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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the second issue of the Australian National Internships Program Newsletter.

We had a very positive response to the first newsletter. Our aim is to make the newsletter as varied and informative as possible and to feature as many different aspects of ANIP and stories about, and information from, past Interns. I encourage all past and current Interns to submit items, whether it is a short piece for our "Where Are They Now" section or a more substantive piece on a project, job or some other relevant activity you have been involved with. We are particularly keen to receive material from Interns who were in the Program pre-2000. In keeping with our approach to featuring a wide variety of Internship related material, this issue includes a feature article by one of ANIP's regular seminar presenters who is currently on assignment in Yemen.

Sometimes the ANIP experience extends beyond the time

students spend in the Program. From time to time current and former Interns have the opportunity to publish their ANIP research. Having a publication on a CV can be a great way of enhancing job opportunities. In this issue we feature some of the Interns who have recently published their research. If you have published your ANIP work please let us know so we can feature it in future newsletters. ANIP continues to expand placement opportunities for our Interns and in Semester 2, 2009 we welcome the participation of the Australia Institute, Australian Forest Growers and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Finally, a number of ANIP functions have been held. These include information sessions in Canberra and Melbourne for potential ANIP participants and the first ANIP Alumni gathering in Melbourne. We hope to hold an Alumni function in Sydney in the near future.

Associate Professor Robert Campbell

INTERNS GET DOWN TO WORK

Forty Interns are participating in ANIP during Semester 2, 2009. Seventy percent of the students are from the ANU and if students on exchange at the ANU are counted, the figure rises to nearly 80%. Either way, it is the highest proportion of ANU students participating since the Program began. A number of students have joined the Program from other Australian universities: University of Melbourne, University of Sydney, University of Wollongong, University of Southern Queensland and Griffith University. We extend a special welcome to our international visitors from China, India, Taiwan, Thailand, UK and the USA. Interns are working on a diverse range of research topics which reflect the priorities of placements and the wide scope of academic backgrounds and interests of Interns. Projects include *'Wildlife trafficking laws and regulation within airports: Australia'*; *'What is the impact of recent youth allowance changes on rural and remote students and does the youth allowance system need to be changed to make university more accessible for rural and remote students'*; *'Was the Australia 2020 Summit a success?'* and *'Australian - French co-operation in the Southern Ocean: combating illegal fishing.'*

Semester 2 2009 Placements

AusAID, Australian Army Land Warfare Studies Centre, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Australian Council for International Development, Australian Forest Growers, Australian Institute for International Affairs, Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic, Kokoda Foundation, National Europe Centre, National Farmers Federation, Parliament House- Senators and MP's, Senate Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, Parliamentary Library-Research Branch, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Sea Power Centre- Australia and The Australia Institute.

NEW PLACEMENTS

This Semester ANIP welcomes several new host placements for Interns.

The **Australia Institute** is an independent public policy research centre funded by grants from philanthropic trusts, memberships and commissioned research.

The Institute was launched in 1994 to develop and conduct research and policy analysis and to participate forcefully in public debates. In addition, the Institute undertakes research and analysis commissioned and paid for by government, business, unions and community organisations. Those involved in the Institute have each, from different viewpoints, been concerned about the impact on Australian society of the priority given to a narrow definition of economic efficiency over community, environmental and ethical considerations in public and private decision making

Prime Minister and Cabinet Department is made up of four major groups; the Domestic Policy Group; the National Security and International Policy Group; the Governance Group; and the newly created Strategic Policy and Implementation Group where an Intern is currently placed. The Department's primary role is to provide advice to, and support for, the Prime Minister in his capacity as head of the government and the Cabinet. The major tasks for the Department include developing timely, well-argued and forward looking policy advice, coordination of policy through the Cabinet process, and supporting the implementation of key government programs and major domestic and international priorities. The Department also monitors implementation of key government initiatives, policies and programs.

Australian Forest Growers (AFG) was established in 1969 as the Australian Forest Development Institute. The national association is run by a voluntary council of growers with branches in all States and supported by a team of professional staff based in Canberra. The AFG represent the interests of private commercial forestry and farm tree growers, farm foresters and plantation growers, native forest managers, city based forestry investors, investment companies, forestry consultants, tree and equipment suppliers and industrial forestry companies.

GREETINGS FROM YEMEN

Many former Interns will remember Philip Eliason who has been a regular contributor to the ANIP seminar program and advisor to Interns on Middle East issues. Philip is currently on long term assignment in Yemen and he has sent back this report.



It's not a big jump from the ANU to Yemen, a hot spot for kidnapping, piracy and even terrorism. Depending on their job, some ANU Interns could do it pretty quickly, but for me it came off the back of running my own policy consulting business, working for national lobby groups and having done some time with DFAT in the Middle East after taking a BA (Hons) from ANU in 1980. Prior to taking my suitcase to Sana'a (the capital of Yemen) in January this year for a 12 month contract, I had enjoyed making a presentation each semester to ANIP. The participants were always very impressive and this shows in their updates in this and earlier newsletters. But, in Sana'a, I'm in rather a different world.

Profound gender gaps, poverty which drives many peculiar activities, men's business, assertive individualism, knives and guns, virtually no 'public space', and of course no cinema, no theatre, no restaurants which would be readily comfortable to nearly every reader of this newsletter: these are everyday features of running an aid project in the Middle East's poorest country and one of the world's least well off. I lead a UK government project in Yemen's security sector aimed at, with



Yemen's agreement, improving access to police and the courts and thereby reducing community conflict. For reasons equally recited to me by police officers, wealthy businessmen, taxi drivers, shop owners and the poor, no-one complains at a police station (for fear of imprisonment and the payments it takes to get out). The court system is the same, legal fees are not what we mean here. But with the government of Yemen facing many pressures, it agreed to address access to justice. Meanwhile, most Yemenis seek justice through customary or tribal mediation and judgment.

I attended the private meeting (pictured above) of about 60 tribal leaders in Sana'a in June who decried the kidnapping and killing of German aid workers. The sheiks were horrified at the social decay which would lead men to dare carry out such an act, against all traditions. It was clear that the perpetrators would never be allowed to sit still again. Within 10 days two kidnapers gave themselves to the police in a move showing that tribal justice was close to being executed against them. Ahead of us all there are lots of interesting things to do and many different conditions of work. It's just a matter of choosing when in your lifecycle you want to try to do them and how not to lose the investment in the experience after you do. Being able to think and write is the first step, even if some say it is not so important, it will eventually separate you from others and give you a better chance to realise the opportunities which are out there.

Philip Eliason
Programme Co-ordinator / Yemen Justice and Police Programme / Republic of Yemen

Scenes from Yemen



WHERE ARE THEY NOW???

Christopher Roberts *PhD, MA (Asian Studies), B.Soc.Sc (Political Science)*
Lecturer in International Relations and Asian Studies / Faculty of Business and Government / University of Canberra



I did my internship back in 2002 and was placed with Dr Paul Taloni in the International Policy Division of Defence. Actually, I only got in the building twice because my security clearance never came through (I'm still waiting – something to think about when you choose where you want to go...). Fortunately, I kept Rob in the loop and ended up getting a desk at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) so I kind of got a two for one deal – I still did a report for Defence! Anyhow, since then I taught English and represented the Toowoomba City Council in Takatsuki, Japan (long story) and then returned to Canberra to commence a PhD scholarship

with the Australian Defence Force Academy. I also had a ball spending three and a half years bouncing through Southeast Asia while doing research for my PhD and, later, some books and reports while a Post Doctoral Fellow in Singapore. I've kept in touch with Rob and one of my best friends, Ingrid (who went to

both my weddings in Singapore and Hanoi – same girl I should mention) and she was also from the same internship group. Also, I have to say that ANIP was a really good boost to my career. I made good contacts while down in Canberra and the report helped prepare me for writing further policy relevant publications in Singapore and in Canberra, where I am now a lecturer in International Relations at UC. I've been on a roll every since ANIP and am excitedly preparing for my next fieldtrip where I aim to be conducting interviews in Burma, Laos and Vietnam in November/December.

Isabelle Kremer

My internship at AusAID in 2006 alerted me to the wide-ranging opportunities available in the public service to pursue a career in international affairs, which is my passion.

Since completing ANIP I moved to Sydney to work at the Lowy Institute for International Policy as a Research Intern. In 2008 I returned to Canberra to join the Graduate Trainee program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). I have had an excellent experience at DFAT, given the opportunity to work on a variety of challenging international political, economic and strategic issues, and the intensive training provided. Not to mention the fantastic Graduate group I joined with.

I began work at DFAT in the United Nations and Commonwealth Section, focussing on Australia's Security Council candidacy. Following a two month intensive training block, I moved to the China Political Section to work on human rights and other political issues in China. Earlier this year I began my third rotation in the Office of Trade Negotiations. I have just been posted to the Australia Commerce and Industry Office in Taipei as Deputy Director, which I will commence after 8 weeks of intensive Mandarin training. I look forward to the unique opportunity and privilege to serve as an Australian representative overseas.



Sarah Finnin



Sarah Finnin participated in the ANIP program in 2003, during which she interned with the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. After working on the Committee's inquiry into the Bali bombings, Sarah maintained her interest in responses to terrorism, and was fortunate enough to travel to Washington D.C. on three occasions between 2004 and 2007 to join the David Hicks' legal team. She worked alongside US military-appointed defence counsel, Major Michael 'Dan' Mori, researching and writing legal motions challenging the legality of the military commission system established by the US Government to try Guantanamo Bay detainees for terrorism

offences. Sarah drew on her experience working with the Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law at the University of Melbourne to argue that the military commission system did not provide for a fair trial, and that the offences with which detainees were charged were not valid under the law of armed conflict. During her last trip to Washington D.C., Sarah travelled with the Hicks defence team to Guantanamo Bay, where she witnessed David Hicks plead guilty to a charge of providing material support for terrorism, making him the first detainee to be convicted and sentenced by a military commission. Sarah is now a PhD candidate at the Melbourne Law School, and is researching the concept of complicity under international criminal law. (Professor Tim McCormack, Director Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law, Major Mori and Sarah pictured above, Legal team in a press conference - right)



ENCOUNTERS WITH AMBASSADORS



Embassy of the Argentine Republic

In Semester 1 2009, Vanessa White was placed at the Embassy of the Argentine Republic. Mr Carlos Roberto Chiappe Solozabal, Counsellor and His Excellency Mr Pedro Villagra Delgado, Ambassador are pictured here with Vanessa after the Oral Presentation on her research topic; *'A Suitable Candidate - The Emilio F Mignone International Human Rights Prize.'* Our thanks to the Counsellor who has supervised many interns during his term at the Embassy and we wish him well as he returns to Buenos Aires.



Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic

A highlight for current Interns was the recent hosting of a seminar by His Excellency Mr. Tammam Sulaiman at the Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic. Also in attendance were His Excellency Mr. Ghanim Taha Al-Shibli, Ambassador of Iraq, Mr Brahim Lenemar, First Secretary, Embassy of Algeria, and Mr Phillip Jana, Representing the Lebanese Embassy, Mr Abdelkader Allouche, Minister



Counsellor, Embassy of Morocco, Mr. Abdulrahman Ali Ghardaqa, Cultural Attache, Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, Mr Reda Alnuzha, Counsellor, Embassy of Saudi Arabia, Dr Ali Yunis Aldahesh, Centre for Arab & Islamic Studies (Middle East & Central Asia) and Mr Peter Read. The Interns were able to ask questions freely and enjoyed a delicious Syrian lunch after the seminar.

CURRENT INTERNS



Current Interns visited Parliament for a 'behind closed doors' tour. They were fortunate enough to have both Senator the Hon John Hogg, President of the Senate (*pictured with Interns*) and Harry Jenkins MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives available to talk with them about their specific roles.



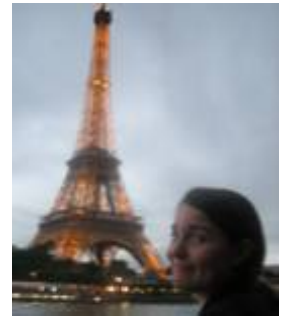
INTERNS IN PRINT

Congratulations to a number of past interns who have had their research reports referenced or published.

Frances Reid

A copy of The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing 'Weighing it up -Obesity in Australia' publication was recently sent to Frances as her research report is referenced in this publication.

"I've spent the past semester (following ANIP in Semester 2 2008) studying in Paris at the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques. There I took courses in demography, the philosophy of public policy and European politics. Now I return for my fourth and final year of the Bachelor of Arts (Languages) at Sydney University ~ but only after a little European travel!"



Kate Andren Valentina Simonetti Rachel Thomas

The Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) launched a new Emerging Scholars series promoting the work of young researchers in international affairs in November 2007. The latest edition Emerging Scholars 2008-9 includes the research reports of three previous interns.

Kate Andren - *Multiculturalism in Singapore and Australia*

Valentina Simonetti - *The Possible Role for Australia as an Intermediary between China and the United States*

Rachel Thomas – *Interpreting Australia's National Interest: An Appraisal of Gareth Evans, Alexander Downer and the New Rudd Government*



Kate Andren (pictured left) states, "It was extremely exciting for me to go through the professional reviewing and editing process, and end up with my very first published article. Such an exciting and enriching experience would not have been possible without my involvement with ANIP. As a result of the ANIP program, I feel I have become a great deal more confident in my academic ability, and have developed invaluable professional and personal networks as a result of my placement. Last month I was asked to come back and come to Singapore to help out at a joint event the Singapore Institute of International Affairs and the Australian Institute of International Affairs was organising".

Tamie Balaga

Undertaking an internship at the Sea Power Centre – Australia in 2008 has resulted in her research report - *Is Piracy a Threat to Australian Seaborne Trade?* being published in the annual *Maritime Issues 2008*. Tamie stated that, "this was a very exciting milestone for me, and I'm really glad I had the opportunity to participate in the program". A copy of the publication was presented to ANIP by Captain Gordon Andrews RAN and is available for loan from our Library.

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Peter Hanley

Peter is pictured here with a tank at Puckapunyal after a combined arms live-fire exercise that took place during his internship with the Army Land Warfare Centre. The tanks fired live rounds at targets which simulated an assault on an enemy. His research report was; *Ability of the Australian Army's Mentoring & Reconstruction Task force to meet the strategic aims set by the Australian Government & the International Security Assistance Force in the current Afghanistan conflict*. Peter is currently undertaking Postgraduate study in Sydney.

Elizabeth Mullan

Congratulations to Elizabeth for her many outstanding achievements this year. As an intern, Elizabeth was placed with The Australian Republican Movement and undertook research on *Increasing the support of women for an Australian Republic*. Before completing her internship she was selected as an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development (AYAD) Currently in Manila for twelve months she is working as a Child and Youth Music Development Officer in the Philippines. Working with locals she will develop a music education program for children at the Smokey Mountain Tondo Preschool. Elizabeth holds an Associate of Music Australia (AMuSA) in piano. She has recently completed her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Asian Studies Specialist (Honours) and will be awarded both the University Medal and the Tillyard Prize on her return to Australia. The Tillyard Prize is awarded to a student whose personal qualities and contributions to University life have been outstanding and who has completed a degree of Bachelor with Honours. This prize serves as a memorial to the late Dr Robin John Tillyard and the late Mrs Patricia Tillyard. The University Medal is awarded to outstanding Honours graduates. We look forward to catching up with Elizabeth on her return.

For further details on the AYAD program see www.ausaid.gov.au/youtham/



The University's July Graduation ceremonies were the first for Professor the Hon Kim Beazley in his role as Chancellor. Graduation is the culmination of years of study and research and we congratulate the Interns that celebrated the completion of their degrees. Emma Rees (left) and Vanessa White (pictured with the Chancellor) are all smiles after their Graduation ceremony.



ALUMNI IN MELBOURNE

On Friday 18 September the ANIP Director hosted a small but enthusiastic gathering of ANIP Alumni at Atrium on 35 at the Sofitel on Collins. It was a great opportunity for former Interns living in Melbourne to meet and share their ANIP experiences and to catch up with what others are



doing post-ANIP. An added bonus for some was the opportunity to



take advantage of a strategic location on the 35th floor to see some of the AFL Preliminary Final action at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The success of the Melbourne function has encouraged ANIP to hold similar events in other cities.

REMINDER

Application Closing Date for Semester 1 2010 is Friday 30 October

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