



Highlights

20th International Workshop Held in the United States

On May 13-15, 1993, Atlas hosted its 20th International Workshop at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Herndon, Virginia. As the first Atlas workshop held in the United States since May 1991, the meetings attracted many Washington DC-based institute representatives, as well as their colleagues from as far away as Romania, Russia, and Sweden.

At the opening night's dinner, Edwin Feulner, president of The Heritage Foundation (Washington, DC), presented the keynote address, "Why Government Doesn't Learn." With this opening message, the following days were devoted to exploring and enhancing the roles that institutes can play in effecting long-range change.

The first session of the meetings,

"Handling Change and Crisis," included Virginia Straus (**The Pioneer Institute**, Boston, MA), Sally Pipes (**Pacific Research Institute**, San Francisco, CA), Michael Walker (**The Fraser Institute**, Vancouver, Canada), and Paul Beckner (Citizens for a Sound Economy, Washington, DC). Other aspects of nonprofit management were presented by William Beach (**Institute for Humane Studies**, Fairfax, VA) and Jeanette Nordstrom (**National Center for Policy Analysis**, Dallas, TX).

The luncheon address on Friday, May 14th, was presented by Jo Kwong, Atlas's environmental research associate, who spoke on "The Ecological Indoctrination of Our Children." Video segments from popular television cartoons, along with excerpts from textbooks and teachers' aides, offered a growing challenge to institutes in the field of environmental education.

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Top: (Left to right) John Blundell (Chairman of the Atlas Executive Committee), Conna Craig (Institute for Children, USA), and Digby Anderson (Social Affairs Unit, UK); **Bottom left:** Sally Pipes (Pacific Research Institute, USA) and Virginia Straus (Pioneer Institute, USA); **Bottom right:** Juan Fernando Bendfeldt (Centro de Estudios Economico-Sociales, Guatemala) and J. Rolando Espinosa (Centro de Estudios en Economia y Educacion, Mexico)

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The following sessions examined contributions from institutes, as well as critical challenges in the areas of school choice, higher education, education and morality, education of future religious leaders, and other areas. Institutes represented on these panels included **Cascade Policy Institute** (Portland, OR), **Institute for Humane Studies, Social Affairs Unit** (London, UK), **The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty** (Grand Rapids, MI), **Center for the Study of Market Processes** (Fairfax, VA), and Washington DC-based **Cato Institute, Landmark Legal Foundation, and Institute for Justice.**

The final sessions featured "A World of Institutes," to highlight programs and projects of participating institutes. Representatives from the **Institute for Energy Research and The Mackinac Center** in the US and their international colleagues in Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Chile, Guatemala, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, and Venezuela spoke about their work.



John Fund (*The Wall Street Journal*)

The workshop series is one way Atlas helps institute leaders keep abreast of new challenges in policy areas, new strategies for meeting those challenges, and new efforts in the worldwide network of public policy institutes. For video or audio tapes of the sessions, please contact Atlas.

Institute News

Cascade Policy Institute (Portland, OR) is distributing a report published by the American Legislative Exchange Council (Washington, DC), "America's Protected Class II," which details the widening public-private pay gap. Commenting on the need to present this information to Oregonians, Cascade president Steve Buckstein said "Oregonians are told that our state government faces a \$1.2 billion shortfall...if state and local public employee compensation had just kept pace with the private sector, taxpayers would save over \$1.4 billion in the next biennium."

In conjunction with the Center for Education Change and Portland State University, Cascade sponsored a lecture by Ted Kolderie, a Senior Associate at the Center for Policy Studies (St. Paul, MN). Kolderie, a nationally recognized innovator in school reform spoke on "Charter Schools: A Solution to Oregon's Education Crisis?" at the May lecture.

In April, **The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty** (Grand Rapids, MI) sponsored an address by J. Patrick Rooney on "A Workable Plan for Health Care Reform." Mr. Rooney's controversial plan, "Private Solutions for Health Care," has appeared on CNN and in *The Washington Post* as a unique, incentive-driven approach to controlling health care costs and providing millions of uninsured Americans access to health insurance. In the following month, Acton sponsored an address by Edward E. Ericson, Jr., Professor of English at Calvin College. Professor Ericson spoke on "Solzhenitsyn and the Modern World" in which he argued that the Russian novelist's moral vision is profoundly relevant to the modern world. For more information on other speakers in the Lord Acton Lecture Series, please contact Acton at 161 Ottawa NW, Suite 405K, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

The **John Locke Foundation** (Raleigh, NC) featured Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, at its March "Headliner" lun-

Top: Leonard Liggio (*Institute for Humane Studies, USA*) and Clint Bolick, (*Institute for Justice, USA*)

Bottom: Dean Ahmad (*Imad-ad-Dean Inc., USA*), David Kennedy (*Earhart Foundation, USA*), and Attila Yayla (*Association for Liberal Thinking, Turkey*)



