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Report of the Vice President—Publications

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A. Publications Section of the SDS Website

The publications section of the System Dynamics Society webpage (<http://www.systemdynamics.org/publications.htm>) continues to grow. Members are encouraged to browse this page for information on publications from the society.

B. Individuals Involved in Aspects of Publications for the Society

Items of interest are covered by the individuals listed below in their separate reports. Please see their individual reports in the Society’s “Reports and Discussion” section. In lieu of urls below, please find that email address for each person involved.

- 1) Report of the Publisher of the *System Dynamics Review*: Graham Russel
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- 2) Report of the Editor of the *System Dynamics Review*: Brian Dangerfield
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- 3) Web Repository for Models and Other Electronic Venues: Bob Eberlein
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- 4) Newsletters and Additional Society publication venues: Roberta Spencer
sds@csc.albany.edu . The newsletter is presently available through June 2010.

C. Major Project

- 1) This year members of the publications team (Brian Dangerfield, George Richardson, Roberta Spencer, David Andersen, Deborah Andersen) spoke with Graham Russel and Michael Brown of Wiley-Blackwell (over Skype), and then met (in the UK—Chichester), and negotiated a new contract with Wiley-Blackwell for the *System Dynamics Review*.

Thanks go to Navid Ghaffarzadegan for all his work on the financial spreadsheet used in these negotiations.

Roberta Spencer, George Richardson, and Brian Dangerfield met with Wiley-Blackwell staff in Chichester this spring to iron out the details of the contract. The proposed contract will not be posted to the PC website since its terms are confidential. This will be a major discussion and voting item in Seoul at the annual face-to-face Policy Council meeting.

2) Please see Brian Dangerfield's report of the editor of the *SDR* for a description of the negotiation process.

3) Graham Russel also sent a discussion of 2011 institutional pricing policies to the society offices. This may be reviewed by Policy Council members on request.

C. Other Projects

This year has seen a variety of projects and issues come to discussion under the general heading of "Publication" for the Society. These include:

1) The reconstitution of a Publications Committee for the Society. The members will explore the duties and responsibilities of this committee and then propose these items to the Policy Council. Members, as appointed by Erling Moxnes, SDS president, include George Richardson (chair), Graham Winch, Yaman Barlas, with ex officio members Rogelio Oliva, Brian Dangerfield, Roberta Spencer, David Andersen, and Deborah Andersen.

Since George Richardson is the incoming VP Publications, a new chair is needed. Deborah Andersen is stepping off the committee—George will fill her ex officio position.

The policies of the Society currently state that "the Publications Committee shall assess the quality, timeliness, distinctiveness and coverage of publications of the Society, its Chapters, and of its web site, with respect to the objectives of the Society and its editorial policies. It shall review the policies and practices of the editors and webmaster and policies prescribed by the Vice President—Publications. It shall recommend to the Council ways of effecting improvements in the publications of the Society and its web site. It shall annually submit to the Council via the Vice President—Publications, a written report on all publications sent to the members or sold to the general public during the previous twelve months."

2) We continue to work with chapters on their publication venues and the ways that the Society can be of assistance to them. The reconstituted Publications Committee (see the charge above) appears to be the appropriate committee for policy issues.

D. Additional Society publication venues include:

SD Bibliography: The System Dynamics Bibliography is updated every six months and is free of charge to individuals and libraries. There is a specific call on the Society's website for updates to the bibliography at <http://www.systemdynamics.org/biblioupdate.htm>

Membership Directory: An online, password-protected resource for members at <http://web.memberclicks.com/mc/prelogin.do?hidOrgID=sds>

Conference Proceedings (1984 to present) and Presidents' Addresses (1983 to 2009 with several years missing) are also available online through the Society's website under "Conference Proceedings."

E. Change of VP Publications

As the work of the VP Publications is changing, it became apparent that a skilled modeler will be in the best position to perform many of the tasks now necessary for the VP Publications. Deborah Andersen thus stepped down from the position in April 2010 and Rogelio Oliva nominated George Richardson to fill the remaining part of her term (2010-2011).