



From the ASCE president

Dear Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and making the final preparations for the conference in August. I write because I have good news to report to the membership regarding the elections and the student prize results. This is also my final letter to you as the 13th President of the Association, and I want to take this opportunity thank you for a fulfilling and exciting term.

Membership Renewal and XXII Annual Meetings

Where is Cuba Going?

August 2, 3 and 4, 2012

The Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel

I hope that everyone is ready to attend our 22nd annual conference. This year we have an outstanding program, which will include scholars from as far as Norway and of course from Cuba, coming to discuss its economy and society. Jorge Domínguez, Antonio Madero Professor for the Study of Mexico in the Department of Government, Vice Provost for International Affairs in The Office of the Provost at Harvard University, and long-time ASCE member, will deliver the Ernesto Betancourt Keynote Address at the official conference luncheon on Friday. We hope to see you there.

If you cannot come to the conference this year, please take a moment to renew your membership online (www.ascecuba.org) or using the form attached at the end of this letter. We look forward to seeing you at our other upcoming events this year, including the Carlos Díaz-Alejandro Lecture, the Cuban Economy session at the Annual Meetings of the American Economic Association, and many more.

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Student Prize Results

The Board is indebted to Enrique S. Pumar, whom again led ASCE's efforts in making the Jorge Pérez-López Student Prize a success. The Board is grateful to the Student Prize Committee, which this year included José Alvarez; Roger Betancourt, Maria Dolores Espino, Lorenzo Perez; Jorge Luis Romeu, Joseph Scarpaci, and Elaine Scheye. The hours these individuals spend reading and grading the dozens of papers make the Student Prize, one of ASCE's hallmark outreach efforts, a reality. This year the Board received submissions from nearly two dozen universities from the United States and around the world. The winners were chosen from two rounds of judging.

ASCE congratulates the Undergraduate Student winners of the 2012 ASCE Student Prize. First place among the undergraduate student submissions were Alex Arias, John Cores, Antonio Diaz, Miguel Morales and William Rodriguez, for their joint paper entitled "Evaluation and Design of a Decentralized Alternative to Conventional Wastewater Infrastructure in Cuba" (all University of Florida). N. Montague (Tulane University) and J. Hutt (Harvard University) came in second and third place. ASCE also congratulates the Graduate Student winners of the 2012 Student Prize. First place among the graduate student submissions was J. Horst for his paper entitled "Shantytown Revolution: Slum Clearance, Rent Control, and the Cuban State, 1933-55". Y. Chen (U. Texas at Austin) and F. Cirenza (American University) came in second and third place.

Congratulations to the Winning Universities of the 2012 Pérez-López Student Competition





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ASCE 2012 Election Results

The results of the voting are in. ASCE congratulates Dr. Ted Henken of Baruch College, CUNY, whom has been elected as ASCE's 14th President. Ted is a well known scholar that has recently focused on the Internet in Cuba, assessing the depth, breadth, representativeness, and social impact of the Cuban blogging phenomenon. He is also a long-time ASCE member, having won the 2002 student prize for his essay on "A Taste of Capitalism: The Rise and Fall of Havana's Private Restaurants Paladares". I have communicated my heartfelt congratulations and full support to Ted, and I stand committed to helping make his term as ASCE's 14th President a success in any way that I can. The ASCE Board of Directors for the next term represents an excellent field of candidates, including some with prior ASCE experience and some new faces. My congratulations and thanks to all the candidates who ran, ASCE is grateful for your willingness to serve, and we look forward to engaging with all our members.

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Thank you and Goodbye

Finally, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the membership for entrusting me with the presidency of our organization. I am particularly indebted to the terrific Board of Directors and the many volunteers that have been so supportive and hardworking during my term. The achievements of these past two years are a product of the Board and these volunteers, whom give their hours to making ASCE's plans materialize. It is a credit to our mission that so many capable people give their time and resources to make our intentions a reality. I am fortunate to have had such a group during my term, and it has been a privilege to serve. I hope the work done during this term has succeeded in fulfilling ASCE's mission, and living up to the remarkable legacy of my predecessors.

Thank you.

Rafael Romeu



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