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September 21, 2004

Dear ASCE members and other colleagues,

In the first meeting of the new Board on September 14, 2004, our President Ernesto Hernández-Catá made the motion that Mr. Juan Belt will serve as the new Secretary and Mr. Armando Linde will be the new Treasurer. The Board passed the motion unanimously. We wish Juan and Armando the best in their key positions.

ASCE is also very pleased to announce that is conducting from September 1, 2004 through February 28, 2006 a competition on the topic "Privatization of State-Owned Enterprises in Cuba". The terms of reference for this competition, which is open to any scholar wishing to submit an entry, are described in the section 2 of this Newsletter.

Warm Regards,

Rolando H. Castañeda
ASCE's Board of Directors

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be addressed. Papers should also address the participation of enterprise workers and other equity holders in the privatization program.

Who Can Submit Papers

Participation in the Privatization Competition is open to anyone wishing to submit a paper. Membership in ASCE is not required. Multiple authorship of papers is permitted.

Formal Requirements

All papers must be written in English, must be no more than 50 double-spaced pages in length, 12 point type, must follow one of the standard writing style guides, and must include a full bibliography. Footnotes should take the form of endnotes and are included in the page limit. The bibliography is not included in the page limit.

All entries must be accompanied by a cover letter stating the name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address of the author, and must include an abstract of no more than 800 words summarizing the paper. All submitted papers and accompanying abstracts become the property of ASCE and may be published, at the sole discretion of ASCE, in its written and electronic publications.

Award

The Privatization Competition will result in the award of a single cash prize of \$10,000, an invitation to present the paper at the ASCE Annual Meeting in Miami, Florida in the Summer of 2006, and the potential presentation of the paper at an ASCE-sponsored session of the Allied Social Science Association's annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois in January 2007. ASCE has appointed a panel of five specialists to judge the submittals. The decision of the judges on the winner of the Privatization Competition will be final. The judges may decide that no award should be made; such a decision, if made, would also be final.

Basis for Award

Papers are expected to outline a recommended privatization program for Cuban state-owned enterprises, support it by persuasive analysis, historical precedents and other relevant evidence and data. Papers will be graded on the basis of relevance, originality, quality, importance of the contribution, and clarity of exposition.

Publication

The winning paper, and – at ASCE's sole discretion – the entirety or abstracts of one or more of the other submitted papers will be published in "Cuba in Transition vol. 16" (the Proceedings of ASCE's 2006 Annual Meeting) and posted electronically in ASCE's Web Page.

Deadline

Papers postmarked by February 28, 2006 will be considered. The winner will be announced in May 2006.

How to Submit a Paper

Please mail a hard copy of the manuscript, together with an electronic version in MS Word, to:

Matias Travieso-Diaz, Committee Chair
P.O. Box 0567
McLean, VA 22101-0567
email: privatization.papers@ascecuba.org

Information

For more information on the Privatization Competition, visit the ASCE web site at www.ascecuba.org or contact privatization.papers@ascecuba.org

3. New publications on Cuba by ECLAC (CEPAL)

Cuba: Evolución económica durante 2003 y perspectivas para 2004, available at <http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/publicaciones/xml/5/15525/P15525.xml&xsl=/mexico/tpl/p9f.xsl&base=/mexico/tpl/top-bottom.xsl>

Política social y reformas estructurales: Cuba a principios del siglo XXI, available at <http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/publicaciones/xml/3/15003/P15003.xml&xsl=/mexico/tpl/p9f.xsl&base=/mexico/tpl/top-bottom.xsl>

4. New books by ASCE's members

"Cuba's Agricultural Sector" by José Alvarez

University Press of Florida
Contemporary Cuba Series
November. 336pp. 6 x 9.29 tables, 3 figures, appendix, notes, bibliography, index
ISBN 0-8130-2754-3. Cloth \$75.00 (35% Discount through 12/31/04)

From the Foreword by John M. Kirk:

"An academic tour de force... Alvarez marshals his arguments clearly and forcefully to provide a profound, detailed analysis of the successes and failures of various aspects of agricultural policy in revolutionary Cuba. He pulls no punches in detailing strengths and weaknesses of the revolutionary model --and there is ample evidence of both."

This is the most comprehensive discussion yet of Cuban agriculture covering all periods from colonial times onward, paying special attention to the revolutionary period, the economic reforms of the 1990s, and the recent phenomenon of the independent agricultural movement.

Order from University Press of Florida
15 NW 15th Street
Gainesville, FL 32611-2079
1-800-226-3822

La Economía Cubana: Estructuras, Instituciones y Tránsito al Mercado by Manuel García Díaz,
Order from Editorial de la Universidad de Granada, España. www.editorialugr.com

5. Virginia Tech's Prof. Joseph L. Scarpaci received Alumni Award for Excellence in International Programs (Blacksburg, Va., Sept. 17, 2004)

Joseph L. Scarpaci, of Blacksburg, professor in the Department of Geography in the College of Natural Resources at Virginia Tech, has received the university's 2004 Alumni Award for Excellence in International Programs. Established in 1976 by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Programs is presented each year to recognize leadership among faculty members, administrators and staff members who have made contributions that have had a significant and lasting impact upon the advancement of Virginia Tech's expanding international mission. The selection is made by a subcommittee drawn from the ranks of the University Council on International Programs along with a representative of the Alumni Association. "Scarpaci has demonstrated unparalleled excellence in supporting and enhancing international programs and curricula at Virginia Tech. In particular, his long-term dedication to providing rewarding study-abroad experiences in Latin America highly worthy of recognition. His endeavors have combined a blend of classroom activities and intensive fieldwork experiences that have enriched the education of students and adults from Virginia Tech throughout the United States".

6. Coming Events on Cuba

"Cuba Today: Continuity and Change since the Periodo Especial."

October 4-5, 2004
CUNY Graduate Center
365 5th Avenue (@34th Street)
New York City

This symposium explores contemporary Cuban reality since the early 1990s. The crisis of state socialism after 1989 challenged pre-existing policies, practices, and assumptions, providing incentives for innovation and reform. Many areas of social life are experiencing considerable change, while legacies of the revolution endure. The symposium gathers students and scholars from diverse disciplines and institutions to probe patterns of continuity and change in economy, politics and policy, civil society, art and literature, race relations and national identity, culture, historical perspective, and Cuba's role in world affairs. The symposium builds on the expertise of Cuba specialists at The City University of New York.

Poland: The Perils of Transition, Konstanty Gebert, Journalist, author, and Solidarnosc leader and Marifeli Pérez-Stable, Inter-American Dialogue and FIU, Moderator.

Florida International University, Latin American and Caribbean Center, Cuban Research Institute and The Institute of Cuban Studies present A Civic Forum
Tuesday, September 28, 2004, 7:30 pm
Omni Colonnade, Coral Gables
Reception after the Forum
RSVP by September 24, 305-348-1991
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See: <http://memoria.fiu.edu> for report, Cuban National Reconciliation