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- 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. **Registration**
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- 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Welcoming addresses—Lecture room: Banque de développement du Canada**
 Chair: Jean-François Chanlat, (*École des Hautes Études Commerciales*)
- Welcoming addresses:**
- Joseph Hubert, Vice-Dean for Research, Faculty of Arts and Sciences (*Université de Montréal, Canada*)
 - Alberto Martinelli, President of the International Sociological Association (*Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy*)
 - Arnaud Sales, Vice-president Research of the International Sociological Association and President of ISA Research Council (*Université de Montréal, Canada*)
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- 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Plenary session—Lecture room: Banque de développement du Canada**
- Opening lecture**
- Chair: Alberto Martinelli (ISA President, *Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy*)
- Featured speaker: Piotr Sztompka, "SOCIAL AND CULTURAL TRAUMA: THE OTHER FACE OF SOCIAL CHANGE" (ISA Vice President Program, *Jagiellonian University, Poland*)
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- 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **Coffee break**
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- 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Workshop 1—Room: Luxembourg**
- Theoretical perspectives on social change**
- Chair: Vanaja Dhruvarajan (Past-president of The Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association, *University of Winnipeg, Canada*)
- Papers:**
- Henry Teune, "GLOBALIZATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AS A FORCE OF CHANGE" (RC 35 Conceptual and terminological analysis, *University of Pennsylvania, United States*)
 - Ann Denis, "SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AT THE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM: THEORETICAL TRENDS AND EMPIRICAL RESEARCH RELATED TO WOMEN IN SOCIETY" (RC 32 Women in Society, *University of Ottawa, Canada*)
 - Richard Lee and Bernd R. Hornung, "SOCIOCYBERNETIC APPROACHES TO SOCIAL CHANGE" (WG 01 Sociocybernetics and social system theory, *University of Binghamton, United States, and Marburg University, Germany*)
 - Gaëtan Tremblay, "ASSESSING THE CHANGE THAT REPRESENTS THE INFORMATION SOCIETY" (RC 14 Sociology of communication, knowledge and culture, *Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada*).
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- 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Workshop 2—Room: Monaco**
- Transformations in the economy**
- Chair: Simon Langlois (President of the Association Canadienne des Sociologues et Anthropologues de Langue Française, *Université Laval, Canada*)
- Papers:**
- Dennis McNamara, "NETWORKS AND EXCHANGE: NEW PERSPECTIVES IN ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY" (RC 02 Economy and society, *Georgetown University, United States*).
 - Colin Mooers, "SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED NORTH: MODERNITY, POSTMODERNITY AND MARKET FORCES" (RC 09 Social practice and social transformation, *Ryerson Polytechnic University, Canada*)
 - Maarten Mentzel, "KNOWLEDGE SOCIETIES: NEW MODES IN KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION OBSERVED" (RC 23 Sociology of science and technology, *School of Systems Engineering, Policy Analysis and Management, Netherlands*)
 - Jean-François Chanlat, "ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS: AN INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TWENTIETH FIRST CENTURY" (RC 17 Sociology of Organizations, *Hautes Études Commerciales, Canada*)

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch break
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<p>Workshop 3—Room: Luxembourg</p> <p>Values and social change</p> <p>Chair: Shujiro Yazawa (ISA Executive Member, Hitotsubashi University, Japan)</p> <p>Papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolfgang Glatzer and Simon Langlois, "PARTICULAR AND COMMON TRENDS IN ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES" (WG 06 Social indicators, Goethe University, Germany, and Université Laval, Canada) • Mattei Dogan, "ACCELERATED DECLINE OF TRADITIONAL VALUES IN ADVANCED SOCIETIES: RELIGION, NATIONS, FAMILY, PUBLIC AUTHORITY" (RC 20 Comparative sociology, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France) • Reimon Bachika, "VALUES AND SOCIAL CHANGE" (RC 07 Future research, Bukkyo University, Japan) • Vanaja Dhruvarajan, "GLOBALIZATION: THE DISCOURSE OF INEVITABILITY AND A SEARCH FOR ALTERNATE PARADIGMS" (Past-president of CSAA, University of Winnipeg, Canada)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<p>Workshop 4—Room: Monaco</p> <p>Transformations in the political sphere</p> <p>Chair: John Myles (RC 19 Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy, Florida State University, United States)</p> <p>Papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kay Lawson and Eva Etzioni-Halevy, "CHANGE AND RESPONSE IN POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY" (RC 18 Political Sociology, San Francisco State University, United States) • Johannes Feest and Rogelio Perez-Perdomo, "RESTRUCTURING THE LEGAL FIELD/CHALLENGES TO THE SOCIOLOGISTS OF LAW" (RC 12 Sociology of Law, Bremen University, Germany, and IESA, Venezuela). • Jon Alexander, "THE EVOLVING NATURE OF SOCIAL ENGINEERING" (RC 26 Sociotechnics, Sociological Practice, Carleton University, Canada) • Braedford Booth, Meyer Kestnbaum and David Segal, "POSTMODERNITY AND THE MODERN MILITARY" (RC 01 Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution, University of Maryland College Park, United States)
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Coffee break
3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	<p>Workshop 5—Room: Luxembourg</p> <p>Social change issues in the developing world</p> <p>Chair: Mona-Josée Gagnon (Université de Montréal, Canada)</p> <p>Papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eugène B. Gallagher and S. Ogoh Alubo, "HEALTH CARE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD: IN SEARCH OF MODERNITY, EQUITY AND EFFECTIVENESS" (RC 15 Sociology of Health, University of Kentucky, United States and University of Jos, Nigeria) • Ulrike Schuerkens, "SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH: THE STRUCTURE OF MODERNITY" (RC 09 Social Practice and Social Transformation, Humboldt-Universität, Germany) • Amrita Rangasami, "POVERTY AND FAMINE, WELFARE, WORKFARE AND RELIEF: THE RELEVANCE OF SIMMEL'S CONTRIBUTION" (WG 04 Famine and Society, Centre for the Study of Administration of Relief, India) • Yahya Diallo, "CHANGEMENT SOCIAL, DYNAMIQUE SOCIALE ET ÉCONOMIQUE COMME FACTEUR DE STRATIFICATION SOCIALE ET MOBILITÉ SOCIALE DANS LES PAYS EN DÉVELOPPEMENT" (Président de l'Association des Sociologues du Tiers-monde, Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal)

3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Workshop 6—Room: Monaco**Social movements and new political culture**

Chair: **Said A. Arjomand** (Editor of *International Sociology*, *State University of New York at Stony Brook, United States*)

Papers:

- **Pierre Hamel, Henri Lustiger-Thaler and Louis Maheu**, "THE SOCIOLOGY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN RETROSPECT: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS AND COMPETING STRAINS OF RESEARCH OVER THE LAST THIRTY YEARS?" (RC 47 Social Classes and Social Movements, *Université de Montréal, Canada*, and *Ramapo College, United States*)
- **Bronislaw Misztal and Tova Benski**, "SOCIAL MOVEMENT SOCIETY OR SOCIETY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS" (RC 48 Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change, *Catholic University of America, United States*, and *College of Management, Israel*)
- **Elisa P. Reis**, "POLITICAL CULTURE AND SOCIAL INEQUALITY" (Program Committee Member, *Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*)
- **Devorah Kalekin-Fishman**, "SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION: A CRITICAL TURN IN THE STUDY OF ALIENATION" (RC 36 Alienation Theory and Research, *University of Haifa, Israel*)

4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Coffee break

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Workshop 7—Room: Luxembourg**Challenges for the cultural greenhouses of societies**

Chair: **Marcel Fournier** (Editor of *Sociologie et Sociétés* and ISA Program Committee Member, *Université de Montréal, Canada*)

Papers:

- **Deirdre Boden**, "LANGUAGE AND SOCIAL CHANGE: A CRITICAL CONJUNCTURE" (RC 25 Sociolinguistics, *Copenhagen Business School, Denmark*)
- **Arturo Rodríguez Morató**, "THE CULTURE SOCIETY. A NEW PLACE FOR THE ARTS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY" (RC 37 Sociology of Arts, *University of Barcelona, Spain*)
- **Viviana Fridman and Michèle Ollivier**, "TASTES, SYMBOLIC CLASSIFICATIONS, AND STATUS IN POSTMODERNITY" (*University of Ottawa, Canada*)
- **Alan Black**, "RELIGION AND SOCIAL CHANGE: SOME ISSUES IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION AT THE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM" (RC 22 Sociology of Religion, *Edith Cowan University, Australia*)

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Workshop 8—Room: Monaco**Environmental transformations**

Chair: **Stephen Crook** (Member the Local Organizing Committee of the Brisbane World Congress, *James Cook University, Australia*)

Papers:

- **Jean-Guy Vaillancourt**, "ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND SOCIETY: FROM HUMAN AND SOCIAL ECOLOGY TO ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY AND ECOSOCIOLOGY" (RC 24 Environment and Society, *Université de Montréal, Canada*)
- **Marisol Garcia, Sophie Body-Gendrot, Enzo Mingione and Sujata Patel**, "SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATIONS IN URBAN REGIMES" (RC 21 Regional and Urban Development, *Universitat de Barcelona, Spain*)
- **Benigno E. Aguirre**, "THE USE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ITS APPLICABILITY TO THE DISASTER AREA" (RC 39 Sociology of Disasters, *Texas A&M University, United States*)

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Official dinner of the Conference

Restaurant *Les Primeurs*
295 Saint-Paul East, Old Montreal
Tel: (514) 861-5337

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Workshop 9—Room: Luxembourg**Methodological standpoints and approaches**

Chair: Jennifer Platt (RC 08 History of Sociology and ISA Executive Committee Member, *University of Sussex, United Kingdom*)

Papers:

- Linda Christiansen-Ruffman, "QUALITATIVE METHODOLOGIES AND NEW EPISTEMOLOGIES: ALTERNATIVE SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS" (ISA Executive Committee Member, *Saint Mary's University, Canada*)
- Robert Miller, "DEVELOPING MESO-SOCIOLOGICAL STANDPOINTS: THE WORK OF ISA RESEARCH COMMITTEE, BIOGRAPHY AND SOCIETY" (RC 38 Biography and Society, *Queen's University, Ireland*)
- Jacques Rhéaume and Vincent de Gaulejac, "L'APPROCHE CLINIQUE DU SOCIAL" (RC 46 Clinical Sociology, *Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada* and *Université de Paris VII, France*)
- Nancy Andes, "LOGIC AND METHODOLOGY OF EMPIRICAL INFERENCE: PARTICIPATORY AND EMANCIPATORY RESEARCH TRANSFORMING CURRENT RESEARCH PRACTICES" (RC 33 Logic and Methodology in Sociology, *University of Alaska Anchorage, United States*)

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Workshop 10—Room: Monaco**New forms of leisure**

Chair: Bert Klandermans (ISA Executive Member, *Free University, Netherlands*)

Papers:

- Gilles Pronovost, "FREE TIME AND CULTURAL DEMOCRACY" (RC 13 Sociology of Leisure, *Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Canada*)
- Joseph Maguire, "TOWARDS A THEORY OF SPORT AND GLOBALIZATION: DIMINISHING CONTRASTS AND INCREASING VARIETIES" (RC 27 Sociology of Sport, *Loughborough University, United Kingdom*)
- Roxane Bernier, "TECHNOLOGICAL MEDIATION IN THE MUSEUM: A NEW SOCIAL SPACE FOR KNOWLEDGE" (Ph.D. Candidate, *Université de Montréal, Canada*)
- Marie-Françoise Lanfant, "VIEWS ON THE SOCIOLOGY OF TOURISM: INTERNATIONAL TOURISM AND CHANGING SOCIAL WORLD" (RC 50 International Tourism *URESTI-CNRS, France*)

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Coffee break

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Round table—Lecture Room: Banque de développement du Canada**The dynamics of globalization**

Chair: Piotr Sztompka (*Jagiellonian University, Poland*)

- Arnaud Sales and Tito Lacruz, "THE EXPANSION OF THE PRIVATE IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD" (*Université de Montréal, Canada*)
- Alberto Martinelli, "GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: ACTORS AND DYNAMICS" (*Università degli Studi di Milano*)
- Michael Smith, "HAS GLOBALIZATION HAD A SUBSTANTIAL EFFECT ON LABOUR MARKETS IN RICH COUNTRIES?" (*McGill University, Canada*)

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch break

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Workshop 11—Room: Luxembourg**Population and social differentiation**Chair: Christine Inglis (ISA Publication Program Committee, *University of Sydney, Australia*)**Papers:**

- **Bali Ram**, "FERTILITY DECLINE AND SOCIAL CHANGE: NEW TRENDS AND CHALLENGES" (RC 41 Sociology of Population, *Statistics Canada, Ottawa*)
- **Han Entzinger**, "THE SOCIOLOGY OF MIGRATION: A STATE OF AFFAIRS" (RC 31 Sociology of Migration, *University of Utrecht, Netherlands*)
- **Kogila Moodley**, "ETHNIC STRIFE AND MULTICULTURAL DEMOCRACY" (RC 05 Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations, *University of British Columbia, Canada*)

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Workshop 12—Room: Monaco**The transformation of work and professions**Chair: Axel Van Der Berg, (Director of the Department of Sociology, *McGill University, Canada*)**Papers:**

- **Alice Rangel De Paiva Abreu**, "THE SOCIOLOGY OF WORK IN LATIN AMERICA AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY: NEW APPROACHES, NEW REALITIES" (RC 30 Sociology of Work, *CNPQ and Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*)
- **Tsunetsugu Munakata and Terri R. Lituchy**, "INFORMATION REVOLUTION, SOCIAL CHANGE AND WORK MENTAL HEALTH" (RC 49 Mental Health and Illness, *University of Tsukuba, Japan and Concordia University, Canada*)
- **Julia Evetts**, "RETURNING TO PROFESSIONS" (RC 52 Sociology of Occupational Groups, *University of Nottingham, United Kingdom*)
- **Carla Lipsig-Mumme and Edward Webster**, "THE ELUSIVE CATALYST: RECASTING LABOUR STUDIES AND LABOUR MOVEMENTS IN THE LIGHT OF GLOBALISATION" (RC 44 Labour Movements, *York University, Canada and University of Witwatersrand, South Africa*)

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Coffee break

3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Workshop 13—Room: Luxembourg**Family and childhood**Chair: Deena White (*Université de Montréal, Canada*)**Papers:**

- **Susan McDaniel**, "FAMILY CHANGE AND LIFE COURSE DEVELOPMENT: SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION ON INTIMATE FRONTIERS" (Editor of *Current Sociology, University of Alberta, Canada*)
- **Barbara H. Settles**, "SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND THE FUTURE OF FAMILY THEORY, RESEARCH AND PROGRAMS" (RC 06 Family Research, *University of Delaware, United States*)
- **Jens Qvortrup**, "CHILDHOOD—A PROPER SOCIOLOGICAL ISSUE" (WG 03 Sociology of Childhood, *University of Science & Technology, Norway*)

4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Coffee break

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Concluding Session—Room: LuxembourgFinal address by **Louis Maheu**, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (*Université de Montréal, Canada*), speaking on behalf of the Rector of the *Université de Montréal***Sunday July 30th, 2000****Administrative meeting of the research council—Room: Luxembourg**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Delegates of the Research Council of the International Sociological Association only)

Report on the ISA Research Council Conference 2000 and Business Meeting

Financial Report

Les subventions de l'International Sociological Association et du Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, à égale hauteur, ont été complétés par un financement du Fonds FCAR du Gouvernement du Québec, ainsi que par des subventions de l'Université de Montréal en provenance du Vice-recteur à la recherche, du Doyen de la Faculté des Études Supérieures, du Vice-doyen de la Faculté des Arts et des Sciences, du Centre de recherche interuniversitaire sur les transformations et les régulations économiques et sociales (CRITÈRES) et du Département de sociologie. Le financement du colloque, y compris les frais d'inscription, a totalisé plus de 30 000 dollars canadiens. Grâce à l'intervention de Jean-François Chanlat, membre du Comité Organisateur, l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales, nous a prêté gratuitement ses magnifiques locaux, particulièrement fonctionnels pour un tel événement.

General Report

It is under the theme: "Social Transformations at the Turn of the Millennium: Sociological Theory and Empirical Research", that the Research Council of the International Sociology Association, ISA, held its 2000 Conference followed by its Business Meeting in Montreal from July 28-30, 2000.

Organized by a team led by Arnaud Sales, under the auspices of the Department of Sociology at the Université de Montréal and the Centre de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur les Transformations et les Régulations Économiques et Sociales, the meeting was held in the ultramodern functional facilities at the École des Hautes Études Commerciales, thanks to the President of Research Committee 17 on the Sociology of Organizations, Jean François Chanlat. Sponsors other than the ISA included l'Association Canadienne des Sociologues de Langue Française (ACSALF) and the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association. The members of the programme committee were Gérard Boismenu, Vanaja Dhruvarajan, Jules Duchastel, Marcel Fournier, Arnaud Sales, Alberto Martinelli and Piotr Sztompka. Doctoral student Roxanne Bernier coordinated preparations for the conference.

With this conference, the Research Council is pursuing a collaborative research effort on the contribution of specialized branches of sociology to the description, interpretation and explanation of contemporary social transformations, one of the founding theme of sociology as a distinct discipline. Among the Social Sciences, Sociology occupies a privileged position in the study of social change not only because of its traditions, but also because of the range of its branches of specialization. From this point of view, Research Committees are privileged observatories of changes occurring into well-delimited fields.

With more than 50 papers presented at sixteen sessions, the Conference represented a good occasion not only for documenting, in a substantive, systematic and profound way, analyses and understandings of contemporary social transformations, but also establishing links between the different areas of research. Presentations focussed on either the substance or the theoretical conceptualization of these changes. Two plenary sessions punctuated the Conference. The opening presentation was by Piotr Sztompka, who spoke on "Social and Cultural Trauma: The Other Side of Social Change", while a roundtable on "The Dynamics of Globalization" saw presentations from Alberto Martinelli, Michael Smith and Arnaud Sales. Conference program may be consulted at <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/conference/>. Possibilities of publishing a selection of the works presented at the Research Council Conference are being explored.

Even though the Conference was held in the height of Summer, participation from Research Committees was high, and it attracted a dynamic audience of colleagues and students. Participants from some 20 countries represented more than 40 committees and several working groups. The meeting has enabled numerous exchanges among participants who, in some cases, sought to pursue inter-committee collaborations. It is also worth mentioning the presence of several members of the Executive Committee of the ISA, of Stephen Crook, representing the Local Organizing Committee of the World Congress of Brisbane as well as the publishers of journals and other publications associated with the ISA.

Funding for the Conference was by the ISA, the Social Sciences Research Council of Canada, Fonds FCAR of Quebec, and the University of Montreal.

Business Meeting

The Research Council Business Meeting, chaired by Arnaud Sales, included much information and discussion. One highlight was the creation of the *Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize for Comparative and Interdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences* to be awarded every 4 years to a sociologist at the World Congress of Sociology in recognition for his/her lifetime accomplishments and achievements in comparative or interdisciplinary research in Social Sciences. The sum to be awarded will most probably be \$4,000 U.S.

The Executive Committee of the ISA wishes to show its gratitude to Mattei Dogan for his personal generosity and that of his Foundation for making this first ISA award possible. The Research Council unanimously elected Alicia Abreu (RC 30), Ann Denis (RC 32), Henri Teune (RC 35) and Arnaud Sales (President of the Research Council) to the prize selection committee.

Alberto Martinelli, President of the ISA presented the projects and accomplishments of the ISA over his midterm of office: Summer School for young sociologists, relations with national and regional associations, a series of manuals on internationalizing the training of sociologists and on line services via the ISA web site.

Arnaud Sales followed with a presentation on developments related to the activities of the Research Council:

- Numerous international conferences organized by the Research committees.
- * Publication in September 2000 by Sage Publications, London of the *International Handbook of Sociology*, edited by Stella Quah and Arnaud Sales. This book is the result of the collaborative work of the Research Committees originally presented at the 1997 Conference of the Research Council held in Montreal. It covers both contemporary theoretical perspectives as well as the recent developments in specialized areas of Sociology. Royalties will go to the ISA.
- * Finally, the ISARC 2000 Conference presented above.

One of the important points on the agenda was preparations for the World Congress in Brisbane 2002. Piotr Sztompka, Vice-President Program, was invited to present the main orientations of the Brisbane program, particularly the plenary sessions and the large thematic symposia to take place in the mornings. Following the discussion it was decided to add 4 integrative sessions to be organized by the Research Committees. This project is coordinated by Linda Christiansen-Ruffman.

Albert Martinelli presented the projects of presidential sessions while Arnaud Sales presented the guidelines and the timetable of the Research Committees sessions which will be held in the afternoons and evenings. The Research Council accepted the proposals.

A matter of importance was the number of sessions allotted to each Research Council. The ISA Executive Committee adopted new rules regarding the allocation of the RC sessions. The number of sessions allotted in the Congress will be linked to the number of members in good standing with ISA within each Research Committee. The Research Council, by a large majority, voted in favour of the new rules.

Members of the Research Council heard a presentation by Stephen Crook, President of the Australian Sociological Association and member of the Brisbane Local Organizing Committee on preparations and facilities for the upcoming World Congress. Research Committees have been asked to indicate as soon as possible the amount of space they need for their activities.

Considering the importance that the ISA has always accorded to linguistic diversity in its operations, as witnessed by the Touraine Report, Jurgen Hartmann presented by way of example, the language policy of RC 34 on Youth. This policy was presented in a previous ISA Bulletin.

In accordance with regulations, the Research Council elected its Nominating Committee for 2002 Elections. It consists of the following 5 members:

1. Soledad Garcia (RC 21) Chair; 2. Han Entzinger (RC31); 3. Devorah Kalekin-Fishman (RC36); 4. Tsunetsugu Munakata (RC49); 5. Linda Christiansen-Ruffman (EC).

Reserve members are Gaetan Tremblay (RC14); Wolfgang Glatzer (WG06) and David Segal (RC01).

A part of the Research Council meeting was devoted to the presentations on the publication activities of the ISA by Christine Inglis, Vice-President Publications; to the new format of the SAGE Series in International Sociology by Julia Evetts, Editor; to International Sociology with Said Arjomand, Editor, and Jennifer Platt who is in charge of the Book Review Section of International Sociology.

On the request of Kay Lawson, RC 18 on Political Sociology, participants signed a letter of protest at the imprisonment of Dr Saad Edding Ibrahim by the Egyptian authorities. Dr Ibrahim is editor of the work Civil Society and Party Politics in the Arab World: Reluctant Democratization which will be published by Praeger.

As seen, the Research Council agenda was quite packed, but went ahead in a pleasant and productive atmosphere, thanks to the contribution of all its members.

Arnaud Sales
Vice-President for Research