

Annual Report of the Committee on International Cooperation for the Period July 1 2009 through June 30 2010

The Committee is happy to report that the situations at the Czech Academy of Sciences and the Department of Philosophy at the University of Melbourne with which the Committee were involved last year have significantly improved and that the University of Oxford has put in place a fellowship in memory of Neda Soltan, the Iranian philosophy student who died during a protest last summer. This year, the CIC was called upon a number of times to assist departments overseas in their attempts to resist personnel cuts proposed by university administrators without following proper procedures. Support was requested from the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Philosophy Departments at King's College (University of London) and Middlesex University. The Committee endorsed a letter written by FISP in support of the Russian philosophers and sent a letter to the King's College administration protesting the faculty cuts proposed there. The Committee co-authored a letter with the British Philosophical Association and the Australasian Association of Philosophy that was sent to the Middlesex administration protesting the decision to eliminate the Philosophy Department. The Committee is happy to report that the faculty cuts at King's College were rescinded and the majority of the Middlesex faculty have transferred to Kingston University.

Other items discussed during the year were possible help to philosophers in India who are operating in some difficult circumstances, including the surge in interest amongst students in pursuing degrees in IT and business leading to a number of philosophy departments being shut down and a serious decline in the number of students studying philosophy. A proposal was made to the APA Board to allow reduced rates for job advertisements for institutions located in underdeveloped countries and the motion was passed. Initial explorations have been made to set up a web site offering information about overseas philosophers visiting the USA and APA members spending extended periods of time abroad. The Committee evaluated and sent recommendations to the Executive Director concerning grant applications submitted to the APA in the Committee's areas of interest.

APA Sessions Arranged by the Committee on International Cooperation
Pacific Division Meetings Spring 2010

1. Topic: The Israeli_Palestinian Conflict and the Possibility of Dialogue

Chair: Anat Biletzki, Tel Aviv University

Participants:

Mohammed Abed, California State University – Los Angeles

Ovadia Ezra, Tel Aviv University

Joseph Levine, University of Massachusetts – Amherst

2. Ethics, the Nature of "Other": Analyzing European Philosophers and Comparison with Chinese Perspectives

Chair: Yuan, Lijun, Texas State University_San Marcos

Participants: Jiang Yi, Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Yuan Lijun, Texas State University_San Marcos

Li Shumei, Nankai University, China.

Zhang Weiwei, Tsinghua University, China.

Eastern Division 2009

1. Topic: Australian Contributions to the 20th_Century Analytic Metaphysics

Chair: L.A. Paul (University of North Carolina)

Participants: Mark Johnston (Princeton University)

Brian Weatherson (Rutgers University)

Commentator: Ted Sider (New York University)

2. Topic: Philosophy of Mind in Historical Perspective

Chair: Paul Richard Blum, Loyola University Maryland

Participants: Daniel D. Novotny University of South Bohemia (Czech Republic)

Daniel Schmál, Péter Pázmány Catholic University, Budapest/ Piliscsaba (Hungary)

Gábor Boros, Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem (ELTE University Budapest, Hungary)

The outgoing chair of the CIC would like to thank all of those members of the committee who assisted in carrying out various tasks during the last three years and without whom the committee's work could not have been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Humphreys