

International Political Science

IPSA World Congress

The International Political Science Association is holding its 17th World Congress in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from August 17 to 21, 1997, under the general theme of "Conflict and Order." The Seoul World Congress is estimated to feature over 280 sessions with the participation of over 2,000 political scientists from all over the world.

How to get to Seoul

While Seoul may seem distant, expanding networks of air transportation make it easy to reach. 23 airlines offer flights into Korea, including major carriers such as Korean Airlines, Asiana Airlines, Northwest Airlines, United Airlines, Delta Airlines, Japan Airlines, and most major European carriers. The local organizing committee realizes that airfare prices can be rather steep; we will provide a list of travel agencies that offer special discounts for participants. At present, rough estimates of discounted round trip airfare between Seoul and major cities in the United States are as follows: east coast, southeast, and midwest (US\$900–US\$1,000); west coast and southwest (US\$750–US\$950). Please contact the local organizing committee for further information.

Visa

Citizens of CANADA, MEXICO, and USA are not required to obtain entry visas for a stay under 15 days. (as of August 1996)

Accommodations

The local organizing committee has chosen the Hotel Lotte as the main venue of the congress. Two hotels of close proximity will also be used for several of the panels: the Westin Chosun Hotel and the Seoul Plaza Hotel.

Reservations for three categories (A: above US\$120, B: between US\$100–US\$120, C: between US\$80–

US\$100) will be available. The Hotel Lotte is an A category hotel. In addition, the local organizing committee will do its best in securing chapter hotels around the convention site. Dormitory rooms at Yonsei University will also be available for those seeking a cheap accommodation. Prices quoted here can be changed depending on exchange rate at the time of the congress. If you are an IPSA member, you will receive a hotel reservation form in the Fall issue of *Participation*. Otherwise, you are advised to contact the local organizing committee.

Local Transportation

Kimpo International Airport is 18 kilometers from downtown Seoul. Upon arrival at Kimpo, all congress participants will be greeted at a reception desk by members of the local organizing committee.

Participants are recommended to use shuttle buses (airport to Hotel Lotte) or mass transit systems. The buses are convenient and comfortable and reach downtown Seoul in about 40 minutes. Another convenient way to travel downtown is via taxicab, although this will be considerably more expensive. The subway may also be taken; all signs are in both Korean and English.

Special Events and Tour Package

The congress will feature several special events, including an opening reception hosted by the Mayor of Seoul and a farewell ceremony and Korean night hosted by the Minister of Culture and Sports. Tours will be offered before and after the congress. Booking will be available with the Congress Registration Form, to be enclosed in the Fall issue of *Participation*.

All tours will be arranged by the Lotte Travel Agency and guided in English and French. There are pre-congress tours (Panmunjom and Demilitarised Zone tour, Independence Memorial Hall tour), city tours

(Kyoungbok Palace tour, Namdaemun tour), and post-congress tours (Korean Folk Village tour, Cheju Island tour, and Kyongju tour).

There will be a short description of each enclosed with the Registration Form. If there are any further inquiries about the 17th World Congress, please direct them to the local organizing committee.

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The most up to date information on The Seoul congress is available on the World Wide Web, accessible through URL: <http://www.yonsei.ac.kr/ipsa97/index.html>

Time Remains to Submit Paper Proposals for IPSA World Congress

The World Congress of Political Science of IPSA is to political scientists what the Olympics are to sports fans. Now that the Olympics are over, it is time to turn our attention to the tri-annual meeting of the International Political Science Association. There is still last-minute time for paper proposals (it is too late to propose panels). The IPSA program can be found on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.jhu.edu/~sais/confer/general.html>. If you have a paper topic to volunteer, please contact the appropriate panel chairman directly, and send a copy to the IPSA 1997 program chairman, I. William Zartman, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036-1984; Fax (202) 663-5683; E-mail in care of tsimmons@mail.jhuwash.jhu.edu.