

December 2000

- **Distance Learning Program**

Participants studied developing tariffs, regulating prices, and interconnection via taped interviews and lectures during this course designed by PURC for the national Regulatory Agency for Telecommunications and Informatics of Moldova.

Find more information about this course [here](#).

November 2000

- **Program for National Energy Regulator of South Africa**

Members of South Africa's National Energy Regulator attended several workshops to study how to restructure the electricity supply industry in South Africa. The stay included a visit to the Florida Public Service Commission in Tallahassee.

Find more information about this course [here](#).

- **Southern Economic Association Meetings in Washington, D.C.**

PURC Director of Energy Studies Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "The Impact of State-Level PUC Regulation on the Market for SO₂ Allowances, Compliance Costs, and the Distribution of Emissions."

Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).

- **INFORMS Conference in Texas**

Paul Sotkiewicz presented the paper, "Equilibrium Prices in Auction Markets with Non-Convexities," in San Antonio.

Search for the publication [here](#).

October 2000

- **PURC Regulatory Training Program for Sector Regulators of Panama**

Participants in Panama City studied managing the regulatory process, market structure reform, financial analysis, and regulation of network industries. PURC specifically designed this course for Panama's sector regulators. An energy training program will be offered in February 2001, a telecom training program in late February 2001, a water training program in early March 2001 and another telecom training program in late March 2001.

Find the course calendars and more information [here](#).

- **Florida outreach**

Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "Elements of a Competitive Wholesale Power Market," at the Energy 2020 Study Commission meeting in Tallahassee. He also delivered the presentation, "Current Issues in Electricity Restructuring," at the Gainesville Rotary Club.

Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).

- **Agencia Nacional de Energia Eletrica (ANEEL) in Brazil**

Paul Sotkiewicz and a team of academics and consultants from the U.S., the U.K. and Brazil, traveled to Brasilia to provide advice to the national electricity regulator, ANEEL, regarding the restructuring of distribution tariffs for newly privatized distribution companies. Following the visit, a report to ANEEL was submitted outlining the advantages and disadvantages of their proposal for meeting ANEEL's stated objectives.

September 2000

- **Florida outreach**

Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "Federal Regulatory Oversight of Electricity and Natural Gas in Florida," at the Energy 2020 Study Commission meeting in Tallahassee.

Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).

- **Florida outreach**

- **[International Institute of Communications](#) in Tampa, Florida**

- PURC served as a co-host of this forum where approximately 200 corporate executives, managers, researchers, academics, lawyers, government policymakers and regulators from numerous countries gathered to discuss regulation, convergence and development.

- **Find more information under 2000 collaborations [here](#).**

August 2000

- **Florida outreach**

- Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "The New Electricity Markets: How They Operate and the Position of Nuclear Power," to the American Nuclear Society, Utility Working Group at Amelia Island.

- **Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).**

- **New Director of Energy Studies**

- PURC welcomed Paul M. Sotkiewicz as its new Director of Energy Studies. He comes to UF from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where he worked on the staff of the Chief Economic Advisor. He is a key member of a Technical Advisory Group on the Florida Energy 2020 Study Commission.

- **Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).**

July 2000

- **Florida outreach**

- **Florida Energy 2020 Study Commission**

- Dr. Sanford Berg was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Energy 2020 Commission, which will develop recommendations for a comprehensive statewide energy policy to serve the state over the next twenty years. The issues being considered include the reliability of Florida's electric and natural gas supply, emerging energy supply and delivery options, industry competition, environmental impacts, energy conservation, and the fiscal impacts of energy supply options on taxpayers and energy providers.

- **Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).**

June 2000

- **8th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**

- 95 regulatory professionals from 40 nations participated in the program.

- **Find more information about the program [here](#).**

May 2000

- **New PURC Sponsor and Executive Committee Members**

- PURC welcomed the Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) as a sponsor, and John L'Engle, its executive director, as its representative on the PURC Executive Committee. PURC also welcomed Vincent Dolan, director of Corporate Strategy and Regulatory Affairs at Florida Power Corporation (FPC) to the PURC Executive Committee. He fills the seat vacated by George Campbell.

April 2000

- **Saudi Arabia Project to Establish Independent Regulatory Commission**

- PURC Director Sanford Berg was part of World Bank missions in April and in June to the Ministry of Industry and Electricity in Riyadh. The team delivered presentations and met with stake-holders regarding the design of a new regulatory agency.

March 2000

- **First Annual International Conference on Infrastructure**
Co-sponsored by CIBER and PURC, the conference in Tampa examined business and investment opportunities in Latin American infrastructure markets. International experts discussed recent and developing trends affecting markets, investors, companies, and partnerships.
Find more information about collaborations in 2000 [here](#).

February 2000

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Regulatory Responses to New Industry Visions
Daniel W. Fessler, Partner at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, was the recipient of the 2000 PURC Distinguished Service Award. Sally Simmons was the recipient of the 2000 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.
Find more information about the conference [here](#).
- **Florida outreach**
itFlorida.com Workshop on University-Business Collaboration
Mark Jamison, PURC executive director, and academic advisor for itFlorida.com, organized this event on the UF campus to explore types of university and business collaborations that foster global competitiveness of technology businesses.
Find more information about collaborations in 2000 [here](#).

January 2000

- **[Latin American Forum on Communications](#)**
PURC, Nortel Networks, and itFlorida.com sponsored a forum in Miami for leading communications policy makers from Spanish-speaking Latin American countries. Activities included presentations by international experts, panels of fellows covering issues and best practices, e-business demonstrations, and roundtable discussions to explore problems, policy options, and implementation hurdles.
Find more information about collaborations in 2000 [here](#).
- **PURC Visiting Scholar**
PURC welcomed Hydajet Kopani from Albania. He is a Fulbright Scholar, with experience in the Albanian telecommunications sector as General Director of the State Department of Posts and Telecommunications, Mr. Kopani pursued post-graduate studies in the area of telecom regulation while at PURC.
Find more information about visiting scholars [here](#).
- **Workshops on Privatization and Deregulation in Japan**
PURC represented the U.S. in a project funded by the Institute for Developing Economies (Japan External Trade Organization). The papers presented at these workshops addressed infrastructure policies in developed economies and in emerging markets. PURC focused on lessons from the U.S. experience and telecommunications developments in Latin America and Africa.
Search for the publications [here](#).
- **7th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**
82 regulatory professionals from 44 nations participated in the program.
Find more information about the program [here](#).

PURC 2000

- **International Telecommunications Society Biennial Conference in Argentina**

Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, "Impacts of Mergers and Global Rivalry on Local Network Competition," in Buenos Aires.

Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).

1999

October 1999

- **PURC/ENARGAS Training Program in Argentina**
Participants studied market structure reform, managing the regulatory process as well as other issues.
Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).

August 1999

- **PURC/SUNASS Regulatory Training Course on Water and Sewerage Regulation in Peru**



Participants in Lima studied market structure reform, regulation of network industries, principles and application of incentive regulation, among other issues.

Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).

July 1999

- **PURC in Uganda**
Mark Jamison traveled to Entebbe to assist with a World Bank project and meet with government and industry executives, including the Minister for Telecommunications, the Managing Director of Uganda Telecom Ltd., and members of the Uganda Communications Commission.
Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).

June 1999

- **6th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**
94 regulatory professionals from 39 nations participated in the program.
Find more information about the program [here](#).

April 1999

- **[Caribbean Forum for Telecommunications Policy and Regulation](#)**
This forum in Miami brought together regulators from Caribbean nations to share information about developing telecommunications policy and to construct models for introducing competition. The Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) coordinates activities of government agencies in the region. PURC and USAID partnered with CTU to facilitate a continued discussion of critical issues for national policy.
Find more information about collaborations in 1999 [here](#).

February 1999

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Regulation into the Next Millennium
Robert W. Crandall, Senior Fellow of Economic Studies at The Brookings Institution, was the recipient of the 1999 PURC Distinguished Service Award. J. Alan Taylor was the recipient of the 1999 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.
Find more information about the conference [here](#).
- **PURC Program for the South Africa Ministry of Finance**

Representatives of the Microeconomic Policy Group, Ministry of Finance traveled to Gainesville to study utility regulation, infrastructure privatization, and comparisons of pricing methods, among other issues.

Find more information about the course [here](#).

January 1999

- **PURC Visiting Scholars**

PURC welcomed Joo Han Kim from Korea, the chair of the Department of Economics at Kyungwon University in Seoul. During his year-long stay, Dr. Kim conducted research on telecommunications reform in Korea and participated in the PURC/World Bank International Training Program.

Find more information about visiting scholars [here](#).

PURC welcomed John Small from New Zealand, the director of the Centre for Research in Network Economics and Communications (CRNEC) and a senior lecturer in economics at the University of Auckland. During his six-month stay, Dr. Small prepared a paper, "Light-Handed Regulation of Network Industries in New Zealand" for the fifth PURC/World Bank International Training Program.

Search for the publication [here](#).

- **5th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**

95 regulatory professionals from 41 nations participated in the program.

Find more information about the program [here](#).

PURC 1999

- **PURC in Virginia**

Telecommunications Policy Research Conference

Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, "Impacts of Mergers and Global Rivalry on Local Network Competition," in Alexandria.

Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).

- **[Australia Competition and Consumer Commission](#) Conference in Sydney**

PURC Director Dr. Sanford Berg presented a paper, "Developments in Best Practice Regulation," at the ACC Conference, Incentive Regulation and Overseas Developments.

Search for the publication [here](#).

1998

December 1998

- **PURC in Japan**

Workshops on Privatization and Deregulation

PURC represented the U.S. in a project funded by the Institute for Developing Economies (Japan External Trade Organization). The papers presented at these workshops addressed infrastructure policies in developed economies and in emerging markets. PURC focused on lessons from the U.S. experience and telecommunications developments in Latin America and Africa.

Search for the publications [here](#).

October 1998

- **PURC in France**

International Symposium: Current Developments in Contracting and Regulation

Co-sponsored by PURC, CIRANO (University of Montreal), and IDEI (University of Toulouse), the focus of this symposium in Toulouse is the exchange of research on regulation and industrial organization.

Find more information about collaborations in 1998 [here](#).

June 1998

- **4th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**
76 regulatory professionals from 41 nations participated in the program.
Find more information about the program [here](#).

February 1998

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Residual Regulation for Infrastructure Industries
Larry E. Ruff, managing director at Putnam, Hayes and Bartlett, Inc., was the recipient of the 1998 PURC Distinguished Service Award. Dale Mailhot was the recipient of the 1998 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

January 1998

- **3rd PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**
79 regulatory professionals from 35 nations participated in the program.
Find more information about the program [here](#).
- **PURC Visiting Scholar**
PURC welcomed Stefan Buehler of Switzerland through July. Dr. Buehler is an assistant professor at the Socioeconomic Institute of the University of Zurich. His papers include, "Regulatory Reform of Telecommunications in Switzerland," (published in *Telecommunications Policy*) during visit to PURC, and "Infrastructure Quality in Deregulated Industries: Is There an Underinvestment Problem?" published in the *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 2004, Vol. 22, No. 2, 253-267 (with Armin Schmutzler and Men-Andri Benz).
Search for the publications [here](#).

1997

November 1997

- **ACCC/PURC Training Program on Utility Regulation in Australia**
Participants studied problem-solving techniques and a special emphasis on energy, telecommunications, water, and transport. The program in Melbourne led to the volume, *Infrastructure Regulation and Market Reform: Principles and Practice*.
Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).

September 1997

- **PURC Workshops for the Florida Legislative Committee**
House Utilities and Communications Committee staff studied universal service and access reform.
Find more information about the workshops [here](#).

June 1997

- **PURC Workshop: Measuring Costs for Universal Service in Telecommunications**
Key staff of the Federal/State Joint Board, the FCC, and several state commissioners studied the development of new universal service policies that produce just, reasonable, and affordable prices and that use explicit, specific, and predictable subsidy mechanisms.
Find more information about the workshops [here](#).
- **2nd PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**
89 regulatory professionals from 36 nations participated in the program.

Find more information about the program [here](#).

May 1997

- **PURC Workshops for FPSC:**
Measuring Costs for Universal Service in Telecommunications
Applying Incremental Cost Principles in Telecommunications
FPSC staff studied how telecommunications companies perform cost studies, and learned how to review them. Included were case studies in estimating incremental costs and avoided costs.
Find more information about the workshops [here](#).

February 1997

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Utility Regulation and Strategy: the Basics Revisited
Jean-Jacques Lafont and Jean Tirole of the University of Toulouse/Institut Universitaire de France, were the recipients of the 1997 PURC Distinguished Service Award. Bob Trapp was the recipient of the 1997 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.
Find more information about the conference [here](#).
- **International Symposium: Current Developments in Contracting and Regulation**
Co-sponsored by PURC, CIRANO (University of Montreal), and IDEI (University of Toulouse), the focus of this symposium in Gainesville is the exchange of research on regulation and industrial organization.
Find more information about 1997 collaborations [here](#).

January 1997

- **1st PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**
76 regulatory professionals from 28 nations participated in the program.
Find more information about the program [here](#).
- **Telecommunications Policy Research Conference in Virginia**
Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, "Principles for Estimating Universal Service Costs," in Alexandria.
Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).
- **American Economic Association meeting in Illinois**
Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, "Pricing and Deregulation during Telecommunications' Transition to Competition," at the annual meeting in Chicago.
Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).

1996

November 1996

- **PURC in Brazil**
Dr. Sanford Berg traveled to Brasilia as a speaker at "Regulation of Public Services in Brazil," organized by the Federal Senate Commission on Infrastructure Services.
Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).

August 1996

- **PURC Visiting Scholars**
PURC welcomed Joseph Doucet of Canada through June 1997. Dr. Doucet is currently at the University of Alberta School of Business where he is founder and Director of the Centre for Applied Business Research in Energy and the Environment ([CABREE](#)), as well as the H.&R. Drilling Professor of Regulatory Economics. PURC also welcomed Miroslav Strelkov of the Ukraine

through June 1997. A USIA Junior Faculty Fellowship brought Dr. Strelkov to the University of Florida, where he was Deputy Director on International Cooperation, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Institute of Energy Saving Problems.

Find more information about visiting scholars [here](#).

July 1996

- **Florida outreach**

- **PURC/Florida PSC Energy Policy Forums**

- PURC and the Florida Public Service Commission partnered to offer in Tallahassee three events: Industry Structure-Additional Perspectives in July; Impact of Federal Initiatives in Florida in September, and Catalysts for Change in the Electric Industry in November.

- Find more information about 1996 collaborations [here](#).**

April 1996

- **Training Programs for the Alabama PSC: Applying Incremental Cost Principles in Regulation**

- PURC specifically designed a training program for the Alabama Public Service Commission in April and in August focusing on the principles that underlie incremental cost studies.

- Find more information about the course [here](#).**

February 1996

- **Annual PURC Conference**

- **Competition, Regulation, and Organizational Restructuring**

- Douglas N. Jones, director of the National Regulatory Research Institute at The Ohio State University was the recipient of the 1996 PURC Distinguished Service Award. Cindy Miller was the recipient of the 1996 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.

- Find more information about the conference [here](#).**

- **Consortium for Research on Telecommunications Policy Conference in Michigan**

- Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, "Pricing and Deregulation during Telecommunications' Transition to Competition," in Ann Arbor.

- Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).**

- **American Law and Economics Association meeting in Illinois**

- Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, "Pricing and Deregulation during Telecommunications' Transition to Competition," at the annual meeting in Chicago.

- Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).**

1995

February 1995

- **Annual PURC Conference**

- **Market and Technological Convergence: Implications for Regulation**

- [William W. Hogan](#), the Thornton Bradshaw Professor of Public Policy and Management at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University was the recipient of the 1995 PURC Distinguished Service Award. John Williams was the recipient of the 1995 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.

- Find more information about the conference [here](#).**

1994

February 1994

- **Annual PURC Conference**

- **Regulation: the Changing Rules of the Game**

Irwin M. Stelzer, director of Regulatory Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, was the recipient of the 1994 PURC Distinguished Service Award. Beth Salak was the recipient of the 1994 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1993

February 1993

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Regulation and Planning in the Market Economy
[Paul Joskow](#), the Mitsui Professor of Economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was the recipient of the 1993 PURC Distinguished Service Award. Joe McCormick was the recipient of the 1993 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1992

February 1992

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Regulatory and Managerial Strategies for Promoting Innovation
Harry M. Trebing, a professor at the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University was the recipient of the 1992 PURC Distinguished Service Award. Jill Butler was the recipient of the 1992 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1991

February 1991

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Changes in Technologies and Public Perceptions: Evaluating Utility Performance
James K. Taggart of TECO was the recipient of the 1991 PURC Distinguished Service Award.
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1990

September 1990

- **PURC Visiting Scholar**
PURC welcomed [Alfred Endres](#) from Germany through January. Dr. Endres is a full professor of economic theory at the University of Hagen and a permanent visiting professor of environmental economics at the University of Witten/Herdecke. He is the author of the book Environmental Economics and numerous other books in German. He has published widely in international journals on environmental economics as well as law and economics.
Find more information about visiting scholars [here](#).

February 1990

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Regulator Initiatives and Competitive Responses in the New Decade
Richard S. Bower, a professor of Business Economics at the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College was the recipient of the 1990 PURC Distinguished Service Award.
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1989

February 1989

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Beyond Traditional Regulation: Implications for Regulators and Managers
C. W. McKee, Executive Vice President and CFO of Florida Progress Corporation, and Alfred E. Kahn, the Julius Thorne Professor of Political Economy at Cornell University and Special Consultant to National Economic Research Associates were the recipients of the 1989 PURC Distinguished Service Award.
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1988

February 1988

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Partial Regulation, Managed Markets and Beyond
Vic Leavengood, treasurer at GTE-Florida, was the recipient of the 1988 PURC Distinguished Service Award.
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1987

February 1987

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Regulation in the Presence of Competition
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1986

February 1986

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Regulation in Transition: The Technology Factor
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1985

February 1985

- **Annual PURC Conference**
National Problems and State Regulation
Find more information about the conference [here](#).
- **PURC Visiting Scholar**
PURC welcomed John Tschirhart, Professor of Economics and Finance at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, and Director of the Public Utility Research & Training Institute (PURTI). He and PURC Director Sanford Berg have collaborated on several papers.
Find more information about visiting scholars [here](#).

1984

February 1984

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Lessons from Deregulation
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1983

February 1983

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Streamlining the Regulatory Process
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1982

February 1982

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Regulation, Diversification and Deregulation
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1981

February 1981

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Issues in Conservation, Finance and Regulation
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1980

February 1980

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Utility Regulation and Management for the 1980's
Find more information about the conference [here](#).
- **New PURC Director**
PURC Executive Director Sanford Berg is named Director.
Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).

1979

February 1979

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Key Issues Facing Regulators in the 1980's
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1978

February 1978

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Issues in the Regulation and Management of Public Utility Companies
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1977

February 1977

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Issues in the Regulation and Management of Public Utility Companies
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1976

February 1976

- **Annual PURC Conference**
Issues in the Regulation and Management of Public Utility Companies
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1975

February 1975

- Annual PURC Conference
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1974

February 1974

- Annual PURC Conference
Issues in the Regulation and Management of Public Utility Companies
Find more information about the conference [here](#).

1972

- The Public Utility Research Center is established
Learn more about PURC's history [here](#).