Dear Scott,

Thank you so much for letting us know about this event! I will try to attend, barring any conflict with our spring committee meetings. It’s so wonderful to hear that our partnered IBR event on the Hill is as well-regarded at ANSI as it is here at ACUS.

Your paper has been on my to-read list for too long. I’ll be sure to read it in the next week. How exciting that you get to defend it in June!

All the best,

Emily S. Bremer
202.480.2086
ebremer@acus.gov

---

Dear Emily (and Paul & Reeve),

I wanted to give you an update on the Hill event we will hold on March 12th.

We are getting very good responses from a very diverse set of groups, including associations, companies, the SDO community, & others. As you can see from the most recent flyer, we have added one more topic to the agenda; on the global distribution of clean & efficient cookstoves. ANSI has worked with the EPA, State Dept., the UN Foundation & others for 6 years on developing practicable, market-based, cost-effective solutions for health & safety issues around traditional cooking solutions in developing countries. Sec. of State Clinton challenged the community to globally distribute 100 million clean & efficient cookstoves by 2020 and we are on track to meet that target.

Our lead sponsor is Rep. John Lewis (D-GA), who has been active in developing pragmatic answers to complex issues since the Civil Rights days in the 1960’s. (In the recent movie “Selma”, his character is the voice of reasoned practicable solutions.) We were able to convince he and his staff that private sector efforts can help in the development of needed global public goods, where governance solutions to multifaceted global supply chain concerns have been difficult to effectuate. This is a good, positive, message for the standards community to take to the Congress, and we hope to get a robust attendance from Hill staff (and hopefully some Members), as well as associations, press, companies, consumer groups etc. If you-all could possibly make it, that would be great! The ANSI/ACUS/NIST Hill
event on IBR is looked upon fondly by the powers-that-be here at ANSI and is the gold standard for Hill events going forward…

Also Emily, I wanted to let you know that I am going to present (and defend) my draft paper on global governance (“Walking the Walk”) at a European Academy for Standardization (EURAS) conference in Copenhagen in late June. I am also thinking about a paper on functionalism (not neo-functionalism, or now there are fleeting references to neo-neo functionalism…) but picking up with David Mitrany and the modest proposal to take a discrete public policy problem off the shelf, find a practicable, consensus (ie functional) solution to that problem and then pick out another problem & do it again. Somewhere along that continuum, nation-state angst about such issues as “authority”, “standing” and perhaps even “legitimacy” should begin to fall away… Or so goes my argument.

Please let me know how you are doing Emily, and what ideas & issues are either inspiring your thought process, and/or keeping you up at night…

Best
Scott