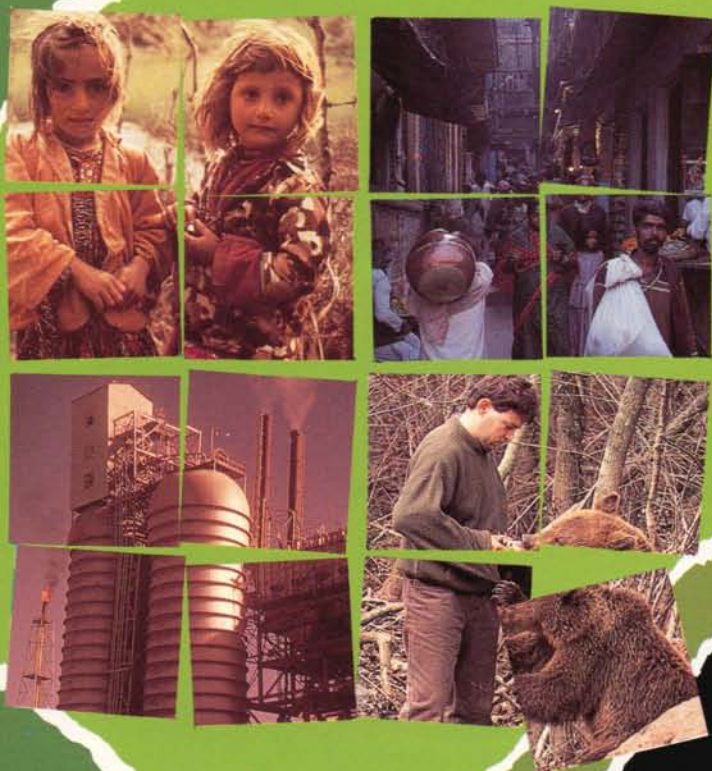


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LOOKING AHEAD: 1991 - 1994

by T.K. Oommen, President

If one takes over a second-hand automobile from somebody who has maintained it well, it is both an asset and a challenge. It is an asset because the vehicle has been well kept, it is a challenge because one has to be constantly vigilant to keep-up the standard of maintenance. This is true of organisations too. The analogy applies aptly to the International Sociological Association (ISA) at present. The present Executive Committee (1991-1994) is charged with the challenge of continuing not only the programmes initiated by its distinguished predecessor but also to take new initiatives.

Of the new initiatives by the erstwhile Executive Committee, mention may be made of the *Worldwide Competition for the Young Sociologists*, *International Sociological Institute* at Ljubljana (Yugoslavia) and the *International Institute for the Sociology of Law* in Oñati, Spain. The new Executive Committee is fully committed to enthusiastically pursue the above projects.

The ISA Research Council was made more autonomous by providing for the direct election of seven out of the seventeen members of the Executive Committee including one Vice-President (Research Council). The constituency of the Research Council is comprised of the 45 Research Committees (RCs). The Research Council meets usually once during its tenure of four years which provides the opportunity to the repre-

sentatives of all the RCs to meet and interact. In addition to this opportunity, RCs hold one or more seminars or conferences of their members between the World Congresses. It is against this background that one has to view the near total absence of interaction among the constituting members of the ISA Council namely the Presidents of National Associations affiliated to ISA.

According to the existing practice the ISA Council meets only once in four years and that too at the World Congress sites where the attention is diverted to many immediate and pressing problems. An important item on the agenda of the new Executive Committee therefore, is to create a healthy convention of holding at least one interim meeting of the ISA Council. Steps are being taken to realise this objective and we do hope to hold the first-ever interim conference of the ISA Council in 1992 which will provide an invaluable opportunity for the representatives of National Sociological Associations to meet and exchange ideas.

The ingenuity of an organisation depends on its ability to respond positively to the aspirations of its constituency. At present, the official languages of ISA are English and French. Over the years Spanish has become not only an international language but also the language of a whole sub-continent, namely Latin America. The first meeting of

the new Executive Committee which met in Madrid (Spain) in July 1990, soon after its election, decided to recommend to the ISA Council to accept Spanish as one of the official languages of ISA thereby endorsing the frequently articulated aspiration of the Spanish speaking community of sociologists.

The ISA is in existence for over four decades. As in the case of all organisations, it started with a legal framework - statutes and bye-laws - believed to be conducive for its effective functioning in the light of the then existed conditions. Over the years not only did ISA grow substantially but it also diversified itself both in terms of the background and types of its membership and activities. Understandably, there is a lag between the «old rules» and the «new reality». Further, the accumulated experiences of the last four decades call for rethinking of ISA's organisational framework. Keeping these considerations in mind the new E.C. has appointed a sub-committee to review ISA Statutes and Bye-laws (*). It is our fervent hope that this important but difficult task will be accomplished during the course of our term. The most visible activity of ISA is World Congress of Sociology which has two important aspects: its physical management and academic contents. While ISA has institutionalised over the years the practice of selecting the theme of World Congress, through the agency of the

Programme Committee, no definite procedure exists in regard to the selection of Congress sites. Keeping this in mind, the new E.C. has appointed in its first meeting at Madrid in July 1990 a Congress Site Selection Committee (CSSC) under the Chairmanship of Vice-President (Programmes). Responding to the circular of CSSC several National Associations submitted proposals to hold the 13th World Congress of Sociology in 1994. Having carefully examined all the proposals, the Committee has unanimously recommended to the E.C. the proposal of the German Sociological Association to hold the next World Congress at Bielefeld, Germany. The ISA E.C. has accepted the recommendation in principle. Steps are being taken to formulate a mutually agreeable contract.

Of the three publication ventures of ISA, two - *Current Sociology* and book series *SAGE Studies in International Sociology* - are well established by now. The third, *International Sociology*, the youngest of the three, started in 1986, which had already made its professional presence felt is to be firmed up through adequate financial support. The required steps were initiated by the outgoing E.C. and I am happy to report that the Journal will be published from the Documentation, Publication and Analysis Centre (DPA) of ISA located at Bielefeld from June 1991, onwards.

Another important initiative taken by the out-going E.C. relates to instituting the ISA *Distinguished Lecture Series*. Steps are being taken to implement the programme and we do hope this would soon become a highlight of the ISA activity.

Answering a press interview soon after the election at Madrid, regarding the priorities before the new Executive Committee, I have said that no effort would be spared to make ISA more representative both in terms of gender and geography. In constituting the Programme Committee of the

13th World Congress, we have kept these considerations in mind. In addition to this, a modest new initiative is being taken to stimulate research by sociologists of less developed countries on themes particularly relevant for these regions.

Diversified activities, organisational innovations, democratic participation, enlarged constituency etc., pre-suppose at least a limited degree of financial autonomy for the organisation which strives to achieve these goals. And, here lies ISA's Achilles' heel. As a membership organisation following the principle of differentiated fee structure based on the paying capacity of its members, ISA cannot be financially viable. To overcome this bottleneck ISA ought to constitute a *Corpus Fund* which could be invested on a long term basis so as to generate a steady income. I have addressed a communication to all the Presidents of National Associations affiliated to ISA as well as to Presidents/Secretaries of Research Committees (see below).

I consider the effort to constitute a *Corpus Fund* an important initiative which should be relentlessly pursued by the world sociological community to make our Association more democratic, participatory and global. Let me close this short communication by soliciting the cooperation of each one of you.

(*) Any suggestions to the Subcommittee for revision of Statutes and Bye-laws should be directed to its Chair, Professor Henry Teune at the Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6215, USA.

An appeal from the President

Dear Colleague,
I am writing this letter with considerable reluctance, may

trepidation. Yet, I venture to do it as I am convinced of the cause.

The International Sociological Association (ISA) is beset with constant financial crises although it is one of the biggest professional associations in the world. The unstable financial situation manifests in several contexts. It is useful to recall specific instances.

First, every four years the ISA has to seek new financial support and subsidy from one or another government which is usually obtained after considerable difficulty. This generates not only immense anxiety but it also partly erodes our professional autonomy. Second, as the World Congress of Sociology is the only income generating activity of the ISA, the event has come to be viewed as a financial venture. In turn this influences the selection of the Congress site. Third, the inadequate representation and/or participation by scholars from Third World as well as from non-convertible currency countries in the deliberations of our Executive Committee (E.C.).

I am sure that you will agree with me that this financial impasse of ISA ought to be broken if we aspire to be an autonomous, professional and authentic international association. I have a dream and permit me to share that with you.

It is pertinent to recall here that the 1986-90 E.C. of the ISA did make an effort to raise funds. It constituted a Subcommittee (of which I was member) to mobilise funds. Similarly, some of the friends of the ISA did make an effort to raise funds by approaching various Foundations. But unfortunately, none of these very sincere efforts yielded any result. I am making the following suggestion in the light of the experience of the 1986-90 ISA E.C.

Let me begin with a statement of faith. I believe that self-help is the best help and it is a feasible proposition. The annual salary of even the

lowest paid sociologist from affluent countries cannot be less than US \$ 20,000 per annum and one per cent of it is US \$ 200. If all the sociologists make a contribution of one per cent of his/her annual salary it would help us to constitute a Corpus Fund. Appropriate investment of the fund would yield adequate interest to meet the essential financial needs of ISA. *Please note that this is once-in-a-life-time contribution for the cause of ISA.*

Perhaps three clarifications are in order here. First, the request is addressed to all sociologists and not to those of specific countries and regions. Second, those who are willing and capable of contributing more than one per cent of his/her annual salary will not be disappointed; we shall accept their contribution with a big smile. Third, sociologists from developing and soft currency countries have to contribute in hard currency.

Now, I must turn to the practical aspect. *For two reasons it is not possible to accept contribution from individuals* (unless it is substantial

say US \$ 1000 or more). First, it would be impossible for the ISA Secretariat to handle the numerous cheques and drafts. Second, the banking charges being prohibitive, it will not be worthwhile to receive contributions of small amounts. Therefore, may I humbly request the national associations to accept the responsibility of collecting the contributions and send the same to the ISA Secretariat in Madrid as a consolidated amount. Kindly remember, that this is a once-in-a-life-time act through which we are trying to make the ISA a financially viable and fully participatory body.

Finally, a few words about the mode of communicating this message to the community of sociologists in your country. I am constrained by



the list available at the ISA Secretariat. Therefore, kindly duplicate this letter and despatch it to all the relevant associations /institutions in your country; even in your neighbouring countries. Second, publish it prominently in the official publications of your associations and distribute it at the annual conferences. Third, please be kind enough to translate it to the relevant language through which you can reach the maximum possible number of colleagues. And please *make it clear that individual contributions should not be sent to the ISA but to the national associations.*

I fervently hope and earnestly desire that by the end of 1991 we will be in a position to constitute this fund. The ISA Secretariat will make arrangements to start a separate account for this purpose. Whatever may be your response, please do not hesitate to write to me. This communication comes to you with every good wish for a creative 1991.

T.K. Oommen, President



REPORTS FROM THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES

RC01: Armed Forces and conflict resolution

Compiled from the RC01 Newsletter of September 1990.

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Meetings 1987-1990

- October 1987, Chicago, USA: Business Meeting at the close of the IUS Conference;
- July 1988, Munich, Germany: Interim Conference and Business Meeting;
- October 1989, Baltimore, USA: Business Meeting at the close of the IUS Conference;
- July 1990, Madrid, Spain: 150 scholars participated in the RC01 panels organized at

the XII World Congress of Sociology;

Publications

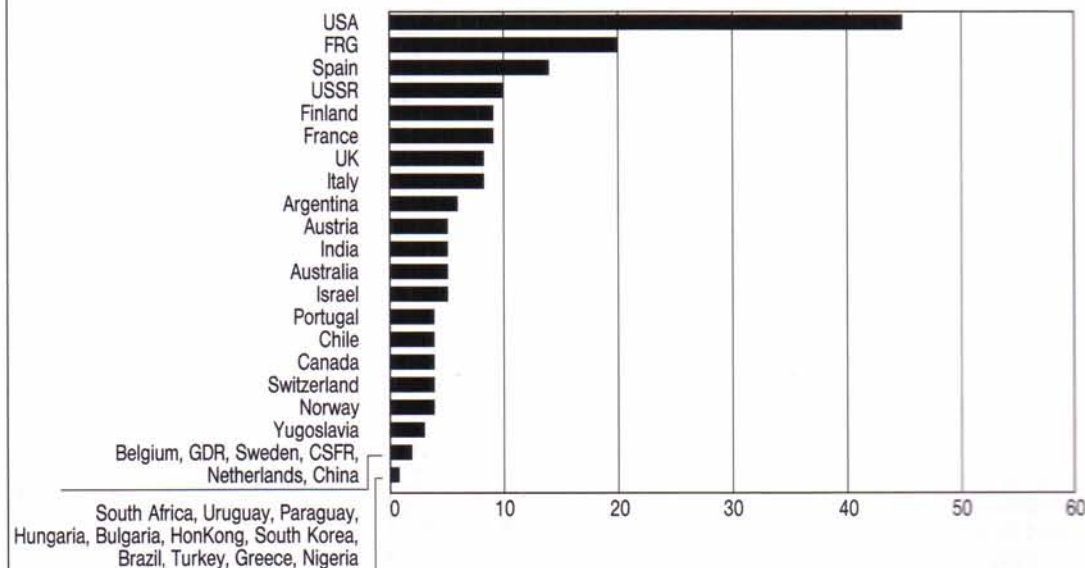
RC01 have published six volumes of research papers in the **Forum International Series** (vol.5-10, 1987-1989). All of the papers published are original research contributions, never published before.

Research Committee Directory was produced in 1989. It contains the updated history of RC01, the ISA Statutes, RC01 by-laws, a partial bibliography, and a list of RC active members.

Membership

Total membership of the RC01 is now 370; out of these 101 are members in good standing, i.e. paying their dues.

MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE JULY 1, 1990



The dues for a four year period are at least 10 US \$ and at the most 50 US \$. The amount is left to each colleague's own estimation. For reasons of currency control or lack of finances, the dues may be waived at the discretion of the Executive Board.

As a guide, the following is recommended:

- Students of first and second world countries, US \$ 25
- Students of third world countries, US \$ 10
- Established academics of first and second world countries, US \$ 50
- Established academics of third world countries, US \$ 25

Methods of payment:

- In case of following countries: Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, FRG, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA:

- send order-check; currency and bank of the same country e.g.: US \$ drawn on a US bank; Dutch guilders drawn on a Dutch bank;

- make cheque payable to RC01/ISA: Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution, c/o Jürgen Kuhlmann;

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- Transfer money directly to Postal Giro Bank, Munich, account no. 297 800 809, either via your own Postal Giro account (this generally will be free of charges), or by means of an International Postal Money Order;

- Make cheques payable to RC01/ISA: Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution c/o Jürgen Kuhlmann;

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XII World Congress of Sociology, July 1990

In spite of the torrid heat in Madrid, the Congress has been a success for the RC02. Three conclusions can be drawn:

The first is that the field of economic sociology, in all its diversity, encompasses a considerable number of researchers. The seven sessions conducted by RC02 involved more than 100 papers presenters and coordinators. In addition, each session attracted on average an audience of some 50 people. If we add the other socio-economic workshops of the Congress to the roster, the figures are even more impressive.

The second is that the papers presented were generally of very high quality. The only regret is that the time allotted for each presentation was too brief.

The third significant conclusion is that 12 years after the official foundation of the Research Committee, it is possible to speak of an Economy and Society network. Over the course of the years, the activities of the RC (world congresses, international conferences, newsletters, directory) have contributed to gradually building relationships between researchers from East and West Europe, Latin America, Canada, USA, Asia, all of whom bring their perspective and original expertise to their field of study.

Future Conferences

A course-conference on «Economic Elites and Institutions in Comparative Perspective» to be held at the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, 2-6 April 1991. The organizers are György Lengyel (Hungary), Antoni Kaminski (Poland) and Jochen Tholen (Germany). The aim of the course, which is part of a wider programme on «Central and Eastern Europe in Transformation», is to discuss the current issues of elite recruitment and institutional changes in the Eastern European economies. The course will be workshop-like and the finding of empirical surveys and the likely results of comparative efforts will be discussed. Main topics are as follows: circulation of economic elites and transformation of economic systems; political programmes and economic elites; privatization and different interests of the economic actors; crisis-perception and institutional environment; entrepreneurship and unemployment; recruitment of managers and entrepreneurs; career patterns of old and new economic leaders; attitudes of economic leaders concerning personal and social perspectives, selection of leaders and distributive justice; entrepreneurial spirit and its social setting.

Membership dues

Fees for the 1990-1994 period are set at \$ 50 for industrialized countries, and at

\$ 20 for LDC members, soft-currency countries and students.

Dues should be sent to: Jorge Niosi (Department of Sociology, UQAM, C.P. 8888, Succ. «A», Montréal, Québec, P.C. H3C 3P8, Canada)

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The ISA Research Committee 03, Community Research, organized ten sessions at the XII World Congress of Sociology held in Madrid, Spain, July 9-13, 1990. More than ninety papers from twenty six countries were presented. The largest number of participants were from the United States and from several Spanish speaking countries. For each session the number of participants varied from about fifty to more than one hundred. One session was organized exclusively in Spanish which was attended by an overwhelming majority of sociologists from Spain and Latin American countries.

Terry Nichols Clark, RC03 President, presided over the

Business Meeting of RC03 held on July 11, 1990. Herman Turk reported on the deliberations of the ISA Research Council and indicated that the ISA has made a token increase in so far as Research Committee input into the ISA policy-program Committee is concerned. A motion emphasizing the need for a major role to be played by Research Committees was voted unanimously by all members in attendance at the Business Meeting of RC03.

Terry Clark spoke at length about the progress of «Fiscal Austerity and Urban Innovation» (FAUI) Project now underway in thirty five countries. He pointed out that two series of publications emanating from this project i.e. *Research in Urban Policy* (JAI Press) and *Urban Innovation* (Sage) are available for researchers and policy makers. The first volume of a new series entitled *Research in Community Sociology* (JAI Press) includes recent research on various dimensions of communities.

An international survey on values (Henry Teune, IPSA) was brought to the attention of RC03 members. Harold Baldersheim (Norway) presented an overview of an international research project on citizen preferences re: urban economic development, participatory democracy and urban innovation. He spoke about development of various networks of researchers among Scandinavian, Russian and East European countries. Dele Olowu (Nigeria) stressed the need for East-West collaboration re: Fiscal Austerity and urban innovation project. Representatives from the USSR, Finland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, France, Israel and Japan also expressed their views and concerns with reference to the FAUI project.

Helmut Wollman (Germany) presented a report on the recent and forthcoming ISA, RC03 and IPSA activities and sessions organized in Buenos Aires, Prague, and Budapest.

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RC04: Sociology of education

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Report on Activities 1986-1990

The main activity of the RC04 between two World Congresses was the midterm conference, which took place in Salamanca, Spain, August 23-26, 1988. The topic was «Education and Development Revisited; a Sociological Perspective». The hosts were Fundación Germán Sánchez Ruipérez and the Universidad Iberoamericana de Postgrado. The number of participants was 51. RC04 President Orlando Albornoz was responsible for the organization and gave the presidential address on the topic of the conference. This presidential address has been published in the journal of the ISA *International Sociology* (vol. 4, no.3, 1989). Miguel A. Escotet, Rector of the Universidad Iberoamericana de Postgrado gave a keynote address on

«Planning, development and changes in education».

A book with the papers presented at this midterm conference, translated in Spanish, has been edited by Miguel A. Escotet and Orlando Albornoz, and was published in 1989 by the Universidad Iberoamericana de Postgrado.

A selection of papers presented will be published in volume 3 titled «Education and Social Change: development, expansion and credentialism» of the series *International Perspectives on Education and Society*, published by JAI Press, Greenwich, USA.

Editors of this volume are Abraham Yogev and Jaap Dronkers.

There were also two regional conferences organized under the auspices of the RC04:

- an international seminar on sociology of education in Latin-America titled «El estado y la formulación y efecto de las políticas educativas: una visión sociológica», was held on 24-26 November 1987 in Caracas, Venezuela;
- a regional conference on «Education, Youth and Nation-Building» was held 19-20 November 1987 at the Australian National University in Canberra.

RC04 Newsletter is published bi-annually. In the period 1986-1990 seven issues were sent to all members.

Membership Fees

In order to avoid extra costs one can only pay for four years a total of US \$ 20. All who cannot pay for whatever reason but who want to remain members have simply to write to the Secretary stating that she/he cannot pay but wants to be a member.

Payments have to be made directly to the Secretary of the RC04, Jaap Dronkers, Dollar account 3244.32666 of the RABO Bank Haarlem, Florapark 2, 2012 HX Haarlem, Netherlands. If you send a personal cheque please add US \$ 8 to compensate the banking charges.

RC05: Ethnic, race and minority relations

Report submitted by Chris Mullard and Peter Reinsch, outgoing Secretary and Newsletter Editor, respectively.

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Seminars and Conferences 1986-90

Directly following the 1986 Congress a workshop was organized by the RC on «Linkages between Methodology, Research and Theory in Race and Ethnic Studies». In the workshop, sponsored by the UNESCO Division of Human Rights, seven 'case studies' were presented by scholars from seven continents. The revised papers, with summary of discussion and conclusions, were presented to UNESCO in June 1987 for publication. Marshall Murphree, in his contribution to the Research Council meeting of September 1988, reviewed the results of this workshop.

The Committee held a two and a half day conference on December 8-11, 1988, hosted by the Centre for Race and Ethnic Studies at the Univers-

ity of Amsterdam, again with financial support from the UNESCO Division of Human Rights. Under the general theme of «New Frontiers in Social Research: Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations», approximately 100 participants were offered presentations, and were invited to participate in the ensuing discussions. 40 presentations were made of a total of 44 papers tabled. The contributions could be regarded as an 'expression of the field': an academic exchange, void of ideological battles, informed by intercultural understanding.

Following the Madrid Congress, the Committee was sponsoring an international workshop on «Race and Ethnicity Research: Sociologists, the State and Social Change». During the three day workshop, organized by Peter Ratcliffe with the local assistance of Fernando Reinares in Madrid, ten papers were to be presented, each focussing on the situation in a specific land or region.

The Committee has been asked by the UNESCO Division of Human Rights to organize a working group on «Immigrants in the New Europe». This group met in the Autumn of 1990 to examine a number of issues with reference to a 'united Europe'.

XIth World Congress Sessions

The Committee Board met during the 1988 conference, and drafted a slate of nine themes covering current issues in the field. The Board then decided upon possible session organizers, whose services were subsequently solicited by Heribert Adam. Proposals for joint sessions with other Research Committees, as well as all ensuing coordinative activities, were handled by Peter Reinsch. The result was a full slate of nine sessions, plus five joint-sessions and a business meeting. 90 papers were programmed for presentation in these sessions. Due to lack of session-slots, the Committee

was obliged to pass on several relevant proposals to the ISA Programme Committee, which honored these proposals with ad-hoc session status.

Publications

During the quadrennium, six Newsletters were produced. Four were sent to the membership-at-large, comprising nearly 500 scholars in the field. Due to financial restrictions the fifth Newsletter was sent to 'only' 266 'active' members, while a sixth was distributed at the Madrid Congress. Under the editorship of Peter Reinsch, the Newsletter has remained the primary medium for presen-

tation of Committee activities. Besides the Newsletter, the Committee is not involved in any publishing activities of its own. The Centre for Race and Ethnic Studies in Amsterdam looked into the possibility of publishing selected papers from the December 1988 conference, but this initiative stranded due to a lack of funding. In the meantime, a significant number of papers presented at the conference have been published elsewhere. This obviously applies for papers presented at the 1986 Delhi Congress, where papers from at least one Committee session were bundled in the volume *Affir-*

native Action and Positive Policies in the Education of Ethnic Minorities (Connecticut: JAI Press, 1988), edited by Sally Tomlinson and Abraham Yogev.

Membership

The (500) recipients of the Committee Newsletter were asked to contribute \$20 for four years membership-in-good standing. Scholars in countries with currency regulations may become members by requesting a fee waiver from the Committee Board. To date, the Committee has 105 members for this quadrennium, more than twice the number tallied four years ago.

COUNTRY-WISE DISTRIBUTION OF RC05 MEMBERS AND NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS					
The number in parentheses indicate the members-in-good-standing					
Australia.....	(10)	12	Malaysia.....	(1)	5
Belgium.....		1	Mexico.....	(1)	2
Bolivia.....		1	Netherlands.....	(5)	16
Brazil.....	(1)	1	New Zealand.....	(1)	2
Canada.....	(12)	24	Nigeria.....		2
Chinese P.R.....		1	N. Ireland.....		1
Czechoslovakia.....		1	Norway.....		1
Denmark.....	(2)	4	Philippines.....		2
East Germany.....		1	Poland.....	(1)	2
West Germany.....	(5)	6	Portugal.....		1
Finland.....		2	Romania.....		1
France.....	(1)	10	South Africa.....	(3)	7
Greece.....		1	Spain.....		6
India.....	(7)	15	Sri Lanka.....		5
Iran.....		1	Sweden.....	(7)	8
Ireland.....	(1)	2	Turkey.....		1
Israel.....	(3)	4	UK.....	(10)	30
Italy.....		1	USA.....	(28)	64
Japan.....	(2)	3	USSR.....	(1)	11
Kenya.....		1	Yugoslavia.....	(2)	5
Lesotho.....		1	Zimbabwe.....	(1)	2

In 1987 the Board drafted a «Statement on Apartheid», denouncing systems of structural inequality based on racism. All members were asked (via the dues form in the Newsletter) to endorse the statement, a requirement which has led to a minimum of protest.

Finances

Newsletter reproduction expenses are covered by membership contributions and the ISA grant. Editing costs and distribution is realized through the services

provided by the Centre for Race and Ethnic Studies in Amsterdam. The UNESCO Division of Human Rights has been a regular subsidient of Committee workshops and conferences, the expenses of which are further covered by local grants.

Statutes

The Committee Board drafted statutes at the beginning of the quadrennium, in order to formalize a number of procedures. These were scheduled to be ratified at the Madrid Business Meeting, but

have already served to structure the elections for the 1990-1994 Board.

RC06: Family research

Report submitted by Jan Trost, President

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Scientific Meetings 1989-1990

- May 1989, Singapore: XXIVth international seminar on «Marriage, Parenthood, and Social Policy»;
- October 1989, Belgrade: XXVth international seminar on «Family, Informal Network, and Social Policy»;
- July 1990, Madrid: eight paper sessions at the World Congress of Sociology. One session was held in the form of a business meeting and one was held together with RC 34. The number of papers for the sessions was enormous and one session had been divided into three;
- August 1990, Oslo: an international seminar on «The Concept of the Family».

CFR Gazette

Another purpose of the Committee on Family Research is to inform its membership about what is going on in the field and this is done by distributing the CFR Gazette a number of times per year. This has also been done during 1989 and 1990.

Forthcoming conferences

The CFR organizes July 29 to August 3, 1991, its XXVth international seminar in Norway on the theme of «What is Family?». Organizers: Irene Levin and Jan Trost. The seminar is limited to 25 participants.

The CFR organizes an international seminar at Department of History, Carleton University, Ottawa, May 13 to 16, 1992 on the theme «The History of Marriage». Organizer: Rod Philips.

The CFR is planning a seminar in 1992 in Taiwan and another one in London.

Further plans for 1992 and later are seminars in the USA, China, and Russia.

Membership

The membership of the CFR is about 200 and the members come from all over the world. In the CFR we are trying to recruit student members for the CFR. The student members get a discount on the membership fee of 75 percent; US \$10 for students and US \$40 for ordinary members.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Committee on Family Research is welcome. Name and address should be sent to the Secretary, together with a check issued to the CFR to the amount of US\$40, payable at an American bank. This amount is for the four year period starting at time of payment.

RC07: Futures research

Report submitted by Eleonora Masini, President

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Radmila Nakarada (Institute for Economic Planning, P. Toljatija 2, 11070 N. Belgrade, Yugoslavia)

Recent activities

The Committee has conducted a course in Futures Studies at the International University Center in Dubrovnik from 28 March to 8 April 1988, 3-14 April 1989 and 21-26 May 1990.

This activity was carried out in cooperation with the World Futures Studies Federation on the following topics respectively: Everyday Life in the XXI Century, Visions and Praxis, Multicultural Images and Desirable Societies. On these occasions, plans for the 1990 world conference were discussed.

An intermediate meeting had been planned, and funds requested from the Italian research body Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche. Unfortunately, the funds were not made available.

Informal meetings took place between the officers, whenever they were able to meet for other objectives. The plan for the 1990 World Conference was carefully prepared with exchange of information among all the members of the Committee.

The Committee contributed actively to the World Congress, with the participation of almost all the expected speakers. The general theme of Congress, unity and diversity was broadly taken up, emphasizing the unity at a superficial level, and the diversity at a deeper level, particularly at the level of culture. At the same time the trend toward unity, homogenization involved a number of inequalities. In this context the problem of value orientation in a diversified world, mechanisms of internalization and homogenization were emphasized. The role of technology, ecology, economy, nation state were discussed in relation to the inequalities, conflicts, destruction they were producing on a national and global scale, and alternative concepts of development, balance between population and resources, conflict resolution were presented. In addition, the sphere of work was problematized, as well as the question of the likelihood of organized labour, i.e. unions reemerging as decisive actors on the future social scene. The future of socialism was discussed in terms of its democratic transformation, or

peripherization, development of human potential or further blockages.

Finally, the futurist thinking itself was reexamined on the basis of analyzing selected futuristic literature and the understanding of the world there developed, as well as on the basis of estimating its role in minimizing the negative consequences of social change and social innovation.

During the business meeting, it was decided to hold elections for the officers by mail, so as to enable all members to take part. A nomination rostrum was presented and further nominations were expected till the end of February, on the basis of which elections would take place.

Publications

A request has been presented to Sage for the publication of the papers presented at the Congress, and subsequently revised, and is presently under analysis by Sage.

Newsletter was produced with funds made available by the ISA.

Membership

To become a member of RC07 it is necessary to be a sociologist working on, or in some way engaged in, medium or long-term forecasting. People with such interests

can apply to the Secretary. Dues are \$ 10, which give a right to information and to the Newsletter.

RC08: History of sociology

Report submitted by Dirk Käsler, Secretary

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The Research Committee on the History of Sociology (RCHS) was established by the ISA in December 1971 in order to develop international contacts among scholars en-

gaged in studying the history of sociology, to promote research in this field, and to encourage the international dissemination of such research. To this end the RCHS organizes international conferences and seminars and publishes a Newsletter which is circulated to all members.

The RCHS held conferences during the World Congresses in Toronto 1974, Uppsala 1978, Mexico City 1982, New Delhi 1986, Madrid 1990, and Interim Conferences in Oxford 1977, in Paris 1980, in Munich 1984, in Madrid 1988. For 1992 the next Interim Conference has been scheduled for May 1992 in Budapest, Hungary.

The main publication of the RCHS is its **Newsletter** since 1976. After the Mexico Congress in 1982 eleven editions have been published.

The RCHS has its own statutes since May 1988.

Membership

Since January 1989 the structure of membership-dues has been changed to the amount/equivalent of US \$ 10 for one year, or US \$ 30 for four years.

The RCHS membership amounts to 195 members in good standing. The regional distribution of the present membership of the RCHS looks as follows:

Australia.....	2	Japan.....	6
Austria.....	4	Korea.....	1
Belgium.....	2	Mexico.....	1
Bulgaria.....	2	New Zealand.....	1
Canada.....	17	Poland.....	3
Columbia.....	1	Portugal.....	1
Denmark.....	2	Spain.....	4
Germany.....	41	Sweden.....	4
France.....	8	Switzerland.....	1
Greece.....	2	Taiwan.....	1
Hungary.....	2	Netherlands.....	5
India.....	8	UK.....	13
Ireland.....	1	USA.....	54
Italy.....	5	USSR.....	1
		Yugoslavia.....	1

Membership in the RCHS is open to all members of national sociological associations, members of research institutes affiliated with the ISA, and individual scholars

who have demonstrated their interest in the area through teaching and/or research activities. In order to become a member of the RCHS with full voting rights and other privi-

leges you are invited to write to the Secretary of the RCHS who will provide you with an Application Form.

RC09: Social practice and social transformation

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RC10: Participation, workers' control and self-management

Compiled from the RC10 Newsletter no. 26, November 1990

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Future conferences

• Tallinn, Estonia, June 5-7, 1991: «Privatization versus Democratization in Transformation from Command Economy to Social Market Economy. The role of Trade Union

and Workers' Participation». The main purpose of the conference is to encourage discussions concerning the relevance of concrete experiences acquired in different countries. Experiences from the neighbour welfare states around the Baltic may be given special attention. There will be introductory, background lectures on the ongoing transformation process in Estonia and other Baltic countries.

• October 3-5, 1991, Chemnitz, Germany: «Return of Work, Production and Administration to Capitalism. Construction and building of the new European House». The question for the nations of East and South-East Europe is whether they will make-up to the Western European countries in time or fall behind to Third World living standards for good. The introduction of the parliament, modern administration and the free citizens as well as the pre-conditions of the logic of capitalism showing-up in competition, market, private enterprise, unions and the worker in former socialist countries do not imply automatically the progress looked for. Further information: György Széll and Wiking Ehlert (FB SOWI, Universität Osnabrück, Postfach 4469, 4500 Osnabrück, Germany)

Membership

• 16 Pounds for the period 1991-1994

• 32 Pounds for lifetime membership

Membership fee should be transferred exclusively in Pounds Sterling to Chris Cornforth (School of Management, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, England, MK7 6AA).

RC11: Sociology of aging

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RC12: Sociology of law

Compiled from the RC12 Newsletter, 1990-1

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Presidents' Message

The ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Law will be 30 years old in 1992. It was created as a relatively unstable and closed structure, whose aim was basically to inspire multicultural research projects. In fact, as other ISA research committees did, it has turned into a stable and open organization, which nowadays represents around 500 legal sociologists from all over the world and is also rapidly expanding in areas which have so far shown little interest in the discipline.

The growth of the Research Committee obviously reflects the growth of sociology of law itself. *Developing Sociology of Law*, the documentary volume which just appeared on RCSL's initiative (Giuffrè, Milano 1990), shows how rich is the production in our field and how wide is the range of subjects it covers. No relevant socio-legal topic can now be approached without going through a literature of at least many hundred titles in the most common languages. Eighteen specialized journals in nine languages appear more or less regularly in the most diverse areas of the world. Many others, labelled as belonging to neighbouring disciplines, from legal science to legal philosophy, from sociology to criminology, show a clear socio-legal leaning and contribute actively to discussions in our field. A number of schools compete in supplementing data, providing explanations and building up theories which often prove most useful even in the widest cultural and political arenas.

It seems to me quite obvious that the Research Committee should take all this into account and try to adapt its strategies and perhaps its structures to such complex realities. The RCSL has so far been quite successful in organizing wide-range conferences, to which diverse specialists and working groups have contributed. Our activity should now perhaps reflect the pluralistic nature of studies and approaches more rigorously. There is no doubt that intercultural cooperation in individual specialized areas is extremely fruitful but that any of such projects and groups of specialists, to a certain extent, lives its own life, quite separately from the rest of the community. This gives the RCSL a sort of de facto federalist look which should be recognized openly. At the same time, the Committee as a whole may play a decisive role in discussing theories, methods, political impli-

cations, comparisons, etc., with an eye to neighbouring fields and with a special concern to changes which are upsetting our societies in this 'post modern' era.

Our action should be addressed especially to seeking better institutionalization of sociology of law both in academies and in other milieux. The position of the discipline as a teaching subject in universities varies greatly from country to country, but generally speaking we must recognize that it is in great need of improvement. Again, any official or unofficial organization dealing with law, be it from the governmental or from the opposition side, may (and to some extent should) take our achievements into account. This increases our responsibility from at least two points of view.

Firstly it seems to me that we should be striving for wider recognition of our action: and the Research Committee can be certainly called on to maintain our loyalty to the basically critical role that sociology of law, as a science, has always tried to play vis-a-vis dogmatic constructions and purely normative argumentation.

XII World Congress of Sociology

In the context of the World Congress the RCSL had 9 sessions and one joint session with the RC on Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice and RC on Deviance and Social Control. Assistance was massive and in each session there were between 40 to 60 people.

In Oñati, at the International Institute of Sociology of Law, several groups met in the days before the Madrid Congress or the week after. Among the groups which met before was one on the Latin American sociology of Law and the post-Congress meetings were on the current state of the theory in sociology of law, legal pluralism, legal culture, business litigation, family, deviance, women and the law.

Forthcoming conference

The 1991 Research Committee annual meeting will be jointly held with the Law and Society Association as a part of an International Conference of Law and Society at the University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, from June 26th through 29th, 1991. The conference will be held in affiliation with Instituto Latinoamericano de Servicios Legales Alternativos, Japanese Association for Sociology of Law, Sezione di Sociologia del Diritto del Associazione Italiana di Sociologia, Socio-Legal Studies Association (UK), Vereniging voor de sociaal-wetenschappelijke bestudering van het recht, and the Vereinigung für Rechtssoziologie.

The organizer on behalf of the RCSL is Erhard Blankenburg (Vrije Universiteit, de Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam, The Netherlands).

Membership

In order to improve RCSL functional efficiency as an international network organization, it is planned to publish a RCSL Directory with members' addresses and main fields of interest. Registration forms as well as membership dues of US\$ 20 for 4 years, should be sent to the Secretary.

RC13: Sociology of leisure

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RC14: Sociology of communication, knowledge and culture

Report submitted by Paul Beaud, President

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Recent activities

The RC14 brought to conclusion an international research named «TV News and the Production of Reality». The results were published by the Council of Europe under the title *The Focused Screen*.

Then the activities of the Committee were mainly di-

rected to the preparation of the ISA World Congress in Madrid. On this occasion 11 sessions were held, two of them jointly organized with the RC27 Sociology of Sport and with the RC25 Sociolinguistics, respectively.

Moreover, the RC14 called together its general Assembly which elected a new Board, formed by a President, two Vice-Presidents and two General Secretaries.

Future Meetings

Spring 1991, Board Meeting. Objectives: the definition of the work axes for the four years to come; extension of the responsible team in order to give to the Committee a geographical as well as a research fields representativity; definition of international research and financing projects; collaboration with other international associations; organization of specialized conferences hence the next World Congress of Sociology.

Autumn 1991: conference on the television in Italy;

Membership

In order to join RC14 please contact the President.

RC15: Sociology of health

Report submitted by Ray H. Elling, outgoing President, and Rance P.L. Lee, outgoing Secretary

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Wim van den Heuvel, The Netherlands
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Conferences

• The Third Asian Conference

A policy of the Committee is to stimulate local or regional meetings which RC15 can sponsor. A significant move was that several members of the Committee worked with Liu Zong-Xia, Director of the Medical Sociology Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Management Science, to organize the Third Asian Conference on Medical and Health Sociology. While the two prior conferences were held in Japan in 1980 and 1986, respectively, this third conference was planned to be held in China in the mid-1990. It was most unfortunate that because of the June 4th (1989) event in China, the planning of the above Conference had to be suspended. As an alternative, we have started to plan for holding the Conference in Thailand, tentatively to be held in July 1991 in Pattaya, Chonburee Province or Chaam, Prajaub Kee-reekan Province.

The theme of the Conference will be centered around cross-national comparison of health and health systems. Possible sub-topics include (1) health system and its impact on health status of general population, especially the rural people, the urban dwellers and the minorities, (2) health system in relation to specific health problems, such as malaria, leprosy, AIDS, occupational health, and accident, and (3) health system and the intermediate factors directly associated with health, such as primary health care and the system of self-care. It is expected that a total of 45 Thai scholars and 35 foreign scholars will participate in the Conference.

- IASTAM Conference

Rance P.L. Lee, Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee was invited to help and serve as member of the Scientific Program Committee (chaired by Charles Leslie), of the Third International Conference of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine (IASTAM), held in Bombay, India, 4-7 January 1990. The theme of the Conference was «Pluralistic Character of Traditional Asian Medicine».

- International Dialogue on Health Leadership

The World Health Organization invited three members of RC15 to attend the Second International Dialogue of Resource Network for Health for All Leadership Development, held in Hawaii from 29 August to 2 September, 1988, and hosted by the School of Public Health, University of Hawaii. These three RC15 members were Ray Elling, Rance P.L. Lee and Masahira Anesaki. As representatives of the ISA Research Committee on the Sociology of Health, they worked with participants from other four networks: WHO Leadership Task Force, the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing Development, The Network of Community-Oriented Educational Institutions for Health Sciences, and the Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health. Dr. Halfdan Mahler, Director-General Emeritus of WHO served as a key participant and gave a presentation on «Social Justice: the Underpinning for Health Leadership Development».

- XII World Congress of Sociology

At the XIIth World Congress in Madrid there were a total of 11 sessions. Ray Elling and Rance P.L. Lee served as program coordinators for RC15.

NGO Relationship to WHO-Geneva

The Committee has been asked by the ISA Executive Committee to serve as a point of liaison between ISA and

WHO so as to strengthen our NGO (non-governmental organization) relationship with WHO. Over the last few years, various ways of establishing collaboration between ISA/RC15 and WHO have been suggested.

For instance, a difficulty of RC15 members, mostly scholars, is the lack of significant funds for travel or projects.

Financial assistance through WHO is thus very much needed. Ray Elling, RC15 Chairperson, has written to the Office of External Coordination of WHO to indicate our need for financial assistance and to suggest an informal discussion meeting between selected members of RC15 and staff of WHO about possible plans for more productive relation. «AIDS» and «Leadership Development for Health for All through Primary Health Care» are two of the common interests between RC15 and WHO, which can lead to the development of productive working relationships.

Moreover, a longstanding concern for the Committee is to train and develop socio-health researchers to work on problems of primary health care in the push for health for all in developing countries. These researchers are to be equipped with such theoretical perspectives and methodological skills that would allow them to deal with authentic citizen participation, prestige-reward structures, cultural orientations, organization-environment relations, stratification and power and other concerns central to the promotion of health for all through primary health care. There are large numbers of properly trained health sociologists, anthropologists and political economists in the industrial nations, but very few in Africa and in many countries of Asia.

Our Committee is prepared to work with WHO to find ways of encouraging and facilitating the development of this kind of socio-health research workers in developing coun-

tries, rather than those epidemiologists and other public health researchers that are more familiar to WHO.

Country-Contact-Persons Scheme

In order to strengthen our contacts and collaborations with health sociologists in developing countries, the Committee has invited the following six persons to serve as national focal point. In India: Dr R. Venkataratnam, in Nepal: Dr Misva, in Nigeria: Dr Sylvester Ogoh Alubo, in Sri Lanka: Dr Kalinga Tudor Silva, in Tanzania: Dr Akwasi Aidoo and Dr A.D. Kiwara, and in Thailand: Dr Tavitong Hongvivatana.

Since this is a new concept, the duties of a country-contact-person cannot be clearly specified for the time being and have to be gradually formulated out of concrete experiences. To begin with, they are suggested to (1) collect items of news on health sociology and forward them to RC15 Newsletter editor, (2) encourage membership in RC15, (3) possibly encourage local or regional research meetings and otherwise see to the development of the field, and (4) any other relevant activities.

Participation in ISA Research Council

In January 1988, Asa Cristina Laurell was officially named by the RC15's Chairperson to serve as the Alternate Delegate of RC15 to the Research Council of ISA, 1986-90.

On behalf of the Committee, Hans-Ulrich Deppe asked Peter Hexel from the European Centre to attend the mid-Congress meeting of the Research Council, held in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, August 26-31, 1988.

By-laws

At the request and suggestion of the ISA Executive Committee, a set of new Statutes of the RC15 has been prepared for consideration and adoption by members to be present at the RC15 Busi-

ness Meeting on July 9, 1990 during the XIth World Congress of Sociology in Madrid. Derek Gill, former Secretary-Treasurer of RC15 offered advice and assistance in drafting the Statutes.

Publications

Stella Quah edited and published a book on the basis of the papers contributed to her session «Traditional and Alternative Healing in Relation to Cosmopolitan Medicine» at the XIth World Congress of Sociology, New Delhi, India, 1986. The book is titled *The Triumph of Practicality: Tradition and Modernity in Health Care Utilization in Selected Asian Countries*. It was published by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in 1989.

There has been an agreement with Peter J.M. McEwan, Editor-in-Chief of *Social Science and Medicine* that the Journal would receive RC15 papers on a first refusal basis and to publish whatever announcement regarding the RC15 activities.

Newsletter

Jerome Stromburg, University of Colorado, USA, has been replaced by Wim van den Heuvel, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, to serve as the RC15 Newsletter editor beginning from the end of 1986. Since then six issues of the Newsletter have been published: No.18 (Feb. 1987), No. 19 (Aug. 1987), No. 20 (Feb. 1988), No. 21 (Dec. 1988), No. 22 (July 1988), No. 23 (March 1990).

Since mid-1987, Derek Gill of the University of Maryland at Baltimore County Campus, USA, has also agreed to serve as Associate Regional (North America) Newsletter Editor.

In 1988, a grant of US \$ 800 was received from the ISA for subsidising the publication of the RC15 Newsletter.

Membership

Over 500 persons are on the RC15 membership list. Up to now a total of 181 members have paid the membership dues, of whom about 70% are

from hard-currency countries and about 30% are from soft-currency countries. There is a need to increase membership, especially in countries outside North America and Western Europe. A more detailed distribution of members are as follows: Australia and New Zealand 3; Africa 9; Asia 37; East Europe and USSR 6; West Europe 47; North America 72; Latin and South America 7.

RC15 two-year membership dues are \$ 30 for hard-currency countries and \$ 10 for soft-currency countries.

RC16: Sociological theory

Compiled from the RC16 Newsletter, no.1

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History

The idea to establish a new Research Committee on Sociological Theory within the framework of the International Sociological Association was born at the XI World Congress of Sociology at New Delhi in 1986, at the symposium on the theories of social change. Immediately following the Congress, it was decided to present a proposal for consultation to the wide and representative group of theoretically-minded sociologists

from various countries. Around 100 letters were sent out in which the following arguments were put forward:

«We feel that existing Research Committees on History of Sociology and Logic and Methodology do not cover a lively field of debates on contemporary sociological theory: its status, presuppositions and assumptions, implications and applications, relationships among schools, orientations and paradigms, recurring crises and future prospects. Our goal is certainly not to preempt the valid and necessary theoretical interests of all specialized Research Committees in their respective substantive domains, but rather to provide the forum for more general, one may even say meta-theoretical, discussions.

We opt for mutual theoretical openings, plurality of approaches, multidimensionality of theoretical explanations, and cumulative advance of theoretical discourse on the basis of selective reappropriation and reinterpretation of classical sociological heritage.»

The response has been overwhelmingly positive. We have received full and unequivocal support from 82 colleagues from 23 countries and five continents, most of them widely recognized as leading authorities in the field.

In 1990 the group was granted a Research Committee status.

Past activities

July 1988, Krakow, Poland: the Group held an international conference on «Social Progress and Sociological Theory: Movements, Forces and Ideas at the End of the 20th Century». Scholars from 13 countries participated in the following sessions:

- Progress and Disillusion: Overviews of 20th Century Thought
- The Omnipresence of «Crisis» in the late 20th Century: Are there Alternatives?
- Reconsidering Traditional Forces of Progress: seculari-

zation of culture, democratization of power, state intervention in capitalism, planning in socialism, rational communicative action, global management

• Reconsidering Traditional Carriers of Progress: the working class, intellectuals, social movements

• Progress in «Postmodern» World;

July 1990, Madrid, Spain: on the occasion of the XII World Congress of Sociology the Group held nine sessions, a business meeting, and one joint session with the RC on Sociology of Science.

Future activities

Next inter-congress conference will in all probability be held at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden in 1992. Something more definite cannot be said at this time, as the negotiations with SCASS are not yet complete. The theme of the conference will be «Markets, Powers and Values: Convergence Theory Reconsidered».

Newsletter

Our intention is to circulate a newsletter two times a year, Fall and Spring, to all those who register their interest.

Membership

Dues of US \$ 25 for the four years between Congresses should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer.

RC17: Sociology of organization

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RC21: Sociology of urban and regional development

Compiled from RC21 Newsletter of November 1990

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Past activities 1986-1990

The last four years since the New Delhi Congress had been a period of intense activity for the RC21. Conferences had been organized in Dubrovnik (June 1987), Canterbury (September 1987), Rio de Janeiro (September 1988), Moscow and Bristol (September 1989) and Gilleleje (May 1990). The conferences in Rio and Moscow had been particularly important in making contact with fellow researchers in the countries where the RC had relatively few contacts. The Moscow conference - orga-

nized jointly with the Research Committee on Sociology of Work - was the largest international sociology conference to have been held in the Soviet Union.

At the **XIIth World Congress of Sociology** the Committee held 9 regular and 5 joint sessions, all coordinated by Susan Fainstein. An excellent pre-conference event was coordinated by Jesus Leal and Constanza Tobio, offering seminars on Spain and the Madrid region, and a bus tour of the city.

Publications

As far as publications are concerned, the period had seen publication of J. Henderson and M. Castells (eds) *Global Restructuring and Territorial Development* (Sage), based on papers given at the Hong Kong conference in 1985. The only book based on

the New Delhi World Congress will appear in 1991: C. Pickvance and E. Preteceille (eds) *State Restructuring and Local Power: a Comparative Perspective*, Frances Printer/Belhaven Press, London.

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research which started under the auspices of RC21, will be transferred to Basil Blackwell as from January 1991. The subjects of interest to the journal will not change. RC members can obtain a reduced rate subscription to IJURR. Michael Harloe, editor of IJURR, is an ex-officio member of the RC21 Board.

Membership

The four years 1986-1990 had seen a rapid growth in the membership of the RC - from 25 to about 273 in 38 countries.

These include:

Argentina	3	Japan	5
Australia	8	Malaysia	1
Belgium	3	Mexico	4
Brazil	36	Netherlands	7
Bulgaria	3	New Zealand	1
Canada	10	Norway	2
Chile	3	Puerto Rico	1
Colombia	1	Poland	6
Costa Rica	1	Portugal	2
Czechoslovakia	1	Singapore	1
Denmark	6	Spain	14
Finland	1	Sweden	4
France	18	Turkey	1
Germany	9	United Kingdom	33
Greece	5	United States	45
Hungary	6	USSR	9
India	4	Uruguay	1
Iran	1	Venezuela	3
Italy	8	Yugoslavia	6

For details on becoming a member of the RC21, please contact the Secretary, Soledad Garcia (St. Anthony's College, Oxford OX2 6JF, United Kingdom)

The RC is in a strong financial position; its sources of income are subscriptions, conference surpluses, grants from IJURR, royalties on books and the ISA newsletter grant. Its main items of spending apart from administrative costs and newsletter production are travel grants to be provided to those who are (a) presenting papers or orga-

nizing sessions at RC21 conferences, (b) from third world or soft currency countries, and (c) who had been members for one year at the time of application.

Future plans

In the past the RC had acted as a network through which members had got in touch with other members with similar interests. This has led to a number of joint research projects and this seemed likely to continue.

As far as future conferences are concerned, it is hoped

to organize a conference in Prague in 1991. The Eighth Urban Change and Conflict Conference will be held at Lancaster University in September 1991. And it was agreed that efforts should be made to hold a conference in the West Coast of the U.S. during the next four years.

RC22: Sociology of religion

Report submitted by N. Kosalakis, President

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Since the XIth World Congress in New Delhi our Committee was able to expand its activities. This has been mainly through the successful efforts of our Secretary, Roberto Cipriani, who has been able to elicit substantial funds for the RC22. As there are no dues paid by our members we have no regular income apart from the grant of ISA.

The annual **Newsletter** is now dispatched to about 1500 sociologists worldwide. Apart from the general business and activities of our Research Committee the Newsletter also includes detailed programmes of Conferences and activities of professional associations in the social sciences of religion worldwide. It also includes and extensive and up-to-date recent international bibliography and an international directory of sociology of religion.

Our Executive Committee met twice since New Delhi: in Tübingen, August 1987, and in Helsinki, August 1989. During these meetings the Executive planned and approved our general activities and endorsed the programme for our sessions at the XIIth World Congress in Madrid.

Scientific meetings

• A joint session was organized by N. Kokosalakis (Presid-

ent, RC22) with the Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR) at their Annual meeting (Atlanta, Georgia, August 21-23, 1988). The title of the session was «Aspects of Globalization and Privatization of Religion». Papers were presented by James Beckford, Roland Robertson, Peter Beyer and Eugene Schoenfeld.

• A joint participation of RC22/ISA and CIRS in an international conference on «Religion, Values and Complex Society» organized by the Catholic University of Milan. Papers were presented by Thomas Luckmann, Roberto Cipriani, Karel Dobbelaere, Roland Campiche and Nikos Kokosalakis. The papers along with the proceedings of the Conference have been published in *Studi di Sociologia* No. 3-4 1988. Our participation in this activity was organized by the RC22 Secretary, Roberto Cipriani.

Publications

Many papers presented at the sessions of our Research Committee and a symposium organized by our past President, Jim Beckford, at the ISA XI Congress (New Delhi, August 1986) have been now published or are in press. These are:

- «Max Weber's Essays on India and China: Papers from the XI World Congress of Sociology: Research Committee 22», *International Sociology*, 2,3, September 1987; Andreas Buss, «Introductory Comments on Max Weber's Essays on India and China»; Jürgen Lütt, «Max Weber and the Vallabhacharis»; Gary G. Hamilton and Cheng-Shu Kao, «Max Weber and the Analysis of East Asian Industrialization»; V. Subramaniam, «The Status and Function of Intellectuals in State and Society in India and China: Some Critical Comparisons»;

- Adrianus Koster (ed), *Religion and Power*, Amsterdam, Free University - Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Sociology of Development, 1986 (essays by Mart Bax, Joai Ferreira de Almeida, Raul

Iturra, Adrianus Koster, Daniel Meijers); Indian edition in press, New Delhi, Gian Publishing Co.;

- Roberto Cipriani (ed), *La religion populaire*, Archives de Sciences Sociales des Religions, 64.1, juillet-septembre 1987 (essays by Roberto Cipriani, Enzo Pace, Bennetta Jules-Rosette, Nikos Kokosalakis, Emile Poulat); English edition in press, New Delhi, Gian Publishing Co.;

- James A. Beckford, Thomas Luckmann (ed), *The Changing Face of Religion*, London, Sage Publications, 1989 (essays by Roland Robertson, Roberto Cipriani, Yves Lambert, Michael Hill, Wiebe Zwaga, Maria Isaura Pereira de Queiroz, Said Arjomand, Daniel Regan, Bennetta Jules-Rosette, Soumen Sen).

- James Beckford (ed), *Human Rights in Cultural and Religious Tradition*, forthcoming.

Papers contributed to Conference on «Valori, Religione e Società Complesse» in *Studi di Sociologia*, 3-4, Milan, 1988:

- T. Luckmann «La religione e le condizioni sociali della coscienza moderna».

- N. Kokosalakis «Religione e trascendenza. Un commento alla teoria di Luckmann».

- K. Dobbelaere «Religione e società moderna».

- R. Campiche «Religione e società contemporanee. Riflessioni sul saggio di S.N. Eisenstadt».

- R. Cipriani «Al di là della secularizzazione».

RC23: Sociology of science

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RC25: Sociolinguistics

Compiled from the Sociolinguistics Newsletters no. 3 (May 1990) & 4 (January 1991)

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RCS activities 1986-1990

The Board of the Research Committee undertook five main activities during its four year term of office:

- Annual publication of *Sociolinguistics* The Board has delegated this task to Tony Hak, whom it has coopted as an unelected member of the Board. Since January 1987, one volume (17) has been published, another (18) is in press, and a third (19) will appear before the end of 1990.

- Bi-annual publication of *Sociolinguistics Newsletter* As indicated above, since January 1987, three issues have appeared, and a fourth will appear before the end of 1990. The first two were edited jointly by Charles Kaplan and Tony Hak. The third is edited by Brian Torode.
- RCS conference between World Congresses.

«Conversation, Discourse, Conflict» conference held at Trinity College Dublin in March 1989, convened Brian Torode, attracted over 100 participants from four continents. Copies of the conference handbook are still available, price \$5.

- XII World Congress of Sociology

Sociolinguistics sessions at the World Congress of Sociology were coordinated by Zbigniew Boksanski.

Membership

Before 1986 RCS had over 300 members. Since then the fall in the value of the dollar, also the growth of other organizations in the sociolinguistics field, had weakened demand and increased alternative sources of supply for the services which RCS offered. Currently RCS has between 70 and 90 paid-up members.

1991 Membership rates are:

- Regular, includes subscription to *Sociolinguistics*: US \$ 18 or DM 30

- Student or Member from country of non-convertible currency, excludes *Sociolinguistics*: US \$ 5 or DM 10

- Membership without *Sociolinguistics*: US \$ 12 or DM 20

Payments should be made either by cheque payable to Research

Committee on Sociolinguistics Membership/Treasurer, Jörg Bergmann, or by direct bank transfer to RCS Bank Account: R.J. Bergmann, Account no: 251- 000869, Sparkasse Giessen, BLZ 51350025, Giessen, Germany.

RC26: Sociotechnics - sociological practice

Report submitted by Mark van de Vall, President

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The period 1989-1990 has been one of many activities. The main action was devoted to organizing and conducting

three international conferences: (a) in Ottawa, Canada, (b) in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia and (c) in Madrid, Spain. Details of each conference are presented below.

Internal communication

Issue No.11 of the RC26 Newsletter, April 1989 was published by Joachim K.H.W. Schmidt, while six 'Letters of the RC26 President' have been mailed to all RC26 members.

Latest business meeting

At the business meeting in Ottawa of RC26 it was decided that the accumulated positions of Secretary/Treasurer/Newsletter Editor should be separated between Secretary/Treasurer and Editor of the Newsletter. At that meeting Joachim K.H.W. Schmidt was elected Editor of the Newsletter, while it was decided that Horst Schneider (Bielefeld) should be invited for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. However, one week later H. Schneider was elected Chairman of the West German Association of Sociological Practitioners. Due to this extra burden to his already heavy research task, H. Schneider decided to decline the invitation from RC26.

Three conferences

• «Developing a Paradigm of Effective Social Action: Canada in Comparative Context», Carleton University, Ottawa, May 10-11, 1989.

This conference was organized by RC26 in cooperation with the Sociology Department of Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada and the Institute for Technology Policy, Ottawa. About 70 participants attended, from the following nations: Canada, Switzerland, Poland, Holland, FRG, USA, China, Hungary, Norway. Also present were representatives of the World Bank and the United Nations.

• Sociological Practice and Political and Economic Changes», Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, July 2-5, 1990.

This conference was orga-

nized by RC26 with the cooperation of the Slovak Sociological Association and the Institute for Building Economy and Organization, Bratislava, CSSR. It was attended by participants from Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, GDR, FRG, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, UK, USA, USSR and Yugoslavia.

• XII World Congress of Sociology, Madrid, Spain, July 9-13, 1990.

The program of RC26 at the XII World Congress was organized at the international conference of RC26 in Noorwijkerhout (near Leiden), Holland, June, 1988. The program of RC26 consisted of 9 thematic sessions and 3 joint sessions, with papers presented by 83 scholars and practitioners from the following nations: USA, Canada, Netherlands, Poland, FRG, Switzerland, Israel, UK, Norway, Tanzania, Hungary, Australia, South Africa, China, USSR.

The program was a success not only in quantitative terms, but also in qualitative terms, because of the theoretical and/or methodological level of many papers. A selection of these will be published in a special issue of *Knowledge and Policy*.

Future activities

For the period 1990-1994 international conferences are being planned in Budapest, Hungary (8-12 July 1991) and at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands (June 1992).

The theme of the Budapest conference is «Sociology and Intentional Social Change». Participants are requested to enroll at two different points:

1. for paper registration

Abstracts of papers should be sent to co-program organizer, Joyce Iutovich (652 West 17 Street, Erie, PA 16502, USA)

2. for hotel and conference registration

Please write to Baranyayné Selingá Ilona, SZVT, Budapest 1371, Pf. 433, Hungary, fax: 36-1-156.1215

Membership

At the business meeting of July 11, 1991, dues for the RC26 membership have been raised to \$ 40 for 4 years for hard currency countries; \$20 for 4 years for soft currency countries.

Cheques in US\$ made out to Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice should be mailed to the Treasurer.

RC27: Sociology of sport

Compiled from the ICSS Bulletin no.38, December 1990

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Membership

The final membership total for 1989 was over 200. Japan and Korea continue to be the main source of new members, and the ICSS are clearly making gains in the United Kingdom and Spain. But Germany and the USA continue to

be disappointing and we have great difficulty attracting membership from France. All three countries have a strong

tradition in the sociology of sport, and all ideas for attracting more members from Germany and France are welco-

me. Perhaps ICSS recent joint initiative with NASSS will help to provide more American members.

PAID MEMBERS BY COUNTRY

	December 1989	July 1990
Australia	3	2
Austria	1	1
Belgium	5	2
Czechoslovakia	1	1
Canada	20	10
FRG	9	8
Finland	9	3
France	6	5
GDR	2	-
Hungary	2	1
Israel	1	1
Italy	2	2
Jamaica	1	1
Japan	32	28
Korea	29	12
Netherlands	1	1
Nigeria	1	-
Norway	2	1
Poland	6	2
Portugal	1	1
Singapore	1	1
Spain	3	7
Sweden	3	2
Switzerland	2	1
UK	7	7
USA	48	35
USSR	2	-
Yugoslavia	2	1
	202	136

Three types of membership are available: Regular Membership; Special Membership (available to students and others not in full-time regular employment - status to be determined by General Secretary); and, Institutional Membership (available to colleges, universities, libraries, and sport related organizations or institutes).

All members receive:

International Review for the Sociology of Sport (Editor: Klaus Heinemann, FRG; 4 issues/year) *ICSS Bulletin* (Editor: Kalevi Olin, Finland; 2 issues/year) Membership dues should be payable to the ICSS and forwarded to the General Secretary, Peter Donnelly.

Finances

Financial situation of ICSS remains relatively secure. The increase in membership dur-

ing 1989 helped to overcome the anticipated difficulty of paying for Vol. 25 of the IRSS in advance. However, it may become necessary to contribute to the costs of the Secretariat and the Bulletin in the near future; and we should also be aware that part of the amount now held results from some members paying for two or three years.

ICSS/NASSS Exchange

The recently concluded exchange between Oldenbourg Verlag Publishers and Human Kinetics Publishers with regard to ICSS and NASSS mailing lists and advertising should be beneficial to ICSS. NASSS has approximately 150 American members, only 50 of whom are members of ICSS. The agreement may lead to further joint ventures between the two organizations.

Future events

• ICSS Seminar: «Sport: Social Change and Social Process» Based on the meeting Protocol of the sport sociology work-group of East-European countries as of October 19, 1989 and the decision of the Board Meeting of ICSS in Madrid, July 11, 1990, the next ICSS seminar will be held in Tallinn, Estonian Republic, (USSR), on June 26-29, 1991.

Sub-themes: Sport and its values in a changing society; The changing face of sport organizations; Changing theoretical - methodological perspectives.

In addition to the sessions organized around these themes, a session for «Open papers» and three Round Table discussions will be held: Teaching sociology of sport; The changing role of the state, its effects on the practice of

sports and on sport organizations; Sport and economic development. Abstracts, including title, author's name and institution should be submitted in English, typewritten, double spaced, and must not exceed 350 words. Proceedings including all lectures will be published. The original and one copy should be sent to: Seminar of Sociology of Sport, Tallinn Teacher Training Institute, 25 Narva Rd, Tallinn 200102, Estonia, USSR. And a copy to co-organizer Kalevi Olin (PL 35, 40351 Jyväskylä, Finland).

RC28: Social stratification

Report submitted by Rudolf Andorka, outgoing President

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Activities 1986-1990

The idea to have two annual meetings was proposed in 1984 and was followed since 1985. The reason for having two meetings - one in the European region and another one in the American region - was that the RC has many members in both continents who wanted to meet at least once a year, but many of whom were not able to pay for the trans-Atlantic travel. Following meetings were held in the course of the last four years:

1986 - New Delhi: XI World Congress of Sociology

1987 - Nürnberg and Berkeley

1988 - Haifa and Madison

1989 - Utrecht and Stanford

1990 - Madrid: XII World Congress of Sociology

Each of the meetings was well attended and there was a high level of scientific exchange. The goal of the RC is to provide an international forum for all kinds of research on social mobility, broader aspects of stratification, inequalities, social structures. The greatest scientific achievements were attained in the development of the methodology of research on stratification and in the international comparison of social mobility, stratification, social fluidity. The state of the art in the field of international comparison was presented by R. Andorka at the Ljubljana meeting of the ISA Research Council (1988).

Future meetings

The RC will continue to meet at least twice a year between World Conferences, once a year in the Western Hemisphere, and once a year in the Eastern Hemisphere. Many participants to the Madrid Business Meeting expressed their interest in combining North American meetings with American Sociological Association meetings (which usually are held around the middle of August). At the moment, a relatively large number of members is willing to organize a meeting.

For 1991, the meetings have been scheduled as follows:

17-21 June 1991: Prague, Czechoslovakia, hosted by Pavel Machonin and Petr Mateju: «Social Inequality in Historical and Comparative Perspective». The organizers expect to organize a total of 11 three-hour sessions with a maximum of 66 papers.

20-21 August: Columbus, Ohio, United States, hosted by Toby Parcel: «Considering Individual and Structural Explanations of Inequality».

A more provisional schedule for 1992 is:

January 1992: Canberra, Australia (Kelly and Evans)

Spring 1992: Warsaw, Poland (Slomczynski)

August 1992: Salt Lake City, USA (Sharda)

Potential sites for the 1993 (or 1992) meetings include Trieste (Cobalti), Stockholm (Jonsson), Ankara (Ozcan), Surrey (Mills), Calgary (Wanner), Tokyo (Tominaga) and Los Angeles (Treiman).

Membership:

As of August 1990, the RC had 361 members. They are located in 52 countries, and distributed in the following way: (94) United States; (26) German Federal Republic, Netherlands; (20) Canada; (16) Poland; (14) United Kingdom; (12) Norway, Sweden; (11) Japan; (10) Italy; (9) Hungary, India, Israel; (8) Australia, Yugoslavia; (6) Finland, France; (5) Spain, Switzerland; (4) Nigeria, Portugal; (3) Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia; (2) Austria, Brazil, Mexico, People's Republic of China, Republic of South Africa, Republic of Botswana, Taiwan, USSR, Venezuela; (1) Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Ireland, Kenya, Northern Ireland, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Turkey, Uruguay.

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RC29: Deviance and social control

Report submitted by Manfred Brusten, out-going President

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Conferences

• International Conference on «Police, Culture Conflict and Crime», November 1987,

Montreal, Canada. This first conference of the RC29 during the period of 1986-1990 was well organized by Louise Shelley just before the 1987 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Montreal. It was attended by approximately 20 colleagues from 10 countries who presented excellent papers and had enlightening discussions on three main topics: Privatization of Police; History of Crime and Criminal Justice; Cultural Conflict, Crime and Criminal Justice.

• International Conference on «Crime, Drugs and Social Control», December 1988, Hong Kong.

The conference was an extremely successful joint venture of the RC on the one side and the local organizers (particularly Dr. Harold Traver) from the Department of Sociology at the University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Society of Criminology on the other side. In all there were about 50 participants, although most of them came from Hong Kong (as was expected). Nevertheless, 22 came from abroad representing 10 different countries. Hong Kong was obviously not only from a historical point of view the right location for an international conference on 'Crime, Drugs and Social Control', but also with respect to the specific aspects to deal with the problem: the economic interest involved in the drug problem; the relationship between the drug problem and politics; the not intended consequences of the attempts to get the drug problem under control; the class structures of the drug problem.

Besides the academic matters the Hong Kong Society of Criminology had organized some drug-related excursions and a real Chinese dinner including high-level speeches on the local criminology policy until midnight.

• First International Conference on «Problems of Deviant Behavior» in the USSR, 23-27 April 1990 in Vostriakovo near Moscow.

Our 'joint venture' with the Research Committee on Deviant Behavior of the Soviet Sociological Association and the Institute for Sociology of the USSR Academy of Sciences has been by all means a great success and a splendid experience. 75 participants took part in that conference, 40 of them from the East (the USSR and Poland), 35 from the West (USA, Canada, Finland, West-Germany, France, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Israel and even Australia). In all 17 participants were members of our RC29. 41 papers and speeches were presented during these four exciting days. The main topics were: The Development of the Sociology of Deviance and Social Problems in the USSR; Research on Alcohol Consumption and Alcohol Policy in East and West; Drug Abuse and Control in Different Countries; Homosexuality, Prostitution and Aids; Selected Issues on Juvenile Delinquency.

After so many years of physical and ideological isolation of social scientists in the Soviet Union, this conference truly became a successful test field for Glasnost and Perestroika.

Suggestions for future conferences

Below is a list of locations and colleagues, who offered to organize Research Committee conferences within the next years, among these: International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Oñati (Spain), Moscow/Leningrad (USSR), Budapest (Hungary); other offers from Switzerland, India and Australia.

As these conferences will take place during the next 4-year-term, the new President of the Research Committee, Louise Shelley, began with the preparation by discussing possible subjects for these conferences and their concrete locations and dates.

Publications

Although several colleagues have tried very hard to produce and publish books

based on papers presented at the RC29 conferences, no publication could be finished during the 1986-1990 period. However, three are still in the process of being published (hopefully soon on the market).

(a) An updated version of our Jerusalem Conference 1985. Leslie Sebba, University of Jerusalem, has taken a new initiative in this matter, after the book practically had been finished a few years ago, but then had to face problems with the publishers originally contacted.

(b) Harold Traver and Mark Gaylor have finished the editing of their book on our conference in Hong Kong December 1988, which will be published at the end of 1990 or at the beginning of 1991.

(c) Boris Levin and Manfred Brusten have - on the basis of a contract with the Institute for

Sociology of the Soviet Academy of Sciences - started collecting revised versions of papers presented in Vostriakovo near Moscow in April 1990. Already several attempts to raise money were unsuccessful, showing the immense difficulties with publishing books based on conferences, although - particularly in this case - the conference was definitely historically unique.

Newsletters

The main means of communication within the Research Committee is, no doubt, the regular newsletter. In all 8 of such newsletters were produced and distributed every six months during the period of 1986 to 1990. Thus, keeping the members of the RC informed about RC Conferences (announcements and reports), publications and help

wanted by members, the development in membership (including an address list for individual communication, and information about elections), other conferences, developments and major publications in the field of Deviance and Social Control, preparations for the ISA World Congress.

Membership

Including some late comers who joined the RC just before the end of the last term, we have now in all 243 colleagues from 36 countries of the world, who have become members of our RC, which is - compared to the 155 we had at the beginning of the term - quite an increase we are particularly proud of because the open and fruitful communication between colleagues in the field of «Deviance and Social Control» all over the world is the main aim of our Research Committee.

Paid-up members 1986-1990:

Algeria	1	Italy	3
Australia	14	Japan	32
Austria	1	Mexico	1
Belgium	9	Netherlands	3
Botswana	1	Nigeria	2
Brazil	6	Norway	1
Canada	17	Peru	1
Denmark	2	Poland	4
England	1	Rumania	2
Finland	4	Scotland	3
France	4	Spain	3
FRG	16	Sweden	4
GDR	1	Switzerland	3
Hong Kong	3	Taiwan	1
Hungary	2	Uruguay	2
India	24	USA	56
Ireland	1	USSR	5
Israel	8	Venezuela	2

RC30: Sociology of work

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and to discuss activities and plans of our Committee. A main problem was, however, that never all board members got together at any one time, which restricted the potential for a greater activity. The main hindrance were scarcity of individual travel funds.

We regard our **Newsletter** as the main means of communication - as it is, though, more to the members than between the members. We got to publish in our Newsletter some reports on the state of sociology of work in different members' countries, some information on recent publications, or on ongoing research of members. We only would have liked to get more of that.

On the mailing list for the Newsletter are now more than 430 scholars (with a mayor single push in receivers after a conference and speeches to a meeting of sociologists in the Soviet Union). For the Newsletter we again received a grant from ISA in 1989, but most of our incoming money from fees also goes into the Newsletter production and mailing. Two Newsletter editions per year have been published.

Conferences

Conferences have been the other important means of communication and contacts between members. Because of travel funds limitations, however, only a restricted number of members has been able to actively participate at any single one of the various occasions. Our last international conferences were:

- Halle, GDR, April 1989: «The Sociology of Work and its Practical Applicability»
- Bremen, FRG, June 1989: «Services: Work of the Future / the Future of Work? New Organization Concepts of Service Work»
- Moscow, USSR, September 1989: «Self-government and Social Protection in the Urban Settlement and at the enterprise» (together with RC21 «Regional and Urban Development» and the Soviet So-

ciological Association);

- Boston, USA, April 1990: «Professions and Public Authority: Historical and Comparative Perspectives»
- Madrid World Congress of Sociology, July 1990: In addition to 14 thematic and joint sessions, our RC30 prepared a special meeting between our international members and Spanish sociologists of work;
- Athens, Greece, November 1990: «Work Democracy Participation» organized in collaboration with RC10 and European Group for Organizational Studies.

Publications

Out of the RC30 conference at Arnoldshain/Frankfurt in March 1988 came: J. Buber Agassi, S. Heycock, eds. *The Redesign of Working Time: Promise or Threat*, Berlin FRG 1989.

Out of the conference at Moscow Sept. 1989 came a book of papers: O. Shkaratan, ed., *Self-Government and Social Protection in the Urban Settlement and at the Enterprise*. Moscow 1990 (in print).

Out of the conference on Theoretical and Methodological Developments in Sociology of Work in Comparative Perspective came a special issue of *The Polish Sociological Bulletin*, ed. by J. Kulpinska, 1990 (in print).

Out of the conference on Service Work at Bremen, June 1989 two volumes are in preparation: W. Littek, U. Heisig, H.D. Gondek, eds., *New Concepts of Action Coordination in Service Work, and on Structural Change and Employment Conditions in Various Areas of the Service Sector* (in German, Berlin FRG 1990/91).

Statutes

Our RC does not yet have Statutes of its own, but the issue is disseminated to our board members for opinion building, and it was scheduled for discussion at the Business Meeting during the Madrid World Congress.

Membership

The number of members who paid the fees grew since September 1988 by ca. 58. Our policy towards members from countries with non-convertible currency is to encourage activities for the RC in that country, or payment from individuals in local currency to institutions in that country.

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RC31: Sociology of migration

Report submitted by Ursula Mehrländer, Secretary

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At present the RC31 has about 125 members in good standing. Some changes have occurred of late: some members have departed, mainly for reasons of age, and new members have been recruited. The membership fee is unchanged at 20 US\$ for the four-year period. We have decided to waive payment of the membership fee for members living in countries where it is impossible to export currency. Those members should contact the Secretary/Treasurer.

To become a member of the RC31 he/she should contact the Secretary/Treasurer. The only precondition to become a member is that the applicant is working and publishing in the field of migration. It would be of advantage to enclose a short curriculum vitae and a list of publications with the application letter. In case the application is accepted the new member has to pay a fee of US \$ 20 (which covers the period from application to the next World Congress of Sociology in 1994).

Past conferences

- World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi, August 18-22, 1986. The RC31 organized 9 sessions at which about 35 papers were presented and discussed, as well as 2 business meetings.
- Research Council Meeting and International Conference of the ISA on «Cross-Cultural and International Research: Theory, Methods, Projects, Organization» and «Centralization vs. Decentralization» were held in Ljubljana, September 1988. Ursula Mehrländer, Secretary and Treasurer participated in these Research Council Meetings on behalf of the RC31. She prepared and read a paper on «Current Trends in Migration Studies in Western Europe» which has been published later on in *International Migration*, Vol. XXVI, No. 4, 1988, pp. 461-468. During the Research Council Meeting first agreements for joint sessions were made in regard to the next World Congress of Sociology in Madrid, 1990.
- Intercongress meeting of RC31 in Utrecht, April 1989. The Center for Studies of Multi-Ethnic Society (SMES) at the University of Utrecht, Netherlands, in cooperation with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Bonn, organized the Intercongress meeting of the RC31. The theme of the conference was: «Current trends in migration and social mobility of migrants». About 25 papers were presented and discussed. It is

planned to publish the proceedings of this conference in English and in German. Han Entzinger, Utrecht, and Ursula Mehrländer, Bonn, are working as editors.

During this Intercongress meeting a business meeting of the members of the RC31 was also held. The topics of the sessions of RC31 at the next World Congress of Sociology were discussed and organizers were chosen.

* XII World Congress of Sociology, July 1990, Madrid, Spain. RC31 held 9 thematic and 3 joint sessions as well as a business meeting. Program was coordinated by Ursula Mehrländer.

Newsletter and Bulletin

The Newsletter of the RC31 is published four times a year in the *International Migration Review*, New York. Each member of the RC31 is entitled to a 20% discount on the subscription to the IMR. Catherine Withol, Paris, has kindly undertaken to act as editor of the Newsletter. RC31 has received an ISA grant for the production of its Newsletter.

Otherwise, 4 bulletins were sent by the Secretary/Treasurer to members to provide further information on activities planned:

- Bulletin No.16: Results of the election to the Board of Officers (1986-1990), Information on the New Delhi World Congress of Sociology,
- Bulletin No.17: Information on the Intercongress Meeting of RC31 and call for papers, first information on the Madrid World Congress,
- Bulletin No.18: Call for papers for the World Congress of Sociology in Madrid,
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RC32: Women in society

Compiled from the RC32 Newsletter, Fall 1990

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Past activities

Neera Desai had to step in much before her turn as Chairperson of RC32 because Lourdes Arizpe became the president of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES). The difficulties of reaching various parts of the globe, the overwhelming response to the different sessions and the usual problems of shortage of time constituted part of the experience of running an international organization. A major handicap of this term mentioned was the absence of the publication of a Newsletter, which led to a situation where members could not be informed well in advance about the developments.

• Conferences

At the XII World Congress of Sociology, July 1990, RC32 was able to organize nine regular and six joint sessions.

Further the pre-congress Symposium (July 5-7) on Family, Women and Development organized jointly with ISSC and IUAES in Segovia (Spain) with about 22 participants, was a very rewarding joint activity. RC32 also collaborated in 1988 with IUAES Women's Commission and ISSC in the pre-congress symposium organized in Zagreb.

• Formation of statutes for RC32.

Two committees were formed. Nomination Committee for office bearers, was constituted by Valentine Moghadam (chair) Hanna Papa-

nek, Kamla Ganesh, Gudrun Ludwar-Ene; Committee for drafting statutes was composed of Deniz Kandiyoti, Shirley Nuss, Valentine Moghadam, and Hanna Papanek.

Other important point was laying down of the procedure to see that alternate persons to each post are elected so that crisis situation could be avoided.

Valentine Moghadam volunteered to take responsibility to inform the members about nominations and elections, and to edit and circulate

a newsletter until the election results are finalized.

• Resolutions

At the end of the Business Meeting held in Madrid, 1990, two resolutions were accepted. One resolution was concerned with the absence of women of African descent from international scholarship.

Another motion criticized the existing pattern of organizing Symposia at ISA, where participation of women has been between 10 and 20 percent. Whereas feminist

knowledge and theories are very relevant to various topics, only one symposium title mentioned gender. It was therefore, recommended that every symposium should have 50 percent representation from women and feminist perspectives be incorporated while framing the programme. Both these resolutions were sent to the ISA President T.K. Oommen for further action.

Membership

RC32 has currently 194. The distribution is as follows:

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Eastern Europe.....	1	Asia.....	29
Western Europe.....	38	Middle East.....	3
North America.....	88	Oceania.....	4

RC33: Logic and methodology in sociology

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RC33 Sponsored Events: Policies and Plans

The last four years were particularly successful in staging a series of workshops and conferences brought

about by the activity of individual RC33 members who functioned as liaison to local and national institutions. These were two very successful conferences in Amsterdam 1984 and Dubrovnik 1986 organized by Willem Saris and Anuska Ferligoj, respectively. These RC33 co-sponsored events were arranged following a rather simple policy:

1. Each individual RC33 member is encouraged to explore opportunities to have a local or national institution co-sponsor an RC33 workshop or conference. RC33 co-sponsorship is non-monetary and to some degree symbolic.

2. RC33 co-sponsorship is contingent upon equal and fair access of all RC33 members to such an event. This includes an impartial review process of papers/abstracts submitted or the establishment of other fair selection criteria and their even application.

3. To make sure that the RC33 objectives outline above are honored, designated RC33 officers should be ex-officio members of an international organizing committee.

Logic and Methodology Newsletter is published twice a year (Spring and Fall);

15-30 pages of news related to RC33 activities, the ISA, and recent methodological developments; the Newsletter is currently published with the BMS (Bulletin de Méthodologie Sociologique),

Membership

Payment of membership dues US\$ 10 or FF 70 for the 1991-1994 period can be made by either:

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RC34: Sociology of youth

Report submitted by Jürgen Hartmann, outgoing President

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General observations

The period 1986-1990 has been for the RC34 a time of consolidation and intensive scientific activities in accordance to the planning schedule drawn up at the World Congress in New Delhi. The decentralized structure of the Committee with a number of regional Vice-Presidents was very conducive to an increase of scientific activities in all parts of the world. 23 conferences under the umbrella of the RC34 were organized in cooperation with regional and national organizations bringing together some thousands of youth researchers from a large variety of countries, details can be seen in the overview of activities further down.

As a matter of central importance was the enlargement of participation of researchers from countries up to 1986 not being active in RC34 as a number of countries in Africa, Latin America or the P.R. China, GDR, Rumania and Czechoslovakia by organizing conferences in those countries.

Though the Vice-Presidents for Africa and Latin America made a considerable effort to raise the activity level from their region and also a number of support actions by the President were undertaken, the number of researchers from those regions and the number of activities are still rather low and new efforts have to be made in the future to find ways to involve youth researchers in Africa and Latin America in the international exchange within our Committee.

With respect to GDR and Czechoslovakia the development was very successful as both the number of researchers being active in the Committee and the meetings were multiplied during the past period. Several international meetings were hosted in both countries and a fruitful exchange also on individual and bilateral level was initiated by the activities of RC34. With the political change that has taken place in those countries, and Eastern Europe as a whole, we expect a further increase in the engagement of researchers from Eastern Europe which during a long period was hindered by ideological constraints.

It was also possible to establish direct contacts to Chinese youth researchers and even to reach an agreement for an international youth conference in China in Spring 1990. The unfortunate events of June 1989 made it impossible to realize our plans.

Regional activities

As foreseen in the plan of action of RC34, the Vice-Presidents became the main organizers of regional meetings in their areas. At least one meeting was organized in each region and in addition, a net of youth researchers was established in each region.

Though some of our plans to establish regional youth research centers have not yet become a reality, grounds have been laid in the Asian and African regions that might flourish, if the needed finan-

cial resources can be obtained in the future.

In this context, the development of the European region can be seen as an example for a decentralized strategy to strengthen the web of communication and scientific work beyond the ad-hoc work of single research meetings with a minimum of outside financial backing.

The sub-regional activities of Nordic youth researchers initiated by Ola Stafseng, Britta Jonsson and others have led to regular bi-annual research conferences on the Nordic level, an exchange of bibliographies on youth research and a regular newsletter serving the Nordic countries. The exchange of youth researchers has been intensified on the formal level by inviting foreign scholars to the Boards of National Youth Research, as in the case of Norway, and by a number of informal seminars and direct research contacts between the countries.

The political developments of 1989 has on the European level resulted in the foundation of an all Circle of Youth Research Coordination in Europe (CYRCE) in Berlin on the initiative of Vice-President Sibylle Hübner-Funk. CYRCE has the aim to establish a forum for common European research initiatives bringing together youth researchers from both Eastern and Western Europe in cooperation with international agencies as the Council of Europe and the European Community.

Through the established network of European youth researchers it will be possible to allocate personnel and financial resources for youth issues of central interest in the forthcoming years in Europe.

Future developments

It is of utmost importance for the work of RC34 to recruit devoted and engaged colleagues both as members and as officers of the Board. But also the ability of the RC34 to stay in contact with the general

development of scientific research in youth research and, especially, in sociology will contribute to the growth of our Committee. In respect to the social development of the «global society», the Committee has an excellent starting position as the problems of social change and renewal are closely linked to the situation of the young generation. The themes of **Democratic Participation of Youth and the relation of Youth and New Technologies** addressed earlier in larger comparative studies sponsored by RC34, have been well in line with actual social development and can be used as bases for future studies of the social processes of change visible in China and other Third World countries can be placed in the frame of reference developed in those studies and extrapolations from the theoretical discussions offered can be applied to various scenarios of future societal development.

A third area of special interest is the **growing rate of migration** either in the form of refugees, migrating workers, urbanization processes or international tourism which is heavily effecting the youth generation in most parts of the world. RC34 has received an invitation to participate in the first World Conference on Youth Tourism taking place in January 1991, New Delhi, India. The social and political effects of increase mobility among young people should be of major concern to the future work of our Committee.

Scientific events 1986-1990

Research projects:

- European Youth and New Technologies: Attitudes, Actions, Consequences, 1987-1990;
- Social Problems of the Transition from Education to Work and the Ongoing Scientific Revolution, 1989;
- Work as a Value under the Conditions of New Technologies, 1988-1990;
- Regional Project on Youth

in Asia and the Pacific Region, 1988-1990.

Scientific conferences:

- Youth Research in Scandinavia, Oslo, Norway, January 1987;
- Youth and New Technologies, Varna, Bulgaria, May 1987;
- Estudios e Investigaciones sobre Juventud en America Latina: Balance y Perspectivas, Montevideo, Uruguay, August 1987;
- Meeting of the Heads of Youth Research Centers, Sofia/Bulgaria, September 1987;
- Young People and Their Parents (joint meeting with RC06), Freising-Munich, FRG, September 1987;
- Education, Youth and Nation Building (joint meeting with RC04), Canberra, Australia, November 1987;
- Theoretical and Methodological Problems of Youth Research, Leipzig/GDR, December 1987;
- BSA Youth Study Group: Current Research in Britain, London, UK, March 1988;
- Regional Conference on Youth and Democratization, Varna, Bulgaria, May 1988;
- Youth in Latin America, Montevideo, Uruguay, August 1988;
- Youth at the Start of the Third Millennium: Problems and Prospects, Prague, CSSR, June 1988;
- Life Course and Generational Politics (jointly with ISPP), New York, July 1988;
- Youth Movements (jointly with ASA), Atlanta, Georgia, USA, August 1988;
- Regional Conference on Youth: USSR region, Moscow, USSR, November 1988;
- Youth and Scientific-technological Revolution, Leipzig, GDR, November 1988;
- Youth and New Technologies: Project meeting, Madrid, Spain, December 1988;
- Youth Marginality in the Third World Countries, Visakhapatnam, India, March 1989;
- * Second Nordic Youth Research Conference, Savonlinna, Finland, June 1989;

- Panel on Age-Related Topic (jointly with ISPP), Tel Aviv, Israel, 1989;
- International Meeting on Youth and Social Mobility, Varna, Bulgaria, May 1989;
- Youth and Value-Orientations: Structures, Determinants and Processes, Weimar, GDR, September 1989;
- Youth and New Technologies: Project meeting, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, February 1990;
- Youth and New Technologies: Project meeting, Prague, CSSR, April 1990.

Publications

International Bulletin of Youth Research, 2 vol. annually; In charge: Rudolf Mayer, Sibylle Hübner-Funk, Distribution: J. Hartmann.

A number of volumes published by RC members; some of them include contributions presented at the RC meetings.

Forthcoming:

Further Development of the International Youth Library Documentation and International Youth Library. In charge: Ivan Velev.

Databank on the Network of Youth Researchers

In charge: Sylvia Trnka.

Membership

While the newsletter has been sent to about 450 researchers around the globe, the number of members paying actually their dues has been around 200. Though rules allowing payments in local currency to the regional Vice-President have been applied, this offer has only resulted in a larger participation in the Eastern European region.

In order to be a full member of the RC34, you are obliged to pay your membership due of \$ 30 (institutional members: US \$ 300) for the working period 1990-1994.

Payments should be transferred to the Treasurer. Do not use personal cheques; use international money orders or direct transfers to postal giro account no.7522.653 with the Austrian PSK Bank (Vienna).

RC35: Committee on conceptual and terminological analysis COCTA

Report submitted by Jan-Erik Lane, President

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At the XIIth World Congress of Sociology in Madrid, in the midst of a number of well attended panels, it was decided to enlarge the board of COCTA with a number of qualified sociologists from different countries. Bringing in people with extensive experience of social research underlines the efforts to move COCTA to confront the major theoretical problems within the social sciences. As a matter of fact, significant steps have already been taken to initiate a collaboration between COCTA and the other major research groups within the ISA that focus on concepts and approaches in so-

cial theory in order to arrive at common panels at the 1994 World Congress of the ISA.

In between these years there will be a new group within the SUBMET framework of COCTA that will hold conferences in order to discuss key concepts in sociological research.

At the APSA meeting in San Francisco, August 1990, the problem of rejuvenating the COCTA group was again debated in a candid and open fashion. It was decided to launch a strong set of panels at the IPSA World Congress in Buenos Aires in July 1991 focussing on concept analysis and political theory.

Moreover, Judith Gillespie will take on the task of bringing out the COCTA news in the future. Together with George Graham she will reactivate COCTA within the APSA structure.

Progress has been made in the work that COCTA is doing with the International Social Science Council. Fred W. Riggs will continue his work on conceptual glossaries within the INTERCOCTA group and will seek an outlet for publishing the finalized version of the major Ethnicity manuscript.

Jan-Erik Lane has brought out his manuscript on social, economic and political development in published form:

Comparative Political Economy with Pinter Publishers in London and Columbia University Press in New York. It has sold about 1000 copies within three months, which is no surprise as COCTA publications used to receive attention.

RC36: Alienation theory and research

Report submitted by Felix Geyer, President, and Walter Heinz, Secretary

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Newsletters

President and Secretary have compiled the following Newsletters:

Vol.6-2: September 1988
Vol.6-3: December 1988
Vol.7-1: November 1989

These Newsletters were mailed to the 316 persons on our mailing list. Due to our large number of Indian members (66), it was decided to print an Indian edition of our Newsletter, which could be cheaply produced in India, and mailed for inland postage, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Bhoite; non-convertible Indian membership fees were used for this purpose.

Moreover, a 72-page abstract booklet was mailed to all congress participants. It contains RC36 Madrid program: nine sessions, one joint session with RC26 and three triple-joint sessions (RC 05-31-36, RC 10-32-36, RC10-30-

36); and furthermore all abstracts, as well as the agenda for our business meeting with enclosures.

Meetings

• A conference on «Social Movements as a Force of De-alienation» was organized jointly by our RC and RC10 at the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, March 14-18, 1988. Some 30 participants from 14 countries discussed 20 papers that were presented in plenary sessions. The general theme was subdivided into four subtopics:

- Theoretical approaches: Alienation, de-alienation, «old» and «new» social movements;

- New social movements in post-industrial societies;

- Workers' movements and self-management;

- Social movements and social change: Comparative historical and empirical approaches.

• RC Secretary Walter Heinz spent half a year as a fellow at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS) in early 1989, and invited several members of RC36 for discussions about methodological advances in longitudinal research on changes in alienation in the life course.

• RC President Felix Geyer and Walter Heinz had four meetings in Amsterdam and the Hague in spring and summer 1989 in order to plan sessions and coordinate papers for the World Congress in Madrid; this entailed intensive contacts with 20 session organizers and co-organizers, and with the individual participants as well.

Cooperation within ISA

Felix Geyer and David Schweitzer attended the ISA Research Council meeting in Ljubljana, September 1988, as representatives of RC36.

A \$ 800 subsidy was received from the ISA, especially for production and mailing of our Newsletter.

Newsletters are exchanged

with many other RC's in order to provide up-to-date information about our activities to members of RC's in related fields.

For the Madrid congress, joint sessions have been organized with RC's 05, 10, 26, 30, 31, and 32.

Initiative to rename the RC

One of the reasons for the declining and increasingly passive interest of our members - apart from the usual ones: people move to other fields, travel grants are increasingly difficult to obtain, etc. - might lie in the fact that the theme of alienation itself went out of fashion, and has lost its prominence in sociological theory and research during the past decade. There is, however, a variety of topics in current discourse which are related to alienation / de-alienation, e.g. individualism and cultural estrangement, social networks and social isolation, empowerment, new social movements, peaceful revolutions in Eastern Europe, etc. Therefore, the RC Board has started a debate, initiated by our member Aaron Antonovsky, for a possible change or adaptation of our name.

RC Statutes

At the request of the Research Council, statutes were drawn up, and approved by the Board.

Interim conference

Plans are being made to hold an interim meeting in Summer or Fall 1992, preferably in Eastern Europe.

Membership

Although we do have 316 persons on our mailing list, we face the usual problem: only a very small minority can be considered as members in good standing, have paid their fees, and are otherwise active. Therefore, it was decided to start a new campaign for active members at the World Congress, and to send our Newsletter henceforth only to those persons who contribute actively to the RC.

RC37: Sociology of arts

Compiled from the Report submitted by Mária Sági, outgoing Secretary, and RC37 Newsletter no. 17, October 1990

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Interesting Events: Past

In the last two years the RC37 has considered the preparations for the Madrid Congress as its primary task. Nine sessions at the World Congress listing 133 presentations, showed just how much ability, commitment and imagination have gone into building the discipline of the sociology of the arts.

Papers covered such tricky issues as the status of minority or marginal art forms in respect of dominant institutions and cultures; the problems of analyzing audience reception; the issue of artists forming specific professional groups in terms of labor, productivity and consumption; corporate buyers of art works and the criteria for buying them; the relationship to, and intervention of, politics in the artistic sphere, from both a historical and contemporary perspective, and, though not finally, the problematic areas of cultural policy in the public as well as private sectors.

What was particularly striking about the sessions viewed as a whole was how papers crossed the boundaries set by the various rubrics grouping them, thus giving the RC37 coherence and continuity.

Interesting Events: Present

Sergei Plotnikov, Vice-President of RC37, will arrange a publication in Moscow of the papers presented (or written, but not presented) at the 1990 World Congress. It is intended that they will appear in their original language as well as in Russian translation.

Interesting Events: Future

Moscow 1991: The aforementioned publication is in anticipation of, though not contingent upon, a meeting also organized by Sergei Plotnikov to be held in Moscow, probably in June 1991. The meeting will take the form of a colloquium whose theme has not yet been set but will revolve around the subject of the arts in society.

Trento 1992: Board member Luigi del Grosso Destreri has proposed an interim RC37 colloquium, i.e. mid-term between World Congresses. The thematic and other agenda of the meeting will be determined later, but one of the items will pertain to the themes, organization and modalities of the next World Congress. The colloquium will be held under the combined

auspices of the Università Libera di Trento and provincial, municipal etc., governmental bodies.

Annual dues

Regular members, US \$ 10 (Members with currency restrictions are exempt from payment)

Members from Developing Countries, US \$ 3

Student Members, US \$ 3

Payments should be forwarded to the President or the Secretary.

RC38: Biography and society

Report submitted by Daniel Bertaux, outgoing President

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Activities

A conference on «Biograp-

hie et cycle de vie» (organized by Francis Godard; Frédéric DeConninck, CERCOM) took place in Marseille in 1988.

These last two years the RC38 has mainly focused its activities on the preparation of the XIth World Congress of Sociology in Madrid, organizing 8 sessions and 2 joint sessions: one with RC28 Social Stratification on the theme «Qualitative Approaches to Social Mobility»; the other with RC11 Sociology of Aging. 98 participants presented either a full paper or a short presentation of their papers during these sessions.

In 1992 and 1993 two conferences are planned on «Political Transformations and the Reconstruction of Biographies» (place and dates to be announced).

Publications

Newsletter **Biography and Society** (published twice a year).

Since 1983, when the Research Committee was set, 13 issues of the newsletter have been published.

Issue no.10 (June 1988)
Editor: Hane Synge (Canada)

Issue no. 11 (December 1988) Editor: Jan Wlodarek (Poland) Issue no.12 (April 1989) Editor: Daniel Bertaux (France)

Issue no. 13 (December 1989) Editor: Robert Cabanes (ORSTOM Grand Programme Travail et Pratiques Sociales, Paris, France)

Directory of members of the RC38 was updated in May 1990.

Life Stories/Récits de vie (published once a year) Since 1985, five issues of this yearly bilingual journal have been published.

Issue no. 4 (1988) «Families and Careers in History» includes papers by Brian Elliot, Daniel Bertaux and Isabelle Bertaux-Wiame, Kay Sander-son, Pat Straw and Stephen Kendrick, Michael Roper, Anne Muxel and Annick Percheron.

Issue no. 5 (1988) «From Lives to Life Stories» includes articles by Hanns-Georg

Brose, Martine Burgos, Michal M. McCall, Catherine Delcroix, Anne Guyaux, Evangelina Rodriguez.

Membership

In May 1990, the Research Committee numbers 176 members in 32 countries.

To become a member (annual dues 20 US\$) please contact Wolfram Fischer-Rosenthal (address above).

RC39: Sociology of disasters

Report submitted by Russell R. Dynes, outgoing President

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Past activities

Much of the activity of the

Committee during the 1989-90 year has been focused on planning the Madrid program. The Committee had nine sessions plus a business meeting. The focus of many of the sessions was on cross national and comparative aspects of disaster research and planning efforts. One session focused on the politics of disaster response in Asia and two sessions dealt with issues relating to risk and risk management. In addition, one session gave particular attention to the International Decade of Natural Disaster Reduction which was just being initiated around the world. Participation in the program involved scholars from 25 countries.

The RC continues to support and collaborate with research efforts around the world. The RC supported a seminar on the Socio-economic Aspects of Disaster in the Asian Pacific Region which was held at the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, March 22-24, 1989. In addition, the RC held evening sessions during the annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association.

Future activities

The RC39 will sponsor a session within the 1991 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Cincinnati, Ohio. This session is scheduled for August 26, 1991. For further information, or requests to present brief research summary reports, please contact Thomas E. Drabek, President.

Publications

The RC39 publishes a newsletter *Unscheduled Events*.

The Editors solicit volunteers to serve the newsletter as Associate National Editors. Associate National Editors would write a column for inclusion in the newsletter about current activities, research publications and other items of interest happening in their nation. These

national columns would be of great interest to members in other nations who are less informed about activities elsewhere. Please volunteer to represent disaster research and related activities in your nation to those of us who live elsewhere. Our goal for Associate National Editors is to have one volunteer from each nation represented by our membership. Contact the Editor, Denis S. Mileti.

The RC39 journal *The International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* is published triennially during the months of March, August and December at the Arizona State University, USA. It was edited by Thomas E. Drabek and Neil R. Britton. After the Madrid Congress, co-editors are Ronald Perry and Neil Britton.

Membership

The current membership is approximately 190 persons from 30 countries and 49 organizations from 16 countries as institutional members.

The Executive Board is developing a program to assist members in countries with non-convertible currency to pay dues.

Persons desiring to join RC39 should request a membership application from the Secretary, Kathleen Tierney. Annual dues are US \$ 20.00. All members receive the official journal of the Committee and RC39 newsletter.

RC40: Sociology of agriculture

Report submitted by Alessandro Bonanno, Secretary

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Coordination of activities

The RC has coordinated activities among members of the Research Committee through periodic information and consultation. A newsletter has been generated twice a year for the past two years. The RC has further expanded its membership, which now includes a substantial contingent of scholars from Third World countries as well as a large number of scholars from Europe and North America.

Participation at International Congresses

The Research Committee has organized nine open sessions at the XII World Congress of Sociology held in Madrid, Spain, July 1990. A total of 56 papers have been selected for the sessions. This number includes papers selected for presentation in mini-sessions. Mini-sessions were scheduled during «dead-times» at the Congress to accommodate the overwhelming number of requests which reached the RC40 secretariat in the past months.

A resolution was passed by the members of the RC indicating the less than adequate conditions of the room in which the sessions took place.

Organization of Future International Meetings

The RC is actively involved in the organization of an international interdisciplinary symposium entitled «The Globalization of the Food and Agricultural Systems» to be held at the University of Missouri, Columbia, USA. The symposium will be held June 2-6, 1991 and will involve members of the Research Committee together with other interested social scientists from around the world.

Topics to be discussed include: Globalization and

theories of change; The political economy of the global corporation; Globalization and technology; Globalization and the environment.

Publications

An edited volume containing papers presented at the Sociology of Agriculture sessions at the World Congress in New Delhi (1986) was published in 1989 by Concept Publishing Company of New Delhi. The book is edited by Alessandro Bonanno and entitled *Sociology of Agriculture: Technology, Labor, Development and Social Classes in an International Perspective*.

Another edited volume containing papers presented at the 1987 American Rural Sociological Society Meeting by RC40 members was recently published by North Carolina Press, USA.

The book entitled *The New Political Economy of Agriculture* is edited by William H. Friedland, Lawrence M. Busch and Frederick H. Buttel.

Furthermore, members of the RC have published a significant number of articles and books at the international level.

The RC has decided to accept a proposal from the Centro de Estudios del Desarrollo of the Universidad Central de Venezuela (CENDES) to create a new international journal. The *International Journal of Agriculture and Food* will be issued annually, will contain 10 to 12 refereed articles and a book review section, and will be the official journal of the RC. Preparations are under way for the publication of the first issue, which should appear early in the summer of 1991. Information concerning the paper submission policy and subscriptions will be made available to RC members in the next few months.

The Spanish journal *Agricultura y Sociedad* has also agreed to devote a special issue each year to the publication of papers developed by RC members. It has been decided to appoint an edito-

rial committee to supervise the selection of papers for publication in such a special issue.

Sociologia Ruralis is also considering the possibility of devoting a special issue to the work of the RC.

How to become a member of RC40

Membership annual dues: USA/Canada 15 US\$; Europe/Japan 20 US\$; Rest of the world 10 US\$. Membership includes subscription to the *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food* and to the bi-annual *Newsletter*. Send directly a subscription request to the International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food. Cendes, Poba International No.151, P.O. Box 02-5255, Miami, FL, USA. Make checks payable to: Cendes Ingresos Prorios.

RC41: Sociology of population

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and built
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A Brief History

The Group was founded in
1974 at the convention of the
American Sociological Asso-
ciation (ASA). Since that year,
there have been annual infor-
mal meetings in the ASA con-
text, sometimes in conjunc-
tion with formal paper ses-
sions through the ASA or the
Society for the Study of So-
cial Problems (e.g., 1983,
1984, 1986, 1988).

In 1978, the Group estab-
lished itself internationally.

At the ISA World Congress in
Uppsala, Sweden, it organiz-
ed five successful sessions. A
selection of these papers was
subsequently published by
Gower Press.

At the Xth ISA World Congr-
ess in Mexico City in 1982, the
Group again held five well-at-
tended sessions. The presen-
tations resulted in a book pu-
blication by Duke University
Press.

In 1985, the group organiz-
ed a major conference in
Amsterdam, «Housing Mar-
kets and Policies in an Era of
Fiscal Austerity». This event
attracted about 140 re-
searchers from across the
world, who presented 70 pa-
pers during four days of ses-
sions. In addition, there were
four keynote addresses and a
day-long expert-guided bus
tour. Greenwood Press pu-
blished two books and the
journal *Environment and Be-
havior* devoted a special
issue based on papers pre-
sented at this conference.

At the ISA Congress in New
Delhi in 1986, the Group held
eight sessions. The program
listed 86 papers and resulted
in several publications.

In 1987, the group obtained
the sponsorship of the Volks-
wagen Foundation for a sym-
posium, held in Hamburg,
West Germany, September
16-20, 1987. «Affordable
Housing: From Participation
to Self-help and Shelter for
the Homeless». There were 27
participants from 11 coun-
tries who presented 24 pa-
pers, leading to two forthcom-
ing books.

Another major conference
on «Housing, Policy, and
Urban Innovation» took place
in Amsterdam, June 27-July
1, 1988. More than 500 par-
ticipants from all parts of the
world proposed more than
400 papers. There were 12
keynote speakers, two guid-
ed tours, and publications are
expected to follow.

In 1988, the ISA granted it
Working Group status and in
1990 Research Committee
status, thus becoming the
43th Research Committee of
the ISA.

The RC publishes a regular
Newsletter which reports on
RC activities, activities of
members (including publica-
tions), forthcoming confe-
rences and other items of in-
terest.

Distribution is via an inter-
national system of 20 regional
editors. Since September
1989, publication has been in
French, Spanish and English.

Recent Conferences

June 1989: the Group
sponsored a conference on
«Social Theory and the Pro-
duction of the Built Environ-
ment» in Budapest.

September 1989: the
Group sponsored a confer-
ence on «Housing Problems
in the 1990s» in Prague.

June 1990: the Group
sponsored an international
conference on «Housing De-
bates - Urban Challenges» in
Paris. The program of the
conference was carefully
planned so that it comple-
mented rather than detracted
from the Madrid Congress.

July 1990: the Group was
well represented at the World
Congress in Madrid and of-
fered 9 sessions in the pro-
gram.

Membership

At present, the membership
of the RC43 numbers 214.

In order to become a
member, please forward US
\$10 or 20 Dutch Guilders to
the Treasurer, Wim Blauw.
Subscriptions can be reduc-
ed or waived in the case of
applicants from developing
countries and other countries
where Western currencies
are not readily available.

**RC44: Labour
movements**

Report submitted by Mari-
no Regini, President

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A Brief History

The activities of the Working Group on Labour Movements since the New Delhi Congress (1986) have been of two kinds: information sent by the co-organizers (Colin Crouch, Peter Lange, Marino Regini, Samuel Valenzuela, Wolfgang Streeck, Jella Visser) to constituent members, as well as efforts at recruiting new members; meetings of a few Working Group co-organizers and members held at conferences organized by other institutions. Since WG lacked autonomous financial resources, it has not been possible to convene an official meeting of all members in order to discuss programs of activities and to hold regular elections of the group's representatives. Such a meeting was scheduled at the New Delhi Congress but, due to the inability of most members to attend it, it has been postponed. All the WG co-organizers have tried to use their academic channels to extend our original membership, which no doubt is heavily concentrated in Western Europe, the USA and Australia. Special efforts have been directed to Latin American and to Japanese scholars, by Samuel Valenzuela and Wolfgang Streeck respectively.

Our major recent activity was a conference in Trento in December 1989, on the theme of «Labour Movements Towards 2000». A dozen papers formed the basis for a stimulating discussion, and the revised contributions are shortly to be published under the editorial hand of Marino Regini. The volume will be dedicated to the memory of Guido Romagnoli, whose untimely death occurred shortly before the conference.

At the World Congress of the ISA in Madrid, we provided an exciting and wide-ranging programme, a fitting basis to launch our anticipated role as a Research Committee.

In July 1990 the ISA Executive Committee granted the group Research Committee status, thus becoming the 44th Research Committee of the ISA.

We aim to issue a regular Newsletter, and should shortly formulate our future programme of activities. For the moment, we make no charge for membership of the RC.

Those wishing to join should write to Richard Hyman.

RC45: Rational choice

Report submitted by Karl-Dieter Opp, Co-ordinator

Co-ordinators 1990-1994

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A Brief History

The most important international meeting (and the one directly continuing the successful sessions of the Rational Choice Group held at the New Delhi World Congress) has been the conference on «The Emergence, Maintenance, and Effects of Social Institutions» at the Werner Reimers Stiftung, Bad Homburg (GFR), January 1988, organized by the Working Group co-ordinators Michael Hechter, Karl-Dieter Opp and Reinhard Wippler. Participants from the United States and several European coun-

tries presented and discussed 16 papers. A selection of the conference papers has been edited and is published by Aldine de Gruyter, Hawthorne 1990 under the title *Social Institutions. Their Emergence, Maintenance, and Effects* (Michael Hechter, Karl-Dieter Opp & Reinhard Wippler eds.).

Other conferences have been organized by members of the Rational Choice Group, and a growing number of sociologists is participating in the activities of the WG. Especially worth mentioning are the following meetings:

- a conference on Social Network Analysis has been held in June 1988 in Utrecht organized by Jeroen Weesie and Reinhard Wippler. Sociologists from the United States and several European countries have presented and discussed 14 papers. These papers have been edited and are published by ISOR, Utrecht under the title *Social Networks through Time* (Jeroen Weesie and Henk Flap, eds.).

- A conference on Modelling Social Processes with special attention given to population and migration dynamics, has been held in June 1989 at the University of Koblenz, organized by Klaus Troitzsch. This conference was mainly attended by European sociologists.

- A workshop on Current Issues in Organization Studies has been held in November 1989 at the Netherlands Institute of Advanced Study (NIAS) at Wassenaar. This workshop was organized by Siegwart Lindenberg and Reinhard Wippler and attended by rational choice sociologists from European countries.

- A larger conference on Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Organization Studies, confronting a rational choice perspective with ecological, transaction cost, and network perspectives, was held in June 1990 at the Netherlands Institute of Advanced Study (NIAS) at Wassenaar. The main organizer was Siegwart

Lindenberg, one of the leading figures of the Rational Choice WG. Outstanding social scientists from Europe and the United States (a.o. James Coleman, Ronald Burt, Harrison White, Glen Carroll, Oliver Williamson) actively participated in this conference.

The growing interest in the application of rational choice models in sociological analyses is most clearly reflected in the large number of papers, 46, submitted for presentation in the sessions of the WG on Rational Choice at the World Congress of Sociology in Madrid. Papers were presented under the following headings: Institutions and Norms, Social Interdependencies, Social Networks,

Rational Choice in Interdisciplinary Organization Studies, Utilization of Resources of Rational Actors, Political Processes.

Among the participants of these sessions were not only sociologists from Western Europe and the United States, but also participants from the Soviet Union and Japan.

Finally, it merits to be mentioned that the three organizers of the WG on Rational Choice have reached an agreement with the editor of the new sociological journal *Rationality and Society*, James Coleman, to consider this new journal to be the publication outlet of the ISA Working Group.

The former Working Group

Rational Choice has received in July 1990 the status of a Research Committee on Rational Choice.

Future plans

A new conference is planned for the fall of 1992: Classical Sociological Problems and New Solutions from a Rational Actor Perspective. A call for papers has been sent to the members of the RC. For further details, contact the organizers: Michael Hechter, Karl-Dieter Opp and Werner Raub (addresses above).

Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member of the RC, please write to Karl-Dieter Opp (address above).

R EPORTS FROM THE W O R K I N G G R O U P S

WG01: Clinical sociology

Report submitted by Robert Sévigny, co-founder and first President

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Recent activities

During the 1988-1990 period, our WG had activities in three countries. The main goal and the main content of these activities were about defining the notion of clinical sociology itself and, for that reason, were a direct preparation for the Madrid Congress.

In Geneva in August 1988, we held two sessions on clinical sociology: its specificity, its boundaries, its field of application, etc. From 12 to 15 persons participated in these sessions. Participants were from France, Belgium, Canada and Switzerland. At that meeting it was decided that we would hold another working group meeting in Montreal in Canada.

That meeting was held in January 1990 (it was planned for Fall 1989, but had to be postponed for administrative reasons). 25 researchers participated in the meeting (from Canada, United States, France, Switzerland). It was co-sponsored by the Université de Montréal and the Université du Québec à Montréal. Apart from the usual presentation of papers and discussions among those participants, three significant elements should be mentioned here:

- Audio-visual documents about the clinical approach were produced (in French), before and during the sessions. Some of those documents are scheduled for a University-T.V. network in Montreal and all of them should be available in the near future.
- A book will be published that will use the best material presented at that Montreal meeting.
- A «public» or «open» session was part of this Montreal meeting. More than a hundred persons attended who were from many different fields (psychology, communications, social work, anthropology, etc.).

Through the American network of sociologists that are involved in the theory and practice of clinical sociology, many activities were organized in United States. This group of sociologists is well organized and has been active in the field of clinical sociology for many years and will surely continue to be active in the ISA activities.

The WG program for the XII World Congress of Sociology was coordinated by Robert Sévigny.

Conclusions

One result of those meetings and discussions is that the name of the WG should reflect more clearly and more directly the fact that this group is centered on a specific approach rather than on a specific topic: Clinical Sociology refers to a specific methodology, a specific way of practicing sociology. To clarify any ambiguity about the definition of this WG the name should perhaps become «Clinical Approach in Sociology». So this change would indicate clearly that members of this group are specialized in many specific fields (industrial organizations, community work, mental health, socio-economics, action-research, social intervention, sociology of knowledge, etc). Those activities were centered both on the theoretical and technical dimensions of the Clinical approach in sociology.

Another conclusion that should be drawn from those preliminary meetings and working sessions is about the inter-disciplinary dimensions of sociological analysis and intervention. This was the case in almost all our activities: sociology was at the center of all those discussions, but many of the participants were also influenced by other disciplines: psychology, anthropology, social work, communication, criminology, management, etc. The notion of a clinical approach is a bridge -

among others - to relate sociology to other disciplines.

This is, in a way, a very interesting by-product of our Working Group.

At last, we may conclude that the Working Group on Clinical Sociology has broadened its international base during those last four years. Since the Mexico Congress where the first meeting was held, this development has been constant.

Forthcoming meeting

The Working Group will hold its next meeting in Costa Mesa, California, USA on June 5-9, 1991. Organizer is Jan Maria Fritz. A number of sessions is planned on: clinical sociology in the global community; epistemological aspects of the links between theory and practice; the history of clinical sociology; understanding as a prerequisite to social intervention; health issues; theater, therapy and clinical sociology; clinical approaches to research; women's work and health; age-related assessments and interventions.

Newsletter

International Clinical Sociology is a periodic publication of the Working Group. Current editor is Jan Marie Fritz, WG President (address above).

WG02: Sociocybernetics and systems theory

Report submitted by Francisco Parra Luna, Coordinator

Coordinator:

Francisco Parra Luna (Instituto Universitario de Recursos Humanos Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología Universidad Complutense, Campus de Somosaguas 28023 Madrid, Spain)

Recent Activities

- The creation of the Instituto

Universitario de Recursos Humanos of the Universidad Complutense of Madrid gave some institutional support to the activities of the Working Group.

- The calculation of the Second Sosigem Model (Socio-sistémico para la Generación de Empleo) for Spain, which has been carried out by some 25 colleagues coordinated by J.A. Garmendia and F. Parra Luna of our Working Group. This model has been awarded a national prize.

- The Group prepared a special issue of *Revista Internationale de Sociologie* on The Problem of Unemployment and Systems Modelling. The contributors were: Jacques de Bandt (France), Jean Mercenier (Belgium), Arnold Cornelis (Netherlands), J.A. Garmendia (Spain), M. Nikolic (Yugoslavia), F. Parra Luna (Spain).

- Our Group is also collaborating with the Sociedad Española de Sistemas Generales in order to create a scientific journal *Revista Internacional de Sistemas* which will have five sections: General Systems Theory, Systems Education, Sociocybernetics, Systems Dynamics, Informatics.

- For the XII World Congress of Sociology the Group organized nine sessions.

WG03: Social classes and social movements

Report submitted by Louis Maheu, Coordinator

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Roland Roth, Germany
John Urry, England

In 1988 the ISA Executive Committee officially recognized our group on The Paradigms and Theories of Social

Classes and Social Movements as a Thematic Group of the ISA. The Committee also recommended that this international network of sociologists interested in the analysis of social classes and social movements should be named: Thematic Group on Social Classes and Social Movements.

In July 1990 the Group was granted a Working Group status.

The recognition and the official status as an ISA Working Group which materializes it, reflects the importance of the exchange, the alliances and the debates and discussions between many researchers from different countries. These researchers use the attempts at reconstructing the theories of social classes and the increasingly evident vitality of the sociology of social movements as a framework for meeting, exchange and work together. Such a framework permits the further development of discussions within the paradigms and theories of social classes and social movements, discussions which focus on such themes as the generation of social processes of oppression and domination in contemporary societies; the materiality and subjectivity of conflictual social actions embedded within structural constraints; the competence of the actor; the intentionality of the conflictual action and categories of social consciousness; the stakes of social classes and of social movements relating to questions of democratization, state-building, non-institutional politics and civil society; the confrontation between work relations and outside work relations as manifested in the conflicts of social movements and social classes; etc.

Recent activities

In January of 1989, an International Symposium was held at the University of Ottawa, on the theme The Welfare-State and Civil Society. Many members of our group

participated and Warren Magnusson, Lizette Jalbert, Louis Maheu, J. Yvon Theriault and John Myles also presented papers.

In March of 1989, another International Symposium was held at the University of Montreal, on the theme The Modern Form of Democracy. Pierre Hamel, Louis Maheu and Lizette Jalbert contributed to its organization, and members Gabriel Gagnon, Angela Miles, Louis Maheu, Lizette Jalbert, John Keane and Chris Pickvance presented communications.

In the Fall of 1990, Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, in co-edition with l'Harmattan of Paris, published a book under the direction of members Louis Maheu and Arnaud Sales. This book entitled *La recomposition du politique*, regroups papers on, on the one hand, the new tendencies of social regulation and the social classes and, on the other hand, the relationships between the State and civil society by the means of the political dimensions of the collective conduct of the social movements, and secondarily of the social classes. Meetings and international exchanges during the last 3 or 4 years produced this publication in which the following members participate: J. Yvon Theriault, John Keane, Alberto Melucci, Lizette Jalbert, Peta Tancred-Sheriff, Nicole Laurin-Frenette, Arnaud Sales and Louis Maheu.

The Group prepared and organized the programme for 5 sessions at the XIth World Congress of Sociology. It should be noted that this programme contained close to 35 communications; in spite of this high number, we have had to refuse a large number of quality communications.

In February 1991, an International Symposium was held at the Université du Québec à Montréal, on the theme Social Movements and Political Representation. Andre Corten is contributing to its organization, and other members such as J. Yvon Theriault, Louis

Maheu, Alain Touraine, and Alberto Melucci participated.

Some members of the group have prepared in the last few years an issue of *Current Sociology* on the tendencies of literature of different languages and national situations, such as Germany, France, England, Italy, South America and Brazil, Canada and the United States, on the subject of social classes and social movements. The issue, prepared under the supervision of Louis Maheu, will be entitled: *The Sociology of Social Classes and Social Movements; An International Outlook from 1970 up to the Middle Eighties*.

This issue contains 9 papers of which 7 have already been handed over to the editor of the journal; the remaining 2, including the introduction of the issue, will be handed over to him during the next months. These papers have been written by the following members of the group: Roland Roth, Henri Lustiger-Thaler, Louis Maheu, Carlo Carboni, Fernando Calderón, Elizabeth Jelin and Lucio Kowarick.

WG04: Sociology of mental health

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Present status and activities

In August 1986 by the decision of the ISA Executive Committee, the Research Committee on Sociology of Mental Health had lost its research committee status due to its inactivity since the previous World Congress. It is to be considered now a Working Group of the International Sociological Association.

During a meeting of this Working Group on August 21st, 1986, at the XIth World Congress, the new Board was elected, consisting of two persons who were willing to develop activities toward regaining the Research Committee status: Ad H. van der Zwaan (The Netherlands) as the Chairperson, and Harsha Mookherjee as Secretary.

We put our whole thrust toward successfully organizing our sessions for the XII World Congress of Sociology (1990). After hard work, full cooperation, and diligent work of our group members, especially the sessions chairpersons and the Board, we have been able to organize nine sessions on Sociology of Mental Health. Fifty-one research papers have been selected for presentation in these sessions. More than seventy-five international scholars participated in these sessions as chairpersons, authors of papers, and discussants. Through this active participation, we believe, we will be able to encourage further our group members in stimulation and improvement on research, instruction, participation, and maintain a cooperative relationship among international scholars in the area of Sociology of Mental Health.

We have planned to publish an edited book on *Empirical*

Research on Sociology of Mental Health: A Global Perspective by selecting papers from the fifty-one papers presented at our nine sessions at the XIth World Congress of Sociology. An editorial committee will soon be appointed.

Two Post World Congress Seminars on Mental Health have been organized in West Bengal, India with the collaboration of the Working Group on Sociology of Mental Health:

- The Department of Sociology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, West Bengal, India has organized the Seminar on Mental Health on July 20-24, 1990.

- The Post World Congress Seminar on Sociology of Mental Health, organized by the Department of Psychology, Indian Institute of Technology and the Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology, Bidisa, West Bengal, India. This Seminar was held in the first week of August, 1990.

The present group has contacted other professional organizations in the USA and abroad, and participated at the annual conferences of the Rural Sociological Society, Mid-South Sociological Association, Southern Sociological Society in the USA. We are also keeping coordinating activities with the International Rural Sociological Association, International Social Science Council, The World Federation of Mental Health, the National Institute of Mental Health, USA, Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology, India, and other organizations in the USA and abroad.

Membership

The present membership list includes 117 members from 36 countries.

WG05: International tourism

Por Marie-Françoise Lanfant, Co-ordinatrice

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Rapport d'activité 1988-1990

- Juin 1988: A l'occasion d'une rencontre internationale, des sociologues et des anthropologues décident, à l'initiative de Madame Lanfant, de soutenir le projet de création d'un Groupe Thématique Sociologie du Tourisme International au sein de l'AIS et d'adresser au Comité Exécutif de celle-ci une demande commune accompagnée d'une note d'information de Madame Lanfant, précisant les objectifs et les orientations scientifiques de cette opération.

- Juillet 1988: Envoi d'une conférence internationale sur le tourisme tenue à Varsovie, plusieurs des membres fondateurs se retrouvent et s'organisent pour structurer le projet. Création du Comité de la Coordination: la centralisation de l'information, le suivi de l'opération et les relations avec l'AIS sont confiés à l'URESTI qui assure ainsi officiellement le secrétariat de la coordination.

- Novembre 1988: Avis officiel d'acceptation de la demande: un Groupe Thématique Sociologie du tourisme International est créé au sein de l'AIS. Information systématique auprès de chercheurs qui, de par le monde, travaillent sur le tourisme. Information auprès des membres du RC13. Recueil des sig-

natures de soutien. Proposition par le RC13 d'une session-jointe avec le GT.

- Décembre 1988: Elaboration du cadre scientifique global: thème général; thème de chacune des 5 sessions. Consultation et choix des coprésidents. Nouvelle information auprès des scientifiques du vaste réseau en train de s'organiser autour de cette opération.

Juin-juillet 1989: Rédaction d'une note d'information sur le Groupe Thématique pour publication dans la revue internationale *Annals of Tourism Research*.

Octobre 1989: Préparation et envoi à Madrid du dossier complet des communicants des sessions.

Novembre-Décembre 1989: Elaboration d'un dossier en vue d'une proposition d'ouvrage communiqué au Comité de lecture des Editions Sage, titre provisoire: **Sociologie du tourisme international dans le monde: unité et diversité.**

Préparation d'un séminaire pré-congrès destiné à mettre en place la stratégie institutionnelle du Groupe Thématique. Ce séminaire n'aura pas lieu faute de moyens financiers.

- Juillet 1990: Avis officiel d'acceptation de la demande: un Groupe de Travail Sociologie du Tourisme International est créé au sein de l'AIS.

WG06: Social indicators

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WG07: National movements and imperialism

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Due to the lack of activities,
the ISA Executive Committee
decided in July 1990 to de-

mote the Research Commit-
tee on National Movements
and Imperialism to the Work-
ing Group.

At the XII World Congress of
Sociology in Madrid, July

1990, Peter Gran was elected
Chairman.

Plans were made to produ-
ce a newsletter, recruit
members, organize interim
meeting.



R EPORTS FROM THE T H E M A T I C G R O U P S

TG01: Time use research

Coordinator 1988-1990:

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A brief history

by Dagfinn As

In 1967 I participated as an observer in Vienna of an international group of researchers concerned with the study of time. The leader, of course was Alexander Szalai from Hungary, and I had an opportunity to see, hear and learn how international cooperation in research was carried on. The group was led with a strong hand and in my opinion this monumental case of international research cooperation would not have come about without the dynamic personality of Szalai.

This is how it all started. The researchers came from twelve countries (13 surveys) and the study was supported by the European Centre for Coordination of Research and Documentation in Social Sciences in Vienna. They carried through a study of time use that set a pattern which later has been copied in a multitude of countries and locations.

The Multinational Comparative Time Budget Research was officially closed in Vienna in January 1970, but the spirit of international cooperation and friendship created was

very much alive. For that reason the persons present in Vienna agreed to continue. They agreed on a new name for the group: Research Group on Time Budgets and Social Activities and talked Peter Feldheim into accepting the role of a chairman of the group.

Claude Javeau joined as secretary and from that time started a remarkable regular series of reunions.

The first reunion took place during the World Congress of Sociology in Varna, Bulgaria, 1970. The group acquired the status of an «Ad hoc group» - a status it has continued to enjoy at all subsequent ISA Congresses. In between these events special meetings have been arranged. The schedule of reunions was as follows:

Varna, Bulgaria 1970
Brussels, Belgium 1972
Berlin, GDR 1973
Toronto, Canada 1974
Laxenburg, Austria 1975
Uppsala, Sweden 1978
Sofia, Bulgaria 1980
Mexico City, Mexico 1982
Helsinki, Finland 1984
New Delhi, India 1986

Peter Feldheim and Claude Javeau (Belgium) served the group from the start until the Toronto meeting in 1974. Then William Michelson (Canada) took over and acted as chairman until the meeting in Uppsala in 1978. At that time it was decided to strengthen the leadership by electing two chairmen: Edmund Wnuk-Lipinski (Poland) and Dagfinn As (Norway). They were in

turn replaced at the meeting in Helsinki in 1984 by Iiris Niemi (Finland) and Rudolph Andorka (Hungary).

Over these years some members have of course left, but the general picture is one of growth. At present the group consists of about 150 members from 26 countries from all continents. Andrew S. Harvey (Canada) has served as secretary for the group since 1978 and is responsible for sending out, at irregular intervals, the newsletter appropriately called *It's About Time*.

In addition to arranging meetings where papers are presented and personal contacts established, the group has tried to function as a center for documentation and information. The first attempt at this was made in 1970-74 by Feldheim and Javeau who have gathered a great deal of literature on studies of time use at the Sociological Institute at the Université Libre de Bruxelles. As the secretariat moved to Halifax in 1978, this work has been continued at the Institute for Public Affairs at Dalhousie University. Gathering of data sets and preparation of these for secondary analysis have also been tried. The group, however, has never had the financial basis for carrying out these projects on any great scale.

At the meeting held in June 1988 in Budapest the Group on Time Budgets and Social Activities changed its name to the **Time Use Research**.

Time Budget Group has edited and published four re-

ports based on papers presented at the meetings:

- Time Budgets and Social Activities, 1975
- Public Policy in Temporal Perspective, 1978
- It's About Time, 1982
- Time Use Studies: Dimensions and Applications, 1986.

TG02: Environmental issues

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Thematic Group on Environment and Society was recognized by the ISA Executive Committee in 1990 on the basis of its previous activities as well as its sessions held at the XII World Congress of Sociology.

E&S Newsletter, a regular

publication of the TG started in 1990, is mainly dedicated to information on scientific agendas (symposiums, colloquiums, meetings, congresses) about TG topic which deals preferably with interlocked societal and environmental issues.

It also gives information on research teams, institutions, and people who wish to announce their directions and activities among their peers, on the international level.

Brief descriptions of research proposals and even free opinions about the current situation in the field are welcomed.

Forthcoming meetings

The next symposium of the Thematic Group will take place on June 17-21 1992, at the Conference Centre Woudschoten, The Netherlands. For application and information, get in touch with August Gijswijt, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, SISWO, PB 19070, 1000 GB Amsterdam, Netherlands, tel: (31 20) 240075, fax: (31 20) 229430.

The Contemporary Society and the Societal Functions of Nature symposium will take place in Paris, during the first semester 1992. It will be organized by the French network of the Thematic Group. There are three thematic workshops planned: (1) Is a techno-nature existing? Can society recognize and manage Nature? (2) Is Nature a tool for new social relationships? (3) Can one talk about societal functions of Nature?

For application and information please contact Denis Duclos (16 rue Moreau, 75012 Paris, tel: 43.434.575).

Membership

Applications should be directed to György Széll (address above).

TG03: Sociology of childhood

Co-ordinator:

Jens Qvortrup (Sydjysk

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The request to establish an ISA Thematic Group on Sociology of Childhood was made on behalf of scholars involved in the international project Childhood as a Social Phenomenon - Implications for Future Social Policy. This project was organized by the European Centre for Social Welfare Training and Research, Vienna. The first plenary meeting convened in Norway in June 1987, and the project was scheduled to be concluded in 1990.

Nineteen countries are participating - all from industrialized world: Austria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, USA and Yugoslavia.

The project is specifically designed sociologically, and practically all participants are sociologists. Actually, one of the main reasons for making the project was to illuminate childhood from a sociological point of view.

Final analyses of the project, and 20 country reports will be published in a European Centre series.

There is indeed a growing interest in many countries in sociological perspectives on childhood. There are of course competing perspectives and differing approaches. The Group invited sociologists interested in childhood to discuss these diverging orientations at the World Congress of Sociology.

That was at the same time a token that sociologists in fact do believe that their own theories, methodologies and instruments may have something to contribute, even in this area which so far has been as marginal to mainstream sociology as perhaps childhood has been for adult society.

TG04: Collective behavior and social movements

Report submitted by the
Co-ordinators

Co-ordinators:

Gary Alan Fine (Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA)

Bert Klandermans (Department of Social Psychology, Free University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

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Collective behavior and social movements as a field in sociology has been growing rapidly over the last few decades. Scholars from all over the world have been studying crowds, conflicts, rumors, protest and change, as phenomena *per se* or in the context of broader social movements and cycles of protest. The increased interest in the field of collective behavior and social movements was a reaction to the global development in which collective action whether or not instigated by social movement organizations became more and more important as a motor of social change. Around the world recent history has been written by social movements such as the civil rights movement, women's movements, environmental movements, peace movements, youth and student movements, ethnic movements, and religious fundamentalist movements. Collective behavior have likewise played an important role in political struggles. Riots, strikes, unruly mobs, and jubilant crowds constrain the options of governments.

Yet comparative studies of collective behavior and social movements have been slow to develop. The lack of an international network and meeting place of scholars working in

the field certainly contributes to this situation. The International Sociological Association and the World Congress of Sociology seems to us a natural context to place our endeavors in. Therefore, we proposed to create a permanent group having as its theme: «Collective Behavior and Social Movements: Learning from International Comparison».

Our initiative can build on several already existing structures. The section on collective behavior and social movements of the American Sociological Association strongly supports our initiative. We have been able to use the section's mailing list for our call for papers. In Europe a less formal structure exists in the form of ad hoc working groups of the European Group of Organizational Studies. We were able to use some of their mailing lists as well. Moreover, through our personal networks we had access to scholars in the USA, Western and Eastern Europe and we have been actively working to build an international network of scholars of collective behavior and social movements.

A growing interest in international exchange can be observed among scholars of collective behavior and social movements. In the recent past, several smaller and larger international workshops and conferences have been organized; for example, an international workshop on the women's movement held in Ithaca, New York in 1983, international workshops on participation in new and old social movements in Ithaca, New York (1985) and Amsterdam, The Netherlands (1986), a workshop on new social movements in the US and the FRG in Tallahassee, Florida (1987), workshops on new social movements in Europe in Bonn, FRG (1987), an international workshop on social movements and social change in Cracow, Poland (1985). The fact that most of these conferences have produced

books suggests that there is a substantial readership for comparative work. This is also implied by recent start of a book series called **International Social Movement Research** edited by Bert Klandermans and published by JAI-Press. Finally, the number of submissions we got in reply to our call for papers within two months (almost 100, from such different countries as Nigeria, Belgium, the USA, Australia, Northern Ireland, the FRG, Canada, People's Rep. of China, India, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Switzerland, Uganda, USSR, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, The Netherlands, the UK, Italy, and Sweden), and the number of positive responses from people who were not able to come to Madrid but who were interested in becoming involved in an international network on collective behavior and social movements similarly indicates that our initiative finds fertile soil.

We are already working on the establishment of a communication network among the scholars we have contacts with both through BITNET and through a regular newsletter. We will meet this summer in Madison, Wisconsin to further organize this network. We are also establishing contacts with political scientists and their international association to get them involved in our undertaking.

TG05: Famine and society

Report submitted by Jean Floud, outgoing Chair

Coordinator:

Amrita Rangasami (100 B Defence Colony, New Delhi 110 024, India)

The Famine and Society Group was formed in 1985 on the initiative of Amrita Rangasami (Centre for the Study of Relief Administration, New

Delhi, India) and T.K. Oommen (Jawaharlal University, New Delhi, India) with the following practical and academic objectives:

- to promote the recognition of famine as a social and not merely a natural disaster;
- to persuade students of famine, governments and relief agencies that famine is to be viewed as a social process, not as an emergency calling for limited interventions informed by so-called 'catastrophe theory' or 'disaster management studies';
- to this end, to promote the systematic study of the political, economic and social causes and consequences of famine, viewed as a social process of creeping disaster in societies in which long-term problems of food production, poverty and chronic, non-acute food shortages evoke debilitating social responses and institutional changes which place them, or sub-groups within them, at risk of succumbing to disaster in the event of an acute

food crisis, whatever the proximate or precipitating cause.

The group met during the XI World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi (1986) and the interest expressed by participants from a number of countries (USA, UK, France, Netherlands, Canada, Ethiopia, Sudan, India and Bangladesh) indicated the desirability of forming a permanent Group under the auspices of the ISA.

In 1988 the First International Conference on Afro-Asian Studies on Famine was organized. The conference included several workshops attended by the representatives of the network of international scholars from the Philippines, Singapore as well as Uganda and Ethiopia.

In 1990 the Thematic Group on Famine and Society was recognized by the ISA Executive Committee.

TG06: Sociology of emotions

Recognized by the ISA

Executive Committee in 1990.

Coordinator:

Michael Hammond (Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada M5T 1P9)

Organizing Group:

Arlie Hochschild, USA
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The purpose of this Thematic Group is to create an international forum for further scholarly work around the world in the growing field of the sociology of emotions. Over the last few years, the sociology of emotions has emerged as a research area of its own, and not just an appendage of social psychology or some other more traditional research field. It has been one of the fastest growing sections in the American Sociological Association, and has attracted membership from many countries.



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Organizer:

International Society for the Sociology of Religion

Main theme:

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Information:

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August 29-31, 1991

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Place:

The Hague, The Netherlands

Organizers:

Dutch Association for Public Administration

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September 8-11, 1991

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case studies • communications • disasters classification and economics • hazard/risk analysis • human reliability • legal issues • voluntary sector • casualty bureaux management • media control and information preparation • emergency plan design • international perspectives

Information:

Emergency Planning'91
Bowland College
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Place:

Paris, France

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October 3-5, 1991

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Place:

Chemnitz, Germany

Organizers:

Research Committee on Participation and Self-Management, Department of Social Sciences of the University of Osnabrück, and Department of Political Sciences of the Technical University of Chemnitz

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October 7-12, 1991

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