



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	WEEKLY UPDATE
	SECoPA
Monday	The UCF Department of Public Administration was well represented at the 2006 Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA) held in Athens, Georgia at the end of September. This year's conference theme was <i>Bridging Theory, Policy, and Practice</i> .
Tuesday	Drs. Liou and Wang presented their findings from a study of city governments entitled: "Management Attitudes, Financial Conditions, and Organizational Reforms."
Coordinator's Meeting 1:30 PM HPA II 238	Dr. Kapucu served as chair of the panel "Planning for Disasters & Responding to Catastrophes" and presented his work "From Federal Response to National Response: Policy Learning in Emergency Management."
Wednesday	Tolga Arslan and Vener Garayev , students in the MPA program also participated in the SECoPA Conference. They were part of the panel "Public Safety in Turkey" as both presenters and discussants. Their presentation focused on an evaluation of the Turkish disaster management system, and suggested a more flexible, decentralized and de-bureaucratized disaster management system including nonprofit and private organizations in the process.
Thursday	Research Colloquiums To read about the September Colloquium with Dr. Stephen Sloan please go to: http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/PAResearchColloquium.htm
Friday	The October Colloquium will be held on October 26th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM in HPA I room 207 . Dr. David McIntire from the University of North Texas and author of <i>Disaster Response and Recovery</i> will be our guest speaker. Dr. McIntire will discuss <i>Past, Current, and Future Research in Emergency Planning and Management</i> .
	Update on Project Global Knights Project Global Knights mailed their first care package to Iraq last week. Captain Ryan Nacin tells us that he has received a promotion. His new responsibilities put his Public Administration skills to work, encouraging the locals to take the lead in running their own government. We wish him success.
	Upcoming Events The American Humanics Student Association will begin registering participants in the " <i>Mustache Growing Contest</i> " this Wednesday, October 11th . This month long contest promises to be a fun and memorable event for all those who participate. For more information about any AH events please contact the American Humanics office at 407-823-0661 or ahminor@mail.ucf.edu .