Society for the Anthropology of Europe
2008 Annual Report

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II. Status, Activities and Accomplishments, 2008

1. Membership: Our membership numbers as of December 2008 are 302 regular members + 156 student members=458 total members. These numbers have been at this level, +/- 5%, for a few years.

2. Finances:
2008 Revenue: $12,124.
2008 Expenditures: $5,698.
Net Assets, 1 January 2008: $11,659.

We expect the costs of our Distinguished Lecture at the Annual Meetings, our SAE-Council for European Studies pre-Dissertation fellowship, and our journal to rise, and in two years to also see the reduction in the subsidy we receive in the AAA publishing deal with Wiley-Blackwell. In 2009 we are discussing ways to increase the principal in the endowment that pays for the Douglass Distinguished Lecture and we are considering the future of the journal in order to prepare for future contingencies.

3. SAE Annual Meeting Invited Sessions and Special Events:
a. The SAE hosted a **double invited session** (225 minutes) at the 2008 annual meetings: ‘The Legacy of Daphne Berdahl’. Organized by Matti Bunzl, Martha Lampland and Krisztina Fehervary. The session was very well attended, with all seats in the room assigned filled through most of the session.

b. **The SAE also hosted our annual roundtable luncheon. In 2008,** we had six roundtables with a total paid registration of 40 tickets out of a possible 42 (8 spaces at each table = 1 leader + 7 registrants). Sales were good, but the majority was student tickets and thus subsidized by SAE.

The event was catered by the hotel, which made the logistics of billing, transportation, etc., simpler for everyone. However, catering at the hotel was quite expensive, and we were given a very limited (and relatively informal) menu from which to choose. As a result a lot of money was paid for a simple lunch. The SAE is considering moving the luncheon to off-site at the annual meetings if this will provide better value for money.

c. Our William Douglass Distinguished Lecture was held on the Saturday night of the annual meetings: "In Memoriam for Daphne Berdahl" was presented by Professor Alf Leudtke. The lecture drew an audience of 100 people.

4. **Awards:**

Each year the SAE awards an annual book prize, for the best book published the previous year in the anthropology of Europe. In 2008 the **William A Douglass Book Prize** was awarded to *Communities of the Converted: Ukrainians and Global Evangelism*, by Catherine Wanner, Pennsylvania State University, published by Cornell University Press.

Each year the SAE awards pre-dissertation fellowship, paid for by the SAE but awarded in conjunction with the Council for European Studies. In 2008, the **Pre-Dissertation Fellowship Award** went to Ceren Ozgul from Department of Anthropology, CUNY, for pre-dissertation research in Europe in summer 2008.

Each year the SAE awards a prize to the best graduate student authored essay submitted for SAE consideration of the prize. In 2008 the **Graduate Student Paper Prize** was awarded to Kalocsai Csilla, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, for her paper, “Limits of The Entrepreneurial Subject: Gender, Generation, and Time in Hungary’s New Economy.” The author was encouraged to consider publishing the paper in the society’s journal.

5. **Publications:**

A. The Journal for the Society of the Anthropology of Europe [JSAE] grew modestly in 2008. It received 16 submissions and its acceptance rate was 20%. The editor expressed doubt as to whether he would be able to continue in that role beyond vol. 10 (2010). The SAE is considering the future of the journal: published now at twice a year, the SAE is considering expansion, contraction transformation [perhaps into an annual with different editorial remit], or termination.

B. The SAE with Berghahn Publishers of Oxford and New York has successfully re-launched the **Books in Translation Project** which was begun a few years ago. This project seeks to provide English language versions of anthropological works published in Europe in languages other than
English. In 2008, two books were published as part of the series in Berghahn: Birgit Müller’s *Disenchantment with Market Economics: East Germans and Western Capitalism* and Jasna Capo Zmegac’s *Strangers Either Way: The Lives of Croatian Refugees in their New Home*.

6. Communications:

a. The *Anthropology Newsletter SAE column* continues as a major source of communication regarding SAE activities. In 2008 the secretary launched the column series, “Can Europe Still Provoke?” The series has been well received, and has contained entries by Susan Carol Rogers on “Provocations: Embracing Marginality” and Diana Trakas reporting on the conference in Greece recognizing 20 Years of Anthropology in Greece.

b. H-SAE and the SAE Exec Committee list also serve as major means of communication. H-SAE serves as our main vehicle to distribute calls for papers, to announce new publications, and to initiate discussions on matters methodological, theoretical and professional. Updated course syllabi relevant to the anthropology of Europe are also placed on H-SAE.

H-SAE editors (Roland Moore and Jelena Karanovic) report that in 2008 no major controversies on the list to report this year, hence the majority of postings were conference announcements. There are currently just over 800 subscribers to the list, but some have set the list to "no mail". There have more people subscribing to the list than dropping off. In 2008 a new book review editor, Abby Drwecki, alpicken@umail.iu.edu, a doctoral candidate in anthropology at Indiana University, was appointed.

7. Mentorship:

The SAE elects a student representative to the executive committee, and includes mentorship in a number of its annual activities, such as the Graduate Student Paper award, the encouragement of student publishing in JSAE and in panel participation at the annual meetings. In 2008 and 2009 the SAE has is also considering having a graduate student committee, increase graduate student participation in SAE panels and having student-only panels, having students write short reports on their research for the SAE column, and constructing annual meeting panels around the submissions for our Graduate Student Essay prize.

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