



Highlights

Pioneer Institute Helps Shape State Environmental Policy

Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research (Boston, MA) held an awards luncheon in January to honor winners of its second Better Government Competition. The 1992 competition took a slightly different approach from the previous year's competition, which solicited ideas from the public to improve government efficiency, by narrowing the focus to environmental policy. Strong support from Governor Weld's administration, coupled with a targeted public affairs strategy from Pioneer, has led to promising new developments in Massachusetts environmental policy.



Paul Cellucci, Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor (left), congratulates award winner John DeVillars (center) as Pioneer co-director Virginia Straus looks on.

Executive Office of Environmental Affairs is pursuing legislation to implement a trash collection user fee concept submitted by award winner Lynn Scarlett of the Reason Foundation in California. The director also established the groundwork for implementing a proposal, submitted by the firm Coopers & Lybrand, for the creation of a program to help businesses exchange information on exemplary solid waste management practices.

In addition, the Weld administration is pursuing eight of the eleven Better Government Competition proposals from last year's contest. A notable example is the proposal to privatize pharmacies at state-run hospitals. Twenty-two pharmacies have been privatized so far, saving the state \$3 million. Greater savings will be realized as the plan is fully implemented.

The success of Pioneer's Better Government Competition demonstrates that nonprofit research institutes can make an impact on public policy through better government contests and other creative strategies.

The most highly publicized proposal, submitted by MIT professor Don Harleman, would save taxpayers \$200 million by modifying state efforts to clean up Boston Harbor. Harleman proposed the adoption of an alternative method of water treatment that is currently used in New England and southern California. The proposal is under review by the House Post-Audit and Oversight Committee which is considering the implementation of a pilot project with the new technology.

The director of waste policy at the



Pioneer founder, Pete Peters (center), co-director Steve Wilson (right), and Peter Howe (left), journalist with the Boston Globe

Atlas Holds 19th International Workshop in Ecuador

In November 1992, the **Instituto Ecuatoriano de Economía Política** hosted the 19th International Atlas Workshop in its home city of Guayaquil, Ecuador. More than 60 people from 40 organizations in 15 countries participated in the workshop. While the majority of the participants were Latin American, there were also colleagues from the Czech Republic, *(continued on page 2)*



Left to right: Enrique Gherzi, CITEL (Peru); Governor Angel Duarte Valverde (Guayas, Ecuador); and Dora de Ampuero, president, Instituto Ecuatoriano de Economía Política

New Opportunities for Classical Liberals in Slovakia

Despite the anti-communist revolution in November 1989, a group of scholars, businessmen, and journalists grew concerned that "various forms of collectivist thinking and socialist ideas have begun cropping up again in Slovakia in response to pressing economic problems." In 1991, they established the Libertarian Club and the F.A. Hayek Liberal Club in Bratislava, Slovakia, to promote understanding of classical liberal ideas.

The Libertarian Club is a nonprofit group of researchers, university lecturers, entrepreneurs, journalists, and others who support classical liberalism. The objectives of the club are to "found a new tradition of liberal thinking." Club members lecture at second-

ary schools and universities and sponsor discussions, seminars, and workshops. They have also developed a library of classical liberal books.

The F.A. Hayek Club was established to support a "quick and radical transformation of Czecho-Slovak economy" and to expand freedoms after the break from a totalitarian regime. The club provides opportunities for people to learn about the market economy, freedom, and individual responsibility through seminars and publications.

In June 1992, the two clubs established the F.A. Hayek Foundation to further their shared activities. The founders clearly declared their aims by naming the foundation in honor of F.A.

Hayek. Its long term goal is to create an independent, nonpolitical body to cultivate liberal thinking in Slovakia.

The foundation will organize lectures, seminars, and workshops; sponsor translations of liberal books; finance independent research; sponsor conferences, seminars, and meetings with other classical liberal organizations; and network internationally. Its first projects include the translation of Hayek's "Intellectuals and Socialism" and the publication of the book *Hayek* by Eamon Butler. For further information about the clubs or the foundation, contact Jan Oraveca, F.A. Hayek Foundation president, Trnavská 70, 821 01 Bratislava, Slovakia.

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Hungary, Russia, and North America.

The meeting, which was the institute's first major event, ran like clockwork thanks to the special efforts of Dora de Ampuero and Rocio Guijarro Saucedo, both former Atlas Latin American fellows. Ampuero is founder and president of Instituto Ecuatoriano de Economía Política and Guijarro is the general manager of CEDICE (Caracas, Venezuela).

Several workshop sessions examined how institutes can maintain independence from third parties and special interest groups. Enrique Gherzi (CITEL, Peru), an institute leader and former congressman in Peru, believes the only way to maintain independence is to keep away from partisan politics. Martin Krause (Fundación América, Buenos Aires) discussed the dangers of institutes that are "one-man operations" or mere outposts for the work of a single person.

In other sessions, James Finn and Douglas Payne from Freedom House (New York) explained how its *Survey of Freedom in the World*, which monitors 186 nations and 66 territories, is conducted. Also, former Indiana Democrat Party State chairman Gor-

don St. Angelo discussed prospects of the Clinton Administration.

Atlas will host its 20th International Workshop from May 13 to May 15, 1993, at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel near Dulles International Airport in Herndon, Virginia. Representa-

tives of independent public policy research organizations and their supporters are eligible to attend, but participation will be allowed by invitation only.

For a copy of the workshop schedule and other details, please contact Alejandro Chafuen at Atlas.



Above: (left to right) Workshop participants Gerardo Bongiovanni at the podium, Jacy De Souza, Enrique Gherzi, and Alejandro Chafuen.

Left: Workshop participants (left to right) José Luis Velez, Martha Torres, Eugenio Guzmán, and Eduardo Weymann

Atlas Welcomes New Latin American Fellows

Jorge Salaverry, an expert on Latin American affairs, became a senior fellow with Atlas in January 1993. Salaverry, who is a frequent commentator on radio and television, has also worked with the Competitive Enterprise Institute and The Heritage Foundation (both in Washington, DC).

Salaverry came to the United States in 1980 to study at the University of Delaware, following a successful business career in his native Nicaragua. Prior to joining Atlas, he was the chief advisor of the Embassy of Nicaragua in Washington, D.C.

While working with Atlas, Salaverry will concentrate his efforts on El Salvador and Nicaragua. His primary mission is to identify individuals and organizations that can work with Atlas to establish independent public policy research institutes in those countries and to strengthen Atlas's existing ties with Central America.

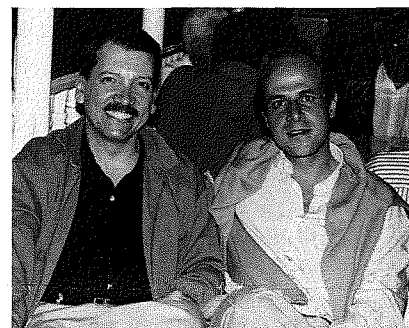
In February, Guillermo Ulke, program director at **Fundacion Republica** (Buenos Aires), assumed a dual role as Atlas Latin American fellow and se-

nior institute fellow of the **Institute for Humane Studies** (Fairfax, VA). Ulke received a law degree from the University of Buenos Aires and a masters degree in Business and Economics from ESEADE. He is an associate professor of Argentine economic policy at the law school of the University of Buenos Aires.

While at Atlas, Ulke will develop programs in Latin America with a special focus on the area of law and economics. He will attend management and fundraising courses, as well as academic events, to increase his non-profit management skills. In August, Ulke will return to Argentina and con-

tinue with his work at the university and Fundacion Republica.

Program funding for both fellows is made possibly by Lilly Endowment's Latin American grant to Atlas.



Above: Atlas fellow Jorge Salaverry (left) with Mario Jaramillo (Instituto de Ciencia Politica, Bogota, Colombia) Left: Atlas fellow Guillermo Ulke, center



Institute News

Liberty Institute (Bucharest, Romania) is teaching Romanians about classical liberal ideas through a growing array of projects. It publishes a newsletter, "The Liberal Idea" which is available in English and French. Liberty's president, Alexandru Tasnadi, publishes papers and articles covering issues such as alternative systems of social assistance, protection of intellectual property, protectionism, and the perverse effects of regulations. Members of the institute have participated in radio and television programs, addressing monetary policies and other economic issues. The institute is organizing a conference on voluntary associations. It has also scheduled a list of classical liberal essays slated for translation. For copies of Liberty's newsletter, please contact Atlas.

Initial projects of the newly established **Free Initiative Foundation** (Sofia, Bulgaria) include translations of Robert Schuettinger's *Short History of Wage and Price Controls* and general director Charles Moser's "What is Democracy?" A second series, "Key Concepts of the Bulgarian Transition," will build on Moser's democracy essay and examine markets, prices, speculation, property, competition, and money.

Adam Smith Institute (London, UK) is conducting a "better government" contest, modeled after similar programs in Canada and the U.S. Its Economy in Government competition will solicit ideas for cost saving and efficiency in government from the private and public sectors. After selecting the award winning plans, a luncheon will be held to announce and honor the winners. ASI plans to feature partici-

pation by a government minister since "the government is expected to take a close interest in the proposals.. and to examine which of them might be successfully applied."

The Institute of Economic Affairs (London, UK) appointed Roger Bate as a fellow in environmental studies and Professor Martin Ricketts as the new chairman of the academic advisory council at IEA.

In January, the institute held its 4th Annual State of the Economy Conference in London which attracted 250 delegates. In March, as part of the institute's Occasional Lecture Series, Professor Richard Stroup of Montana State University will speak on "A Market Approach to Solving Environmental Problems" and Professor Richard Vedder of Ohio University will discuss "Out of Work: How Govern-

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New Publications

Adam Smith Institute published *Rethinking the Environment*, edited by Russell Lewis. It features articles published by institutes including the **Competitive Enterprise Institute** (Washington, DC), **Political Economy Research Center** (Bozeman, MT), **National Center for Policy Analysis** (Dallas, TX), **Institute of Political Economy** (Logan, Utah), **Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research** and **Centro de Estudios Economico-Sociales** (Guatemala).

A joint publication about privatization of social security in Chile was released in Moscow by **Institute for the Study of Russian Economy** (Moscow, Russia) and **Centro de Estudios Publicos** (Santiago, Chile). The publishers hope to strengthen Russian - Latin American liberal ties and to educate Russians about alternatives in economic policy. The Russian institute also published a report, "Perspectives of Economic Reform," that was presented at a seminar sponsored by the Government of the Russian Federation last fall.

John Locke Foundation (Raleigh, NC) published the sixth issue of its Policy Report series. "Our Best Foot Forward: An Agenda for North Carolina," modeled after The Heritage Foundation's *Mandate for Leadership*, offers a summary of policy insights and recommendations on areas of state and local concern. In each policy area, including public education, crime prevention, fiscal policy, and environmental protection, the foundation proposes a set of recommendations for North Carolina's leaders.

The Loss of Virtue: Moral Confusion & Social Disorder in Britain & America is newly available from National Review. In 15 essays by leading conservative social critics, the book (which features a foreword by NR Editor John O'Sullivan) details how social engineers have dismantled society's moral foundations. Contact National Review, attn: The Loss of Virtue, 150 East 35th Street, New York, NY 10016.

Environmental Program Update

Detmar Doering of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Germany writes that Atlas environmental research associate Jo Kwong has been "favorably mentioned" in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, one of Germany's biggest daily newspapers. The foundation published a manifesto in favor of free market policies that was distributed last summer at a foundation meeting. Encouraged by positive reaction to the manifesto, the foundation is arranging for the German translation of Kwong's booklet "Myths about Environmental Policy." Originally published by Citizens for the Environment (Washington, D.C.), the booklet has also been translated into Portuguese by the **Instituto Liberal** (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

In January, Kwong spoke at the National Review Institute's "Conservative Summit." Billed as the first major conservative gathering since the election, the meeting attracted more than 800 participants from 41 states. Over 80 speakers gathered "to set the conservative agenda for the 1990s and beyond," addressing areas for reform such as the judicial system, sexual politics, welfare, education foreign policy, economy and enterprise, health care, and the environment.

Kwong participated on the environment panel along with Fred Barnes, senior editor of *The New Republic* and a regular on the McLaughlin Group; Angelo Codevilla, a Fellow at the Hoover Institution; Peter Samuel, publisher of the environmental newsletter "Greentrack," and R.J. Smith, envi-

ronmental editor of *Regulation* magazine, a publication of the Cato Institute.

Also in January, Kwong was interviewed by David Boaz of the **Cato Institute** (Washington, D.C.) about free market environmentalism. After the interview, Boaz and Rick Henderson, Washington correspondent for "Reason" magazine, followed up with questions about the market approach. A tape of the interview and discussion is available through Laissez Faire Book's *Visions of Liberty* audio cassette series.

In addition to these outreach efforts, Atlas hopes to affect environmental policy by fostering links between institutes concerned about the "politicization" of science. Jeffrey Salmon, executive director of the George C. Marshall Institute (Washington, D.C.), recently met with Atlas staff to discuss how the institute provides scientific and technical advice and promotes scientific literacy on matters that impact public policy.

The Marshall Institute seeks to counter the misuse of science in environmental debates by providing balanced, clearly written technical reports on policy issues. Atlas encourages public policy institutes to contact Mr. Salmon to discuss areas of mutual interest. The Marshall Institute's prestigious board of scientists can help bring sound analysis to a range of critical policy areas. Contact the institute at 1730 M Street, NW, Suite 502, Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone (202) 296-9655.

Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Legales (Lima, Peru) has completed the Spanish translation of Bernard H. Siegan's *Drafting a Constitution for a Nation or Republic Emerging Into Freedom*. Pending final review, the Spanish edition of the book will be published by CITEL.

New publications of **The Institute of Economics Affairs** (London, UK)

include *A Critique of Keynesian Economics*, edited by Walter Allan; *Can De-Industrialisation Seriously Damage Your Wealth?* by N.F.R. Crafts; and *Central Bank Independence: What is it and what will it do for us?* by Geoffrey E. Wood, Terence C. Mills, and Forrest H. Capie.

Institute Leader Honored

Dr. Michael Walker, executive director of **The Fraser Institute** (Vancouver, BC), received the 1992 Colin M. Brown Freedom Medal and Award sponsored by the National Citizens' Coalition (Toronto, Ontario). The award is presented annually for "an outstanding contribution to the advancement and defence of basic political and economic freedoms."

Awards dinners were held in Walker's honor in Toronto and Vancouver. An NCC spokesman cited his "tireless support of the concept of 'more freedom through less government,' which is the heart of the NCC's philosophy."

Dr. Walker, who is an economist, journalist, broadcaster, consultant, university lecturer and public speaker,

was additionally named to the board of directors of the Mont Pelerin Society. The Mont Pelerin Society is an international association of scholars which meets annually to discuss market liberal ideas.



Dr. Michael Walker, executive director, Fraser Institute

Classical Liberal Programs for Students

The **Institute for Humane Studies** (Fairfax, VA), which has offered seminars for students interested in classical liberal ideas for nearly a decade, is offering an expanded array of programs this year.

The institute is sponsoring six of its traditional week-long "Liberty and Society" seminars for college-aged students this summer. The seminars offer an interdisciplinary introduction to the tradition of classical liberal thought and scholarship. Subjects include economics, history, moral and political philosophy, and law and jurisprudence.

Two newer programs scheduled for summer 1993 are the "Liberty in Film & Fiction" seminar, a multidisciplinary introduction to the idea of individual liberty for students in literary studies, cinema, fiction writing, and related fields. "Liberty Against Power" will integrate economics, journalism, history, research skills, and more for aspiring journalists and public policy analysts.

For more information, please contact the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.



Students enjoy a break during an Institute for Humane Studies summer seminar.

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ments Create Unemployment.” The IEA is also in the midst of planning two seminars for high schools students.

Charles Mensa, general director of **The Institute of Economic Affairs - Ghana** (Accra, Ghana) reports that the institute has established friendly working relationships with African, British, Canadian, and German organizations operating in Ghana and now conducts regular meetings and seminars in its Accra offices.

IEA-Ghana has received a grant from the Ghana bureau of the German foundation Friedrich Naumann Stiftung to purchase new books. Because books are valuable resources in Ghana, the FNS grant will greatly enhance the institute's ability to improve its research capability and attract more students and intellectuals.

During January and February, the **National Center for Policy Analysis** (Dallas, TX) launched a highly visible series of advertorials on national health insurance. The four-part series, published on the editorial pages of *The New York Times*, argued that health policy in the United States must be radically changed. The series discussed key issues including risk, federal tax law, and insurance markets. For copies of the advertorials, write to the center at 12655 N. Central Expy., Suite 720, Dallas, TX 75243 and ask for “Solving America's Health Care Crisis.”

The Goldwater Institute (Phoenix, AZ) plans to launch a critical review of the Arizona Corporation Commission, the elected three-member body that regulates electric power, natu-



IEA-Ghana representatives, from left to right: Charles Mensa, general director; Kwabena Darko, benefactor; and David Andogh, chairman

ral gas, telecommunications, water, and sewage services in Arizona. The ACC also oversees the registration of corporations and securities in Arizona, with primary responsibility for administrative compliance.

The institute believes that reforms of the ACC will be beneficial to Arizona and to other states that utilize the regulatory commission system. Led by Vernon Smith, an institute director and professor at the University of Arizona, a group of Arizona economists and legal scholars will evaluate the ACC and propose market-oriented improvements.

In the mid-1980s, Atlas helped start the **MIDAMERICA Institute** (Chicago, IL), a research organization that investigates national and international financial markets and evaluates the systems and institutions that affect them.

MIDAMERICA is now a research organization with “a wide base of international funding, receiving both general and project support from busi-

ness organizations, foundations, government, and individuals.” MID-AMERICA research covers a wide range of topics that may be of interest to those involved in financial markets and reforms. For more information about the institute, please contact Paul Knapp, President, 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1801, Chicago, IL 60604-2801; Tel: 312/786-9575, Fax: 312/786-9434.

Institute for Energy Research (Houston, TX) president Robert Bradley, Jr. lectured about “Energy, Job Destruction, and Job Creation” at the American Idea Seminar. The annual event, sponsored by Houston's Free Enterprise Education Center, teaches high school teachers about free market economics. Bradley's lecture examined job loss in the energy industry and concluded that industry restructuring due to lower prices and market-driven conservation was beneficial, but industry contraction from government intervention was harmful.

Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Awards

There is still time to submit nominations for the Fourth Annual Fisher Memorial Awards. Each year, Atlas honors its founder, the late Sir Antony Fisher, by recognizing outstanding publications by public policy institutes. A panel of judges will select the 1991 and 1992 publications that made the greatest contributions to public under-

standing of the free economy.

Books, reports, monographs, or studies published by independent non-profit public policy research institutes are eligible. To nominate a publication, an institute's chief executive officer should submit a cover letter of nomination, one copy of the publication, and up to 20 pages of supporting

evidence (letters, press coverage, etc.).

Each institute is limited to one nomination per year. Applications must be received by Atlas by April 1, 1993. Winners will be announced in May 1993 at Atlas's 20th International Workshop.