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3rd ICPA – Forum Workshop

When: 28 November 2006 – 29 November 2006

Venue: Australian National University

Where: Canberra, Australia

Topic: Building Policy Capability in the Public Sector

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Paper Deadline: 15 September 2006

Context:

The topic, "Building Policy Capability in the Public Sector," is one which lends itself to comparative policy analysis and also to the discussion of issues which are shared across many countries. Many government leaders complain openly about declining capability and capacity in the public sector, though there is limited information and analysis to understand the nature of and solutions to real or perceived problems. Issues surrounding policy capability relate to the features of quality policy analysis and advice and to the way in which advisers can enhance the quality of decision-making.

It is more difficult for governments to impose top-down solutions and to ignore the demand for tailored community solutions. New frameworks and approaches reflect a focus on outcomes; the use of program/intervention logic and systems frameworks; greater attention to international evidence and experiences as guides to policy development; and the pursuit of more complex policy goals and objectives involving partnership models with the private and community sectors.

The 3rd JCPA/ICPA–Forum Workshop will be held in Canberra at the Australian National University on Tuesday November 28, 2006 to workshop the papers. An open discussion and meeting of the JCPA editorial board will be held on Wednesday, November 29. Contributors for the JCPA/ICPA–Forum Workshop are likely to come forward from several countries including Australia, Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand, UK and the US. The workshop is sponsored by the Australian National University, University of Wellington, ANZSOG, Routledge/Taylor and Francis and the ICPA–Forum Sponsorship Program.

The Australia and New Zealand School of Government will provide some financial support for a limited number of contributors (4–5) to travel to the JCPA/ICPA–Forum Workshop and for accommodation.

The organizing committee will comprise the editors – Professors Claudia Scott and John Wanna, as well as Professor Evert Lindquist from the University of Victoria and Professor Iris Geva–May of Simon Fraser University, Vancouver.

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Organizers:

- Dr. Claudia Scott, Professor of Public Policy, Victoria Wellington University, New Zealand
- Dr. John Wanna, ANZSOG Foundation Professor, Australian National University

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