

Table 2 (continued)

Region/Country	1982	1985	1988
Qatar	1	0	0
Saudi Arabia	2	1	0
Senegal	0	1	1
Sierra Leone	0	0	1
South Africa	0	2	4
Sudan	0	0	0
Tanzania	2	2	0
Togo	1	0	0
Tunisia	0	1	2
Uganda	1	0	1
Zaire	1	0	0
Zambia	0	1	0
Zimbabwe	2	3	1
Asia	65	124	160
Bangladesh	0	1	8
Burma	0	0	1
China	0	11	19
Hong Kong	0	4	3
India	30	66	67
Indonesia	0	0	1
Japan	20	21	25
Korea	13	12	18
Malaysia	0	1	0
Pakistan	0	1	0
Singapore	1	1	3
Sri Lanka	1	1	1
Taiwan	0	1	12
Thailand	0	3	2
Unknown			82
Total	1,477	1,763	1,608**

*nk indicates exact number, if any, are "not known."

**Note: The Paris Congress Participation figures are inflated by the inclusion of 56 press, 110 exhibitors and an unknown number of individuals accompanying the participants. If exhibitors were added to the Washington Congress figures the total participants would increase by 353, to 1961. The figure of 1608 represents the total number of participants.

Participation by Women in the 1988 IPSA Meeting

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Since 1972 the author has monitored participation by women at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association. His annual assessments appearing in *PS* have documented the emergence of American female political scientists from being rarities to

their present manifestation as about 20% of the APSA program participants. I thought it would be useful to make a similar survey of the participation of women at the 1988 IPSA meeting.

Though the overall totals are not as dismal as an initial impression of the program might suggest, in fact, if not for mutual help strategies by women, female presence would be much more of a rarity.

Participation in the Plenary Sessions, Subfield Sections, Research Committees, Study Groups, Special Sessions, and Current Research Sessions

Research Sessions

Organizers			Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
90	14	15.6	252	34	13.5	1,060	150	14.2	289	56	19.4
In Sections Organized by Women											
			40	18	14.5	192	55	28.6	60	21	35.0
In Panels Organized by Women											
						107	42	39.3	28	16	57.1
In Panels Dealing with Status of Women											
			10	9	90.0	35	31	88.6	14	12	85.7

Though not always true, where women serve as section heads or chairpersons, this usually facilitates opportunities for other women. The old boys' network often has a blind spot in recognizing that there are indeed women making contributions to the many fields of political science. This is especially true at international meetings. Many countries have a small number of female political scientists. Those women who are members of the profession are not apt to teach at major universities or to be in senior positions. They face greater difficulties in getting funding to travel to IPSA meetings. Males are the gatekeepers.

It is sometimes argued that there are not women doing research in some areas of the discipline. To refute this defense, I've extracted from the 1988 APSA and IPSA programs data on participation rates in some of the subjects. (Inasmuch as the two organizations structured their meetings differently, there is only an approximate opportunity for paralleling the information.)

Political Methodology
(Miniplenary I and Research Committee 7;
Section 4 and Organized Section on Political Methodology)

	Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
IPSA	5	0	0	13	3	23.1	2	0	0
APSA	11	1	9.1	60	14	23.3	13	0	0

International Political Science

Political Theory

(Subfields I and II and Research Committee 31; Sections 1, 2, and 3 and Organized Section on Foundation of Political Theory)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
8	0	0	35	1	2.9	7	0	0
<i>APSA</i>								
33	7	21.2	111	22	19.8	50	8	16.0

Political Economy
(Subfield III; Section II)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
3	1	16.7	23	1	4.3	6	2	33.3
<i>APSA</i>								
7	1	14.3	30	9	3.0	8	1	12.5

International Security

(Subfield IV and Research Committee 24; Sections 24 and 25 and Organized Section on Conflict Processes)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
12	1	8.3	55	6	10.9	12	2	16.7
<i>APSA</i>								
27	2	7.4	114	16	13.8	33	6	18.2

Foreign Policy Analysis
(Subfield V; Section 27)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
4	1	25.0	18	0	0	4	1	25.0
<i>APSA</i>								
8	3	37.5	33	5	15.2	7	2	28.6

Comparative National Institutions
(Subfield VI; Section 9)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
5	0	0	23	4	17.4	8	0	0
<i>APSA</i>								
7	0	0	28	4	14.3	10	1	10.0

Participation by Women

Chairpersons			Development Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA (Development and Political System)</i>								
1	0	0	6	0	0	—	—	—
<i>APSA (Developing Areas and the International System)</i>								
8	3	37.5	25	9	36.0	9	2	22.2

Chairpersons			Development Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA (Women, Politics and Development)</i>								
1	1	100	4	4	100	2	2	100
<i>APSA (Comparative Politics of Developing Areas)</i>								
7	0	0	29	8	20.6	12	1	8.0

Political Parties (Subfield VII; Section 20 and Organized Section on Political Organizations and Parties)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
10	0	0	32	3	9.4	9	3	33.3
<i>APSA</i>								
14	5	35.7	62	8	12.9	12	3	2.5

Election Systems (Study Group 24; Section 19)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
3	1	33.3	15	1	6.7	6	2	33.3
<i>APSA</i>								
13	3	23.1	63	8	12.9	14	3	21.4

Political Attitudes and Participation (Subfield VIII; Section 16)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
13	3	23.1	57	10	17.5	18	4	22.2
<i>APSA</i>								
8	1	12.5	45	5	11.1	7	0	0

International Political Science

Local Government
(Subfield IX, Research Committee 5;
Section 21 and Organized Section on Urban Politics)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
10	2	20.0	45	4	8.9	17	2	17.6
<i>APSA</i>								
19	2	10.5	76	10	13.2	24	5	20.8

Public Administration
(Subfield X; Organized Section on Public Administration)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
4	1	25.0	19	5	26.3	4	2	50.0
<i>APSA</i>								
12	5	41.7	49	12	24.5	15	5	33.3

Bureaucracy
(Study Group 27; Section 18)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
2	0	0	10	0	0	4	1	25.0
<i>APSA</i>								
7	3	42.9	31	7	22.6	9	4	44.4

Legislatures
(Research Committee 8; Section 13 and
Organized Section on Legislative Studies)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
2	0	0	9	0	0	3	0	0
<i>APSA</i>								
14	4	28.6	65	12	18.5	21	1	4.8

Judicial Studies
(Research Committee 9; Section 17 and
Organized Section on Law, Courts, and Judicial Process)

Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>								
2	0	0	8	1	12.5	4	1	25.0
<i>APSA</i>								
20	3	15.0	77	14	18.2	26	6	23.1

Participation by Women

Science and Politics

(Research Committee 1; Organized Section on Science and Technology Studies)

	Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>									
2	0	0		10	0	0	6	0	0
<i>APSA</i>									
4	0	0		16	3	18.1	7	1	14.3

Biology and Politics

(Research Committee 12; Organized Section on Politics and the Life Sciences)

	Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>									
3	0	0		11	3	27.3	9	4	44.4
<i>APSA</i>									
5	0	0		16	1	6.3	12	2	16.7

Executives

(Study Group 28; Section 14 and Organized Section on Presidency Research)

	Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>									
3	0	0		11	3	27.3	3	1	33.3
<i>APSA</i>									
9	1	11.1		36	5	13.9	13	1	17.7

International Economy

(Research Committee 17; Section 26)

	Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>									
2	0	0		9	0	0	1	0	0
<i>APSA</i>									
8	4	50.0		31	6	19.4	7	0	0

Federalism

(Research Committee 28; Section 15 and Organized Section on Federalism)

	Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>									
3	0	0		10	1	5.6	3	0	0
<i>APSA</i>									
7	0	0		5	6	11.3	11	3	27.3

Religion and Politics
(Study Group 25; Organized Section on Religion and Politics)

	Chairpersons			Paper Givers			Discussants		
	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
<i>IPSA</i>									
	3	0	0	14	2	14.3	—	—	—
<i>APSA</i>									
	12	0	0	41	4	9.8	16	1	6.2

IPSA has a Research Committee on Sex Roles and Politics, and a Study Group on Women, Politics, and Development to bring together female and male scholars interested in advancing investigation of these subjects. What is lacking is a women's caucus to provide a network to give aid and comfort to women political scientists whether or not they have a research interest in the status of women and to lobby IPSA towards greater parity.