International Political Science

XVII International Political **Science Association World** Congress

The 17th World Congress will be held in Seoul, South Korea on August 17-21. The main academic sessions will run from August 18 to August 21. Business meetings of various kinds (including those of research committees and study groups) have been provisionally scheduled on these days, except for the meeting of the IPSA Council, which has been scheduled for August 17.

Venue

The main congress venue is the Hotel Lotte in downtown Seoul. A small number of meetings will take place in other nearby hotels.

Accommodation

Participants are advised to reserve accommodation through the local organising committee, which has negotiated substantial reductions at the main hotels. Accommodation options include the Hotel Lotte and other similar class hotels (approximately USD125 per room per night), other nearby hotels of a high standard (USD90) and Yonsei University residences (USD20; first preference here is being given to students and to participants from countries with currency conversion difficulties). The hotel rates are the same for double occupancy as for single occupancy, so those willing to share can make substantial savings.

Travel

Korea is connected with just about every major capital in the world, either through direct flights or by connecting flights at major international airports in the East Asia (about 600 flights in and out of Korea every week). Since 1963, Seoul has been included in the roundthe-world air schedule approved by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). This permits any passenger on a round-the-world ticket to visit at no additional charge. The local organisers have been in touch with the following travel agencies with a view to securing attractive fares (sample fares quoted are

USD850 from the Eastern USA, USD750-800 from the Western USA and USD1,000 from Paris):

Korea Travel Service, 1010 Vermont Ave, NW, Suite 509, Washington, DC 20005; Phone: (202) 783 8282 / 347 6600; Fax: (202) 347 2408.

Olympic Travel & Tour, 3003 W. Olympic Boulevard, Suite 104, Los Angeles, CA 90006; Phone: (213) 389 7000; Fax: (213) 389 4455.

COREF International Voyages, 3 rue Molière, 75001 Paris, France; Phone: +33-1-42.60.32.19; Fax: +33-1-42.61.65.37.

Visas

Visas are required for participants from the following countries. It is recommended that participants from these countries get in touch with the local organising committee before applying for visas at Korean Embassies, who will take appropriate measures with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. Citizens of other countries do not require visas for a stay under 15 days: (as of August 1996):

- Africa: Ghana, Nigeria
- North America: Cuba
- Asia: Cambodia, China, India, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri-Lanka, Vietnam
- Europe: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Hercegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Russia, Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekstan
- Middle East: Iran

Registration

Registration forms have been circulated to IPSA members with the winter 1996 issue of Participation, and are also being mailed to all participants by the local organising committee. Although the deadline for early registration is March 1, the local organizers will look sympathetically at those who have missed this

deadline because of an inability to obtain a copy of the form.

Further Information

Further information on all aspects of the congress has been published in earlier issues of Participation, and the 1997 issues will continue to update this. Enquiries about specific aspects of the program may be directed to the program chair or the IPSA secretariat, but for practical information about Seoul and about the administration of the congress participants should contact the local organizing committee. Each of these can be contacted by mail, telephone, fax and email, and each maintains a page on the world wide web on which further information is available.

For inquiries about the academic pro-

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Johns Hopkins University, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036-1984; Phone: (202) 663 5600; Fax: (202) 663 5683; E-mail:

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