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Dear ASCE members:

We would like to report to you on three main activities of our Association:

- (1) The second Cuba Forum jointly sponsored by ASCE and the Cuban Research Institute (FIU) to be held in the Brookings Institution, Washington, DC on June 23;**
- (2) the preliminary program for our fourteenth annual meeting to held in the Wyndham Grand Bay Hotel, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida on August 5-7, 2004, and**
- (3) to remind you that the **dateline** for voting in our 2004-2006 elections is June 15.**

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next Annual Meeting, August 5-7, 2004.

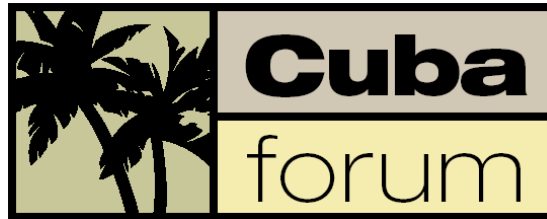
Best regards,

Rolando H. Castañeda
Secretary of ASCE

P.D. For facilitating your registration in the annual meeting and renewing your membership, we are providing the necessary forms in this newsletter.

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1. ASCE and the Cuban Research Institute (FIU) announce the Second Cuba Forum on June 23, 2004 in Washington, DC



**Towards a Second Generation of Reforms in Cuba:
Macroeconomic Policies and Enterprise Reform**

Ernesto Hernández-Catá

**June 23, 2004
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
The Brookings Institution
Stein Room
1775 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.**

Ernesto Hernández-Catá teaches Economic Development at the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University. His presentation is based on material contained in the forthcoming book "Institutions to Accompany the Market in Cuba's Future Economic Transition", to be published in 2004 by the Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, University of Miami.

The Cuban Research Institute (CRI) at Florida International University (FIU), founded in 1991, is the nation's leading institute for research and academic programs on Cuba and Cuban-American issues.

Admission to this event is free but requires advance registration. Please contact ASCE at asce@ascecuba.org or Matias F. Travieso-Diaz at (202)-663-8142 for additional information or to pre-register.

2. Preliminary program

**Fourteenth Annual Meeting
Wyndham Grand Bay Hotel, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida
August 5-7, 2004**

Draft Program—Subject to Change*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

9:00 A.M. - 10:45 A.M. OPENING PLENARY

1. Current Economic and Social Situation

11:00 A.M. – 12:45 P.M. PLENARY

2. Cuba's Future Exchange Rate System

12:45 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. LUNCH BREAK (Participants on their own)

2:15 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS.

3. Tourism

4. Legal Issues: Migration, Transition, and Trade

5. Special Topics

4:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

6. Foreign Investment

7. Poverty and Social Issues

8. Politics and Government

6.30 RECEPTION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION

8:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 9. Self-Employment in Cuba: A Ten-Year Appraisal**
- 10. Value Orientations and Opinions of Recently Arrived Cubans**

10:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 11. A Decade of Reforms in the Agricultural Sector and Food Markets**
- 12. Student Papers**

12:45 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. ASCE LUNCHEON

2:30 P.M. – 4:15 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 13. Transition Issues**
- 14. Civil Society and Social Transition's Greatest Challenges I**
- 15. Agriculture**

4:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M. CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- 16. Foreign Trade**
- 17. Civil Society and Social Transition's Greatest Challenges II**
- 18. Environment**

6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING

7.30 PM CULTURAL EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

**9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Special Saturday Session : Cuban Transition
Strategies and Assistance**

If you have any questions about the conference please email asce@ascecuba.org or contact Mr. Jorge Pérez-López at jperezlopez@cox.net

3. Registration form for the annual meeting

FOURTEEN ANNUAL MEETING

Wyndham Grand Bay Hotel
Coconut Groove, Miami, Florida
August 5-7, 2004

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

	<u>ASCE Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Pre-Registration (Postmarked by 7/22)	\$60	\$100
On-Site Registration	\$85	\$140
Luncheon (8/6), pre-registration	\$35	\$35
Luncheon (8/6), on-site registration	<u>\$40</u>	<u>\$40</u>
Total	\$_____	\$_____

To obtain the pre-registration discount, please make payment to ASCE and returned postmarked by July 23, 2004 with your complete registration form to:

ASCE
P.O. Box 0567
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If you are planning to stay at Wyndham Grand Bay Hotel, please consider the following:

The Wyndham Grand Bay Hotel has reserved a block of 42 rooms at a special discount group rate for ASCE members for the duration of our conference. The cost of the rooms is \$105 per night plus taxes.

The hotel will hold these rooms until July 14, 2004. To arrange the reservation with the hotel, please call (305) 858-9600.

If you have any questions about the conference registration please email asce@ascecuba.org or contact Mr. Joaquín Pujol at jppujol342@aol.com

4. Membership dues for 2004-2005

Name _____

Professional affiliation _____

Address:
Street and number _____

City _____ State/Country _____ Postal code _____ - _____

E-mail _____ Phone number _____

Please fill all information requested, even if only renewing membership.

Note that we can only send ASCE's electronic News Clippings and Newsletters if we have a clearly written (legible) e-mail address.

Dues will cover from August 1st, 2004 to July 31st, 2005. Your dues should be received before the August Annual Meeting to qualify for current members' conference registration prices. Please select type of membership desired by circling your choice. Please return this form with your check payable to ASCE.

Our address remains: ASCE – P.O. Box 567, McLean, Virginia 22101-0567

Membership categories:

<i>Student</i>	\$20.00 in USA - \$30.00 outside of USA
<i>Regular</i>	\$60.00 in the USA - \$70.00 outside of the USA
<i>Institutional</i>	\$100.00
<i>Sponsor (*)</i>	\$100 to \$250.00
<i>Benefactors (*)</i>	Over \$250.00

Amount enclosed.....\$ _____

(*) Names appear in Annual Meeting Proceedings
All members receive a copy of the Proceedings
ASCE does not share membership information with anybody