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## **Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy to hold annual meeting**

*This year's theme will be "The External Sector  
of the Cuban Economy"*

MCLEAN, Va.—June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003—Scholars, economists, and other professional analysts studying Cuba's political and economic situation, will share their research, knowledge, and assessments at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE) at the Colonnade Hotel in Coral Gables, Fla., Aug. 7-9.

"Last year, our conference drew 300 attendees from around the world, but this year we are gearing up for an even larger turnout given recent events," said ASCE President Beatriz Casals. "Clearly, scholarly discussion and research on Cuba and its comparative development is more relevant today than ever."

The theme for the three-day conference is "The External Sector of the Cuban Economy," but a wide range of economic and political subjects will also be discussed. Among the attendees will be experts from the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Centre for Economic Reform in Moscow, and universities from the United States, Latin America and Spain.

Casals said that more than 50 scholarly papers will be presented at the meeting. These papers, along with the meeting's plenary sessions and roundtable discussions, will focus on Cuba's political and economic situation, including prospects for a peaceful transition to a free-market economy and democratic society. The papers will be published in Volume 13 of ASCE's annual proceedings.

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ASCE will host a press room for the media to use for interviews, phone calls, faxes, reading, or research. It will contain copies of media releases and other documents pertaining to the annual meeting along with telephones (no charge for outgoing business calls), modem lines, a fax, and computers with Internet service. ASCE staff also will assist the media in setting up interviews with keynote speakers, special guests and scholars attending the meeting.

*Affiliated with the American Economic Association and the Allied Social Sciences Association of the United States, ASCE is a non-profit, non-political organization incorporated in the state of Maryland. ASCE promotes scholarship, research, and publications by its members on the Cuban economy in a broad sense, with particular emphasis on the financial, economic, social, legal, and environmental aspects of Cuba as it is today and its process of transition.*

**For additional information or to schedule an interview with an ASCE member or meeting presenter, contact Matías Travieso-Díaz at 202-663-8142 or at e-mail [Matias.Travieso-Diaz@shawpittman.com](mailto:Matias.Travieso-Diaz@shawpittman.com). For details on press registration contact Mariela Lanzas at 703-920-1234 or at e-mail [mlanzas@casals.com](mailto:mlanzas@casals.com).**

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