

LOIS ROTH ENDOWMENT PROGRAM REVIEW 1999

New Projects

Two ideas are under consideration. As reported last year, the National Parks Conservation Association in '99 launched the annual Robin Winks Prize, with an award to Robin himself. A generous contribution from one of Robin's many friends raised the idea of asking NPCA how we could help. We are discussing ways of building a sustainable cash award for the Prize (presently without stipend), or of helping NPCA build up its internship program for foreign park professionals.

Another far-reaching discussion is going on with a Lois friend who now chairs the Sri Lankan President's special Task Force for Human Disaster Management. This unusual structure, helping both sides to the conflict deal with the staggering human consequences of the catastrophe, opens one avenue to peace-making and peace-building for that shattered island. The idea is to find US researchers to study the project, while seeking co-sponsors to help link appropriate organizations to its work, through small seed grants.

Country Programs

*Sweden.** Our flagship program with the Fulbright Commission moves ahead. This year a Roth-Thomson grant is helping Harvard's Mattias Geise study the contribution of the Swedish Ombudsman to maintaining public trust. A new BA from Washington and Lee, Kristoffer Neville, is looking at the sixteenth-century art and architecture of the Swedish Reformation, as visual images of reform.

*Finland.** A Roth-Thomson grant is aiding Fulbrighter Denise Wall of Sacramento State's nursing school to study curricula for public health nurses, as compared with US practices. And the University of Idaho's Joan Kluwe, now at Finland's forestry institute, is looking at subsistence and non-subsistence uses of wilderness areas.

*Norway.** Roth-Thomson grantee Sandra Rasmussen, a Fulbrighter from the University of Washington, is studying the Norwegian land-reform process from the viewpoint of gender and family issues.

Denmark. We received no nomination for the Sonja Bundgard-Nielsen award. We are considering another approach, through Lois' beloved American Scandinavian Foundation.

Australia. We co-funded three exceptional Fulbright grantees for Martin Carroll awards: Jason Pierce, University of Texas, is observing Australia's High Court as Australian political and judiciary elements re-evaluate the judicial system; Texas A&M's Edward Woodfin is focusing on Australia in World War I, as part of his social history of the common soldier of the British Empire; and poet-critic Andrew Zawacki is looking at the impact of negative theology on contemporary Australian poetry.

Italy. The Aquarone Prize for American History went to Michele Rosa-Clot, of the University of Pisa, for work on the US Proportional Representation League, 1893-1932. Our contributions to

