International Political Science

IPSA Invites Articles for Participation

The executive committee of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), following a report by the Secretary-General, has decided on a policy for the further development of the IPSA newsletter Participation. The committee believes it has reached "Plateau I" with Participation and now wishes to proceed to "Plateau II." "Plateau I" consisted of reestablishing the IPSA newsletter in 1977 (it had been defunct for a number of years) as a broad but inexpensive vehicle of communication to inform members and other interested political scientists about IPSA activities. "Plateau II" will develop Participation to be a forum for international reporting on recent national, international, subdisciplinary and interdisciplinary trends in political science.

Participation will include commissioned reports on recent developments in national political science communities, on trends in the subject matter of IPSA Research Committees and study groups, on international activities in political science and commentary, review articles and reprints of articles of international interest.

The editors of *Participation* would be very pleased to hear from readers who are interested in preparing commissioned articles on the first two subject areas although these would have to be approved by IPSA or the research committee concerned. The editors would also be happy to receive copies of articles (in any of the UN languages) that have appeared in national newsletters but are of international interest. Most particularly, they would like to receive submitted manuscripts of commentary, review articles, and reprints. Authors should recall they

are writing for an international audience and that manuscripts will have to be selected on the basis that IPSA represents the entire international political science community. Articles will be limited to between one and four pages (between 1000 and 4000 words).

For further information, write to: John E. Trent or Liette Boucher at the IPSA Secretariat, c/o University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 6N5, Canada.

1985 IPSA Congress Update on Special Meetings

At the 1985 World Congress of the International Political Science Association in Paris, France, about one-third of the sessions (25 to 30 sessions) will be organized as special meetings. Special meetings will concern topics of significant interest cross-nationally to political scientists. Each panel should have several papers reflecting international standards of scholarship.

Collectively, the panels will provide representation for scholars not working in the fields emphasized by the special theme of the Congress, "The Changing State and Its Interaction with National and International Society," thus contributing to a balanced program of overall broad interest.

Anyone wishing to undertake the responsibility of organizing a special meeting should send an outline of the topic, with an indication of the types of papers and contributors envisioned, to: Francesco Kjellberg, Institute of Political Science, University of Oslo, Box 1097 Blindern, Oslo 3, Norway. (A copy should be sent to the IPSA Secretariat, c/o University of Ottawa, Ottawa K1N 6N5, Canada.)