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THE CUBAN ECONOMY (ASCE)***

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Dear ASCE members:

We would like to report to you on the main activities of our Association:

- (1) Our XV Annual Meeting to held at the Wolfson Mitchell Campus of Miami Dade College, 245 NE 4th Street, Miami, on August 4 to 6, 2005 (see preliminary program below),**
- (2) Arrangements have been made with Intercontinental Hotel, located in Biscayne Blvd. facing Miami Bay, which is offering a room group discount of \$109.00 per night (plus 13% tax) from August 3 thru 6 for those attending the ASCE Conference, and**
- (3) To announce that the deadline for submissions for the Student Papers Awards has been extended to May 20.**

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next Annual Meeting, August 4-6, 2005.

Best regards,

**Rolando H. Castañeda
Director**

P.D. To facilitate your registration in the annual meeting and renewing your membership, we are providing the necessary form in this newsletter (see page 6).

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1. Preliminary Program Fifteen Annual Conference

**Co-Sponsored by the Miami Dade College, Wolfson Mitchell Campus
Secretariat: Institute for Cuban and Cuban American Studies, University of Miami**

Thursday, August 4

**8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION - Chapman Conference Center
(245 NE 4th Street, Miami)**

9:00 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. OPENING PLENARY – Chapman Conference Center

**Welcoming Remarks by Dr. Rolando Montoya, President of the Miami-Dade College
Wolfson Mitchell Campus.**

Opening of Conference by Ernesto Hernández Catá, President of ASCE

1. Panel on Current Economic and Social Situation

10:45 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Coffee Break – Chapman Conference Center

11:00 A.M. – 12:45 P.M PLENARY – Chapman Conference Center

2. Institutions and Policies in the Transition

12:45 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. LUNCH BREAK (*Participants on their own*)

2:15 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**3. Structural Issues, Social Capital, and International Economic Relations - Room
3209**

4. El Poder Político y el Futuro de Cuba - Room 3208

4:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M. COFFEE BREAK – Chapman Conference Center

4:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

5. Economic and Social Issues – Room 3209

6. Energy Issues – Room 3208

6:30 P.M. WELCOMING RECEPTION – Chapman Conference Center

Friday, August 5

8:00 A.M. – 8:30 AM REGISTRATION- Chapman Conference Center

8:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 7. Economic and Social Evaluation of U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Cuba: Impact and Alternatives I - Room 3209**
- 8. Student Papers - Room 3208**

10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. COFFEE BREAK – Chapman Conference Center

10:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 9. Economic and Social Evaluation of U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Cuba: Impact and Alternatives II - Room 3209**
- 10. Informal Sector– Room 3208**

12:45 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. ASCE LUNCHEON – Chapman Conference Center

Announcement of Student Awards

Keynote Address

2:30 P.M. – 4:15 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 11. Agriculture and Agricultural Trade – Room 3209**
- 12. Real Estate I: Legal & Regulatory Issues – Room 3208**

4:15 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. COFFEE BREAK – Chapman Conference Center

4:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 13. Intercambio Económico, Político y Social entre Cuba y Venezuela - Room 3209**
- 14. Real Estate II: Development Issues and Scenarios – Room 3208**

**6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING AND ASCE RECOGNITIONS
Room 3209
President's Report
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report**

**8:00 PM CULTURAL EVENT and COCKTAIL
Chapman Cultural Center**

Saturday August 6

9:00 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 15. Remittances – Room 3209**
- 16. Special Topics- Room 3208**

10:45 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. COFFEE BREAK – Chapman Conference Center

11:00 A.M. – 12:45 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 17. Transition Issues – Room 3209**
- 18. Legal Issues– Room 3208**

Free parking available at Miami Dade College, 500 N.E. 5th St. (between 1st Av. and 2nd Av. N.E.) **for those that pre-register.**

2. Hotel Accommodations

The Intercontinental Hotel (www.ichmiami.com) located on Biscayne Blvd. facing Miami Bay, is offering a room group discount of **\$109.00 per night (plus 13% tax)** from August 3 thru 6 for those attending the ASCE Conference (extensive to 3 days before and three days after on the basis of availability). They also offer a reduced 24 hour parking rate of \$18. **Reservations should be made directly with the hotel no later than July 15, 2005 at 1(800)327-3005 or fax (305)372-4440.**

3. Annual Student Research Award for 2005

Every year ASCE sponsors a Student Research Award Competition for a **graduate and an undergraduate student** on interdisciplinary research dealing with Cuba's domestic issues, its foreign relations, or Cuba in a comparative perspective. These awards are made possible by a grant from the Lunsford Padilla Fund of the Triangle Community Foundation.

The winning papers receive a monetary award of **\$600 and \$300**, respectively, and the papers are invited for presentation at ASCE's Annual Conference and are published by ASCE. In addition, travel expenses and the cost of hotel accommodations during the Conference up to \$500 will be covered for the winners. All students whose papers are accepted for the competition will receive a complementary one year membership in ASCE, and those attending the Conference may be invited to present their papers, will have their

registration fee waived and will be ASCE's guest at the official luncheon. Deadline for submissions is May 20, 2005.

4. Recent Books on Cuba of interest to ASCE's members

Ricardo Puerta, *Corrupción en Cuba y Como Combatirla*, Buenos Aires: Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina, 2004

Shahid Javed Burki and Daniel P. Erikson, *Transforming Socialist Economies, Lessons for Cuba and Beyond*, New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2005.

5. Special Award for best paper on "Privatization of State Owned Enterprises in Cuba"

ASCE is sponsoring a competition for best scholarly paper on the topic of "Privatization of State Owned Enterprises in Cuba" which proposes and describes the process and principles that should be utilized by the Cuban government to privatize the country's state-owned enterprises. The paper should illustrate the recommended approach with a detailed discussion of how it would apply to enterprises in an important sector of the Cuban economy (for full specifications see ASCE's website).

The winning paper will carry an **award of \$10,000** and an invitation to present the paper in ASCE's Annual Conference in August 2006. ASCE may publish the paper. **Deadline for submissions is February 28, 2006.**

6. Sixth Carlos Díaz Alejandro Lecture

The Sixth and latest Carlos F. Díaz-Alejandro Lecture took place **at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, DC on Monday March 7th.**

Dr. José Antonio Ocampo, the Under-Secretary General of the United Nations for Economic and Social Affairs (ECOSOC), and former Secretary General of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and Finance Minister of Colombia, spoke on **"Latin American Reforms in a Historical Perspective.** Mr. Ocampo was introduced by IDB President Enrique Iglesias and ASCE President Ernesto Hernández-Catá,

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XV Annual Conference - August 4-6, 2005
Miami-Dade College, Wolfson Mitchell Campus,
Chapman Conference Center, 245 NE 4th Street+. Miami, Florida

Pre-Registration Form

Name: _____
Affiliation: _____
Address: _____
e-mail _____
Tel/Fax _____

	<u>ASCE Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
<i>Pre-registration (*)</i>	\$60.00 /__/	\$ 125.00 /__/
<i>Luncheon</i> <i>(Limited capacity. Reserve early)</i>	\$35.00 /__/	\$ 35.00 /__/

*Membership renewal (Indicate one) (**)*

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| A) Regular | \$60 in USA - \$70 outside USA | /__/ |
| B) Sponsor/ Institutional | \$100 to \$250 | /__/ |
| C) Benefactor | More than \$251 | /__/ |
| D) Student | \$20 in USA-\$30 outside USA | /__/ |

Total enclosed..... \$ _____

Send registration to: ASCE, P.O. Box 28267 Washington, DC 20038-8267

 (*) Pre-registration fee must be postmarked not later than July 26th, 2005 ; otherwise late registration fees will apply to both the Conference (\$85 for Members and \$150 for Non-Members) and the Official Lunch (\$40).

(**) ASCE's membership runs July 1-June 30. To obtain ASCE member rate, dues for 2005-2006 must be paid before meeting.

For questions about registration contact: Armando Linde, ASCE Treasurer (asce@ascecuba.org) or Joaquin Pujol (jppujol342@aol.com)