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PRESIDENT'S LETTER 2/2018

Dear RC01 members,

In this newsletter you will find updates on the World Congress schedule, administrative details, as well as information on our ongoing effort to nominate candidate for the RC01 executive. Candidates will be voted by ballots which will be sent to all regular and affiliated members of the RC by (e-) mail at least ten weeks before the election day and the election day will be no later than two weeks before the beginning of the World Congress. And last but not least we also still have a couple of registration grants to allocate.

World Congress:

1. We still have a couple of **registration grants** we can allocate. RC's have been granted an extension until 6 March to submit our candidates for registration grants. If you want to avail yourself of this opportunity, you (1) must have a paper accepted, (2) must be a member in good standing of RC01 (that is, you must have paid your membership fee, or must provide evidence of having done so with your submission if you are only paying your fee now), and (3) you should explain why you should receive a registration grant. You should send that documentation to RC01's secretary uros.svete@fdv.uni-lj.si **no later than Monday 5 March**. However, if we receive meritorious propositions before then, we reserve the right to allocate the remaining registration grants prior to 5 March; so, it is in your interest to contact the secretary soonest.
2. If you do not **register** for the ISA World Congress **by 24 March** as per the instructions below, your paper WILL be removed from the program. RC01 has no control over this process; so, please do not try to have your paper reinstated if you miss the deadline.

3. You must also be a **member of RC01 by the date**, and have paid your membership fee through the ISA web site. As per previous instructions, *if your paper is allocated to a RC01 panel and you are not a member of RC01 by 24 March, your paper will be removed, which means it will disappear from the conference program.*
4. If you need a visa to come to Canada, do not delay: visas can take a very long time; over the years I have seen many a good scholar miss a conference or workshop in Canada because their visa did not come through in time. At the same time, anyone I know who applied in good time has always gotten their visa; so, NOW is the time to apply – do not delay. There is no way of speeding up the process, and four months is about enough time have a visa issued.

Lodging: Hotels are plentiful and preferential rates for some hotels are available through ISA: http://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/files/isa18wcs_hotels.pdf

Toronto has become like most large cosmopolitan cities. It is very expensive. If you are an active or retired military member or work for a government or defence department, I MAY be able to secure military accommodation at a rate of about \$50/night + tax – spartan, and a bit out of the way from the Congress venue, but along the subway line and thus easy to access.

If you are looking for inexpensive accommodation within walking distance, I would recommend university residences at Ryerson University or the University of Toronto, both within walking distance. Opportunities and rates differ depending on whether you're a student. Obviously, these will be highly subscribed during the Congress; so, you're well advised to book early.

<https://www.ryerson.ca/housing/summer-housing/>

<http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/hs/summer> -- most of the UofT colleges on this list offer summer housing, but many you will need to contact directly to arrange for a room.

Not on the list is a nice graduate residence on the UofT campus: <https://www.masseycollege.ca/catering/summer-rentals/>

While there is now a train to Toronto's Pearson International Airport, your cheapest option is public transit:

https://www.ttc.ca/Riding_the_TTC/airport_service/toronto_pearson_international.jsp

All that to say, while Toronto may look expensive, there are good options on a modest budget.

Dinner: I am planning a dinner for RC01 members as well as a daytrip to a military installation at either the beginning or end of Congress; likely at the end so plan to

stay an extra day. Details to follow.

Christian Leuprecht

ELECTORAL PROCEDURE

The Nominating Committee consists of yaqil.levy@gmail.com and gerhardkuemmel@bundeswehr.org

They have extended the deadline for nominations to the executive until **Sunday 4 March**. By then, please email them any proposals you have for the positions of president, vice president, executive secretary and executive committee. Please provide justifications for the people you are proposing, and keep in mind that we are looking for people who have an interest in being active on the executive and taking on specific tasks that will further the interests of the RC01.

ISA WORLD CONGRESS

Regarding the World Congress. Details from the conference web site: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/>

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

The preliminary schedule for the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology is now available for you to access online. Please note this schedule is subject to changes. Preliminary Schedule:

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/webprogrampreliminary/meeting.html>

REGISTRATION

The registration deadline for presenters is **March 20th 2018 24:00 GMT**. Presenters who fail to pay a registration fee by the deadline will be automatically deleted from the program. No extension of the deadline is possible.

Please note that Congress Registration is not the same as ISA Membership, they are two separate payments. You do not have to be an ISA member to register, but members receive a discounted registration rate. [Click here to join ISA \(http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/individual-membership/\)](http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/individual-membership/)

Please visit the link below for details on registration fees and to start the registration process.

Congress Registration:

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/registration/call.cgi>

*To ensure your registration is linked to the correct account, please register using email address lindy@sun.ac.za

PLEASE FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING LINKS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ACCOMMODATION, TRAVEL AND VISAS

• **Accommodation Booking:**

http://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/files/isa18wcs_hotels.pdf

• **Travel Information:** <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/travel-to-toronto/>

• **Visa Information:** <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/visa/>

• **Visa Invitation Letters:** After registration payment has been received you will receive an email with a link to request an invitation letter for your visa application. If you don't receive an invitation letter after completing the request form, please contact visaISA2018@jpdj.com

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**We hope that you enjoyed reading
this issue of RC 01's newsletter.**

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