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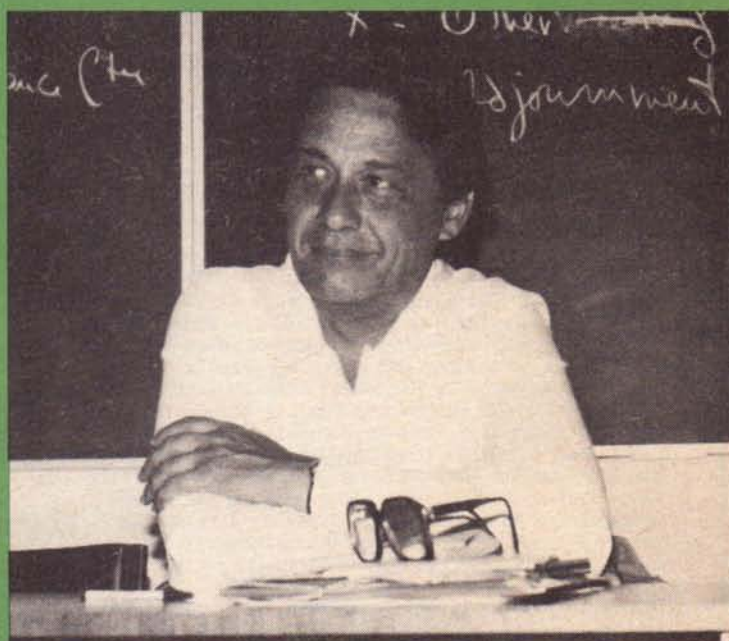
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Du Secrétariat - From the Secretariat

This is the last ISA Bulletin to be produced in Montreal. As previously announced, the Secretariat will move to Amsterdam at the beginning of January 1983. The new executive secretaries are Walter Becking and Felix Geyer.

Walter Becking has studied at the London School of Economics, the Sorbonne, Leyden University, and the University of Amsterdam. He was not able to complete his studies in sociology because he had to take over the direction of the family business. His managerial and financial expertise will be of great benefit to the ISA Secretariat.

Felix Geyer received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Amsterdam. His career has been in several research roles and since 1968 he is coordinator for methodology in the Social Sciences at SISWO (the Netherlands Universities' joint Social Research Centre). He has been secretary of the Research Committee on Alienation. SISWO is contributing one half of his time to the ISA Secretariat.

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The Secretariat is going through an unusually hectic period. The business arising out of the Congress has to be completed before the Secretariat moves. The move has to be planned and organized. Felix Geyer spent a week early in November in Montreal to study the operations of the Secretariat, to become familiar with its activities, and to discuss various problems associated with the transition period. Gerardo Estrada from the Mexican Local Arrangements Committee also visited in November to help wind up the World Congress and to assist us in preparing a financial report for submission to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The two out-going executive secretaries would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers, members, and friends of the ISA for the collaboration and support that they have received from them. Thanks to them our term in the secretariat (8 years and 3½ years respectively) was much more and much better than a bureaucratic task.

Ceci est le dernier Bulletin produit à Montréal. Comme vous le savez sûrement, le Secrétariat est transféré à Amsterdam le 1er janvier 1983. Les 2 futurs secrétaires exécutifs sont Walter Becking et Felix Geyer.

Walter Becking a étudié à la London School of Economics, à la Sorbonne et aux Universités de Leyden et d'Amsterdam. Il a dû interrompre ses études en sociologie pour prendre la direction de l'entreprise familiale. Sa compétence administrative et financière sera certainement d'un grand secours pour le Secrétariat de l'ISA.

Détenteur d'un Ph.D. en sociologie de l'Université d'Amsterdam, Félix Geyer a assumé de multiples responsabilités en recherche. Depuis 1968 il est coordinateur pour la méthodologie en sciences sociales à SISWO (le Centre conjoint de recherche sociale des universités néerlandaises). Il est secrétaire sortant de charge du Comité de recherche sur l'aliénation. SISWO a accepté de le dégrever de la moitié de sa tâche pour s'occuper du Secrétariat de l'ISA.

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Le Secrétariat traverse une dernière période particulièrement active. Il faut régler les suites du Congrès avant le déménagement. Et celui-ci doit être planifié et organisé. Félix Geyer a passé la première semaine de novembre à Montréal dans le but de se familiariser avec les dossiers, et de régler avec nous les problèmes de la transition. Gerardo Estrada du Comité mexicain d'organisation (MLAC) nous a également visités en novembre: nos rencontres avec lui nous ont permis de régler les questions pendantes relatives au Congrès et de préparer le bilan financier qui doit être soumis au Comité exécutif lors de sa prochaine réunion en mai 1983.

Les deux secrétaires exécutifs sortants tiennent à remercier tous les officiels, membres et amis de l'ISA pour la collaboration qu'ils ont reçu d'eux. Grâce à eux notre séjour au Secrétariat (8 ans et 3 ans et demie respectivement) aura été plus et mieux qu'une tâche bureaucratique.

Kurt Jonassohn & Marcel Rafie

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NOTES ON THE WORLD CONGRESS

A PROPOS DU X^e CONGRES MONDIAL

This number of the Bulletin, dealing with the X. World Congress of Sociology, reports primarily on the official and administrative meetings that took place in Mexico. The reader will be surprised to find little echo in this number from the scientific sessions. The reason for this is quite simple: your two executive secretaries (and editors of the Bulletin), were hardly in a position to cover a Congress that was planned to include almost 600 scientific session with about 4,000 papers and to report on them because they were fully occupied with organizational problems and administrative meetings. For this reason, we have asked the 37 Research Committees to include information on their participation in the Congress program in their reports on activities. These reports will be published in the next Bulletin (Spring 1983).

Nevertheless, we are able to pass along several impressions garnered from a number of session organizers and participants. Generally speaking, it seems that about one third of the authors of papers listed in the program were absent; this undoubtedly was the result of the difficulty in obtaining travel grants. As regretful as this seems, many organizers thought that this solved the problem of too many papers having been included in the program. In fact, in many cases, a dozen or more presentations had been included in the program; obviously far too many for sessions of between 2 and 3 hours, especially if one also wants to leave time for questions from the floor. The program committee for the next Congress will surely have to address this problem. One part of the solution would perhaps be to reinforce the distinction between papers that are accepted and papers that are presented and to ensure that no more than four, maximum five, papers are included in one session.

Insufficiently informed about the content of the scientific sessions as we are, we are well placed to speak of a number of difficulties and successes from the point of view of organization. Many colleagues encountered a disagreeable surprise upon arrival in Mexico: although they had sent in their reservations, the hotel in which they were to stay totally ignored their reservation; in other cases the hotel had booked their reservation without reserving a room for them. The result was complaints to the official travel agency, frayed nerves, fatigue, and a bad omen at the beginning of a week of work. A more serious problem: before the Congress had even started there was not a single copy of the official program left because the local organizers had underestimated the total attendance. And to top it all off, there were protests from the Mexican participants because they were unhappy about the absence of simultaneous translation.

We must do justice to the local organizers. Although errors were made, they were very quickly corrected. By Monday evening, the first day of the Congress, accommodation had been arranged for everybody. Within 36 hours - and this was a signal success - they succeeded in printing another 1500 copies of the official program; by Tuesday evening all of the new registrants could claim their own copy. Finally, simultaneous translation (into Spanish and even Russian) was provided in the Plenary Sessions, and the session organizers tried to have one of their participants give summaries in Spanish of those papers presented in English or French.

Ce numéro, consacré au Xe Congrès Mondial de Sociologie, rend compte des réunions officielles et administratives qui s'y sont tenues. Le lecteur sera surpris d'y trouver peu d'écho des sessions scientifiques. La raison en est simple: les deux secrétaires exécutifs, (et éditeurs du Bulletin), continuellement sollicités par des problèmes d'organisation, étaient peut-être les personnes les moins bien placées pour couvrir quelques 600 sessions avec 4000 communications projetées, et en rendre compte convenablement. C'est pourquoi nous avons demandé aux 37 Comités de recherche d'inclure dans leurs rapports d'activités les informations utiles concernant leur participation au Congrès. Ces rapports seront publiés dans le prochain Bulletin (printemps 1983).

D'ores et déjà, cependant, nous sommes en mesure de faire état de quelques constatations et de quelques impressions telles que recueillies auprès d'un certain nombre d'organiseurs de session. D'une manière générale on signalait l'absence de près du tiers des présentateurs des communications prévues au programme: problème de financement du voyage sans doute. Tout en déplorant la chose, les organisateurs estimaient néanmoins que, d'une certaine manière, cela arrangeait les choses, car trop de communications avaient été programmées. De fait, dans beaucoup de cas, une dizaine et quelque fois plus, de personnes étaient prévues: c'est de toute évidence trop quand on ne dispose que de 2 heures et qu'on veut laisser aussi la parole au public. Le Comité de programme du futur Congrès Mondial devra assurément se pencher sur ce problème. Un élément de solution consisterait, peut être, à donner toute sa force à la distinction entre les textes acceptés et les textes présentés, et à veiller à ce que sauf exception, le nombre de présentations par session ne dépasse pas 4 ou au maximum 5.

Insuffisamment informés sur le déroulement des sessions, nous sommes en revanche bien placés pour parler de quelques difficultés et de quelques réussites du point de vue de l'organisation. Pour beaucoup de congressistes, une surprise désagréable les attendait à Mexico. Alors qu'ils avaient dûment réservé, l'hôtel supposé les héberger ignorait tout de leur réservation. Pour d'autres, la réservation était bien parvenue à destination... sans qu'une chambre ait été gardée pour autant. D'où: protestations auprès de l'agent officiel, énervement, fatigue, le tout augurant mal d'une semaine de travail. Autre problème, plus sérieux encore: le Congrès n'était pas encore commencé qu'il ne restait plus une copie du programme officiel: les organisateurs locaux ayant sous-estimé la participation totale. Et pour corser le tout, un début de fronde s'est manifesté chez les participants mexicains mécontents de l'absence de traduction.

Il faut rendre cette justice aux organisateurs locaux que, si des erreurs ont été commises, ils les ont très vite corrigées. Dès lundi soir, premier jour du Congrès, tout le monde était logé. En 36 heures - et ceci est une réussite à signaler - on avait réussi à imprimer 1500 exemplaires du programme: dès mardi soir, tous les nouveaux inscrits pouvaient réclamer le leur. Enfin une traduction simultanée (même du russe) était assurée dans les sessions plénières, et les organisateurs de session assuraient par un des participants une traduction résumée en espagnol des communications faites en anglais ou en français.

In any case, from the second day of the Congress things ran pretty well, if one judges by the fact that no serious problems were reported to the ISA Secretariat, and this in spite of the many last-minute changes that were announced in the daily Congress bulletin "Serendipity". For instance, nobody came to inform us that two sessions were being held at the same time in the same room. The credit for this precision of organization of a complex Congress with almost 4,500 participants certainly should go to the group of young people who worked in the MLAC and particularly to those who were in charge of registration, room assignments, and the program. The Congress was a success thanks to their devotion and to the long hours they worked.

En tout cas, dès le 2e jour, le Congrès était parfaitement sur rails: aucun incident sérieux n'était rapporté au Secrétariat de l'AIS nonobstant les changements de dernière minute annoncés dans le quotidien du Congrès "The Serendipity". Personne n'est venu nous signaler, par exemple, que deux sessions se tenaient au même moment au même endroit. Le mérite de cette précision dans le fonctionnement de cette grosse machine que fut le Congrès avec ses 4,500 participants revient certainement à l'équipe de jeunes qui ont travaillé au MLAC en particulier ceux qui étaient en charge de l'inscription, des locaux et du programme. Si le Congrès a été finalement une réussite, c'est à eux que nous le devons.



Ouverture officielle du Congrès. De gauche à droite: M.M. Gerardo Estrada, Secrétaire exécutif du MLAC; Raúl Bejar, Secrétaire général de l'UNAM; Alfredo Elias, Directeur général de FONAPAS; Carlos Hank Gonzalez, Maire de México; Fernando Solana, Ministre de l'éducation; Ulf Himmelstrand, Président sortant de l'AIS; Mme Carmen Romano de López et le Président du Mexique José López Portillo; Octavio Rivero Serrano Recteur de l'UNAM; Ralph Turner et Fernando H. Cardoso, Vice-Présidents sortants de l'AIS; et Mme Rosa Luz Alegria, Ministre du tourisme.

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Research Council Meetings

The meetings of the Research Council took place in Mexico City on 14 and 15 August 1982. The Research Coordinating Committee held a short preparatory meeting right before. M. Sokolowska, J. Ben David, E. Migione, E. Øyen and P. Roby attended the meeting. The Council's meetings were presided by Vice-President Sokolowska, out-going Chair, and attended by 34 out of 37 Research Committees representatives (see below list of Delegates). Here are the main points discussed and the decisions taken.

In her general presentation, M. Sokolowska stressed the importance of topics for the Research Committees and expressed her wish that projects like R.C.'s book of the "State of the Art" be initiated in the future. She called the members' attention on the difficulties of communication between her and some R.C.'s officers, especially in regard to their reports of activities. She finally expressed the feeling that the ISA should acquire young faces and new people, and that the R.C. should start this renewal; in some Committees, there are the same people since 1962. Following this presentation and a discussion by the Delegates, a decision has been taken that the Council should hold an academic meeting every four years, between World Congresses.

A four-year report has been presented by the Secretariat, see below.

Publications: Celine St-Pierre, Editor of SSIS, presented some information on the procedures to establish the ISA program of publications. She insisted on the originality of the Series which is to produce books made of contributions of sociologists from many countries; this means that proposals have to be made of papers written by sociologists of several countries. She reminded the members that the distribution of the Series relies on Sage but also on the books reviews to be made by ourselves or by colleagues, and also on the utilization of the books in teaching. After a discussion on the services given by Sage to the R.C. it has been decided that a suggestion be forwarded to the Publication Committee in order that the priority be given to innovative fields of sociology and sociology of the Third World.

Grants for the Research Committees: It has been decided that a request be submitted to the Executive Committee to increase the amount granted to the R.C. Presently this amount is : U.S. \$6,000.

R.C.'s evaluation: Following a general report on the R.C.'s activities and a discussion on what should be the optimal number of R.C. the Council adopted the two new criteria introduced by the Research Coordinating Committee in Tbilisi in August 1981, for the evaluation of the work of the Research Committees: since the organization of sessions for the World Congress is taken for granted and already mentioned in the ISA Statutes, the two main criteria will be: the organization of at least one scientific meeting between World Congresses, and the publication of a Newsletter. The scientific meeting may take various forms: general or regional, organized by the R.C. alone or in collaboration with other international organizations. As regards the Newsletter, it should appear at least once per year starting with the second year after the establishment of a R.C.

XI World Congress Program. An unanimous resolution asked to reinforce participation of Research Committees in the Program Committee.

Budget. It was decided to spend the money remaining on the Council budget for the proceedings of the Research Coordinating Committee Symposium papers, to the necessary extent.

Application for new Research Committees. The Council acknowledge receipt of requests from three groups applying for the status of Research Committee: Qualitative Methods, Comparative Sociology, and Sociology of Disasters. These groups will be informed that they will have to show evidence of satisfactory activity during the two coming years before being considered as Working Groups; and that they will be eligible for a definite R.C. status two years later.

Representation to the Executive Committee. Considering the growing work done by the Research Committees, the Council voted a recommendation to the ISA Council to change the ISA Statutes in the following way:

"Research Council shall elect eight members of the Executive Committee" (instead of five)

Elections. Finally, the Council elected five members of the Executive Committee. They are: Erik Allardt (R.C. 18), Margaret Archer (R.C. 04), Wilfried Dumon (R.C. 06), Enzo Mingione (R.C. 21) and Else Øyen (R.C. 19). These five delegates constitute, with Anne-Marie Guillemard (R.C. 11) and John Rex (R.C. 05) the Research Coordinating Committee.



From left to right: J. Ben David, L. Dube and A. Akiwowo, from the outgoing Research Coordinating Committee; E. Mingione, W. Dumon, M. Archer and E. Øyen, new elected members from the Research Council to the Executive Committee (82-86).

RAPPORT DU SECRÉTARIAT AU CONSEIL DE RECHERCHE

L'objectif de ce rapport est double: 1- rendre compte des activités du Secrétariat au service des Comités de recherche durant le terme allant du Congrès d'Uppsala à celui de Mexico; 2- évaluer la communication établie entre le Secrétariat et les Comités de recherche.

I-a) Naturellement le siège de Montréal a été, comme à l'accoutumée, la courroie de transmission entre le Comité de coordination et les Comités de recherche. Par trois fois (en 79, 80 et 81), ces derniers ont été invités à soumettre des demandes pour les subventions du Comité exécutif totalisant chaque année \$6,000. Suspendue durant l'année du Congrès cette subvention était remplacée par un octroi de \$2,000. du Conseil de recherche pour la promotion des Newsletters. Les candidatures sont normalement transmises au Comité de coordination qui répartit les montants. Durant les mêmes années 79, 80 et 81 le Secrétariat a requis des Comités de recherche leurs rapports d'activités pour parution dans le Bulletin et évaluation par le Comité de coordination et le Conseil de recherche. D'autres lettres circulaires sont parvenues aux officiels des Comités de recherche (présidents, secrétaires et délégués) portant sur la réunion de Jablonna d'août 1980, sur le "projet" du Conseil, sur l'exposition de Newsletters durant le Congrès mondial, etc.

b) Une tâche qu'on peut appeler de soutien logistique a été assurée par le Secrétariat au bénéfice de certains Comités de recherche. Quelques-uns de ceux-ci ont de la difficulté à percevoir les cotisations au siège de leur Secrétariat. Nous avons accepté d'encaisser dans ces cas-là (et seulement dans ces cas) et de mettre les montants reçus à la disposition des bénéficiaires. D'autres Comités de recherche ont requis nos services pour établir leurs statuts, fixer le montant et les modalités de perception des cotisations, procéder d'une manière à la fois efficace et démocratique à l'élection de leur bureau exécutif. Bref, c'est là un rôle de consultant que nous avons joué auprès des Comités de recherche. Dans la plupart de ces cas, nos suggestions étaient faites à la lumière des expériences entreprises par d'autres Comités de recherche et consignées dans nos archives.

c) Profitant de l'aide de notre collègue chilien Sergio Contreras, stagiaire au Secrétariat, nous avons entrepris une "première" à compter de l'été 1981. Une histoire des Comités de recherche a été établie à partir de nos fichiers (principalement les rapports d'activités et les Newsletters) qui a été soumise aux officiels des Comités de recherche pour corrections et ajouts. Nous avons reçu la réaction des 2/3 des Comités. A cette date, 9 histoires ont été publiées et les autres paraîtront dans les numéros subséquents (si nos amis du Secrétariat d'Amsterdam veulent bien poursuivre cette publication après janvier 83). Nous possédons avec ce matériel ainsi constitué les premiers éléments d'une histoire plus exhaustive de l'AIS depuis ses débuts en 1940.

d) Il faut faire une place à part au travail du Secrétariat lié à la préparation du Xe Congrès mondial: informations diverses transmises aux Comités de recherche, rappels répétés des diverses dates limites, cueillette et mise en ordre des données, etc. La coordination de l'information relative au programme constituait bien sûr une tâche considérable du fait des centaines de sessions prévues. Cependant nous aurions été grandement soulagés si nous avions demandé aux coordonnateurs de recueillir les programmes de leurs organisateurs de session et de nous les transmettre. Ce fut une erreur

de notre part d'avoir comme vis-à-vis 326 organisateurs de session plutôt que les 37 coordonnateurs. Dans ces conditions, il est presque miraculeux que 21 sessions seulement apparaissent en blanc au programme officiel. Il faut que les coordonnateurs soient à l'avenir les intermédiaires obligés entre les organisateurs de session et le Secrétariat: nous ferons cette recommandation au prochain Comité du programme.

II- Les réponses des Comités de recherche aux demandes des rapports d'activités constituent un bon indicateur de l'état des communications entre le Secrétariat et les C.R. Voici l'état de la question:

- en 1979 le Bulletin du printemps (19) contenait 25 rapports d'activités sur 35;
- en 1980 dans le Bulletin 22-23 paraissaient 32 sur 36. Mais beaucoup étaient en dehors des délais prescrits, ce qui explique le retard de parution de ce numéro;
- en 1981, tous les rapports sont parvenus mais un tiers d'entre eux étaient également hors délai. D'où l'étalement sur les 3 numéros 25, 26 et 27 de ces rapports.

(Il faut préciser que dans un certain nombre de cas les rapports ont été rédigés par le Secrétariat à partir des informations prises dans les Newsletters.)

De ces données il ressort que, s'il existe une amélioration à partir de 1980 dans les taux de réponses, un manque de diligence persiste chez les officiels des Comités de recherche. On peut bien sûr incriminer les lenteurs et les incertitudes postales. Et pourtant les circulaires émanaient du Secrétariat bien longtemps avant l'échéance et, pour plus de sûreté, étaient toujours adressées à la fois aux Présidents et Secrétaires. Un petit effort de discipline est donc souhaitable de la part de nos officiels.

Je voudrais terminer sur une petite note personnelle puisque je termine mon mandat à la fin de la présente année. Lorsque j'ai pris la succession de Céline St-Pierre durant l'été de 1979, je n'avais la chance de connaître aucun d'entre vous n'ayant participé ni au Congrès de Toronto ni à celui d'Uppsala. Je ne cacherai pas que, de ce fait, mes premiers contacts établis par la voie bureaucratique des lettres circulaires étaient plutôt frustrants. Il n'y a pas grande satisfaction à s'adresser ainsi impersonnellement et quasi anonymement à des inconnus. La réunion de Jablonna et la visite à Montréal de quelques-uns d'entre vous m'ont permis de connaître et d'apprécier un certain nombre des délégués ici présents. Le travail devenait du coup plus attachant surtout lorsqu'il a bien fallu, à cause de l'urgence du Congrès, communiquer par téléphone avec bon nombre de coordonnateurs au programme. Et comme ce qui se fait aux Comités de recherche représente à mes yeux le coeur même des activités de l'Association, j'aurai passé au service de celle-ci 3 1/2 années agréables et utiles. Je souhaite la même chance à mon successeur.

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REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE ISA COUNCIL

The ISA Council met three times and barely managed to deal with an unusually long agenda. President Ulf Himmelstrand made some opening remarks on the state of sociology. The report from the secretariat was presented and its move to Amsterdam was announced. A motion of thanks and appreciation for the work of the Montreal secretariat was passed unanimously. There was some discussion of our relations with other international organizations and of the increasing difficulties of raising travel funds. Then a Nominating Committee was elected to prepare a slate of candidates for the election of the new executive.

At the second meeting the report to the Statutes Revision Committee was presented together with proposed amendments from the Bulgarian and the Dutch delegates. After detailed discussion the amendments to the statutes and a new set of By-Laws were adopted. (The revised statutes and the new By-Laws are published in this issue). Then the report of the Nominating Committee was received and a new Executive Committee was elected. (See: the front cover of this issue). The next item of business was the revision of the membership dues. There was much discussion around the need to raise dues due to the rapidly rising costs of running the ISA and the difficulties of members to pay higher dues. An increase of the individual membership dues to US \$25.00 without Current Sociology and US \$45.00 with Current Sociology was approved. In addition a motion was passed that individual membership dues may be paid for up to four years in advance on an optional basis, and that this innovation be adequately advertized. The proposed increases in collective membership dues were tabled for reconsideration by the new executive in conjunction with a review of the entire financial situation of the Association.

During the third meeting the Council also approved the incorporation of the ISA in Holland which is necessary there in order to permit the secretariat to function as a legal entity. The site of the next World Congress was also discussed and several proposals were made but since there was no written invitation on hand, the decision was delegated to the executive committee. The president added a suggestion from Kurt Jonassohn that a number of ministries of tourism and convention bureaus be asked to bid for the Congress; since the large attendance at our Congresses represents a real boost to the local economy, they may make an offer that would significantly reduce the cost of the Congress and/or add to the financial resources of the Association. A number of suggestions about the content of and participation in the World Congresses were discussed, such as greater participation of women and colleagues from the Third World and better ways of communicating with massive audiences. Finally, a number of motions of thanks were passed in favor of our Mexican colleagues, our past president, and our past executive committee.

REPORT FROM THE TRAVEL GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Committee met to consider the difficult situation created by the economic recession which has caused the sources of travel grants to dry up quite radically. The only funds obtained were a US\$ 8,000 grant from the Canadian Commission for Unesco and a US\$ 10,000 contribution from the funds of the MLAC. These funds were used to offer per diems to those who could manage to get to Mexico City on their own. The Committee decided to hold an office hour each day to receive requests for these per diems and the members took turns interviewing the applicants. Three partial travel contributions were given to colleagues whose presence was considered essential in plenary and/or symposium sessions. The bulk of the funds were distributed as per diems in order to assist as large a number of colleagues as possible. In the end, the Committee granted more requests than could be covered by the available funds and the difference was contributed from the resources of the ISA. In total, the equivalent of about US\$ 23,000 was distributed, as follows:

Distribution of Recipients

	TRAVEL	P.D.	BOTH	TOTAL
Africa	-	14	1	15
North Africa & Middle East	2	6	1	9
Asia	2	25	-	27
Europe, North America & Australia	1	14	3	18
Latin America	-	5	-	5
TOTALS	5	64	5	74

REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The deliberations of this Committee, as usual, focused on the difficult situation of having a constant income and steadily rising expenditures. It recommended to the executive that a contribution to the Travel Grants Committee be authorized. It hoped that the Council would increase the membership dues and that the World Congress might result in a surplus. Beyond this it was felt that the future is somewhat uncertain because the cost of operating the secretariat in Amsterdam is likely to be higher than in Montreal. However, it will be the new executive which will have to deal with these matters and will have to find ways to increase revenues if the ISA is to engage in any but the minimal activities.

REPORT ON THE MEETINGS OF THE OLD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee had a very long agenda to deal with and met four times during the World Congress.

The agenda was amended so that the urgent matter of the travel grants could be dealt with first and the minutes of the last meeting were accepted with two amendments.

Fernando Cardoso reported for the Travel Grants Committee. Its efforts to raise grants were unsuccessful with the exception of the two Unesco grants obtained through the National Commissions of Canada and Mexico. The Committee decided to help as many colleagues as possible by restricting grants to per diems for those who were able to come to Mexico through other means. The only exception was made for four partial travel grants to colleagues whose role was crucial in the program of symposia. The members of the Committee volunteered to take turns in staffing office hours during which applications for per diems would be received. The executive voted to contribute up to a maximum of \$ 5,000 to the funds of the Committee, if needed.

During its second meeting the executive received and discussed the report from the Secretariat and also discussed the problems associated with the move to Amsterdam. It authorized a visit by Felix Geyer to Montreal before the end of the year in order that he familiarize himself with the operations of the Secretariat. It also considered the need (under Dutch law) to incorporate or register the Secretariat as a legal entity. Advice received from a lawyer indicated that registration as a foundation would be the simplest matter and a recommendation to the Council was passed. Kurt Jonassohn presented a revised budget for 1982 which led to a discussion of the financial situation. The budget was approved and several suggestions were made for increasing income and seeking more members. This preminent problem was then left to the new executive committee to ponder.

During the third meeting Juan Linz reported that some additional requests for per diem grants had been approved. This led to a further discussion of the worsening financial situation and the increasing difficulty of obtaining grants. Marcel Rafie then reported on the meeting of the Research Council, the recommendations that they had passed and the members that they had elected to the new executive committee. (See above for details). There followed a discussion of our relations with international organizations. Ulf Himmelstrand reported on ISSC which has elected him and Chavdar Kiuranov as vice-presidents, and Fernando Cardoso reported on his very friendly reception by M'Bow of Unesco. Gerardo Estrada made a progress report for MLAC. Over 3,500 registrations had already been received. The first printing of 2,500 programs had been exhausted. That number had been based on a projection of attendance based on preregistrations received in Montreal. A second printing was already being produced. Translation is available only in the plenary sessions, but 35 students are available to assist with translation in other sessions if the session organizers request such aid. The executive expressed its gratitude for the difficult work that MLAC was coping with.

During the fourth meeting the reports of the Publications Committee were received. Jacques Dofny reported on Current Sociology for Jim Beckford who was unable to be present. He presented the written report, the forthcoming titles, and the budget. Shogo Koyano was added to the Editorial Board for 1982-86. Céline Saint-Pierre presented the report on SSIS. She listed the volumes that have been published and the program for the future. Almost 30 proposals arising out of the World Congress have already been received and this will speed up publication. One major problem still is the cost of revising, editing, and translating manuscripts and some funds will have to be made available for this work. A new contract is being negotiated with Sage Publications; the major difficulty seems to be due to the worsening economic situation which leads Sage to insist on a market survey before agreeing to publish a volume. There was discussion of the editorial budget, of the need to publish in languages other than English, and the need to shorten the delay between proposal and actual publication. Both reports were approved. Magdalena Sokolowska reported on the establishment of the European Society of Health Sociologists with the encouragement of WHO, of which she is the first president. Alexander Szalai reported on his representation of the ISA with those UN organizations that are located in Vienna. After the appropriate motions of thanks the meeting closed with mixed feelings: regrets at leaving the collaboration with colleagues whom we had learned to appreciate and relief on passing a difficult task on to a new group.

REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The New Executive met once after the end of the Congress when everybody was tired after a pretty hectic week of activities and dealt only with the most urgent matters. It decided the distribution of tasks of the vice-presidents as follows: Jacques Dofny will preside over the Research Council; Khatchik Momdjan will preside over the Membership and Finance Committee; and Joji Watanuki will preside over the Program Committee. It received the report of the Publications Committee and elected Margaret Archer to chair it. The report included the progress being made on signing a new contract with Sage for the series of books; the fact that 30 new proposals for books have already been received; and the need to find ways of making our publications available in other languages. Arthur Meier was elected to represent the Executive Committee on the Publications Committee. Then there was a report from the Research Council which included revised criteria for evaluating Research Committees; a decision to hold a Research Council meeting between the Congresses and that it should be primarily a scientific meeting; a request for a larger share of the ISA funds; a report on new research committee applications; and a request for representation on the Program Committee. A number of housekeeping motions were passed to authorize the new executive secretaries as signing officers, to allow them to appoint a firm of chartered accountants and to approve the preliminary budget for 1983. The next meeting will be held in Amsterdam in May 1983, at which time the other sub-committee staffing decisions will be made.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARIAT TO THE ISA COUNCIL

This report covers the four years between the World Congresses and also represents the last report to come from the Montreal Secretariat.

World Congresses. In this four-year perspective the World Congresses loom rather large. As soon as the affairs of the Uppsala Congress in 1978 had been wound up, the preparations for the Mexico Congress in 1982 started. The various committees were set up and started to function. Between meetings of the Executive Committee, the Program Committee and the Mexican Local Arrangements Committee started to meet. From the administrative point of view, a number of innovations have been introduced that should be briefly mentioned here.

- 1) Preregistrations were centralized in the Secretariat where they were easier to check with membership records and program details.
- 2) A special World Congress account was established within the ISA bookkeeping procedures. In this way it was possible to charge all of the costs of the preparations of the Congress to this account and to cover them from preregistration revenues.
- 3) Paper sales during and after the World Congress have been contracted to University Microfilms Inc. This will eliminate one source of deficit from the ISA accounts.
- 4) The coordination of the information concerning the program presented us with a very considerable task because it comprised some 425 sessions. However, concerning the Research Committees, we would have been much helped if we had asked the coordinators to assemble the programs of their session organizers for transmission to us. It proved to be an error on our part to have to deal with the 326 session organizers of the Research Committees instead of the 37 coordinators of the Research Committee sessions. Under these conditions it seems almost miraculous that only 21 Research Committee sessions remained blank in the official program. The coordinators must in future become the intermediaries between the session organizers and the Secretariat: we would make this a formal recommendation to the next Program Committee.
- 5) Concerning the other types of session - Symposia, Ad Hoc groups, and SSO's - out of about 100 sessions we did not receive the program for about 12% of them. This is quite a remarkable result considering that the organizers, who are rarely members of the ISA, are perhaps less receptive to our solicitations. We believe that the distribution to the organizers of a special brochure containing all relevant information (deadlines, abstracts, papers, publication, etc.) has been particularly useful and that it merits being repeated before the next World Congress.
- 6) An unintended innovation is the absence of travel grants. Granting agencies seem to have cut these items in their effort to deal with decreasing resources so that most of the efforts of the Travel Grants Committee have met with refusals. Therefore this committee decided to use its modest funds only for per diem grants to those who are able to find other sources of support for their travel to Mexico. In this way the Committee hoped to assist the greatest number of colleagues. We suggest that this aspect of the economic situation should lead to a

reconsideration of the role of the World Congress in our international activities.

Finances. The financial situation of the ISA has been subject to the well-known effects of inflation: the costs keep increasing while the revenues remain constant. The Uppsala Congress produced a small deficit rather than the surplus that was planned for. The Secretariat has had to find ever more ways of cutting costs to reduce or eliminate potential deficits. We have now reached the point where we do not have a single full-time employee, but only part-time staff. The limited resources available mean that we barely manage to run a minimal operation - one in which there is no room for any special projects unless separate financing can be found. Even this minimal operation has only been possible thanks to generous contributions in kind and in cash from our host universities and from various Canadian granting agencies to cover some administrative and travel costs. We are very pleased to announce that we shall pass on the Secretariat with a small financial reserve. However, it will be absolutely essential to find new sources of funding if the Association is to play any role at all in the discipline.

Training Project. Previous officers of the Association have repeatedly urged that the international work of the ISA can only be carried out if a certain amount of personal contact can be maintained with sociologists around the world. We have not been able to find the financial resources to do this in the Secretariat. Instead, we devised a project to bring junior colleagues from various regions of the world to the Secretariat for limited periods of time in order to become familiar with the ISA and to pass on this familiarity to their colleagues upon their return home. We were able to raise a small amount of money for this project on a trial basis. At the moment we have with us a young man from Chile, Sergio Contreras, who has been an invaluable asset to us. The grant covering this experiment has been exhausted, but we recommend to our successors the merits of trying to continue this initiative.

Membership. In spite of various membership campaigns, the pattern of individual membership remains remarkably constant. It rises dramatically during the Congress year and declines dramatically between Congresses. Collective memberships are less subject to such fluctuations. New members tend to be balanced by the loss of old members.

As one of the sources of revenue, membership poses two urgent problems. 1) Impersonal membership campaigns produce only modest results; the only significant increase in new members can be expected from the personal contacts of the officers of the Association. 2) Increases in membership dues are essential if the Association is to have a viable future; but it is not clear at what level of increase in dues the resignations would cancel out the increased income.

One of the major problems in recruiting members is that the services and benefits of the Association are available to all of our colleagues, regardless of whether they are members or not.

Publications. The ISA Bulletin has become well-established as a medium of communication with all of our members. It appears three times per year and carries news about our scientific activities as well as reports

from the various administrative committees. Recently we have added a new series of brief histories of the Research Committees; this series we hope to complete after the World Congress. We are sure that any suggestions for future issues will be welcome by the new Secretariat.

The journal of the Association, Current Sociology, has also been appearing three times per year and has been brought up-to-date so that the gap between the date of each issue and its actual publication has been almost eliminated. Occasional minor delays are usually caused by the authors rather than the publisher. Unfortunately, this journal is still relatively unknown and its sales remain disappointing.

The series of books based on the scientific work of the World Congresses, Sage Studies in International Sociology (SSIS), continues to publish 4-5 volumes per year. One of the latest volumes, based on the work of the Research Council, has been distributed to all of you as part of the registration package. It is hoped that this will not only make the work of the Research Committees better known, but also that it will help to publicize this series of books.

The Publications Committee and the Secretariat have made many efforts to give these publications wider visibility. We hope that all of you will assist us in these efforts. After all, in spite of the time that we spend in these administrative meetings and on bu-

reaucratic details, the ISA is primarily a scientific body and should be known as such.

Communication. The above publications represent a form of one-way communication, from the Association to our colleagues. Letters, telegrams, and phone calls, should represent a form of two-way communication, between us and our members. Unfortunately this is rarely the case. Officers, delegates, and members all have something in common: very few of them answer their mail. Of course, they do write in large numbers when they want something from us, but they rarely respond to our inquiries. This situation has existed for a long time; it has become worse for two reasons: 1) the costs of writing letters has become exorbitant, and 2) the postal services all over the world seem to be deteriorating rapidly. For an international organization that can function only through such communications this is becoming a very problematic situation.

We have found only two partial solutions to this situation. 1) We received a number of visits of officers of the Association and its Research Committees who happened to be in Montreal for other reasons. In each case, such visits have accomplished a great deal more than correspondence. 2) The rapidly mounting cost of correspondence has made it practical to use the telephone in certain situations. Here too, a brief conversation accomplishes a great deal more than an extended correspondence. Unfortunately, the costs make this practical only for some countries.

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Histories of the Research Committees (cont'd)

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RC 05 ETHNIC, RACE AND MINORITY RELATIONS

ORIGINS

At the Sixth World Congress of Sociology, held in Evian in September 1966, a group worked on the theme "Cultural or Racial Tensions and International Relations". It was presided by P. de Bie (U. de Louvain), and 14 papers were presented and discussed. Two of them were published in the "Transactions of the Sixth World Congress of Sociology", Vol.III (Working Groups and Round Table Papers).

Four years later, at the Seventh World Congress of Sociology held in Varna, an Ad Hoc group dealt with "Sociology of Race Relations". Its program consisted of two sessions: "Cross-Cultural Understanding of Minority Problems", and "Status and Position of Women in the Social Order".

The proposal to constitute the RC was promoted by a Soviet participant during a session of the RC on Urban Sociology. The proposal was remitted to the ad-hoc group for the study of race relations. During the last session, the group constituted a provisional committee and elected a Board.

The following resolution was carried unanimously: That it be resolved that a Research Committee to be called Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations, should be established by the ISA. The proposal was supported by 28 signatures, from people coming from: Great Britain (8), USSR (5), Austria (4), France (4), USA (2), Bulgaria (1), GFR (1), Italy (1), Poland (1), and Turkey (1).

The provisional Board elected in Varna was headed by three conveners: P. Bessagnet (France), I.P. Petrov-Averkiewa (USSR) and H. Wolpe (Great Britain). The new RC was representative of the various groups which had been working over the past years for the establishment of such a RC, and was composed of sociologists working in the field, affiliated to important research institutes, notably the Institute of Ethnography of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Institut d'Etudes et de Recherches Interethniques et Interculturelles (France), Institute of Race Relations (Great Britain).

The Research Committee was officially recognized by the ISA in 1971 for a trial period of 2 years.

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS

The first provisional Board of the Committee was the following:

President: Pierre Bessagnet (France)
 Vice-Presidents: Julia Petrova Averkiewa (USSR)
 Harold Wolpe (Great Britain)
 Members: Samir Ghosh (India)
 Riaz Hassan (Singapore)
 Robert Mast (Great Britain)
 William Wilson (USA)

Before the Congress in Toronto, a new Board was elected by mail ballots in 1974:

President: John Rex (England)
 Vice-Presidents: R.A. Schermerhorn (USA)
 Julia Petrova Averkiewa (USSR)
 Secretary: William J. Wilson (USA)
 resigned in 1977 and replaced by
 Katherine O'Sullivan (USA)
 Members: Riaz Hassan (Singapore)
 Sami Zubaida (England)-del. to the R.C.-

Elections held by mail in June 1978, allowed a new Board to take office:

President: John Rex (England)
 Vice-Presidents: Heribert Adam (Canada)
 E.K. Francis (GFR)
 Secretary: Katherine O'Sullivan See (USA)
 Members: William J. Wilson (USA)
 R.A. Schermerhorn (USA)
 Riaz Hassan (S.E. Asia)
 Julia Petrova Averkiewa (USSR)

The membership of the Research Committee has had the following development:

	June 75	Dec. 76	June 78	Sept. 79	1980
USA	44	-	54	71	77
CANADA	16	-	23	29	29
G.BRITAIN	11	-	9	9	9
Australia	2	-	3	9	11
Israel	1	-	5	4	5
India	3	-	0	3	5
France	6	-	2	3	3
Switzerland	3	-	2	3	3
GFR	4	-	2	3	3
New Zealand	2	-	1	1	1
Belgium	1	-	2	2	2
Rhodesia	2	-	1	1	1
South Africa	2	-	1	2	2
Poland	1	-	1	1	1
Singapore	1	-	0	0	0
Malaysia	0	-	1	2	2
Ghana	1	-	1	1	1
North.Ireland	1	-	0	1	1
Nigeria	1	-	0	2	2
USSR	1	-	1	1	1
Holland	0	-	0	3	5
Finland	0	-	0	2	2
Italy	0	-	0	2	2
Gabon	0	-	0	1	1
Ireland	0	-	0	1	1
Norway	0	-	0	1	1
Philippines	0	-	0	1	1
Rumania	0	-	0	1	1
Sweden	0	-	0	1	1
Indonesia	1	-	0	0	0
Lebanon	1	-	0	0	0
Mexico	1	-	0	0	1
South Korea	1	-	0	0	0
Thailand	1	-	0	0	0
Yugoslavia	1	-	0	0	0
TOTAL	107	128	109	161	175
(Countries)	(25)	(18?)	(16)	(28)	(29)

MEETINGS

The chairman of the RC, in his official capacity, took part in a seminar organised by the University of Denver, Graduate School of International Studies on "Regulating Racial Discrimination in Employment", held at Villa Serbelloni, Bellagio, from October 2 to October 6, 1972.

During the 8th World Congress of Sociology, held in Toronto in 1974, there were sessions in the area of race, ethnic and minority relations not only from the Committee. They were the following:

A. Sessions organized by the RC:

- S.1: Theoretical Issues in Race Relations (8 papers).
- S.2: Problems of Interethnic Relations Under Urbanization (7 papers).
- S.3: Migration, Ethnicity and Race Relations (1 paper).
- S.4: Ethnic and Racial Relations and Political Activities (3 papers).

B. Session organized by the RC on Stratification (RC 28)

- S.1: Ethnic and Class Stratification (2 papers).

C. Roundtable 6, on "Resurgences of Ethnic and National Identity" (8 panelists, 5 papers).

D. Special Sessions:

- S.1: Languages and Ethnicity in Canadian Society (4 papers).
- S.2: Ethnic and Racial Cleavages and National Integration (15 papers).

The origins of the papers' authors were: US (15), USSR (12), Canada (8), Brazil (1), Czechoslovakia (1), G.B. (2), France (1), India (1), Israel (1), Northern Ireland (1), South Africa (1) and GFR (1).

In November 1976, a Conference was held in Washington, DC on "The New Immigration: Implications for the US and the International Community". The Conference was sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute and included sessions on Theoretical and Methodological Consideration; Contextual Considerations: US immigration and Policy; Diplomatic/Political Implications of the New Immigration for the US and other Host Societies; Development Implications of the New Immigration for the Sending Countries; and Adjustment Implications for the Immigrants. Several members of the Committee presented and discussed papers and participated in this conference.

During the 9th World Congress of Sociology in Uppsala in 1978, the Committee developed the following program of sessions:

- S.1: Theoretical Issues in Race and Ethnic Relations (4 papers).
- S.2: Plural Societies and Minority Problems (9 papers).
- S.3: Migration and Ethnic Conflict in Metropolitan Areas (8 papers).
- S.4: Business Meeting
- S.5: South Africa (12 papers).
- S.6: Slavery and Black America (7 papers).
- S.7: Plural Societies in Southeast Asia (5 papers).
- S.8: Extra Session.

45 papers were presented, coming from: US (15), Canada (9), G. Britain (6), Australia (3), Switzerland (2), USSR (2), France (1), GFR (1), Israel (1), Nigeria (1), Philippines (1), South Africa (1), South Rhodesia

(1) and Sri Lanka (1).

PUBLICATIONS

Since 1972-73 the Research Committee publishes a Newsletter, generally each year, which details the current work of the Committee. About 200 copies were distributed by 1979-80, both to members of the RC and to national sociological associations and international organizations oriented toward the concerns of the Committee. Plans to publish it twice a year and to include additional information on conferences, publications and other activities of interest to the members, allowed the Committee to receive in 1980 a grant from ISA (\$750.00) to subsidize the efforts at broad dissemination and more frequent publication.

The following Newsletters have been received in ISA:

Newsletter 3 (June 1975); 6 (June 1978); 7 (December 1978); 8 (September 1979). The Secretary of the Board is the editor of the Newsletter.

- Hans-Joachim Hoffmann-Nowotny: "Immigrant Minorities in Switzerland: Sociological, legal and political aspects". In Margaret S. Archer (ed.): *Current Research in Sociology*; published on the occasion of the 8th World Congress of Sociology (Toronto, 1974), Mouton 1974.
- E. Franklin Frazier: *The Present State of Sociological Knowledge Concerning Race Relations*. In "Transactions of the 4th World Congress of Sociology", Vol.II.

RC 08 HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGY

ORIGINS

Even though the Committee was constituted only in December, 1971, it is possible to detect the interest to analyze sociology's development itself in Congresses previous to 1970.

Papers discussed at a plenary session of the 4th World Congress of Sociology in Amsterdam, September 1959, were centered in a systematic and critical account of the development of modern sociology, examining in diverse contexts (countries) the social and intellectual influences which affected its form and content. They were published in the "Transactions of the Fourth World Congress of Sociology", Vols. I: "Society and Sociological Knowledge" (12 papers), and Vol.III: which includes a paper of Robert K. Merton: "Social Conflict over Styles of Sociological Work".

In the "Transactions of the 6th World Congress" (Evian, 1966), it is possible also to read a paper by Edward Shils, on "The Trend of Sociological Research".

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS

After its foundation in December, 1971, the Committee had its first, provisional board, consisting of the following persons:

- Chairman: Igor S. Kon (USSR)
- Vice-Chairman: Pietro Rossi (Italy)
- Secretary: Steven Lukes (Great Britain)

The new Board, elected in Toronto (August, 1974) included initially 16 persons:

- President: Stephen Lukes (G.B.)-alternate deleg.-
 Vice-Presidents: Igor S. Kon (USSR)
 Lewis A. Coser (USA)
 Secretary: David Earl Sutherland -replaced in December '76 by Robert A. Jones, both from USA-
 Other E.C.
 Members: Mogens Blegvad (Denmark)
 Alexei Bogomolov (USSR)
 Werner Cahnman (USA)
 Vernon K. Dibble (USA)
 Artemis Emmanuel (Greece)-del.
 Franco Ferrarotti (Italy)
 Anthony Giddens (England)
 Jon Jordachel (Rumania)
 Allesandro Pizzorno (Great Britain)
 Dietrich Rueschemeyer (USA)
 Jerzi Szacki (USA)
 Irving M. Zeitlin (Canada)

In December 1976, David E. Sutherland became part of the Ex. Committee, after leaving the office of Secretary. The Secretaryship of the Committee passed to Professor Robert A. Jones of the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, who launched the Newsletter of the Research Committee.

After the World Congress held in Uppsala in 1978, all officers were re-elected to their posts by mail ballots between October and December of 1978. In November 1980, Mohamed Cherkaoui (France) became the new Secretary of the Committee.

The following figures by country show the development of the membership:

	May 77	Oct. 78	Spring 79	Fall 80
USA	36	64	85	47
Canada	10	9	15	7
England	5	7	9	10
Australia	1	2	3	4
GFR	3	6	3	4
Denmark	1	1	1	2
Poland	1	1	1	2
France	0	3	1	4
Italy	2	1	1	0
Greece	1	1	0	1
Japan	1	0	1	1
Belgium	0	1	1	1
The Netherl.	0	1	2	1
Austria	1	0	0	0
Mexico	0	0	1	1
USSR	0	0	1	1
Bulgaria	0	0	1	1
Israel	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	62	97	126	88
(countries)	(11)	(12)	(15)	(16)

On Wednesday, October 8, 1975, on the initiative of the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, a meeting was held for the purpose of establishing a Groupe d'Etudes Durkheimiennes. This group affiliated in 1977 with the Committee. In November, 1977, it edited its first Bulletin of Information (in french), and the second issue appeared in June, 1978.

The Committee on the History and Epistemology of the Sciences of Man, of the Social Science History Association, also became an affiliated member of the Committee in 1977.

The third affiliated group was the International Society for the Sociology of Knowledge, in October 1977. They publish their own Newsletter.

The fourth affiliated group was the Committee on Sociological History, based in New York. About ten of its members were also members of the Research Committee by the time this group joined the RCHS (1977-78).

MEETINGS

The first meeting of the Committee took place during the 8th World Congress of Sociology, held in Toronto. The program developed on this occasion was the following:

- S.1: Cross-National Influences in the Development of Sociology (7 papers).
- S.2: Cross-National Influences in the Development of Sociology (5 papers).
- S.3: Cross-National Influences in the Development of Sociology (6 papers).
- S.4: Other papers; General discussion of work in the History of Sociology (2 papers).

A Conference on the History and Theory of the Social Science was held at Balliol College, Oxford University, on July 22-24, 1977, in conjunction with the then newly-formed Committee on the History and Epistemology of the Sciences of Man of the Social Science History Association. There were 35-45 historians, sociologists and anthropologists attending the 6 sessions of the meeting:

- S.1: Approaches to the History of Sociology (3 papers).
- S.2: The Development of Social Science Techniques (2 papers).
- S.3: Early Sociology in the United States (2 papers).
- S.4: French Sociology (2 papers).
- S.5: Austrian and German Sociology (2 papers).
- S.6: Plenary Session and Summing up.

For the 9th World Congress of Sociology in August, 1978, the final program of the Committee was:

- S.1: Major Traditions in the History of Sociology I (Weber) (3 papers).
- S.2: Major Traditions in the History of Sociology II (Durkheim) (7 papers).
- S.3: Major Traditions in the History of Sociology III (Durkheimians) (12 papers).
- S.4: Sociology in Other Countries (3 papers).
- S.5: Major Traditions in the History of Sociology IV (2 papers).
- S.6: Historical Relations of Sociology with Other Disciplines (3 papers).
- S.7: Methodological Approaches to the History of Sociology (5 papers).

(The Program of the Congress is somewhat different to this one, but we supposed this is a more exact one because it was edited by the same committee in July 1978).

The International Society for the Sociology of Knowledge, affiliated with the Research Committee, also held sessions during the 9th World Congress of Sociology in Uppsala, where 42 papers were presented:

- S.1: Current Status and Critical Problems of the Sociology of Knowledge (13 papers in two sub-sessions).
- S.2: Methodological Issues in the Sociology of Knowledge (10 papers in two sub-sessions).
- S.3: The Growth of Knowledge: Social Context and Social Determinants (11 papers in two sub-sessions).
- S.4: Sociology of the Intellectual (8 papers).

A Conference was sponsored by the Research Committee in Paris, July 3-5, 1980, at the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme. The program included the following topics and papers:

- S.1: Marxism and the History of the Social Sciences (5 papers).
- S.2: Weber and the History of the Social Sciences (2 papers).
- S.3: British Social Thought and the History of Social Sciences (2 papers).
- S.4: Durkheim, the Durkheimians and the History of Social Sciences (6 papers).
- S.5: The History of the Social Sciences in the United States (4 papers).

PUBLICATIONS

The only publication of the Committee is the Newsletter, which appears twice a year, starting in 1976 and edited by Robert A. Jones, who published it for some four years. Since 1980 it is being edited at the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme.

At ISA, the following numbers are available:

- Vol.2, No.1 (Winter, 1977)
- Vol.2, No.2 (Spring, 1977)
- Vol.2, No.3 (Summer, 1977)
- Vol.2, No.4 (Fall, 1977)
- Vol.3, No.1 (Winter, 1978)
- Vol.3, No.2 (Spring, 1978)
- Vol.3, No.3 (Summer, 1978)
- Vol.3, No.4 (Fall, 1978)
- Vol.4, No.1 (Winter, 1979)
- Vol.4, No.2 (Spring, 1979)
- Vol.4, No.3 (Summer, 1979)
- Vol.4, No.4 (Fall, 1979)
- Vol.5, No.1 (Spring, 1980)
- Vol.5, No.2 (Fall, 1980)
- Vol.6, No.1 (Winter, 1981)

- David Earl Sutherland: "On the Migration of Sociological Structures, 1933-1941: A Forgotten Episode in the History of American Sociology and a Case Study in the Sociology of Sociology". In: Margaret S. Archer (ed.): Problems of Current Sociological Research, a special volume of Current Sociology, Vol. XXII, No.1/3 (1974).
- Donald G. MacRae: "Toward a History of Sociology: A Discussion Paper". In: Margaret S. Archer (ed.): Current Research in Sociology, published on the occasion of the 8th World Congress of Sociology, Mouton, 1974.

RC 10 PARTICIPATION, WORKERS' CONTROL AND SELF-MANAGEMENT

ORIGINS

Scholarly activities in relation to self-management, that can be said were at the origins of the Research Committee recognized by ISA in August 1978, are basically the first two International Conferences on "Participation, Workers' Control and Self-Management", held in Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia) and in Paris (France).

The First International Conference on "Participation and Self-Management", was held at Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia), December 13-17, 1972. Five volumes containing 69 papers were edited at Zagreb in 1972-73:

- PRVA MEDUNARODNA KONFERENCIJA O PARTICIPACIJI I SAMOUPRAVLJANJU. Reports, Vol.I, Zagreb, 1972 (english and french).
- PARTICIPATION AND SELF-MANAGEMENT. Vol.II, Zagreb, 1972 (english and french).
- PARTICIPATION AND SELF-MANAGEMENT. Vol. III: WORKERS' MOVEMENT AND WORKERS' CONTROL. Zagreb, 1973 (english and french).
- PARTICIPATION AND SELF-MANAGEMENT. Vol.IV: HIERARCHICAL ORGANIZATIONS. Zagreb, 1973 (english and french).
- PARTICIPATION AND SELF-MANAGEMENT. Vol.V: SOCIAL SYSTEM AND PARTICIPATION. Zagreb, 1973 (english and french).

The Second International Conference on Participation, Workers' Control and Self-Management, was held in Paris, September 7-10, 1977. There were six sections with different topics:

- Section 1: Political Conditions for Generalized Self-Management (37 papers and 58 participants).
- Section 2: Self-Management and Labour Movements (32 papers and 45 participants).
- Section 3: The Democratization of the Enterprise (60 papers and 118 participants).
- Section 4: Planning and Self-Management (23 papers and 45 participants).
- Section 5: Self-Management and Community Organization: Regions and Minorities (12 papers, 18 participants).
- Section 6: Culture, Human Needs and Self-Management. The Self-Management of Information and Education (38 papers, 50 participants).

49 other persons participated at the Conference.

At the same time as the Research Committee was officially recognized at Uppsala (August, 1978); it developed a three-sessions program as an Ad Hoc Group:

- S.1: Political Conditions for Generalized Self-Management.
- S.2: " " " "
- S.3: " " " "

14 papers were presented in these sessions, from people of many countries: USA (5), Yugoslavia (2), Canada (2), Australia (1), Denmark (1), France (1), The Netherlands (1), Sweden (1).

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS

The first provisional Board was chosen at the first business meeting, at Uppsala (August, 78). The officers were the following:

Chairperson: Rudi Supek (Yugoslavia)
Secretary: Casten von Otter (Sweden)
Delegate to the RC: Veljko Rus (Yugoslavia)

The delegate to the RC and the Secretary were in charge of the election, held by mail ballots in 1979. Of 110 persons registered in the Research Committee, 95 delivered their votes by mail (January, 1979). The newly elected persons were:

Chairperson: Veljko Rus (Yugoslavia)
Vice-Chairperson: Bjorn Gustavsen (Norway)
Other members: Eric Batstone
Yvon Bourdet
Cornelius Lammers
Steven Deutsch
Akihiro Ishikawa

In November 1979, there were 130 members at the Research Committee.

At the first business meeting held in Uppsala (August 78) it was accepted the idea to establish closer cooperation with 2 other RCs, namely Sociology of Organization (RC 17) and COCTA (RC 35). Other organisms and groups of interest to contact were: "Cornell Group", CICRA and EGOS (we don't have information on these organizations).

The RC was also interested in having some publicity in publications such as ISA Bulletin, CICRA Newsletter, Organizational Studies, and Economic and Industrial Democracy. In the latter two, it was suggested to submit interesting papers, that are not being published in the Sage Series.

An attempt would be made to arrange 2 workshops per year, each on a selected theme. At the same time, it was planned to encourage the constitution of smaller groups of 20-30 members, specialised on particular problems and/or on a regional base. At the first meeting of the Managing Board (Oct. 79), it was agreed to make a particular effort to recruit members from regions then under-represented: Akihiro ishikawa was to investigate the possibility of developing a regional committee covering Asia and the Pacific; Steven Deutsch was to investigate similar possibilities for Latin America; and more tentatively, Eric Batstone would seek to investigate the extent of any interest in Africa.

MEETINGS

Workshop on "The Work Environment and Co-determination in the Public Sector". It was held in October 1979, and organized by Bjorn Gustavsen in Oslo.

Veljko Rus arranged a workshop on Participation at Work and Political Participation, which took place at Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia) in April 1980.

Akihiro Ishikawa organized the third workshop (November 1980, Tokyo) with the title: "Employment and Participation", 30 participants from 16 European and Asian countries contributed 20 papers which will be printed as a book in 1982.

At the Yugoslav Centre for Theory and Practice of Self-Management (Kardeljeva ploscad 1, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia) the documentation center of RC 10 is established. The documentation centre is collecting all papers, articles and books produced by the members of RC 10. They are available to the members on the spot and/or will be sent to them when the demand is expressed.

PUBLICATIONS

Tom R. Burns, Lars Erik Karlsson and Veljko Rus: "Work and Power, The Liberation of Work and the Control of Political Power", (Sage Studies in International Sociology 18.) 392 pp. London: Sage, 1979.

Veljko Rus, Akihiro Ishikawa, Thomas Woodhouse: "Employment and Participation. Industrial Democracy in Crisis". Chuo University Press, Japan, 1982.

RC 11 SOCIOLOGY OF AGING

ORIGINS

During the Eighth World Congress of Sociology, held in Toronto (August, 1974), a working-group studied the problem "Sociology of Old Age". It was co-ordinated by Harold L. Orbach (USA), who, at the same time, sent a letter to Thomas Bottomore, then Chairman of the Research Coordinating Committee of ISA, proposing the establishment of a Research Committee on the Sociology of Aging. 41 persons signed the letter, they came from USA (22), Japan (5), France (3), Canada (2), UK (2), The Netherlands (2), Austria (1), Denmark (1), GFR (1), Mexico (1) and USSR (1).

In 1959, an issue of Current Sociology was dedicated to the problem of "Sociology of Aging", edited by Leonard D. Cain, Jr. (C.S. Vol.VIII, No.2, 1959). This was used to support the application of recognition by the ISA.

A co-ordinating Committee was selected at Toronto, in order to arrange matters concerning the application to become a Research Committee. It was chaired by Harold L. Orbach, and included Anne-Marie Guillemard (France), Jerzy Piotrowski (Poland) and Takako Sodei (Japan).

The working-group had organized the following program for the World Congress:

- S.1: Part 1: The Integration of the Aged in Modern Society (4 contributors).
- Part 2: Aging and Problems of Health and Medical Care (3 contributors).
- S.2: Part 1: Work and Retirement of Older Persons (4 contributors).
- Part 2: Pension Systems and Economic Problems of Aging (4 contributors).

- S.3: Part 1: Family and Social Relationship of the Aged (4 contributors).
- Part 2: Age Groups and the Problem of Generations (4 contributors).

The Working Group was recognized as a Research Committee in May 1975.

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS

An election by mail ballot was held in October 1975, in which 32 of the 51 members of the Committee cast votes. The Board elected was:

- President: Harold L. Orbach (USA) -Del.
- Vice-Presidents: Soichi Nasu (Japan)
Ethel Shanas (USA)
- Board Members: Anne-Marie Guillemard (France) -Alt.-
W.J.A. van den Heuvel (Netherlands)
Jerzy Piotrowski (Poland)
- Secretary: Betty Havens (Canada)

In August 1978, at the time of the Ninth World Congress held in Uppsala, there were 39 members in good standing, coming from USA (20), Canada (6), Sweden (4), France (3), Austria (2), GFR (2), The Netherlands (2), Japan (1), Norway (1) and Switzerland (1).

In September 1979, through a mail ballot, a new board was elected:

- President: Anne-Marie Guillemard (France) -elected to ISA Ex. Committee as a Repr. of RCC-
- 1st Vice-Pr.: Harold Orbach (USA)
- 2nd Vice-Pr.: Betty Havens (Canada)
- Secretary: Malcolm Johnson (UK) - immediately replaced by Alan Walker-
- Members: Ethel Shanas (USA)
Wim Van den Heuvel (Netherlands)

In a report of August, 1980, the Committee reported that it had 133 members from 15 countries: USA (65), Canada (23), Japan (10), Sweden (5), England (4), France (4), Austria (3), GFR (3), Switzerland (3), Belgium (2), Hungary (2), Mexico (2), Norway (2), The Netherlands (1), Poland (1), Saudi Arabia (1), USSR (1) and UK (1).

In spring 1981, there was a list of 71 members from: USA (38), Canada (11), Sweden (4), Austria (3), GFR (3), Japan (3), England (2), The Netherlands (2), Belgium (1), France (1), Norway (1), Saudi Arabia (1) and Switzerland (1).

MEETINGS

At the Ninth World Congress of Sociology, that took place in Uppsala in 1978, the Committee had its first official meeting. The program developed for this occasion was:

- S.1: Aging and Social Policy (7 papers).
- S.2: Aging and Paths of Social Development (2 papers).
- S.3: Retirement and Pension Policy (8 papers).
- S.4: Business Meeting.
- S.5: Family, Kin and Intergenerational Relations: Historical and Contemporary Issues (6 papers).
- S.6: Comparative Sociology of Aging: Individual and Societal Levels (7 papers).
- S.7: Health, Care, Services and Planning (7 papers).

A meeting on "Aging and Family Issues" was held in November 1980, in San Diego (USA). Organised by Harold Orbach in conjunction with the Annual meeting of the American Gerontological Society.

A Regional Seminar was organized by Anne-Marie Guillemard, in Paris, July 8-10, 1981. The meeting, on "Old Age and Public Social Policies" was under the auspices and with the support of the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, in Paris. There were around 40 researchers coming from the USA, Canada, France, UK, Germany, The Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland. The Committee received \$800.00 (US) from the ISA to help organize this meeting.

Three main themes were discussed:

- Elements of reflection on the social process determining policies on aging in industrialized countries.
- Comparative elements of reflection on the social consequences of policies on aging.
- Crisis and future of policies on aging in industrialized countries.

Another meeting was organized on "Comparative Sociology of the Policies on Aging in Industrial Countries", on 12-17 July, 1981, in Hamburg (GFR). It was co-organized by Anne-Marie Guillemard in conjunction with the Executive of the International Congress of Gerontology.

PUBLICATIONS

The Research Committee edits a Newsletter. At the ISA we have four issues, from 1978 (before the Congress at Uppsala), spring 1979 and summer 1981.

The Research Committee has a project to distribute "Research Bibliographies" to the membership. These bibliographies deal with specific countries: Japan, UK, The Netherlands and Canada. We do not have more specific information on these publications.

The proceedings of the regional seminar organized in Paris should be published by Sage (International Sociological Series) under the title "The making of Old Age policies - a comparative approach" -Anne-Marie Guillemard editor-

PHILIP ABRAMS 1933-1981

Philip Abrams, Professor of Sociology at the University of Durham, England since 1971 died at the age of 48 on 31st October 1981. His tragic and untimely death cut short a career of brilliant scholarship at a time when further excellent contributions to various fields of sociology and social policy were about to appear under his name. He was already well known for publications including The Origins of British Sociology 1834-1914; Communes, Sociology and Society (with A. McCulloch) and Work, Urbanism and Inequality (ed.), but his last book, published posthumously under the title Historical Sociology, will stand as a fitting monument to his main preoccupations. As a member of the British Sociological Association's Executive Committee from 1971 to 1975 and again as Editor of its journal, Sociology, from 1976 to 1981 Philip's practical contributions to British sociology were immense. He had also been active in the I.S.A. and was President of a section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Philip's many friends and colleagues, especially in Cambridge, Chicago, Durham and London, will find it hard to bear the loss of his charm, wit and generosity. For he was an immensely erudite scholar who possessed breadth of vision as well as a keenly analytical mind. The world of sociology and the life of the intellect are diminished by his death.

James A. Beckford

Statutes

OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

The Statutes were originally adopted at the Constituent Congress held in Oslo, on 5-11 September 1949 where the Association was formally established. They were subsequently amended in 1970 at the meeting of the ISA Council in Varna, in 1974 at the meeting of the ISA Council in Toronto, in 1978 at the meeting of the ISA Council in Uppsala, and in 1982 at the meeting of the ISA Council in Mexico City. The following text incorporates these amendments and is the version of the ISA Statutes that has been in force since August 1982.

ARTICLE I

Nature of Organization

The International Sociological Association is an organization for purely scientific purposes.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The object of the Association is to advance sociological knowledge throughout the world. The International Sociological Association is the international representative body of sociologists everywhere. In its structure it recognizes the aspirations of sociologists of all schools of thought in all parts of the world and endeavours to support and strengthen the free development of sociology in every country. To this end the Association shall undertake measures:

- A) to secure and to develop personal contacts between sociologists throughout the world;
- B) to encourage the international dissemination and exchange of information on significant developments in sociological knowledge;
- C) to facilitate and promote international sociological research and training;
- D) the Association shall be conducted on a non-profit basis.*

(II,d was referred by the Council to the next Executive Committee meeting for stylistic editing.)

ARTICLE III

Membership

1. The Association shall recognize five categories of members:
 - (A) National sociological societies duly established and open to all active and qualified sociologists within the territory of the given country;
 - (B) International and multinational regional associations of sociologists whether of a general character or limited to a particular field of sociology;

* II,D) was referred by the Council to the next Executive Committee meeting for stylistic editing.

- (C) Research institutions and university departments active in the field of sociology;
- (D) Individual scholars active in sociological teaching, research or related services;
- (E) Supporting organizations and institutions;
- (F) A special category of membership including associations, organizations and institutions satisfying high scientific standards, but not fitting into any of the other categories.

2. To ensure thorough evaluation of all applications for membership and to review the status of members who have not paid their dues, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Membership Committee of three of its members. This Committee shall report to the Executive Committee and submit recommendations for action.
3. The schedules of annual dues to be charged at each level of membership shall be established by the Council on the basis of recommendations by the Executive Committee. Dues for national societies shall be assessed according to the size and economic strength of each society. Adjustments may be negotiated by the Executive Officer. Whenever required, dues may be assessed in national currencies and paid to national accounts established by the Association.
4. Individual scholars have the right to become individual members of the Association and are entitled to participate in its activities. All officers of the Association have to be individual members of the Association for the whole duration of the term of their office. Members are entitled to the privileges of membership to be established by the appropriate bodies.

ARTICLE IV

Governing Body

1. The supreme governing body of the Association shall be the Council. In the interim between meetings of the Council, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to carry out the policies established by the Council and to act on matters of urgency.
2. When questions of policy arise which have not been dealt with at earlier sessions of the Council, the Executive Committee may submit motions to the Council membership for decision by mail vote.
3. Actions taken by mail ballot shall have the force of actions at regular sessions of the Council on these conditions:
 - A) the documents setting out the motion and the ballot paper should be airmailed to the last notified address of each member at least 75 days before the final date of balloting;
 - B) at least one-half of the members on the list of Council members of good standing at the time of balloting must have sent in their votes, which shall be counted after another period of 75 days;
 - C) At least one-half of those voting must be in favour of the motion.

4. The provisions in this Article are not valid for elections or for amendments of the Statutes: rules for these are given in Articles VI and XII.

ARTICLE V

The Council

1. The Council shall be composed of:
 - A) One National Delegate for each of the countries from which one or more sociological societies have been admitted to membership in Category A;
 - B) One National Delegate from each of the other countries from which at least one organization or institution has been admitted to membership in Category C.
2. If from any one country more than one national society has been admitted to membership in Category A, these societies shall be requested to set up a national liaison committee to designate a joint delegate to the Council.
3. If, for any one country, no national societies have been admitted to Category A, but several organizations or institutions have been admitted in Category C, these members shall be asked to set up a national liaison committee to designate the joint delegate to the Council by majority vote of the recognized Category C members.
4. In exceptional cases when no delegate emerges as a result of such majority vote, the Council should decide who, if anyone, is to be recognized as a delegate.
5. Delegates designated by national societies or other collective members which are in arrears for more than two years with the payment of their dues shall not have the right to vote in the Council.
6. One or more alternates may be designated for each delegate. Alternates shall have the privilege of participating in the deliberations of the Council but shall have the right to vote only when representing an absent Council member.
7. The delegates on the Council shall hold office for a term of four calendar years from the first of January of the year of the regular quadrennial meeting stipulated in section 9, below.
8. Except as explicitly stated elsewhere in these Statutes, all decisions of the Council shall be reached by majority vote of those present.
9. The Council shall meet at least once every four years. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or upon the written request of one-third of the members of the Council.
10. A quorum of the Council shall consist of one-half of the total membership as determined at the beginning of each calendar year.
11. The meetings of the Council, chaired by the President of ISA without a vote, shall be open to the members of the Executive Committee of the Association. Such members may be granted the privilege of speaking at the Council meeting on specific occasions, but shall not have the right to vote. On the initiative of the President, other individual officers of the Association, representatives of international Associations admitted in Category B,

and representatives of intergovernmental organizations may be invited to attend the Council. They shall have no right to vote.

12. The Council may decide by majority of its total membership to restrict presence at the meeting to the delegates, alternates, and the President only.
13. Meetings of the Council shall be convened and conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure as set out in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI

Nominations and Elections

1. The Council shall elect four officers and eight further members of the Executive Committee (Art. VII and IX).
2. To this end, the Council shall elect a Nominating Committee of five members.
3. For this purpose the Executive Committee shall propose a slate of ten candidates and submit this to the Council at the first session of its meeting. To this total, the Council shall be free to add further candidates for membership on the Nominating Committee. The election of members of the Nominating Committee shall then proceed by secret ballot. The five candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be considered members of the Nominating Committee. However, no more than two of the members of the outgoing Executive Committee shall be eligible to membership to the Nominating Committee. The votes cast for a third or later member of the outgoing Executive Committee shall accordingly be disregarded in the election of the Nominating Committee.
4. The Nominating Committee shall solicit candidacies for all the offices and places on the Executive Committee and make sure that there are at least two candidates for each position to be filled. In presenting its slates of alternative candidates to the Council, the Nominating Committee shall give due consideration to the geographical representation as well as to experience in the organization of international activities.
5. The election of officers and members of the Executive Committee shall take place during the regular meeting of the Council if a quorum of one-half of the membership is present. If there is no quorum the election shall be carried out by mail ballot. All elections except that for President shall be by a plurality of votes cast. A record of the votes cast for those defeated in the ballot shall be kept for use in filling of vacancies occurring. The President shall be elected by an absolute majority of the votes cast. If no candidate gets an absolute majority in the first round, the decision shall be made by a run-off election between the two candidates.

ARTICLE VII

The Executive Committee

1. The Council shall elect twelve members of the Executive Committee of the Association. These shall include the President, and three vice-presidents of the Association. To these twelve shall be added five members elected by the Research Council under the provision laid down in Article XI. There shall be no more than two members of the Executive Committee from any one country. If the total number from one country elected by the Council and the Research Council exceeds two, the elections of the Council shall take priority.

2. In the case of vacancies among members elected by the Council of the ISA, except the President, their place will be taken by the candidate(s) ranking highest in number of Council votes among those not elected, except where this provision should infringe those of Article VII,1 above; in such a case the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be appointed. In case of a tie, the successor will be elected by mail ballot. In the case of vacancies among members elected by the Research Council, the same principle should hold.
3. In case of vacancy of the Presidency, the Executive Committee, by majority vote, should elect an interim-President from among its members, if necessary by mail ballot.
4. The Executive Committee shall meet during the congresses of the Association and at least once between congresses.
5. No members shall serve more than two terms on the Executive Committee.
6. The Executive Committee is empowered to establish committees of its members as required. Such committees may co-opt other individual members of the Association with the authority of the Executive Committee.
7. The Executive Committee is authorized between Council meetings to submit to the Council members by mail ballot a change in the membership fees.
8. The President shall not be eligible for re-election to the office of President, but it is possible that he may remain on the Executive Committee as Past President for another four-year term in order to provide administrative continuity by being available for advice to the President. Such membership as Past President shall be optional upon invitation and shall be without a vote.

ARTICLE VIII

The Secretariat

1. The Executive Secretary shall be elected by the Executive Committee for a term of four years. The Executive Secretary need not be a member of the Council and may be re-elected.
2. The Executive Secretary shall be in charge of the administrative affairs of the Association, will receive instructions from the Executive Committee through the President and will be responsible to the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Secretary shall make full reports on the organization, its membership, finances, programme, activities and accomplishments at least once a year.
4. The Executive Committee may, when necessary, appoint a second Executive Secretary whose functions shall be defined by the Executive Committee.
5. The stipend and allowances of Executive Secretaries shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

The President and the Vice-Presidents

1. The term of office of the President and of the three Vice-Presidents shall be four years. The

President shall not be eligible for re-election to the office of President. The Vice-Presidents shall not be eligible for re-election as Vice-Presidents.

2. The President shall preside at all of the meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee. In his absence a Vice-President shall preside.
3. The committees of the Executive Committee, and the Research Council, shall normally be chaired for one term by a Vice-President on behalf of the President and as approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

Headquarters of the Organization

The headquarters of the organization shall be determined by the Executive Committee at the time of election of the Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE XI

Research Committees

1. To promote international cooperation in research and to maintain the activities of the Association in various fields and areas of sociology, especially between congresses, the Association shall establish a number of Research Committees.
2. A) The Research Council composed by delegates or their alternates who represent the Research Committees shall elect a Research Coordinating Committee.
B) The Research Coordinating Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee the establishment or abolition of Research Committees. Procedures for modifying, amalgamating, suspending or abolishing Research Committees should be prepared by the Research Coordinating Committee for approval by the Executive Committee.
3. The procedure leading to the establishment of a Research Committee is as follows:
 - A) Any 25 members in good standing from at least 5 countries can propose to the chairman of the Research Coordinating Committee the constitution of a working group in a particular research area by submitting a statement of purpose and the names of at least four such members from at least three countries who have agreed to organize such a group.
 - B) A working group established in A) above and showing scientific activity at and between 2 Congresses, may apply to be established as Research Committee. It must show evidence that:
 - i) its activity covers a sufficiently large area and range of approaches in sociological research,
 - ii) and that at least five scholars representative of the field from at least three countries will assume the organizing task until elections of officers are held and give assurance of continuing activity,
 - iii) and it has a membership of at least 30 members from at least 8 countries.

4. The Research Coordinating Committee shall consider the application and the information provided or requested and make a recommendation to the Research Council, whose proposal will be submitted to the Executive Committee for final decision.

The Research Coordinating Committee, the Research Council and the Executive Committee in their decisions shall take into account the need to limit the proliferation of Research Committees and coordinate the efforts of different groups and avoid the overlap of their fields.

5. A Research Committee shall consist of individual members of good standing of the ISA, or members of Category A members of ISA, or members of joint committees with other scholarly associations, who have been accepted as Committee members by the Board of the Research Committee.
6. A Research Committee shall have a Board constituted by a president, a secretary and at least three additional members elected by the members. Every four years at least half of the Board shall be renewed. No one may be member of the Board of more than two Research Committees. No one may hold office as president or secretary in more than one Research Committee.
7. Research Committees shall organize their activities as appropriate to achieve their purpose, be free to create sections, to cooperate with other academic bodies and to obtain and administer their own funds. Research Committees are expected to take active part in the World Congresses of the ISA.
8. The Research Council

- A) To represent the Research Committees in the Association and guide their activities, the Association establishes a Research Council. Each Research Committee in good standing is entitled to send a delegate and an alternate to meetings of the Research Council that shall take place at the time of each Congress and in between at the initiative of the President, the Research Coordinating Committee or two-thirds of its members. In addition to the representatives elected by the board of the Research Committees, the vice-president in charge of liaison with the Executive Committee and one member of the Executive Committee designated by it shall be members of the Research Council. One Executive Secretary of the ISA shall attend the meetings of the Research Council with the right to speak but not vote. Decisions of the Research Council require a quorum of one-half of its members.
- B) The Research Council shall elect among its members a Nominating Committee of five persons to prepare a slate of twice as many candidates for the Research Coordinating Committee and Executive Committee as those to be elected. The Nominating Committee shall give due consideration to the contributions to the activity of the Research Committees and to geographical representation. Any five members of the Research Council may nominate additional candidates.
- C) The Research Council shall elect 7 members of a Research Coordinating Committee. Five of them shall also be elected as members of the Executive Committee. In addition the vice-president in charge of liaison with the Research Council and

the member of the Executive Committee designated by it shall be members. The Research Coordinating Committee shall be chaired by the vice-president in charge or, in his/her absence, by one of its members elected by those present. Decisions of the Research Coordinating Committee require a quorum of half of its members.

- D) Election of the members representing the Research Council in the Executive Committee shall take place before the election of members by the Council of the ISA.

Should a member elected to the Executive Committee from the Research Council be elected as President or Vice-President, he or she will be replaced by the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes from the Research Council.

- E) At least every four years, the Research Coordinating Committee shall review the status and achievements of each of the Research Committees and recommend to the Research Council the continuance, reorganization or suspension of Research Committees. The decision of the Research Council will be submitted to the Executive Committee for final decision. Committees which show no evidence of activity during a four-year period shall be either reduced to the status of working groups or dissolved.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments to the Statutes

1. At any meeting of the Council, amendments to the Statutes may be put to the vote providing that seventy-five days'notice has been given, as in Article IV. Notwithstanding this, no amendment shall be put to the vote at any Council meeting at which less than two-thirds of the membership is present.
2. To be adopted, such amendments require the affirmative votes of a two-thirds majority of the total membership of the ISA Council. If amendments are proposed at any meeting of the Council where less than two-thirds of the membership are present, they shall be submitted to a mail vote. In that event, a two-thirds majority of all members of the Council shall be required to have cast a vote in the ballot in favour of the amendment for it to be accepted.
3. If any substantive changes to the proposed amendments are made at the meeting before they are submitted to the vote, then notwithstanding any of these provisions, they shall be submitted for ratification to a mail ballot, of which seventy-five days'notice shall be given as in Section 1.

ARTICLE XIII

Dissolution

1. The dissolution of the Association may be declared by the Council at any time provided two-thirds of all members of the Council vote for it. Seventy-five days'notice as in Article IV is required for any proposal for dissolution to be considered by the Council.
2. In the event of dissolution, the funds constituting the net assets of the Association shall be transferred by the Council to an international organization or institution with objectives similar to those of the Association, or shall be assigned to uses considered as corresponding to its objectives.

THE BY-LAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

These By-Laws were adopted in August 1982 at the meeting of the ISA Council in Mexico City.

1.- FINANCES

1.1. The Secretariat shall draw up a budget each year for approval by the Executive Committee. The financial year is identical with the calendar year.

1.2. The Secretariat shall produce an annual financial report duly verified by an auditor.

2.- WORKING LANGUAGES

2.1. English and French are the working languages of the Association.

3.- DUTIES OF THE CHAIR

3.1. The chair shall open and close each session of the Council. He/she shall direct the discussions, ensure observance of the by-laws, and accord or withdraw the right to speak. He/she shall rule on points of order and, subject to the present by-laws, shall control proceedings and the maintenance of order. He/she may ascertain the sense of the meeting and shall, if necessary, put questions to the vote.

3.2. If the chair is absent or unable to attend, he/she shall be replaced by one of the vice-chairs who, acting in this capacity, shall have the same powers and duties as the chair.

3.3. The chair will call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their wish to speak. For the convenience of the discussions, the chair may limit the time allowed to each speaker. The consent of the chair must be obtained whenever a representative of another organization or an observer wishes to make an oral statement.

4.- PROCEDURE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

4.1. The working papers of the Council shall be sent to the participants at least two months before the opening session.

4.2. Draft resolutions, motions, and amendments to be submitted to the Council shall be submitted in writing to the executive secretary.

4.3. At the end of the discussion, and before a question is put to the vote, the chair shall read, or cause to be read, the text of the motion or resolution.

4.4. The chair shall announce the result of all votes at the Council.

4.5. The proposer of a motion shall have the right to speak first in the discussion. He/she may withdraw the motion with the consent of the Council.

4.6. Motions whose effect is retroactive shall not be considered.

4.7. The Secretariat may at any time make to the meeting either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration by it.

5.- VOTING

5.1. In article VI.5 of the Statutes the expression "votes cast" shall mean all votes, whether affirmative, negative, or abstaining ballots.

5.2. Voting shall normally be done by show of hands, except when at least two delegates request a secret ballot.

5.3. A roll-call is obligatory when requested by at least five delegates or decided by the chair.

5.4. The election of officers shall always be by secret ballot.

5.5. In case of a tie, a new vote shall be taken. In case of a new tie, the motion is defeated.

5.6. When an amendment to a proposal is moved, the amendment shall be voted on first. When several amendments to a proposal are moved, the meeting shall first vote on the amendment deemed by the chair to be the furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on, until all the amendments have been put to the vote.

5.7. A motion is considered an amendment to a proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from, or revises part of that proposal.

6.- ELECTIONS

6.1. The Nominating Committee, once constituted, shall be available to ISA members to receive recommendations for candidates during a publicly announced period of time and place and provision shall be made for receipt of written suggestions.

6.2. The Nominating Committee shall present separate slates of candidates for president, for each vice-president, without specifications of functions, and for further members of the Executive.

6.3. To these slates any delegate to Council may submit additional names provided he/she is seconded by one other delegate.

6.4. Defeated candidates for president shall be considered as candidates for vice-president if they received at least 10% of the votes cast; defeated candidates for vice-president shall be considered as candidates for members of the Executive if they received at least 10% of the votes cast.

6.5. After counting, the ballots shall be preserved by the Executive Secretary in a sealed envelope signed by two ballot counters for at least one year.

7.- CLARIFICATION OF STATUTES

7.1. In article III.4 of the Statutes, the term "officers of the association" shall include:

- a) the president and the vice-presidents
- b) the members of the Executive Committee
- c) the members of all sub-committees
- d) Editors and Editorial Boards
- e) members of Research Committee Boards
- f) Executive Secretaries

7.2. In article XI.5 of the Statutes, the term "individual members of good standing" shall mean members who have paid their membership dues for the current year.

8.- REVISION OF BY-LAWS

8.1. The by-laws may be revised by a two-thirds majority of votes at the beginning of the meeting of Council. However, proposed amendments mailed 75 days before the meeting of the Council may be accepted by simple majority.

Coming Events

November 24-26 1982 European Society for Opinion and Marketing Research (ESOMAR) Seminar

Place: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Theme: Social Research and Prediction

The Seminar is designed to assess the role of surveys in forecasting, and to bring together people with experience of different types of predictive exercise. It will address itself to questions such as what can survey contribute to predictions? What are their limitations for this purpose? What sorts of prediction are they best at or least good at? How do they compare with other methods? If they have limitations, are these inherent in the nature of prediction itself, or are they specific to the survey approach to it?

Language: English

Fees: ESOMAR Members: SW.FRS. 750.-
Non-Members: SW.FRS. 915.-

Address: Registrations and further information

ESOMAR Central Secretariat
Wamberg 37
1083 CW Amsterdam
The Netherlands
tel. (020) 44.49.95
Telex 18535

December 7-10 1982 UNESCO- Colloque International

Place: UNESCO, Paris, France

Theme: La Vision Morale et Politique de l'Islam

Themes de discussion:
- Fonction de l'Etat suivant la théorie islamique
- Les expériences de l'Islam et leur signification du point de vue de la conception de l'Etat
- Contribution de la vision islamique à l'amélioration de notre réalité morale et politique

Each of these items will be presented by an outstanding world leader on the topic. These presentations will be followed by meetings of working groups which will be formed during the Congress to extend the debate, exchange experience and ideas and propose the future work of the Association.

Fees: US\$ 100

Address: For further information, contact:

CONGRECA
Parque Central, Pasaje Hilton,
Oficina No.13
Apdo. de Correos 17422
Caracas 1015A
Venezuela

February 1-11 1983 15th Pacific Science Congress

Place: Dunedin, New Zealand

Theme: Development, Conservation, and Utilization of the Resources of the Pacific

General Symposia:
Energy in agriculture; High Latitude resources - their assessment and development; Resources, science and the law of the sea; Pacific Island potentials;
Sections:
Ecology, conservation and environmental protection; Solid earth sciences; Geography; Museums in Pacific research; Marine sciences; Coral reefs; Botany; Forestry; Fresh-water sciences; Entomology; Social sciences and humanities; Public health and medical sciences; Nutrition; Sciences education and communication

Address: For further information, contact:

Secretary-General
15th Pacific Science Congress
P.O. Box 6063
Dunedin
New Zealand

January 31 - February 4 1983 Second Congress of World Social Prospects Study Association (AMPS)

Place: Caracas, Venezuela

Theme: Social Progress for World Solidarity

There are five main items on the agenda:

- Contributions of Simon Bolivar to 200 years of social progress
- The world work and the development of intelligence
- The social consequences of rapid urbanisation
- Solidarity contracts for international social justice
- Will the present energy crisis help towards world solidarity?

February 24-25 1983 Conference on Family Competence

Place: Tempe, Arizona, U.S.A.

Theme: Paul Watzlawick will deliver the keynote address and lead a therapy workshop at a conference for counselors, social workers, family scholars and others interested in families. Numerous other workshops and presentations are scheduled.

Contact: Mark W. Roosa, Director
Center for Family Studies
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85287, U.S.A.

April 4-9
1983 International Association for Community Development (IACD) in collaboration with the Institute of Saemaul Undong Studies (Seoul) Conference

Place: Seoul, South Korea

Theme: Introduction of Innovations through Community Development

Address: For further information, contact:
IACD
179, rue du Débarcadère
B-6001 Marcinelle
Belgium

April 5-8
1983 British Sociological Association (BSA) Annual Conference

Place: University College, Cardiff, United Kingdom

Theme: Beyond the Fringe: The Periphery of Industrial Society

Address: For further information, contact:
British Sociological Association
10 Portugal Street
London WC2A 2HU
United Kingdom
tel. (01) 242-3388

April 17-20
1983 European Society for Opinion and Marketing Research (ESOMAR) in cooperation with American Marketing Association (AMA) and Japan Marketing Research Association (JMRA) Conference

Place: San Francisco, USA

Theme: Strategic Planning: A Thing of the Past or a Necessity for the Future - Can Research Contribute?
The objective of this Conference is to compare the state of the art in Europe, the U.S.A. and Japan and to analyse the contribution research can make to the process of strategic planning.

Deadlines: Synopses should be sent by October 15, 82; full texts by January 31, 1983
Language: English

Fees: AMA, JMRA & ESOMAR members: US\$ 350.
Non-Members: US\$ 400.

Address: Registrations and further information:

The ESOMAR Central Secretariat
Wamberg 37,
1083 CW Amsterdam
The Netherlands
tel. (020) 44.49.95
Telex 18535

May 10-15
1983 Ninth Annual Conference of The Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research (SIETAR)

Place: San Gimignano, Italy

Theme: Intercultural Perspectives in Today's World

Subthemes:
-Managing intercultural conflict in the changing world
-Recent advances in intercultural awareness and intercultural research
-Formal and non-formal education in multicultural environments
-Cultural synergy of Eastern and Western Europe
-Third World Approaches to development
-Intercultural communication through the arts and architecture
-The creation of new cultures through alternative lifestyles
-Youth exchange and intercultural learning
-Cultural synergy in public and private organisations
-Intercultural aspects of New Communication Technology
-Cultural implications of the technology transfer

Proposals are invited by November 1, 1982 for panels, workshops, and other activities related to any of the conference subthemes. All proposals should be submitted preferably in English or alternatively in French, German or Italian.

Address: For further information, contact:
SIETAR Congress Office
Prof. Klaus Zapotoczyk
Sociologisches Institut
Universität Linz
A-4040 Linz-Anhof
AUSTRIA

May 26-28
1983 The 12th Annual Meeting of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations (ISCSC)

Place: Buffalo, New York, U.S.A.

Call for papers: Suggested subthemes:
- Intercivilizational encounters and processes of modernization
- Sciences and technology in intercivilizational perspective
- Civilizational responses to challenges of the environment
- Western 19th Century ideologies (such as Communism, Liberalism) and their transformation in non-Western civilizations
- Literature and art as civilizational keys
- Schooling and the transmission of civilizational values
- Civilizational codes and the preservation of the past

- The life cycle - civilizational definitions of youth and aging
- Natural hazards and the perception of risk
- Dispute settlement - mechanisms for the resolution of conflict
- Rituals of rebellion - acts of rebellion as system preserving violence
- Religion and the State in civilizational perspective
- Intercivilizational migration and population exchanges
- The state and the growth of civilizations

Five copies of the abstract required by November 15, 1982

Address: Professor Burkart Holzner, Chairman
 ISCS 1983 Program Committee
 Center for International Studies
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Pour un développement endogène
Silvio Guindani, Michal Bassand
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STOCK-TAKING OF MUSICAL LIFE, SOCIOGRAPHY AND MUSIC EDUCATION

Ed. Desmond Mark.
Publisher: Doblinger, Wien-München, 1981.

This is a publication of the Institute for Music Sociology and Research in Music Education in cooperation with MEDIACULT (International Institute for Audio-visual Communication and Cultural Development) and the International Society for Music Education (ISME).

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Michel Bassand
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