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At the end of the last Fall I received a grant to develop the Inter-American Philosophic Review (IPR), an electronic journal dedicated to promoting philosophical change throughout the Americas. As promised, here is my report.

In January of 2009 I asked the office of Texas A&M University Research Services to help me out with the process of transferring the grant money from the APA so that I could start using it to. Little did I know, I had to fill out and sign many forms for the transfer of money to take place, i.e. a bureaucratic mess. This took a long time. It was not until May (a few months ago) that I was able to use the money. Nevertheless, I did not let the lack of money stop me from making some progress, so here is what I have done:

(1) In February 2009 I contracted Ron Chichester (a computer law professor in Houston) as the main IT for the journal. His expertise is hard to find. He has already designed the rudiments of the website for the journal, found in http://206.251.36.208:8080/ipr/acl_users/credentials_cookie_auth/require_login?came_from=http%3A//206.251.36.208%3A8080/ipr/front-page/document_view I have given him enough content to get started. We are, however, waiting on setting up the IPR website in our philosophy department's server. This technical task has taken some time for reasons that I will not mention (unless you are interested). Ron Chichester has been very patient about the process. He has now agreed to continue to help us out for one year. I will soon pay him \$ 1,900 for all of his past and future services.

(2) On March 2009 I took advantage that many of the members of the editorial board were visiting Texas A & M for the SAAP conference to arrange a dinner meeting where we discussed our plans. I used no more than 80 dollars to pay for their meals. I hope to be able to do this again since in my opinion a lot gets done face to face.

(3) On April 2009 I worked on (a) a letter of invitation to editorial board members and (b) a draft of our first call for papers. Both were done and I sent the letters of invitation. I have good news. Everyone that I have invited has replied a very enthusiastic "Yes". Also, it is a very impressive editorial board with philosophers

from all over the Americas! I can forward the list if you are interested.

(4) On May 2009 I applied for a grant available to work on projects between my university and Mexico. The grant would help me with the IPR project by hiring a graduate student to help with all of the details that it takes to launch and run a journal. Well, good news, I got the grant!! This would not have been possible without having already the seed money from the APA.

Here is the announcement:

<http://cla.tamu.edu/news/7-13-09-pappas-awarded-second-grant-to-develop-electronic-journal>

“Associate Philosophy Professor Gregory F. Pappas was awarded a second research grant to develop the Inter-American Philosophic Review (IPR), an electronic journal dedicated to promoting philosophical change throughout the Americas. The grant was awarded by the Texas A&M University-Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnologia (CONACYT) Collaborative Research Grant Program.

As you can see, things are moving along and I expect this school year to take more steps. Here (below) is an outline of my budget. I am now ready to pay my IT person. I still have to make some decisions as to how to spend the remaining money, but for sure I am allocating some for publicity. Thanks for this opportunity. I think that this project once completed will make history!

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Project Dates: 3/1/2009-2/28/2010

DIRECT COSTS		Yr 1 3/1/09 <u>2/28/10</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Materials & Supplies	Web page setup	1,900	1,900
Advertising	Online Journal	1,000	1,000
Other		1,100	1,100
Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC)		4,000	4,000

Total Direct Costs

4,000

4,000

INDIRECT COSTS

Indirect Costs MTDC @ 0.0%

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TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

\$4,000

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