus., 0-8018-6121-7, \$31.20, reg. \$39.00 hc).

From the International Monetary Fund

The March 1999, Volume 36, Number 1, issue of *Finance & Development* focuses on Africa. Get your free copy by contacting: IMF Publication Services, Box FD99, Washington, DC 20431, USA. Telephone: (202) 623-7430, Fax: (202) 623-7201, and e-mail: publications@imf.org

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Announcements

The International Political Science Association XVIII World Congress is scheduled for August 1–6, 2000, in Quebec City, Canada. Additional information may be obtained at the following website: afux.prosus.no/ipsa/ or by contacting Dr. William M. Lafferty at ipsachair@stv.uio.no

Call for Papers and Proposals

Journal of Poverty: Innovations on Social, Political and Economic Inequalities, is a refereed journal outlet on issues of poverty and inequality. Additional information is available at www.csw.ohio-state.edu/jpov

Crime, Law and Social Change will devote a special issue in 2000 to criminology and socio-legal approaches to understanding the Holocaust and other genocides. Contact L. Edward Day at Department of Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University, 211 Oswald Tower, University Park, PA 16802–6207.

Fulbright Scholar Program 2000–01

The application deadline for 2000–2001 Fulbright lecturing and research awards is August 1, 1999. Other deadlines are in effect for special programs. To access 2000–2001 awards information, late award postings, and application forms and guidelines, please visit CIES online at www.cies.org. A 2000–2001 awards book and application forms, in either printed or diskette format, can also be obtained by contacting CIES at

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