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Three New Members Elected to Board of Trustees

Three Fellows of the Academy have recently been elected to four-year terms on the Board of Trustees: Elsa Porter in November 2002, and José Ireneu dos Remedios Furtado and Calestous Juma in February 2003.

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Elsa A. Porter is a teacher, lecturer and consultant on organizational learning and effectiveness. Throughout her career -- which includes service as US

Assistant Secretary of Commerce in the Carter administration and as Vice President for Research and Development of The Maccoby Group -- she has pioneered the development of improved administrative practices in both the public and private sectors.

She held a variety of management positions during her 24 years in the US Federal government, and was elected to the National Academy of Public Administration in 1978. After leaving government in 1981, she began teaching, research and consulting, with various organizations including at the Washington Public Affairs Center of the University of Southern California; The

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An internationally-known scholar in science and technology studies, biotechnology, biological diversity, international trade and environmental policy, Calestous Juma is currently Director of the Science, Technology and Innovation Program at Harvard University and Professor of the Practice of International Development.

Before taking up his current duties, Juma was Executive Secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity and Executive Director of the African Centre for Technology Studies in Nairobi, which he founded in 1988. He also directed the International Diffusion of Biotechnology Programme of the International Federation of Institutes of Advanced Study, was senior research fellow of the UN Institute for Training and Research, and a member of the Gulbenkian Commission on the Restructuring of the Social Sciences.

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Dr. José Ireneu dos Remedios Furtado--currently a Visiting Professor in the Department of Environmental Science and Technology at the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine in London--is a leading international authority in the fields of behavioral and natural resources ecology and hydrobiology. In his last position before transferring to London, he was Senior Environmental Specialist at the World Bank Institute. Earlier, he held the Chair of Zoology at the University of Malaya and was Science Adviser to the Commonwealth Secretariat in London.

Educated in Australia and Malaysia, he conducted postgraduate research in several countries in Europe and Asia, and has since worked in many parts of the world and advised governments on

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Maccoby Group, and the Project on Healthy Companies of the MacArthur Foundation.

Ms. Porter currently serves on the Biological and Physical Research Advisory Committee of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). She is a member of the World Academy's Admissions Committee and (with Wendy Dobson of Canada) is co-coordinator of the newly-forming women's network. She lives with her husband in Portland, Oregon, where she is leading efforts to reduce health care costs and improve access to health care.

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He holds a Ph.D. in Science and Technology Policy Studies from the University of Sussex, and is currently working on a book on biotechnology and public policy. His earlier works include *Long-Run Economics*, *The Gene Hunters*, *Biodiplomacy*, and *Coming to Life*.

A longtime Fellow of the World Academy and a member of the International Nominations Panel, he hopes to form an Africa Network within the Academy and also to advance our work in biopolicy.

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science, technology and environmental matters. He has had extensive country experience in east, southeast, central and south Asia and the South Pacific, in the Caribbean and central and south America, and in Anglophone sub-Saharan Africa. He has authored and edited seven books and more than 150 publications.

He participated in the Academy's International Symposium on Development Theory at Chennai (Madras) in 1999, and has been an outstanding member of the International Nominations Panel since its inception in 2000.

Global Civil Order Initiative Moving Forward

The Global Civil Order Initiative, a program of dialogue and norm-building that was presented in its original form in the Spring 2002 newsletter, has evolved and changed in response to input from Fellows and friends of the Academy. An international advisory committee has been appointed, and the steering committee is tentatively planning to convene an exploratory research conference in Canada this spring.

The initial motivation for the program--the conviction that a reasonable degree of civil order on a global scale is now a basic necessity and a universal aspiration--has, if anything, been strengthened by world events since it was first proposed. The basic plan was (and is) to organize a series of conferences in different parts of the world, at which participants will explore the possibilities of consensus on norms in each of six interrelated areas--global

economics, social equity, environmental sustainability, cultural development, human rights, and democratic governance--that are essential to global civil order. The conferences will be facilitated as dialogues, not debates, and the face-to-face meetings will be augmented by web-based interactions.

The project now envisions, as an outgrowth of the conferences and related research activities, the preparation of a Global Civil Order Index indicating the state of country-by-country progress (or its absence) in the subject areas identified in the framework.

Suggestions or questions regarding the program should be directed to Steven Waldhorn. Send e-mail to swaldhorn@aol.com, or telephone +1-415-710-5074, and fax +1-415-647-1277.

Newly Inducted Fellows

Dr. Tehseen Aman

Chief Scientific Officer, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Lahore, Pakistan

Poet, essayist

Prof. Gregory Benford

Professor of Physics, University of California, Irvine CA USA

Author of science fiction; Woodrow Wilson Fellow

Dr. William Bergquist

President, Professional School of Psychology Sacramento CA USA

Prof. Beng-Hut CHUA

Professor of Sociology, National University of Singapore

Coordinator, Southeast Asian Studies Programme

Dr. Gordon Conway

President, The Rockefeller Foundation New York NY USA

Dr. Anne Davies

Fellow, Brasenose College, Oxford University, UK

Prof. of Administrative, Constitutional and Labour Law

C. J. "Jonty" Driver

Headmaster, Wellington College, UK

Poet, novelist, essayist

"To learn requires recognizing what one wants to learn, and that means recognizing what one doesn't know..."

-Don Michael, WAAS Fellow

Abba Eban, Statesman and Scholar: 1915-2002 / by Erika Landau



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Abba EBAN was a man who, in the best traditions of the World Academy, managed to be simultaneously a patriot and a citizen of the world.

Born in Cape Town, South Africa, he was raised and educated in England. As a student he specialized in Middle East languages, and served as president of the Zionist Youth movement. He graduated from Cambridge with a Triple First in 1938, and became a lecturer in languages there. In World War II, he served as an officer in the British army and Intelligence Service in Egypt and Palestine.

As an Israeli, Eban first came to global attention at the United Nations (1947-1949) with effective speeches on the right of the new State of Israel to exist, to be recognized and accepted as a member of the UN. His eloquence made him a world figure overnight. He was appointed Israel's first representative to the United Nations, while at the time serving as his country's ambassador to Washington. He was then 31. A strong linguist who could converse fluently--and sometimes cuttingly--in ten languages, he was Israel's foreign minister from 1966 to 1974, a turbulent period that included two wars. Later, speaking again at the UN, he said: "When I was first here we had the advantages of the underdog. Now we have the disadvantages of the overdog."

Eban was never appreciated as much in Israel as he was everywhere else. In spite of the service he rendered to

his country, his very British appearance, accent and instinctive elitism set him uneasily apart from the great majority of Israeli citizens. And in the end, the voters turned against one of their wisest, most benevolent and effective founding fathers.

But to the world he was Israel's voice of reason. He was dovish on the issue of peace negotiations with the Palestinians and an early advocate of an Israeli pullout from the West. Indeed all his books, in spite of his passionate belief in his country's cause, exhibit a caring for the well-being of all people, in all parts of the world.

His books include: *Heritage: Civilization and the Jews*, *Promised Land*, *My Country: The Story of Modern Israel*, *The Tide of Nationalism*, *My People*, *the New Diplomacy*, *Maze of Justice*, *Personal Witness*, and, later *Diplomacy for the Next Century*. He was chief consultant and narrator of the nine-part television program *Heritage*, and editor-in-chief and narrator of the five-part television series *Personal Witness: A Nation is Born*. He completed *The Brink of Peace*, a film on the Middle East peace process for the PBS television network in the US.

His was a voice of reason in a storm of irrationality and hysterical emotionalism that now seems at its peak, with no sign of an approaching calm. Though his voice was not heard in the past fifteen years, we miss him more than ever.



Dr. Erika Landau is Director of Young Persons' Institute for the Promotion of Arts and Science Tel Aviv University Technical College, Israel

"History teaches us that men and nations do behave wisely, once all other alternatives have been exhausted."

- Abba Eban, WAAS Fellow

"The Future of Knowledge" Proposed as 2004 General Assembly Theme

The Statute of the World Academy calls for General Assemblies--meetings to which all Fellows are invited--to be convened twice in each decade. The most recent General Assemblies were "The Governance of Diversity" (Minneapolis, 1994), and "The Global Century" (Vancouver, 1998).

Currently under discussion is a proposal that the next General Assembly, to be held in 2004, take up the theme of "The Future of Knowledge." This would build on some work that has already been done in small gatherings at the Pari Center for New Learning in Italy, and would also further one of the founding purposes of the World Academy, which was to explore "the social consequences and policy implications of knowledge."

Specific subjects to be discussed at such a conference might include the futures of science and religion, the information society and information technology, competing epistemologies, public and private education, and developments in brain research, psychopharmacology and cognitive psychology.

At this point, neither a theme nor a specific time and place have been chosen. Suggestions regarding all of these are most welcome and should be directed to the President's Office at the address shown on the front page of this Newsletter and in the box below.

Wang Tiewa: Scholar of International Law / 1913-2003



As an international legal scholar and teacher, Professor WANG Tiewa worked to build international relationships and exchanges, libraries and institutions, at a time and place in history when it was difficult to do so.

Professor Wang began his study of international law in 1931 at Tsingshua University in Beijing, going on to found and direct the International Law Institute of Beijing University. Professor Wang served for many years as the president of the Chinese Society of International Law, as a judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and as an arbitrator of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. He was the former Legal Advisor to the Chinese Delegation to the United Nations and to various conferences such as the Law of the Sea Conference. He also served as a lecturer at The Hague Academy of International Law.

His colleagues at Beijing University remember "his warm personality, outstanding contributions to his country and to the international community, as well as his invariable cheerfulness and sense of humor." His work will be valued and emulated for many years to come.



News of Fellows

"I am a stubborn old fool and am fully convinced that our era is the era of human freedom and human cooperation and not the era of human enslavement and inevitable confrontation."

- Mochtar Lubis,
WAAS Fellow

Richard Benedick was recently elected to membership in the American Academy of Diplomacy, a society limited to 100 individuals who "have made notable contributions to American foreign policy," and which includes George Schultz, Colin Powell, and Walter Mondale. At the induction ceremony, it was noted that he was the first member to be recognized for achievements in environmental and scientific affairs rather than the more traditional fields of diplomacy. Ambassador Benedick served as chief US negotiator and a principal architect of the Montreal Protocol on protection of the ozone layer, and as special advisor to the secretaries-general of both the UN Conference on Environment and Development (Rio, 1992), and the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994).

WU Qing attended this year's meeting of the World Economic Forum at Davos as one of the group of "Social Entrepreneurs of the Year" selected by the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship. The foundation, based in Geneva, selects approximately 20 social entrepreneurs each year, evaluating their accomplishments on criteria of innovation, sustainability, reach and scope of initiatives undertaken, replicability/expandability, and the capacity of the entrepreneur to serve as a role model for others.

Prof. Wu is a longtime advocate of women's rights in China, having helped to launch China's first university course on feminism and the first hotline to help women deal with family problems, sexual harassment and domestic violence. Her main activity has been the "Rural Women Knowing All" initiative, which is both a widespread program of literacy training and a magazine dealing with such subjects as health, law, employment and productivity.

She has been an elected legislator for nearly 20 years, serving five terms as the People's Deputy to the Haidan District People's Congress and three terms to the Beijing Municipal People's Congress (the city's parliament).

Newly Inducted Fellows

Dr. Taghi Farvar

Chair, Centre for Sustainable Development and Environment (CENESTA), Tehran, Iran

Dr. Victoria Hale

Founder and CEO, One World Health
San Francisco CA USA

Prof. Yutaka Haruki

Professor of Human Sciences, Waseda University
Tokyo, Japan

Mr. George Thomas Kurian

Encyclopedist
Yorktown Heights NY USA

Prof. Lawrence Lessig

Professor of Law, Stanford University, CA USA
Director, Center for Internet and Society

Dr. Michael Marien

Founder and Editor, *Future Survey*
LaFayette NY USA

Prof. Ahmed Mostageer

Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo
University, Cairo, Egypt

Mr. Kheng-Soon TAY

Architect, Singapore, Co-founder, Akitek Tenggara II

Prof. Jack Trevors

Professor of Environmental Biology, University of
Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Dr. Hamid Zakri

Director, UN University Institute of Advanced Studies
Tokyo, Japan

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Professor of Strategy and International Development,
Warwick Business School, Univ. of Warwick, UK