

IPSA Electoral Systems Research Committee

The **Electoral Systems Research Committee** of the International Political Science Association has issued a new, 177-page, *Directory of Election Observers* identifying 50 scholars from a variety of countries sharing a particular competence and expert knowledge of election operations.

The emphasis in the *Directory* is on the professional competence and ability of those included. Each is an expert in his area and each brings to the task the highest level of professional achievements, individual ability, and commitment—as is indicated by the professional biographies.

Full listings are provided in the *Directory* for each of the 50 scholars, including addresses, telephone numbers, and other relevant information. For further information concerning the *Directory* project, please contact William J. Crotty, Editor, *ESRC Directory of Election Observers*, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60201; phone: (708) 491-2624 or 491-7450 (messages); fax: (708) 491-8985. Copies of the 177-page *Directory* may be obtained at a postage-paid cost of \$12 U.S. (\$20 U.S. for air mail) from Lawrence D. Longley, Co-Chair, ESRC, Department of Government, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI 54912; phone: (414) 832-6673; fax: (414) 832-6944.

The **IPSA Electoral Systems Research Committee** is an organization of nearly 200 individuals from 33 different countries of the world who seek to facilitate research into the comparative forms and effects of

representation and electoral systems. Membership in the Electoral Systems Research Committee is open to all scholars interested in the study of representation and electoral systems, including national, cross-national, and sub-national aspects. The current ESRC membership period runs through the 1994 IPSA World Congress in Berlin, and entitles international scholars to information concerning the professional activities of the Research Committee (including program plans for ESRC panel sessions at the 1994 IPSA Berlin World Congress), receipt of the *International Newsletter*, and listing in the *ESRC International Membership Directory and Research Register*.

The **Electoral Systems Research Committee** recently organized and conducted an international workshop in Tallinn, Estonia, from January 3 to 8, 1993, on electoral system design involving some 100 participants from the new Commonwealth of Independent States and Baltic nations. The Workshop was the first in a new initiative—the IPSA Workshops—which are designed to make available small groups of experts from the IPSA Research Committees and Study Groups to contribute to the current process of democratization. The Workshops will cover such issues as elections and party systems, public administration, democratic theory and curriculum development in political science, tailored to the specific needs and interests of the host country.

The ESRC also has published a revised and expanded 1992 third edition of the *International Bibliography on Electoral Systems* by Richard

S. Katz of the Johns Hopkins University. This 102-page compilation identifies in some 35 distinct categories over 2,500 major works dealing with the forms and effects of representation and electoral systems, including national, cross-national, and sub-national studies. This unique and major bibliographic reference, expanded by over 1,000 new entries from the preceding 1989 edition, with special additional bibliographic coverage of electoral systems in the new Central and East European regimes and in the Third World, is available now at a postage-paid cost of \$8 U.S. (or £6 sterling) for ESRC members, or \$15 (or £11) for non-ESRC members, from Lawrence D. Longley, Co-Chair, Electoral Systems Research Committee, Department of Government, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI 54912; phone: (414) 832-6673; fax: (414) 832-6944.

Membership dues through 1994 are \$20 U.S. or £12 sterling, and may be paid in either currency. In order to join the Electoral Systems Research Committee, please send a check for either currency amount made out to "ESRC" along with a note of your name, mailing address, and current representation and electoral systems research interests, to Lawrence D. Longley at the address above, or, alternatively, to Enid Lakeman, Electoral Systems Research Committee, c/o Electoral Reform Society, 6 Chancel Street, London SE 1 0UU, England. Research Committee membership through 1994 and the revised and expanded 1992 third edition of the *International Bibliography* are available together at a combined cost of \$28 U.S. (or £18).