



2019

# EISA ANNUAL REPORT

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intellectual advancement  
and inclusivity

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# Introduction

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the EISA Annual Report for 2019. Yet, writing this report in the summer of 2020 – and therefore in the midst of a pandemic that has radically changed all aspects of our world – introduces a rather unusual perspective on the year 2019. Let me first provide you with the highlights of our activities in 2019 in conventional terms, therefore, and then indicate some of our initiatives for the future.

Dear EISA members,

In 2019, EISA successfully held its core events. The Pan-European Conference in Sofia in September brought 50 sections covering all areas of international studies together. The European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS) were held in Krakow with 25 workshops. We also convened 6 Exploratory Symposia in Rapallo.

2019 also saw the development and extension of our provision for early career scholars – with a standing Early Career Group and the organization of highly attractive Early Career Workshops as well as targeted professional skills panels at the PEC. We provided a systematic program of professional skills workshops for mid-career scholars.

EISA awarded four prizes, honouring excellent scholarship in IR dissertations, graduate papers and journal articles. Our flagship publication – the European Journal of International Relations – continued to go from strength to strength. We were able to help 49 scholars to attend conferences and workshops by disbursing in mobility grants. Financially, EISA was on a sound footing in 2019, ending the year with a small profit of 2 776,32. In all these activities, we benefitted from the excellent professional support of our colleagues at C-IN.

Looking forward, our original plans to develop further and extend our core activities were, quite literally, sidelined by the Covid 19 pandemic. Like other professional associations, we had to cancel our workshops, conferences and symposia for 2020. Instead, we are now serving the interests of our members by developing a diverse online program – including high level roundtables, a range of seminars, and professional skills workshops. We are also actively engaging with the current anti-racist movements. In addition to these virtual activities, however, we do hope that we will be able to get together in person again in the medium term – and are therefore making in preparations for our workshops and conferences in 2021.

In the following pages you can find more details on all our activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their support and active engagement without which none of these activities would be possible. I hope very much to see many of you at our online General Assembly in September.

With the very best wishes,

Beate Jahn  
President of EISA

# Who We Are

EISA exists to promote and advance the interdisciplinary field of international studies in Europe and beyond. We are committed to innovation, intellectual advancement and inclusivity. As a member-driven association, we provide a range of innovative events, from small-scale symposia for exploratory projects to our flagship Pan-European conferences, where scholars and practitioners from around the world can discuss the latest developments in the field. EISA also promotes inclusivity by prioritising a diverse range of voices at our events and in our association practices. We actively seek suggestions from our members and the wider international studies community on how to continue to develop this agenda.

EISA is managed by a Governing Board comprised of 12 elected members who serve on a voluntary basis. Within this, 3 elected members serve on the Executive Committee (President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer). An annual General Assembly ensures that the views of members on core association business is taken into account.

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## Governing Board

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January – September 2018

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Ole Jacob Sending (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs)

Juha A. Vuori (University of Tampere)

Anna Wojciuk (University of Warsaw)

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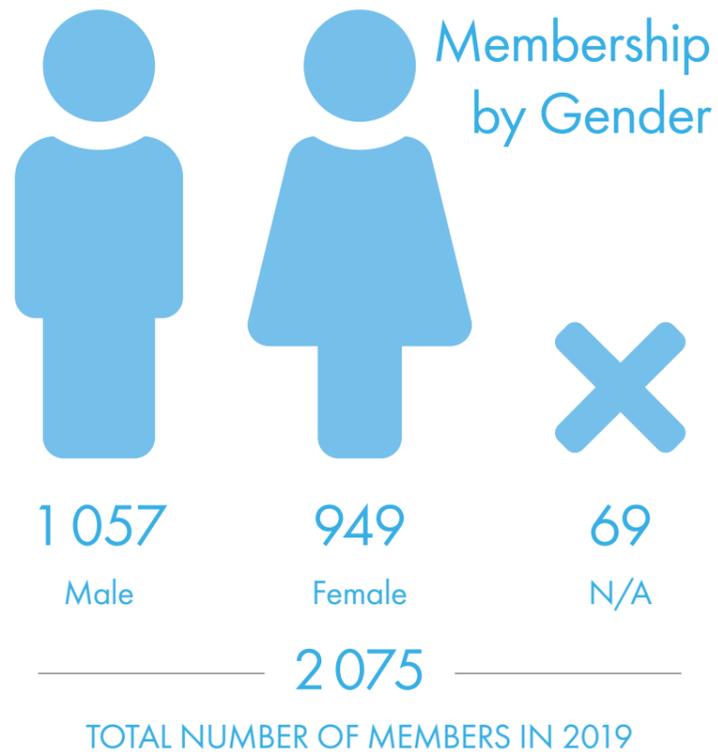
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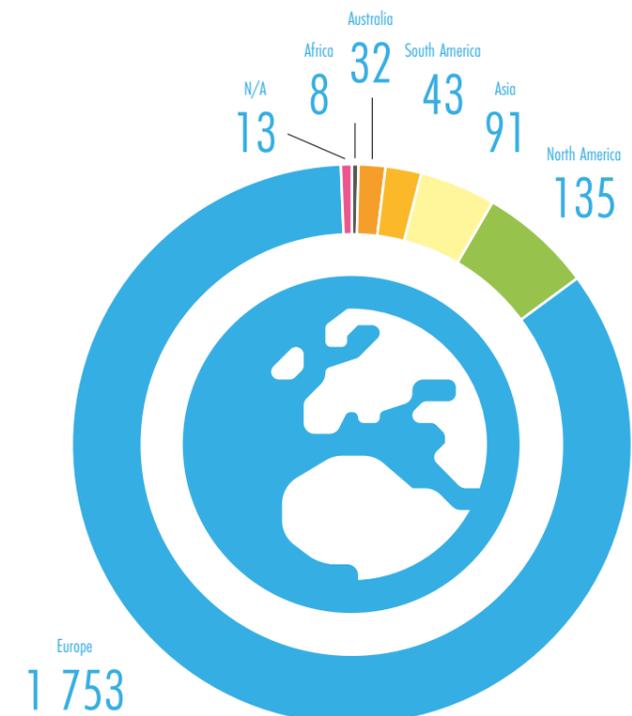
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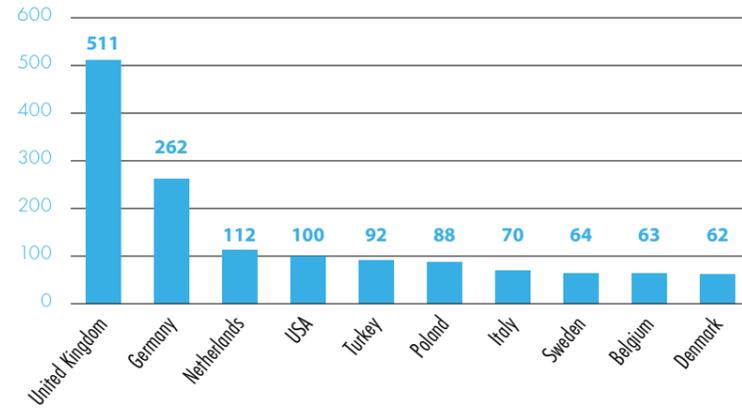
# Membership



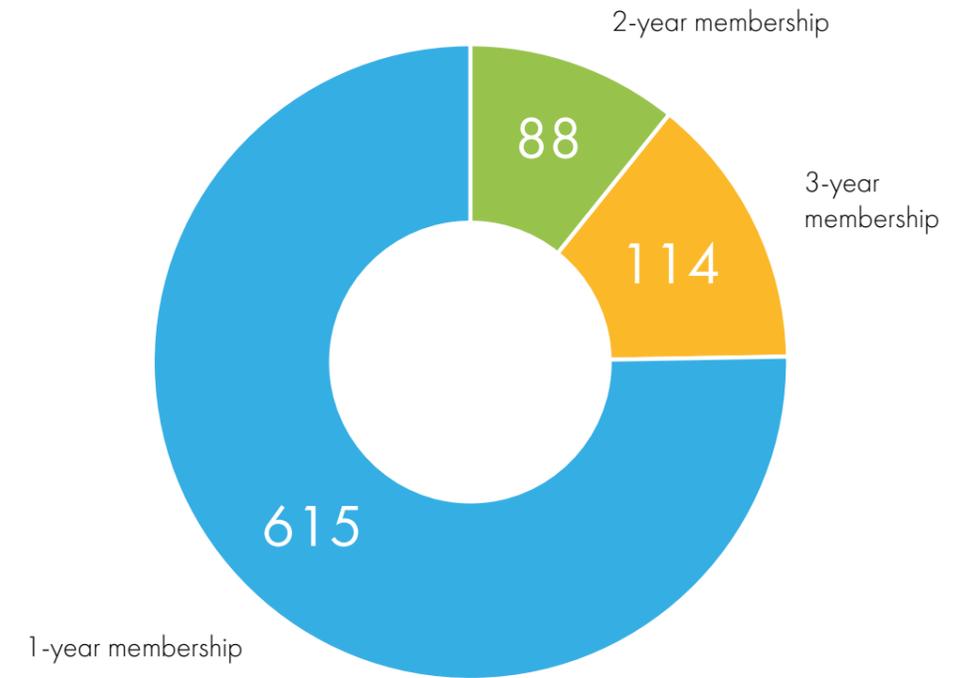
### Membership by Continents



### TOP 10 Countries by Members



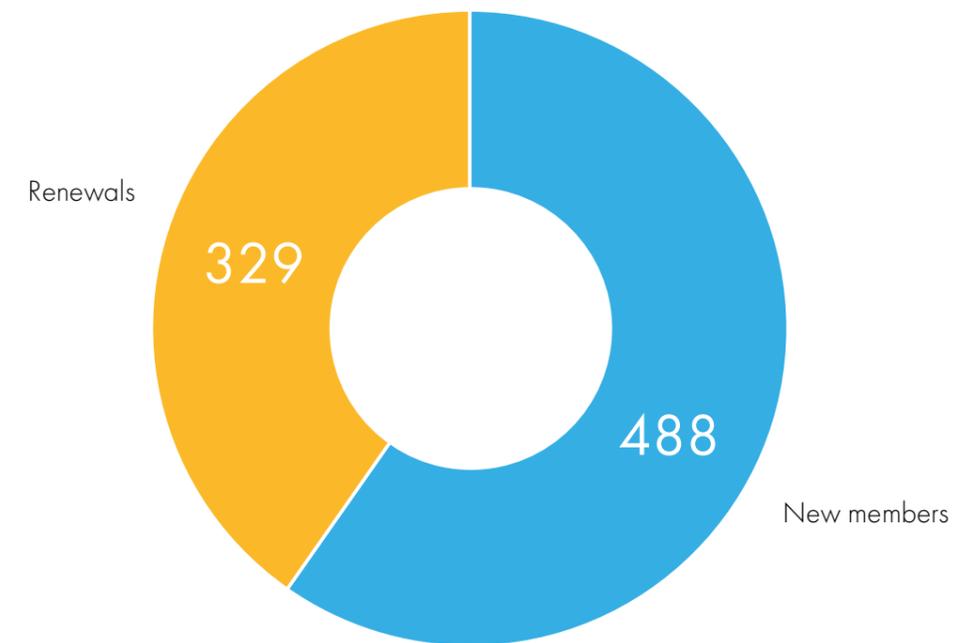
### Membership Registration by Period



### Membership Registration in 2019



### Membership by Renewals





# Events

## 13<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference in International Relations



1 788

submitted abstracts

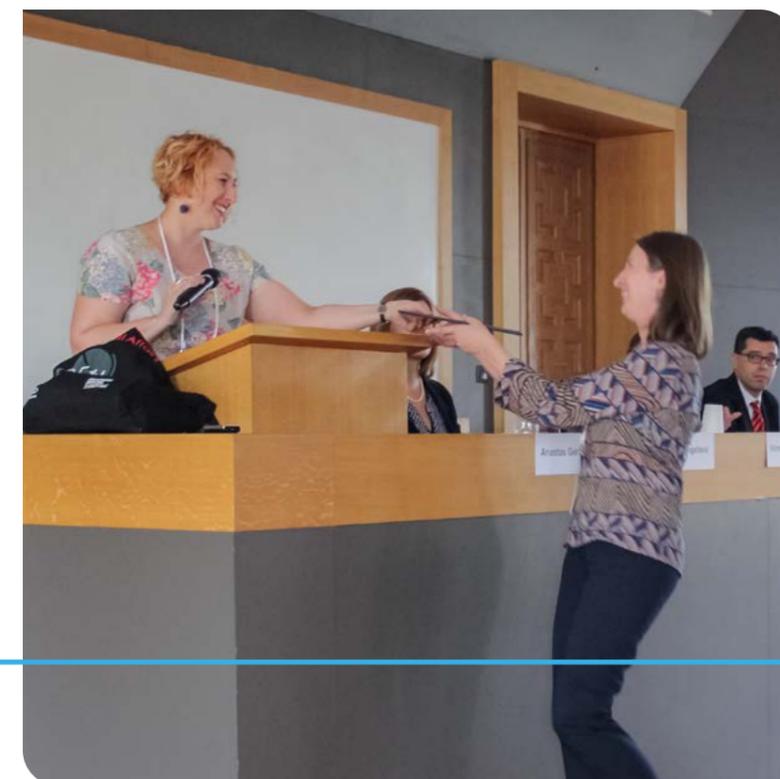


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of accepted abstracts

11–14 September 2019,  
Sofia, Bulgaria

The 13<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference (PEC) on International Relations 'A Century of Show and Tell: The Seen and the Unseen of IR' was hosted by Sofia University 'Sveti Kliment Ohridski' in Sofia, 11–14 September 2019. Sofia University is ranked as the top university in Bulgaria and EISA was very fortunate to have the opportunity to enjoy both the city and Sofia University as the location for the PEC. With one day of plenaries and semi-plenaries in addition to three full days of panels and roundtables the flagship conference lived up to its place in the EISA set of annual events. The meeting was organized around 50 sections and about 260 panel-sessions that covered a wide range of topics in the field. Sofia was an excellent place for hosting the conference and provided a memorable surrounding for this instalment of the PEC series.





The theme of the conference dealt with a number of concerns that relate to seeing. The first related to International Studies as an academic field: what has a century of IR shown us, and what kinds of stories do we keep telling about it? On the flipside of seeing, what has the field failed to see due to disciplinary or other practices in the profession? Does IR only see what it gets, or does it only get what it sees? Should the main foci of previous investigation remain the main tenets for the second century, or where should they move to next?

Secondly, the international in its many manifestations is visual like never before. Visual representation and visibility as such play an increasingly important role in all political practices that range from personal everyday experiences to interstate high politics, and even to politics of a planetary scale. New and rapidly evolving technologies affect the ways in which the visual shapes politics, security, and warfare. This begs the question of how do the visual and ways of seeing inform the study of international politics? How does IR see?

Many sections took inspiration from this theme and the meeting opened the eyes of many towards the possibilities the visual offers for international studies. Beyond the theme put together by the programme chairs Prof. Juha A. Vuori and Dr. Saara Särmä (both from Tampere University in Finland), the programme was varied as is expected from a PEC conference. The efforts of section chairs were central in forming topics for the sections, selecting papers and grouping them into panels. As such, a conference would be nothing without the paper presenters whether they have answered the call for papers as a part of a panel, a roundtable, or as a single paper. The plenary and semi-plenary speakers also had a crucial role in getting the meeting rolling and setting the stage for the many conversations during the conference.

A conference is not only a gathering for sharing and discussing papers and round-tables but to also meet international colleagues. Sofia provided for an excellent backdrop for social occasions and the main building of the university kept the events together in a convenient location. As often is the case, the book publishers' showroom provided for a gathering spot for many exchanges between the panel sessions. The grand reception that is an essential part of the PEC experience was held at the Laura Restaurant located in the premises of the National Palace of Culture that provided for a wonderful vista for the occasion.

Organizing a conference of this scale is a momentous task and a team effort. Within C-IN Natálie Ducháčová, Petra Nohelová and Prokop Kolínský worked with the various platforms in order to get the calls out and programme into the systems. As local organizers Prof. Lyubov Mincheva and Prof. Boris Kostov were very helpful in getting



things set for the actual event in Sofia. A special thank you goes to Prof. Anastas Gerdzhikov who as the rector of the University was very supportive in providing the university as the venue for the conference. The student helpers and on the ground organization of C-IN were also essential for the smooth of the day to day running of the event. We would like to thank everyone involved in organizing and participating in the activities.



50  
sections

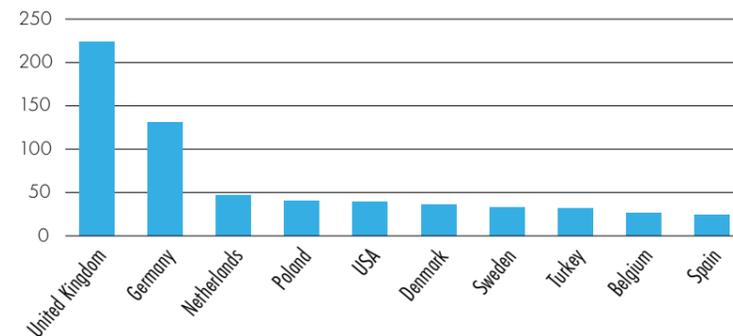


908  
participants



13 600 €  
Mobility Funds  
for 34 participants

# TOP 10 Countries by Number of Participants



## Sections

- S01** Advances in the Study of Memory and International Politics
- S02** Analyzing the Past, Directing the Future: Indexes, Rankings, and Visualisations as Social Technologies and Policy Instruments
- S03** Assessing the Impact of Kosovo Twenty Years On
- S04** Authority, Power and the Limits of Critique: Imaginaries, Triple Contingency and Symbolic Orders
- S05** Collective Memories and Regimes of (In)visibility – Commemoration, Remembering and Forgetting Violent Conflicts in the Visual Age
- S06** Comparative Analyses of Foreign Policy
- S07** Contesting Politics: Exploring Violent Social Movements
- S08** Creative Interventions in Global Politics: Visuality, Subjectivity and Questions of Method
- S09** Critical Approaches to Intelligence Studies: Towards a New Research Agenda
- S10** Critical Military Studies
- S11** “Disrupting” Fieldwork: Interrogating Current Methodological Perspectives in the Study of IR
- S12** Doing International Political Sociology: Fracturing Concepts; Transversal Connecting
- S13** English School: International Society as Practiced
- S14** “European Choice” Versus the “Russian World”: The Competition of the European Union and Russia in the Common Neighbourhood
- S15** European Foreign Policy Facing New Realities
- S16** Exploring Reconciliation In/Beyond IR
- S17** Geopolitics in a New Age: Shedding New Light on an Old Concept?
- S18** Global Epistemics: Seeing, Knowing, Norming ‘the Global’
- S19** Global Health and International Studies
- S20** Hegemony and Power in Global Economy
- S21** Hierarchies in Global/Local Politics
- S22** Historical International Relations
- S23** International Migration, Nationalism and International Relations
- S24** International Practices
- S25** (In)Visible International Law
- S26** Major Turns in IR: A Productive Diversity or a Fragmented Discipline?
- S27** Making South-South Migration Visible
- S28** Multilateralism in Crisis? Challenges for Global and Regional Economic Governance
- S29** Multiplicity: Showing IR’s Hidden Commonality, Unleashing its Latent Potential
- S30** Performing World Politics Through Rituals
- S31** Polar and Ocean Politics: Neither out Far nor in Deep?
- S32** Populism and International Relations
- S33** Populism, Fragmentation and the Militarisation of Everyday Life
- S34** Regions in Transition and Conflict: Security Challenges, Strategic Choices, Energy Dilemmas and Institutional Responses
- S35** Teaching, Learning and Assessment in International Relations
- S36** The ‘Visual Turn’ in Maritime (In)security and Ocean Governance: New Understandings and Representations
- S37** The Foreign Policy of Central and Eastern European (CEE) States – Between Power Politics and Interdependence
- S38** The Future of Europe and Differentiated Integration: What It Means and How It Works
- S39** The Future(s) of Liberal World Order
- S40** The International Governance of Transboundary Security Problems
- S41** The Other Side/s of the ‘World Order’ Stories: Voices and Views from the Global South
- S42** The Seen and Unseen of International Organisations: Crisis, Contestation and Change
- S43** The Spectre of Capitalism in International Studies
- S44** The Unseen IR: Islam and the Study of the ‘International’
- S45** Unseen Politics of Global Production – Prospects for Labour, Ecology and Human Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- S46** Violence, Security, Capitalism: Global Perspectives on the City
- S47** Visibility, Foreign Policy and New Aesthetic Regime of International Relations
- S48** Visuality as Method
- S49** What’s Next? Hegemony and Order in the Global Political System
- S50** Conference section

# 6<sup>th</sup> European Workshops in International Studies

26–29 June  
2019, Kraków,  
Poland

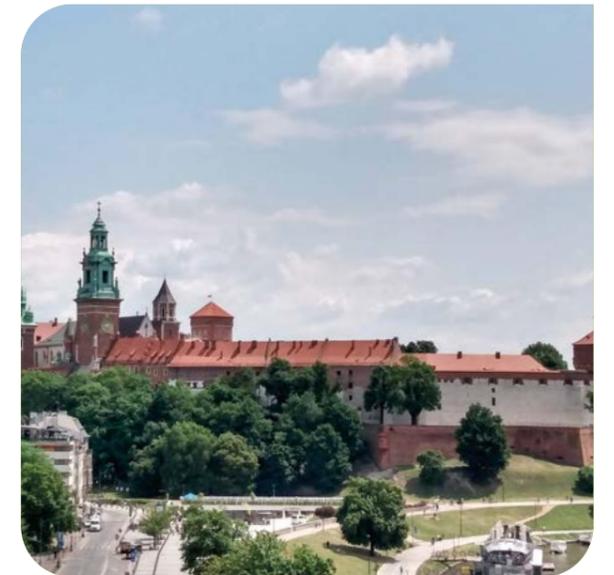


The 6<sup>th</sup> European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS 2019) 'The Next Hundred Years of International Relations' were hosted by the Jagiellonian University, Kraków on 26–29 June 2019. With its 25 workshops, 439 submitted abstracts, 378 accepted papers and 330+ participants, EWIS 2019 hit just the right balance between a vibrant academic conference and a series of intense working groups deliberating in parallel.

Organised in collaboration with the Polish Association for International Studies, EWIS 2019 was lucky to call the oldest higher education institution in Poland – the Jagiellonian University in Kraków (founded in 1364) its home. Our heartfelt thanks to the wonderfully welcoming hosts at the JU, particularly Prof. Artur Gruszczak, Dr Magdalena Kozub-Karkut, Dr Tomasz Pugacewicz, Prof. Andrzej Mania, Prof. Paweł Laidler, and the always helpful student volunteers – you made our academic fest in the beautiful gem of Małopolska very special indeed. Our special thanks are also due to the workshop convenors for all their labour in bringing the programme together – and to the speakers of the two EWIS 2019 opening plenaries who set the tone for musing about the next hundred years of International Relations with their stimulating past-canvassing and forward-looking insights.

The programme chairs of EWIS2019, Dr Maria Mäklsoo (on behalf of EISA, University of Kent at Brussels) and Prof. Artur Gruszczak (Jagiellonian University) decided to award the 2019 Best Graduate Paper Award to Dawid Walentek (University of Amsterdam) for 'Economic Peace Revisited'. The honourable mentions were received by Christopher Brucker (Friedrich Schiller University Jena) for 'International Norms as Strategic Resources in Secession Conflicts'; Jonas J. Driedger (EUI) for 'A Theory on the Formation of Small State Security Strategies in Dangerous Regions: Explaining the Strategic Choices of Russia's European Neighbors', and Karin Narita (Queen Mary University of London) for 'Truth, History, and Radical Conservatism: Historical Revisionism in Post-War Japan'.

The engaging plenaries and serious workshopping at EWIS 2019 were sprinkled with lovely receptions – the historic Collegium Maius was particularly memorable – and happy hours in beer-lovers' paradise *Hala Główna* in the sweltering summer weather. The post-workshop excursion to Auschwitz-Birkenau was a memorable, if sombre, coda to the unforgettable four days of EWIS 2019.



33

workshop proposals



25

workshops



439

submitted abstracts



378

accepted abstracts



322

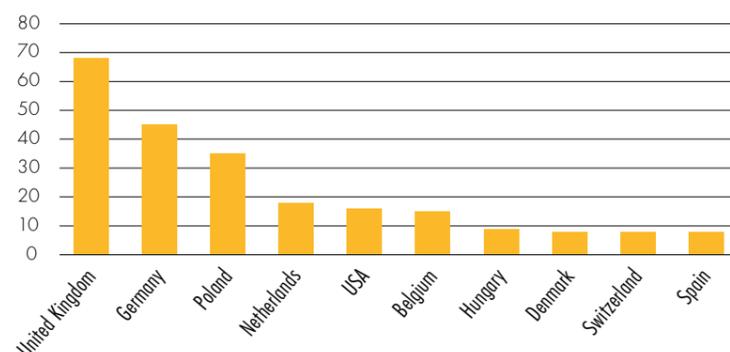
participants



6 000 €

Mobility Funds  
for 15 participants

# TOP 10 Countries by Number of Participants



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## Workshops

WS A	Nihilism, Truth and International Relations
WS B	The International Dimension of Unilateral Secession
WS C	Superpower Rivalry in the Post-Soviet Region
WS D	Science-diplomacy nexus: what theory and what practice?
WS E	Re-envisioning Regional Powers in a World of Complexity and Change
WS F	IR and Discourse Revisited in Light of the Turns: Developments, Challenges and Promises of Combining Traditions
WS G	Foreign Policy Change – From Policy Adjustments to Fundamental Reorientations
WS H	Agency within mobility: Exploring the multiple dimensions of agency in migration governance
WS I	Foreign Policy and Public Opinion: State of the Art and Future Research Avenues
WS J	Pushing the envelope of European sanctions
WS K	Quantitative Approaches to the Study of International Norms
WS L	Domestic contestation and politicization of European Foreign Policy: Civil Society Organizations, Parties and Parliaments
WS M	Future of multilateral security arrangements in Europe in times of the return of power politics
WS N	Anticipatory Global Governance: International Organisations and Political Futures
WS O	Rethinking the Sea in International Relations: Space, Time, Politics and Change
WS P	Race, Justice and Equality in Global Politics
WS Q	Informational Warfare (i-Warfare) and Strategic Communication in the Contemporary Security Environment and its Applications
WS R	The Global 1920s
WS S	International Political Economy and the Middle East: Beyond Mutual Neglect
WS T	Global reconfigurations of science, technology, security
WS U	The Next 100 Years' Crisis: The Realist Tradition in IR as (the) Enlightenment?
WS V	Surveillance, Transparency and Trust in Transatlantic Perspective
WS W	The Handbook of Global Politics in the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Century
WS X	Hope and Resilience in a World in Relation
WS Y	Conceptions of Greatness in the Foreign Policy of Major Powers
WS Z	The Case for Scandology: International Relations in an Age of Outrage
WS AA	Extraterritoriality in Nineteenth Century International Relations and Global Inequality Today
WS AB	Alliance Management in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century: Strategy, Political Economy and Defense Planning

# 8<sup>th</sup> Exploratory Symposia

23–26  
October, 2019  
Rapallo, Italy

The EISA Exploratory Symposia has been a recurrent – and quite rewarding – event in the association. The purpose of this 2,5 day meeting at the Excelsior Palace in Rapallo, Italy, is to create a space for EISA members to meet and develop collaborative projects, including special issues and edited volumes, grant applications, and new research networks. The Symposia differs from other EISA events. For instance, the number of participants is relatively small, which allows for the opportunity to get to know all participants well and to work intensively on collaborative projects. At times, this has even resulted in further collaborative projects which were not planned for this event, but which emerged in conversations during dinner or a stroll along Rapallo's old harbor.

## 2019 Symposia

**The Spiralling of the Securitization  
of Migration (a grant proposal)**

**The Handbook of Global Politics  
in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century (a handbook)**

**Fabricating World Politics  
(a grant proposal)**

**Hope:  
A Resource for the Anthropocene?  
(a grant proposal)**

**Conceptualizing the "International"  
(a special issue)**

**Pedagogies of Visual Politics  
(an edited volume)**

In 2019, the 8<sup>th</sup> EISA Exploratory Symposia took place from 23–26 October with 29 participants. As in previous years, the participants arrived on Wednesday (the first day of Symposia) and departed after lunch on the fourth day. The Symposia opened with a welcome dinner in the evening of the first day. For this Exploratory Symposia, we received 11 applications for the six symposia with a maximum of five participants each (compared to 17 proposals for the Exploratory Symposia in 2018).

The participation fee for the 2019 Exploratory Symposia was raised from 100 to 115 EUR, due to an increase in room fees. A new and more effective system of online payment was implemented for this event. Previously participants had to pay by bank transfer. At the EISA board meeting in January 2020, a strategy for raising the awareness of the Exploratory Symposia to attract more applications was discussed and developed, which includes publishing the outcomes of individual symposia (e.g. special issues, edited volumes and successful grant applications).

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# 18<sup>th</sup> Olympia Summer Academy

7–16 July 2019,  
Napflio, Greece

EISA co-organized the Olympia Summer Academy in Politics and International Studies with the Navarino Network, Greece. The Olympia Summer Academy (OSA) was established in 2002 with the dual purpose of creating a forum of high quality academic work and a platform for the creation and consolidation of scholarly networks of cooperation. This purpose has been served well in the past, as well as the 2019 edition that was held in Napflio, Greece, from 7 to 16 July, attracting 18 professors and 107 qualified participants from 28 countries. Participants and faculty reported that the OSA was both academically enriching and a good deal of fun. Our thanks to Andreas Gofas and the rest of the team at the OSA for continuing to provide the next generation of international studies scholars with such a valuable intellectual and cultural experience.

# Career Development

## Early Career Development Group

As the EISA's Early Career Development Group, we aim to support young scholars in their professional development. We work towards generating a network of early career scholars and organise discussions around a variety of topics relevant to this group. The group is made up of early scholars at different stages in their careers, from a variety of institutions and with various research interests. We are collectively interested in supporting the interests of early career scholars within EISA and develop new initiatives and opportunities. Since its inception in mid-2018, the group has established itself as part of EISA, and currently runs under the auspices of Marieke de Goede as the EISA's ECD portfolio holder.

### ECD Group

Janine Bressmer (Graduate Institute in Geneva)  
 Minda Holm (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs)  
 Alice Martini (Autonomous University of Madrid)  
 Tamás Peragovics (Central European University)  
 Elisabeth Schweiger (University of York)



## Activity Report 2019

With Jef Huysmans (Queen Mary University of London) as the first 'Early Career Development' portfolio holder, the ECD group convened its first event at the 2019 Annual Conference of the British International Studies Association (BISA) in London, where the ECD team convened a roundtable on 'Beyond Horizons of Visibility: An IR to Come.' The panel asked the question of what sense the study of international relations makes from the perspective of early career scholars and the five roundtable presenters creatively looked at the past, present and future of IR.

Following this, the ECD group convened two 'Demystifying the Academy' events at the EISA's PEC19 in Sofia. 'Demystifying Glass Ceilings: Equality and Privilege in IR' brought together around 30 participants to discuss the implications of gendered, raced and other power relations in academic daily working life with an emphasis on strategies, measures, challenges and victories across academic departments in Europe. The event concluded with a well-attended reception for early career scholars, funded by the Nordic ISA (NISA), where the ECD team was able to introduce the aims and members of the group and meet fellow ECD scholars. Following the success of the first event, the ECD team convened the 'Demystifying Publishing and Early Career Advancement' panel, which generated a debate with around 20 participants on the publishing process and career advancement specifically for early career scholars. Lastly, the ECD group convened an IR Café entitled 'Deconstructing Concepts from an International Point of View' which brought together around 40 participants and senior scholars to debate and discuss broader concepts such as 'Security', 'Methods' and 'Power' that are central to International Relations.

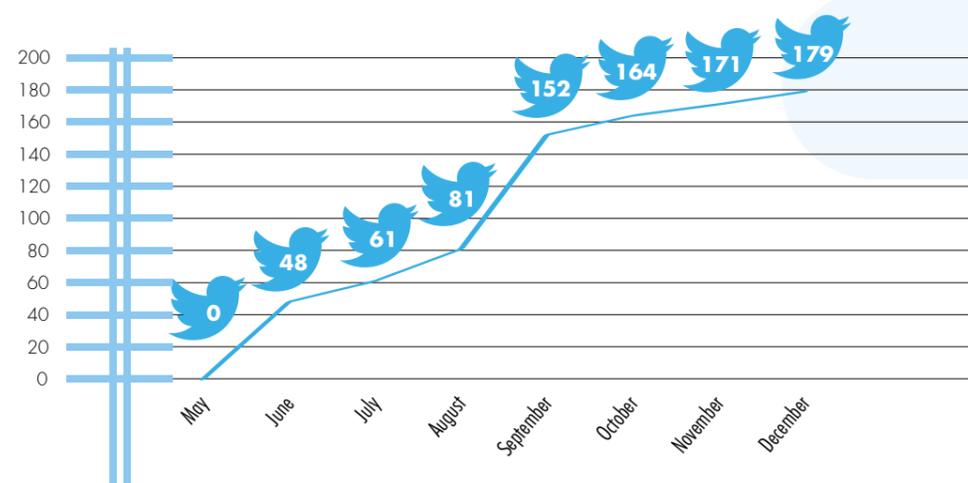
Upon the conclusion of EISA-PEC19, the ECD group said farewell to Jef Huysmans and welcomed Marieke de Goede (University of Amsterdam) as the new ECD portfolio holder of the EISA.

### Moving forward together

Collectively, the four EISA-PEC19 events received very positive feedback from the event participants and many early career scholars have expressed interest and support for similar events geared at both skill building and broader, theoretical discussions on topics and debates in International Studies. The events in Sofia were well attended and signal a clear need for spaces where early career scholars can meet in a safe and supporting environment. The ECD group will continue to create such spaces, support networks and special thematic events at future EISA-PEC conferences and related events.

To help disseminate information on ECD events and connect with early career scholars, the ECD team has also set up a Twitter account in 2019 (@ECD\_EISA) and a regular newsletter that are both geared towards showcasing and advertising our activities as well as connecting early career scholars with exciting career opportunities, upcoming conferences and various calls for papers. As the group establishes itself further within the EISA and broader early career scholar networks, we hope to expand our activities and outreach to better serve the interests of our peers. In context of the COVID19 global pandemic and the EISA unfortunately having to cancel PEC20 in Malta, the ECD team will be organizing online events originally planned for Malta, including a workshop on field work, interviews and research in times of corona and a virtual IR Cafe.

## ECD Twitter Followers



## Mid-Career Development

The EISA takes seriously the challenges of professional development for mid- and advanced-career scholars. Mid- and advanced career scholars are all involved in efforts to consolidate and develop research and teaching skills, to formulate and complete research projects, and to lead and develop institutions.

The EISA strives to offer spaces with room for exchanging ideas for how these challenges might be handled. At its yearly conference, it therefore organizes workshops, cafés and seminars with shifting foci.

At PEC 2019 in Sofia, the following mid-career events were organized:

- Writing Workshop
- Project Writing Café workshop
- Special Panel on ERC Grant Applications

## Writing Workshop

On 11 September 2019, Prof. Beate Jahn, as part of its career development initiatives, convened a workshop on writing, which addressed writing related issues faced by scholars at all stages of their professional life: lack of time, issues of inspiration and motivation, writer's block, the pressure of deadlines.

The workshop offered a systematic understanding of the writing process, concrete strategies for time management, and different types of writing practices.

## Project Writing Café Workshop

On 13 September 2019, Prof. Anna Leander convened a project writing café as part of the early and mid-career activities of EISA. Its aim was to share experience and advice about project writing.

In contemporary academia everyone is under pressure to obtain funding. Peer discussion and advice is an indispensable complement to the perspective advanced by university research offices and administration. It is also a way of generating support and solidarity in inherently and inescapably divisive competitive funding application processes. The initiative grew out of membership demand. The workshop gathered people with broad experience with grant management of different kinds and in different contexts. During the café, each presenter talked about the projects they have run and what they considered the three crucial aspects of project writing. The workshop then was split up into "café tables" so that people could consider specific questions that were relevant to concrete contexts and/or funding instruments. A final discussion among all participants considered the link between project writing and running the project.

## ERC panel – Supporting creative minds – Funding opportunities at the European Research Council

On 14 September 2019, Simona Abbatangelo convened a panel on funding opportunities at the European Research Council (ERC). ERC funds the very best researchers from around the world to investigate topics of their own choosing at the frontier of knowledge, which have the potential to substantially transform their scientific area. The panel was specifically addressed to scientists with a PhD older than 2 years and willing to work for part of their time at a host institution in the EU or countries associated to the Framework Programme H2020 (e.g. Switzerland, Norway, Israel, Turkey, etc.), by applying for projects under the umbrella of ERC calls.

In the first part of the panel, the convenor and some IR scientists who have successfully applied to ERC explained how the ERC application and evaluation process works. In addition, they shared their experiences of the preparation and evaluation phase, as well as some tips and tricks on how to run an ERC grant.

# Awards

## Best Graduate Paper 2019



The Best Graduate Paper Award recognizes and supports the contribution of PhD students to the development of the field of International Relations. The paper awarded with this prize must be an original contribution to existing debates in the field and offer a careful, convincing and rigorous analysis. The recipient will be chosen from the contributions of graduate students to the annual EWIS workshops.

The winner of the Best Graduate Paper award in 2019:

**Dawid Walentek**  
University of Amsterdam

“Economic Peace Revisited”

Honourable mentions

**Christopher Brucker**  
FRIEDRICH SCHILLER UNIVERSITY JENA

for ‘International Norms as Strategic Resources in Secession Conflicts’

**Jonas J. Driedger**  
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

for ‘A Theory on the Formation of Small State Security Strategies in Dangerous Regions: Explaining the Strategic Choices of Russia’s European Neighbors’

**Karin Narita**  
QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

for ‘Truth, History, and Radical Conservatism: Historical Revisionism in Post-War Japan’

## Best Dissertation Award 2019

The winner of the Best Dissertation Award in 2019:

**Sorana-Cristina Jude**  
Aberystwyth University

“Israel’s Military: Emotions, Violence, and the Limits of Dissent”

The Best Dissertation Award recognizes outstanding work by young scholars in the field of International Relations. It is awarded to dissertations that make a highly original and significant contribution to International Relations based on rigorous research.

## Best Article in Global Affairs 2019

The winners of the Best Article in Global Affairs award in 2019:

**André Barrinha**  
University of Bath

**and Thomas Renard**  
Vesalius College

“Cyber-diplomacy: The Making of an International Society in the Digital Age”

The journal Global Affairs traces trends and events in global and European politics and facilitates debate about current issues. The prize is awarded to the most innovative article with considerable impact on debates about current global politics.

## Best Article in European Journal of International Relations 2019

The winner of the Best Article in the European Journal of International Relations in 2019:

**Joanne Yao**  
Queen Mary University

“Conquest from barbarism’: The Danube Commission, international order and the control of nature as a Standard of Civilization”

The prize recognizes and supports the crucial role of theory and theoretical pluralism in and for International Relations in Europe. It is awarded to theoretically innovative articles that elaborate a novel idea, make a significant contribution to existing debates, provide a rigorous analysis and impetus for new research.

# Publications

## European Journal of International Relations (EJIR)

The European Journal of International Relations (EJIR) is the peer-reviewed flagship journal of the Standing Group on International Relations (SGIR) of the European Consortium for Political Research. A joint committee of the SGIR and EISA is responsible for the management and success of the journal. In keeping with the wide range of scholarly interests represented by the SGIR membership, the journal is broadly representative of the field of International Relations as it has evolved in Europe. Since the establishment of the journal in 1995, the *EJIR* has become a major and independent voice in International Relations scholarship. Building on its European origins, it has developed over more than two decades to epitomize cutting edge theoretical debates and theoretically-informed empirical analysis that reflects the best of the global IR community.

2.756

2018 Impact Factor  
is 2.756

11/91

Ranking in International  
Relations: 11/91

3.474

Journal Citation Reports  
(JCR) 2-year impact factor:  
3.474/  
5-year Impact Factor  
is 3.579

3.925

JCR 5-year impact factor:  
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Relations 6 out of 95

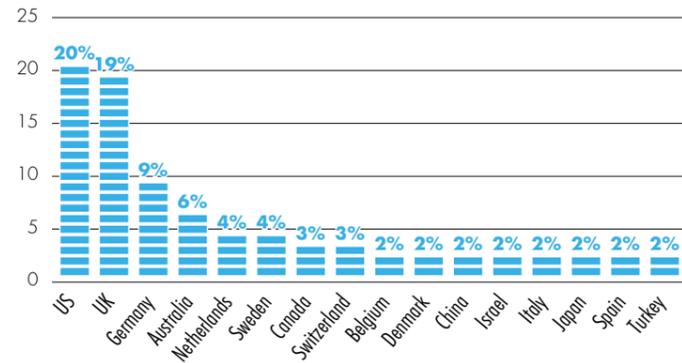
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manuscript submissions  
in 2019, a 7.1 % increase  
from 2018

13 %

acceptance rate  
in 2019

## Leading number of submissions geographically in 2019:



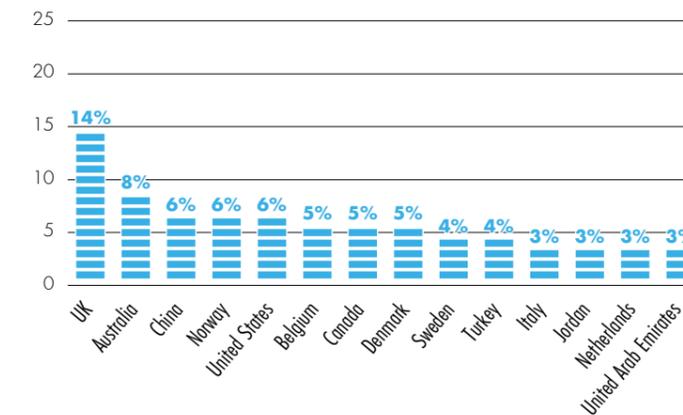
Each issue is composed of one or two front articles, a number of research articles, a commentary/ debate section and a review section. Some of the published articles have got media attention, helped by press releases, thus representing academics reaching out to broader audiences, i.e. one of the aims of *Global Affairs*.

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Number of submissions in 2019

## Global Affairs (GA)

After years of preparation *Global Affairs* was launched in 2015 and during 2016 began to consolidate, not least in terms of submissions. Except for the summer period, the journal is published every second months, making a quick editorial process possible. The journal has got a fine reception; readers began quickly to engage with the online published material thereby producing unexpectedly high engagement metrics, some articles engaged more than 5000 times. Three factors might explain the take-off we have experienced. First, Taylor & Francis' promotion of the journal is indispensable. There are considerable advantages of being in the same journal stable as journals like *Washington Quarterly* and *Survival*. Second, all EISA members have free online access to *Global Affairs* (and a handful of other T&F journals) for which reason the journal benefits from a direct connection to the biggest IR knowledge resource base in Europe. Third, the editors have done their very best to encourage submissions.

## Leading number of submissions geographically:



# Palgrave Studies in International Relations (PSIR)

PSIR is one of the major IR book series, demonstrating that one of the original objectives of the series has been achieved. Being a general IR series, PSIR does not specialize in any particular sub-theme but aims to publish high quality books on topics that are of interest to IR audiences. As part of an effort to further strengthen the PSIR, the editorial team has been expanded and now consists of Mai'a K. Davis Cross, Benjamin de Carvalho, Shahar Hameiri, Knud Erik Jørgensen, Ole Jacob Sending and Ayşe Zarakol. Moreover, an EISA Best Dissertation Award has been established in cooperation with Palgrave, where the winner will have the revised dissertation published in the PSIR. PSIR is now included in Palgrave's SpringerLink ebook subject collection, which attracts over 50 million users from 15,000 institutions. PSIR books are published in paperback 24 months after initial publication to the open market.

4  
books published  
in 2019

## The Story of International Relations, Part Two:

Cold-Blooded Idealists,  
by Pemberton Joanne



## Modern Subjectivities in World Society:

Global Structures  
and Local Practices,

by Jung Dietrich  
and Stetter Stephan



## International Organization in the Anarchical Society:

The Institutional  
Structure of World  
Order,

by Brems Knudsen Tonny  
and Navari Cornelia



## Regional Organizations in International Society:

ASEAN, the EU and the Politics  
of Normative Arguing,

by Spandler Kilian



# Communications & Social Media

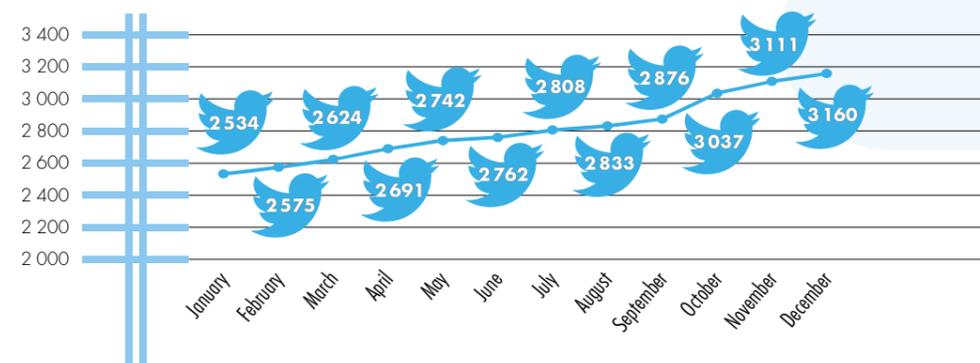
## Twitter & Facebook

EISA has currently two social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook. As many colleagues are actively using social media channels to stay informed about developments in our fields, it is imperative that we maintain these accounts closely and use them to communicate with our members.

In 2019, we updated these accounts with new visuals and information about the association. Our Facebook account in particular contained outdated information and needed a more extensive overhaul.

In order to promote the PEC20 section chairs call, we also designed bespoke graphics featuring statements from former PEC section chairs Dr Matthias Leese and Dr Beste İşleyen. They were designed to communicate more clearly the role of section chairs and how colleagues can benefit from acting as a section chair.

On Twitter, we reached the 3,000 followers landmark in October 2019. As of December 2019, the EISA Facebook page had 3,445 followers.





Opening Rate  
of the Newsletter

48,1 %

January & February

49,2 %

March & April

51,2 %

May & June

51,2 %

July & August

44,6 %

September & October

44,6 %

November & December

## Newsletter & Website

The EISA implemented in 2019 a new format for the association's newsletter. The newsletter is emailed to all our members every second month. The purpose of the new format is to provide a better overview of EISA activities, such as open calls for papers, panels and nominations, events, and other association news. As the EISA is a member-driven association, we stress the importance of keeping our members well informed about association news and possibilities for engagement. MailChimp data indicates that approximately 50 % of our members open and read the newsletter when they receive it in their inboxes. The EISA strives to increase this number going forward.

In 2019, we also released our new website. The newsletter and other emails sent to our members now link more to the association's website, which allow our members to both stay informed through the shorter texts contained in emails and through the website where we post more content. The new design provides a better overview of EISA activities and membership benefits. The website consists of the following separate sub-sections: About EISA; Events; Membership; Publications; Awards; Professional Development; News; Photogallery. For instance, in the Membership section, EISA members can enter the 'membership zone' in which they can access EISA journals online (e.g. European Journal of International Relations and Global Affairs). The Professional Development section provides an overview of developments within the EISA's two professional development initiatives: Early-Career Development and Mid-Career Development. EISA members can post news, such as calls for papers and panels and job postings in the membership zone through the sub-section, 'News'.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their support and active engagement without which none of these activities would be possible.