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SECRETARY-TREASURER

Claire Durand

Dominique Joye

LIAISON COMMITTEE CHAIR

Robert Chung

Richard Hilmer

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ottar Hellevik

Alejandro Moreno

(Biographies can be found on the following pages)

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES

Candidates for the position of Secretary-Treasurer

CLAIRE DURAND: Claire Durand is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at the Université de Montréal, Québec, Canada. After a career as a director of operations in a public opinion survey company, Claire Durand earned a Ph.D. in organisational psychology. Since then, as a professor and a researcher in survey methods, she has conducted extensive research on the impact of methodology on the estimates of electoral polls. She has also carried out research on interviewers' work, performance measurement and training. More recently, her research has focussed on the role of polls in society and people's perception of polls. She has published a number of articles on these issues in well known journals like POQ, IJPOR, Quality and Quantity, and JOS as well as in Canadian political science journals.

She is currently vice-president at large of the International Sociological Association's RC33 Committee on Logic and Methodology in Sociology. She regularly attends AAPOR and WAPOR meetings as well as *Colloque francophone sur les sondages*. She currently speaks French and English as well as Spanish. One of her goals as Secretary-Treasurer and member of the WAPOR Council would be to contribute to increase membership in French-speaking countries in Europe and Africa as well as in Canada.

DOMINIQUE JOYE: Dominique Joye has been a professor of Sociology at the University of Lausanne since 1996. From 1999 to 2006 he was the director of the Swiss Data Archive (SIDOS). Since these years he has been in charge of the Swiss part of some well-known surveys like the Eurobarometer in Switzerland, the European Social Survey, the International Survey Program and the European Value Survey. By participating also in the "Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences" of the European Science Foundation, he is a partner in the project to train young European scientists for these instruments, dissemination of "informed" use of surveys and, finally, the development of a scientific community in the field.

This work meets several goals of the WAPOR, beginning with "the knowledge and application of scientific methods in the conduct of public opinion research" as well the mission "To assist and promote the development and publication of public opinion research worldwide" and explains why he is ready to serve WAPOR in the role of Secretary-Treasurer.

Candidates for the position of Liaison Committee Chair

ROBERT CHUNG: Robert Chung is the founding director of the Public Opinion Programme at the University of Hong Kong, which is one of the most respected academic programs on the study of public opinion in Hong Kong and in the Greater China Region. His work can be found in the bilingual HKU POP Site at <http://hkupop.hku.hk>. Around the region, Dr. Chung is well known for his belief in academic freedom and commitment to proper scientific polling. In 2000, he shocked Hong Kong by revealing the political pressure on him to stop polling on the popularity of its top leader. Open hearings were held and the final verdict was that the head of his university had indeed conveyed messages to him "calculated to inhibit his right to academic freedom." The university head subsequently resigned. Dr. Chung is a long time member of WAPOR, and he became its elected Secretary-Treasurer in 2006-07. If elected to become the Chair of the Liaison Committee, Dr. Chung would represent WAPOR to liaise with other international and regional professional research associations to promote the standards and freedom of scientific polling. He also intends to enhance WAPOR's international network by creating multi-lingual satellite websites accessible through WAPOR's home site.

RICHARD HILMER: Richard Hilmer is managing director of TNS Infratest Social Research's polling section and of Infratest dimap. TNS Infratest Polling section is the leading German provider of tools for strategic communication for governments, political parties and other public institutions. As head of Infratest dimap, he is particularly involved in electoral reporting for the ARD, the leading German public TV station. Since 1997, Infratest dimap has run the election reporting for the ARD for national, European, regional and local elections and is one of the leading providers of electoral and political research in Germany with vast experience in pre-election surveys as well as exit polling. Since 1997 Infratest dimap has conducted more than 50 exit polls for National, European and State Elections and many more for local elections.

Richard Hilmer joined WAPOR in 1993. He is a member of the WAPOR committee on "Exit Polls." In 2007 he organized the Annual WAPOR Congress in Berlin. He has published extensively in the field of political and election research.

Candidates for the position of Publications Committee Chair

ALEJANDRO MORENO: Alejandro Moreno is professor of political science at the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico, ITAM, and head of the department of public opinion research at *Reforma* newspaper, both in Mexico City. He is the author or co-author of eight books and over 40 articles in journals and edited volumes. He is the principal investigator in Mexico for the World Values Survey (WVS), and the Comparative National Election Project (CNEP), and has collaborated with Latinobarómetro, PIPA's World Public Opinion poll, and the Barometer of the Americas. As director of polling at *Reforma*, he has conducted more than one thousand polls and published over two thousand poll stories in the newspaper since 1999. He served as WAPOR national representative in Mexico from 2000 to 2006 and organized three regional seminars. His activities in WAPOR also include the following: Member of the Exit Poll Committee (2006-2007); Chair of the Media Relations Committee (since 2006); Chair of the 61st Annual Conference, New Orleans (2008); and member of the academic committees for the Latin American conferences in Uruguay (2007), Peru (2009), and Mexico (scheduled for 2010). He has contributed several pieces to the WAPOR quarterly newsletter, and his paper co-authored with Gabriela Catterberg received the Sir Robert Worcester Prize for best article published in the *IJPOR* in 2006. Alejandro obtained his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1997.

OTTAR HELLEVIK: Ottar Hellevik (1943) is professor of Political Science at the University of Oslo, where he has been Chairman of the Department and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Since 1984 he has also had the position as director of research at the market research institute Synovate Norway (earlier MMI). Hellevik is member of the Norwegian Academy of Sciences. He was visiting Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, Harvard University, 1981-1982, and visiting fellow at the Department of Applied Social Studies and Social Research, Oxford University, 1992. Hellevik has been member of the board of WAPOR, co-chair of two WAPOR annual conferences, and is currently member of the editorial board of *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*. His main interests are survey methodology and statistics, party and Election Day polling, and studies of social inequality, subjective well-being and values and value change.