

Interim Report from the Program Chairs Washington 2013

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LASA2013, the Association's 31st International Congress, will have panels organized along 33 different tracks, covering a remarkably broad range of academic disciplines and fields of study. The track chairs have been working hard to review 925 individual paper proposals and 717 panel proposals. Each proposal is evaluated on the basis of its significance to the field, the breadth of its appeal, the clarity and precision of its thematic presentation, and its conceptual and theoretical adequacy. We have also received 566 travel grant requests from 28 different countries, along with 59 requests for meetings and receptions. We want to thank all of our track chairs, along with LASA's professional staff, for their dedicated and efficient service in processing such a large volume of proposals and requests.

We recognize that some LASA members wanted to submit proposals but were not able to do so in time to meet the deadline. We regret that we were not able to be more flexible on the deadline; with LASA holding conferences now on an annual basis, the deadlines have necessarily become more firm in order to stay on schedule. As it is, we will have a very full program, with panels and activities that should appeal to LASA's very broad and diverse membership.

In addition to the panels on the varied program tracks, we are planning several pre-Congress workshops, as well as a number of Presidential panels and featured panels related to the 2013 conference theme, "Towards a New Social Contract"? More details on these and other special events will be forthcoming. We look forward to seeing everyone in Washington, D.C. next May!