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REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The R.C.C. met in May just before the meeting of the Executive Committee in Montreal. Most of the members were present and many items were on the agenda for discussion.

Most of the research committees seem to have regular activities and produce a Newsletter. A complete review of the research committees will be made next year at the meeting of the Research Council which will take place in Warsaw, Poland, at the end of August '80.

The R.C.C. has recommended to the Executive Committee the recognition of the working-group on Alienation Theory and Research as a research committee. This has been approved and temporarily Felix Geyer and David Schweitzer will be the representatives of the committee. An election will be conducted very soon.

The I.S.A. Executive Committee has again approved a budget of \$6,000.00 for 1980 to allow grants to research committees. A memo has been sent to research committees on this matter.

Magdalena Sokolowska who is the chairperson of the Research Council for the present term is conducting a research project which will involve most of the research committees. The first results will be presented in Warsaw and the project will end with the publication of a book.

It has been agreed by the Executive Committee that the research committees should take a more important place in the preparation of the program of the world Congress. Consequently, the nominations of members of the Program Committee involve many names of persons belonging to the research committees and also to the Research Coordinating Committee. The list of members of the Program Committee and of the Advisory Program Committee will be published later as soon as we know if the persons nominated agree to serve. Our Winter-Spring issue of the Bulletin will contain information on research committees' activities.

REPORT ON THE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee and its sub-committees met on May 17-20, 1979 in the offices of the secretariat in Montreal. The Rector of the Université de Montréal was the host of a reception at which colleagues from the four local universities and members of the executive committee had an opportunity to get acquainted. Afterwards, the executive committee was invited to a dinner by the two Canadian associations: I.A.C.S.A.L.F. and the C.S.A.A.; they each sent representatives to the dinner who expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to meet the members of the executive committee. In addition, two seminars were organized: Guido Martinotti spoke in French at the Université de Montréal, and Ulf Himmelstrand spoke in English at Concordia University. These social and scholarly activities not only provided some relief from the tedium of dealing for several days with administrative matters, but they also renewed or established contacts between local sociologists and their colleagues from various parts of the world.

The following sub-committees met and reported to the executive committee: the publications committee, the membership and finance committee, and the research coordinating committee. Their reports and recommendations were presented to the executive committee and the actions based on them are included below.

The Minutes of the last meeting in Uppsala were approved, but a slight change in procedure was introduced. Alexander Szalai suggested that the meetings should be recorded on tape, and Juan Linz suggested that these tapes should not become part of the archives but should be erased after the minutes have been approved. Except for this change the past procedure of sending a draft to the president and the vice-presidents before circulating a final version is to be maintained.

The Report from the secretariat was presented by Céline Saint-Pierre. She presented the curriculum vitae of Professor Marcel Rafie who is a candidate to succeed her as executive secretary. Jacques Dofny supported this candidacy and it was unanimously approved.

Alexander Szalai moved an expression of thanks and appreciation for the devoted work of Céline Saint-Pierre which was also unanimously approved. The written report from the Secretariat was taken as read and Céline Saint-Pierre answered questions and reported also on the move later this summer of the secretariat offices to new quarters on the new campus of the UQAM.

The Report of the Membership and Finance Committee was presented by Ulf Himmelstrand and Kurt Jonassohn and raised some serious problems due to our perennially poor financial situation. The financial statement for 1978 showed a surplus due to non-recurring revenues; these are accounted for by individual membership dues from World Congress registrations of non-members, a special grant from UQAM to assist with the extra work involved in the preparations for the World Congress, and exchange premiums due to the drop in the value of the Canadian dollar. However, this surplus will be eaten up by the projected deficits for the next two years unless additional sources of income can be found.

The report of the Travel Grants Committee was accepted without discussion because it simply presented the results of work that had been discussed at length in the past.

The report on the Financial Statements from the World Congress were discussed at some length because there have been many complaints about the high costs, and there have also been rumours questioning the disposition of these moneys. The president emphasized that complete documentation on all expenditures has been kept by SLAC and also by the bank; these are available for independent auditing. The facts are as follows: the budgeting had been planned to include a surplus that was intended to be used to cover the operating deficits of the I.S.A. between congresses. In fact, no surplus remains; instead we are left with a small deficit. The reasons for this can be summarized this way: the original budgeting was done three years before the Congress by people who are sociologists and amateurs in financial matters. At that time, they did not foresee the effects of inflation and devaluation; neither did they anticipate the costs that were caused by our colleagues through damage to housing, thefts, vandalism, and the need to hire extra staff to police the meetings in order to prevent even more of these events. Thus, the total costs of the World Congress turned out to be considerably higher than had been anticipated. Every effort will be made to learn from our past mistakes; however, conditions vary from Congress to Congress and are difficult to predict. In the light of these explanations the financial report was accepted.

Kurt Jonassohn presented the revised budget for 1979 and the proposed budget for 1980. Both generated considerable discussion because they forecast a deficit for each year such that by the end of 1980 these deficits will have eaten up our accumulated income. The budgets were amended to include some travel funds for meetings; the executive felt very strongly that the I.S.A. could not continue to hold meetings on a zero budget.

The introduction of a life membership was discussed which would facilitate the continued membership of individuals after their retirement when their income is reduced. It was decided to introduce such a life membership at a cost of ten times the annual dues and available only from age 60 onwards.

During the review of collective members one resignation was accepted and quite a number of new members were admitted. Due to the decrease in the value of the dollar, it was decided to adjust the fees of collective members upwards by 30% and that such members as may have difficulty in paying this, will be referred to the paragraph in the statutes that deals with payment in local currency.

A general discussion of our difficult financial situation had taken place in the Membership and Finance Committee and the president reported the following recommendations which were accepted: that all members of the Executive do all they can to raise money in their own country or region for the international purposes of the I.S.A.; that all members of the Executive make a concerted effort to recruit new collective members;

that the president himself will approach some foundations to find some formula in terms of which they will make grants to the I.S.A.; that the national associations be encouraged to find local funds that could be made available for the international work of the Association; and that voluntary contributions be solicited from some of the larger collective members. Such steps are necessary not only to cover the projected deficits, but also to permit the I.S.A. to perform more of the functions it should be performing, rather than operating only at the minimum level permitted by our very scarce resources.

The report from the Publications Committee was presented by Jacques Dofny. The progress of both Current Sociology and of our book series was reviewed; some changes in organizational and contractual arrangements were proposed; and the next meeting of the Publications Committee was moved up to November, instead of January, in order to deal more expeditiously with a number of outstanding problems.

The terms of the editors expire in 1980 and their replacement was discussed. No nomination was presented for the editorship of Current Sociology and this was delegated to the Publications Committee to deal with. Céline Saint-Pierre was nominated by Guido Martinotti as editor of S.S.I.S. She will be on sabbatical leave in Italy and could take over on January 1, 1980. Martinotti's secretary has agreed to stay on during the transition period. This nomination was approved unanimously.

The report from the Research Coordinating Committee was presented by Magdalena Sokolowska and discussed in detail. For a summary see the separate report above.

The report of the Statutes Revision Committee was presented by the president. The proposals arising from the January meeting have been distributed. Members are asked to send in their comments within six months so that they may be discussed at the next meeting.

Professor Antonio Luna Arroyo attended the meetings in order to present a formal invitation to hold the X. World Congress of Sociology in Mexico. This invitation was accepted with thanks and Professor Luna Arroyo invited Céline Saint-Pierre and Kurt Jonassohn to visit Mexico to discuss the local arrangements.

The membership of a Program Committee and a Program Advisory Committee was proposed and accepted. The names will be published only after the nominees have accepted to serve. Ralf Turner, in collaboration with the Secretariat, was charged with organizing a meeting of the Program Committee around the middle of November in Europe.

A Travel Grants Committee was also nominated as follows: Cardoso (chair), Martinotti (vice-chair), Luna Arroyo, Alexander Szalai, one other member from Mexico, and one executive secretary. This committee will again have the very difficult task of raising and distributing travel moneys for the World Congress.

The general theme of the World Congress will be "Sociological Theory and Social Practice." The combination of theory and practice is meant by the Executive Committee to emphasize the identification of broadly significant questions that must ultimately be answered on the basis of programs of research and practical application. The theme may be elaborated by identifying a set of unanswered questions or issues having significance for a wide range of sociological specialties in contrasting world regions. The Executive Committee has expressed special interest in global problems - those practical concerns that transcend the boundaries of specific nations and academic disciplines. One aim is to avoid either strictly philosophical and ideological debate or reports of mere fact-gathering. Another aim is to identify and clarify important unanswered questions rather than to report well-established conclusions.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in Budapest at the beginning of September 1980 upon an invitation presented by Alexander Szalai in the name of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the

Hungarian Sociological Association. The next meeting of the Research Council will be held in Warsaw at the end of August 1980 upon an invitation presented by Magdalena Sokolowska in the name of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Both invitations were accepted with thanks.

Concerning the meetings of the I.S.S.C. General Assembly this fall, Ulf Himmelstrand and Margaret Stacey were nominated as delegates and Renate Maintz and Enzo Mingione were nominated as alternates.

A proposal to administer a prize was discussed in terms of the precedent that this action would set. After some discussion it was decided that the I.S.A. should not get involved in prizes because it would get very complex to do this on an international scale.

Although quite a number of other matters were discussed, we believe that this report represents an adequate summary of these meetings which lasted for three days.

REPORT ON VISIT TO MEXICO BY CELINE SAINT-PIERRE AND KURT JONASSOHN JULY 25 TO JULY 31, 1979

We went to Mexico on the invitation of Antonio Luna Arroyo to meet with the Mexican Local Arrangements Committee (MLAC) to discuss the preparations for the X. World Congress of Sociology.

There was considerable discussion of suitable dates. The second half of May was suggested; however this was rejected because it represents the middle of the semester in too many countries. The first week of September is a national holiday in Mexico. We agreed on August 23-28, 1982, subject to approval from the Executive Committee.

The selection of an appropriate site also required some discussion. Locations outside of Mexico City were ruled out because of problems of transportation and/or lack of sufficient meeting rooms. The UNAM campus also seemed impractical due to the distance between hotels and campus and the difficulties posed by the congested traffic causing long commuting times. Finally, we all agreed on three colonial-style university buildings in the center of the city which we visited. They are within walking distance of each other and of many hotels and restaurants. One of them is probably large enough to accommodate the entire World Congress. However, the final decision on which one or two of them will be used is to be taken only after floor plans have been obtained and the exact number of available rooms has been counted.

We went over a prepared agenda item by item and it served to make our colleagues aware of the complexity of the task they are about to undertake. They will immediately investigate the possibilities of obtaining financial support and will also prepare a draft budget. Both of these items will be available well before the next Executive Committee meeting so that they may be discussed and allow the setting of registration fees.

Finally, several members of MLAC will keep an eye on the World Congress of Rural Sociology which will be held in Mexico next August. Although attendance will be lower than at ours, it will give them a good opportunity to study its organization and such problems as may occur.

It is our impression that Mexico is well equipped to hold a very successful World Congress and that the preparations are well under control.

A CHANGE AMONG THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

Dr. Céline Saint-Pierre who has been an executive secretary since 1974 has resigned from her function. She is replaced by Dr. Marcel Rafie who is a professor of sociology in the same department at the Université du Québec à Montréal. The University has agreed to keep the Secretariat until 1982 and to continue to offer the same services to the I.S.A. Kurt Jonassohn will remain as the other executive secretary for the next three years.

TALCOTT PARSONS: 1902 - 1979

Talcott Parsons est décédé ce printemps, à l'âge de 77 ans, au cours d'un voyage qu'il effectuait en Allemagne. Avec lui disparaît une des grandes figures de la sociologie contemporaine. Figure controversée, bien sûr, ce qui donne à son oeuvre encore plus de relief.

Au-delà des discussions et des contestations que son oeuvre a suscitées et suscitera sans doute encore, quelques grandes leçons nous restent de sa vie. Celle peut-être surtout d'une carrière entièrement consacrée à la recherche et à l'enseignement. A une recherche d'une nature particulière, certes: on sait que Talcott Parsons a fait peu d'études empiriques. Il fut plutôt un "incurable théoricien", comme il l'a dit de lui-même. Et c'est en tant que tel qu'il consacra sa vie entière à l'étude, au travail de l'esprit, à l'exploration de champs nouveaux du savoir, à l'extension des frontières de la connaissance.

Talcott Parsons avait une très haute idée du rôle social de l'universitaire et du penseur. A ses yeux, la vocation de recherche était par elle-même un engagement social: toute recherche, surtout dans les sciences de l'homme, avait, croyait-il, des répercussions politiques et sociales, par ce qu'elle révèle sur la société, ses fondements, ses dynamismes, son histoire.

Son attachement à la vie universitaire s'est concrétisé dans la fidélité à une institution universitaire: dans un pays où la mobilité est courante, sinon de rigueur, Talcott Parsons a mené toute sa carrière à l'Université Harvard, où il était entré en 1927 à titre d'"instructeur". Même après sa retraite, il n'a vraiment jamais tout à fait quitté l'Université Harvard.

D'une manière remarquable, presque unique, Talcott Parsons a su allier sa vie active de professeur à une énorme production intellectuelle. Je n'ai pas souvenir qu'il ait pris un seul "congé sabbatique". Chaque année, ses cours étaient inscrits au programme de sociologie de l'Université Harvard; chaque année, des articles et des livres signés de lui paraissaient avec une régularité et une constance presque inexplicables. Même après sa retraite, Talcott Parsons a parcouru le monde, acceptant d'enseigner dans diverses universités américaines, européennes et jusqu'en Australie, tout en continuant à publier annuellement articles et livres.

Sa passion de la science était insatiable. Son goût de communiquer ses connaissances ne connaissait pas de limite. Son intérêt pour l'évolution de la société contemporaine ne s'est jamais affaibli.

Talcott Parsons nous laisse une oeuvre monumentale. Il est difficile de dire ce qu'il en restera plus tard. Mais on doit reconnaître que, quel que soit le jugement qu'on porte sur elle, elle a déjà profondément modifié la face de la sociologie contemporaine.

Guy Rocher

Bruce McFarlane

STEIN ROKKAN: 1921 - 1979

Stein Rokkan, who died on July 22, 1979, made an outstandingly important contribution to the success of the I.S.A. in its early years. I knew him first in 1950 when he became the Executive Secretary of the Association, and we worked closely together in 1953/54 when I succeeded him as Secretary. His enthusiasm and dedication inspired many other people to put their best efforts into the development of sociology on an international scale. Nor was it only in the I.S.A. that he was active. He contributed enormously to I.P.S.A., and more recently to the work of the International Social Science Council. Indeed, it was his intelligence, imagination and organizing capacity which was largely responsible for the transformation of the I.S.S.C. into a federation of the international disciplinary associations with a clearer and more effective research programme of its own. In my association with him during these years from 1974 I admired immensely his ability to focus our attention clearly upon worthwhile projects on interdisciplinary research, in the course of discussions which were extremely complicated and often influenced by narrower disciplinary concerns. His last great achievement in this respect was the 25th anniversary conference of the I.S.S.C., which produced some excellent papers and lively debates, and will be a lasting memorial to him.

Stein Rokkan was the very embodiment of all that is best in international social science. He is irreplaceable, and we shall long remember his rugged personality, his determined and untiring commitment to the growth of sociology and its sister disciplines.

Tom Bottomore

JOHN PORTER: 1921 - 1979

It is with great regret that we announce the death of John Porter, Professor of Sociology at Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada) who died suddenly at his home on June 15, 1979, in his fifty-eighth year. Born in Vancouver, Professor Porter received his early education in Great Britain. Following over five years' service in the Canadian Army during World War II, he entered the London School of Economics and Political Science where he graduated with first class Honours in Sociology. While there, his tutors were T.H. Marshall and Edward Shils, both of whom had considerable influence on his subsequent work. Upon graduation he returned to Canada where his first post was with the Historical Section of the Canadian Army where he assisted in the writing of the volumes concerned with Canada's participation in World War II in Italy.

In 1949, he was appointed Lecturer at Carleton University, in 1963 he was named Professor of Sociology, and Vice-President (Academic) of the University in 1977.

While Professor Porter had an extensive list of scholarly publications to his credit including books, monographs and articles, he is probably best known for his now-classic work, The Vertical Mosaic: An Analysis of Social Class and Power in Canada, published in 1965. This study has had a tremendous influence on Sociology and the other Social Sciences in Canada. Much of Porter's work (and now that of his students) is concerned with the necessity and importance of equal educational opportunity for all Canadians and the need for the democratization of higher education in Canada.

The high level quality of his work was recognized throughout the academic world and, among other honours and awards, he received a Canada Council Senior Fellowship (1963); the MacIver Award of the American Sociological Association (1966); was awarded the D. Sc. (Econ.) by the University of London (1966); was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1968); was elected Honorary President of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association (1972); and was awarded an honorary LL.D. by McMaster University (1973), and an honorary D. Litt. by the University of Waterloo (1977).

In addition to his post at Carleton University, Professor Porter also spent a year as Canada Fellow at the International Institute for Labour Studies (ILO) Geneva, a year as Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto, and a year as visiting Professor of Canadian Studies in the Department of Sociology at Harvard University.

Professor Porter is survived by his wife Marian (co-author with him and with Bernard Blischen of Does Money Matter? Prospects for Higher Education) and a son and daughter, Tony of San Francisco and Ann of Vancouver.

THE STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

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

ARTICLE I

Nature of Organization

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

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The object of the association is to advance sociological knowledge throughout the world. To this end the Association shall undertake measures:

- (a) to secure and to develop personal contacts between sociologists throughout the world;
- (b) to encourage the international dissemination and exchange of information on significant developments in sociological knowledge;
- (c) to facilitate and promote international sociological research.

ARTICLE III

Membership

1. The Association shall recognize five categories of members
 - (A) National sociological societies duly established and open to all active and qualified sociologists within the territory of the given country;
 - (B) International and multinational regional associations of sociologists whether of a general character or limited to a particular field of sociology;
 - (C) Research institutions and university departments active in the field of sociology;
 - (D) Individual scholars active in sociological teaching, research or related services;
 - (E) Supporting organizations and institutions.

2. To ensure thorough evaluation of all applications for membership and to review the status of members who have not paid their dues, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Membership Committee of three members. This Committee shall report to the Executive Committee and submit recommendations for action.
3. The schedules of annual dues to be charged at each level of membership shall be established by the Council for each period on the basis of recommendations by the Executive Committee. Dues for national societies shall be assessed according to the size and economic strength of each society. Whenever required, dues may be assessed in national currencies and paid to national accounts established by the Association.
4. Individual scholars admitted to membership (Cat.D) of the Association may, on acceptance by the Board of the given Committee, register as members of one or more of the duly established Research Committees of the Association (Article XI). The dues for such Research Committee membership shall be determined for each four-year period by the Executive Committee on the basis of recommendations by the Board of each Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Governing Body

1. The supreme governing body of the Association shall be the Council. In the interim between meetings of the Council, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to carry out the policies established by the Council and to act on matters of urgency.
2. When questions of policy arise which have not been dealt with at earlier sessions of the Council, the Executive Committee may submit motions to the Council membership for decision by mail vote.
3. Actions taken by mail ballot shall have the force of actions at regular sessions of the Council on these conditions:
 - (A) All members must receive the documents setting out the motion and the ballot paper at least sixty (60) days before the final date of balloting;
 - (B) At least one-third of the members on the list of Council members valid at the time of balloting must have sent in their votes;
 - (C) At least one-half of those voting must be in favour of the motion.
4. The provisions in this Article are not valid for elections or for amendments of the Statutes; rules for these are given in Articles VI and XII.

ARTICLE V

The Council

1. The Council shall be composed of:
 - (A) One National Delegate for each of the countries from which one or more sociological societies have been admitted to membership in Category A;
 - (B) One National Delegate from each of the other countries from which at least one organization or institution has been admitted to membership in Category C.
2. If from any one country more than one national society has been admitted to membership in Category A, these societies shall be requested to set up a national liaison committee to designate a joint delegate to the Council.
3. If, for any one country, no national societies have been admitted to Category A, but several organizations or institutions have been admitted in Category C, these members shall be asked to set up a national liaison committee to designate the joint delegate to the Council.
4. In cases of disagreement within the national liaison committee on the designation of a delegate, the Executive Committee shall offer to serve as arbitrator.
5. Delegates designated by national societies or other collective members which are in arrears for more than two years with the payment of their dues shall not have the right to vote in the Council.
6. One or more alternates may be designated for each delegate. Alternates shall have the privilege of participating in the deliberations of the Council but shall have the right to vote only when representing an absent Council member.
7. The delegates on the Council shall hold office for a term of four calendar years from the first of January of the year of the regular quadrennial meeting stipulated in section 9, below.
8. Except as explicitly stated elsewhere in these Statutes, all decisions of the Council shall be reached by majority vote of those present.
9. The Council shall meet at least once every four years. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or upon the written request of one-third of the members of the Council.
10. A quorum of the Council shall consist of one-third of the total membership as determined at the beginning of each calendar year.
11. The meetings of the Council shall be open to qualified members of subsidiary bodies of the Association as well as to representatives of international associations admitted in Category B, when matters affecting them are on the agenda. Such members may be granted the privilege of speaking at the Council meeting on specific occasions, but shall not have the right to vote.
12. The deliberations of the Council shall be open to observers and the protocols shall be made available to all members in the five categories specified in Article III.

ARTICLE VI

Nominations and Elections

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

ARTICLE VII

The Executive Committee

1. The Council shall elect twelve Members of the Executive Committee of the Association. These shall include the President, and three vice-presidents of the Association. To these twelve shall be added five Members elected by the Research Council under the provision laid down in Article XI.
2. In the case of vacancies among the Members elected by the Council, the Nominating Committee shall nominate two candidates for each vacancy from among whom the Council will select the successor by mail ballot. The same procedure applies to Members elected by the Research Council.

3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every four years. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon the written request of one-third of the total of seventeen Members.
4. No Members shall serve more than two terms on the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

The Executive Secretary

1. The Executive Secretary shall be elected by the Executive Committee for a term of four years. He need not be a member of the Council and may be re-elected.
2. He shall be in charge of the administrative affairs of the Association, will receive instructions from the Executive Committee through the President and will be responsible to the Executive Committee.
3. He shall make full reports on the organization, its membership, finances, program, activities and accomplishments at least once a year.
4. The Executive Committee may, when necessary, appoint a Deputy Secretary General.
5. The stipend and allowances of the Executive Secretary and of his staff shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.
6. The office of Treasurer may be combined with that of Executive Secretary in the same person.

ARTICLE IX

The President and the Vice-Presidents

1. The term of office of the President and of the three Vice-Presidents shall be four years. The President shall not be eligible for re-election to the office of President. The Vice-Presidents shall not be eligible for re-election as Vice-Presidents.
2. The President shall preside at all of the meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee. In his absence a Vice-President shall preside.
3. The three Vice-Presidents shall deputize for the President as follows:
 - One Vice-President shall be Deputy Chairman of the Program Committee for the subsequent World Congress;
 - One Vice-President shall deputize as Chairman of the Membership Committee and be in charge of relationships with national and international societies and organizations;
 - One Vice-President shall be in charge of liaison with the Research Committees of the Association and represent the President in the Research Council.

ARTICLE X

Headquarters of the Organization

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

ARTICLE XI

Research Committees

1. To open up a broader range of opportunities for the participation of individual members in the activities of the Association, the Executive Committee shall establish a number of Research Committees.
2. Research Committees may be established for each of the major fields of sociology or, when this is deemed in the interest of the Association, for specifically designed programs or projects of cooperative international inquiry.
3. Research Committees shall be established or renewed by the Executive Committee for four years at a time. At the end of each four-year period, the Executive Committee shall review the achievements and the status of each Committee and decide on the renewal or annulment of the mandate. Committees which have not been able to mount any activity during the four-year period shall not be recognized for another period.
4. Proposals for the establishment of Committees in new fields or on new programmes or projects, as well as proposals for new Committees in fields covered by Committees whose mandates have been annulled, shall be considered by the Executive Committee if supported by more than twenty-five individual members from at least five countries. Decisions on recognition shall be taken by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Research Council. Committees recognized for the first time shall be given a two-year trial period to launch activities and recruit members. If it proves impossible to recruit more than twenty-five members in good standing or to mount any significant activity during this period, the Committee shall be dropped from the roster of recognized Research Committees.
5. The membership of each Committee shall consist of Members of affiliated national societies (Cat.A) or individual members (Cat.D) of the Association who have been accepted as members of the given Committee on application to its Board. To establish a definitive electorate for the elections to the Board, the Secretary-General of the Association shall set up for each calendar year a list of the paid-up membership for each committee. To this the Secretary of the given Committee shall add a list of the other members in good standing who, although they may not have paid any direct dues, have contributed to the work of the Committee during the year.
6. The members judged to be in good standing shall meet once every four years to elect a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and two further members of the Board of the Committee. This membership meeting shall also elect one representative and one alternate to the Research Council of the Association. If a quorum of one-

half of the membership is not present, these elections shall proceed by mail ballot. An election by mail ballot shall only be valid if more than one-third of the membership cast their vote. During the trial period of two years the Executive Committee may appoint a provisional Board if the new Committee has not been able to hold an election. No one can be member of the Board of more than two Research Committees and President or Vice-President or Secretary in more than one Research Committee.

- 7. Each Research Committee shall set up a Secretariat to ensure regular communication with all members about activities and plans. The Committee Secretary shall report at least annually to the Secretary-General of the Association and keep him regularly informed about plans for new activities, application for financial support and other matters of common concern.
- 8. To ensure communication and cooperation among the recognized Research Committees, the Association shall establish a Research Council. This shall be composed of one representative and one alternate for each recognized committee. The term of office on the Research Council shall be four years. Representatives and alternates shall not serve for more than two terms.
- 9. International or multinational regional associations admitted to membership in Category B (Art. III, 1.) may, if they serve functions essentially similar to those of the regular Research Committees of the International Sociological Association, be given the right to elect a delegate to the Research Council. Decisions on such privileges shall be taken by the Executive Committee only if three or more of the Members elected by the Research Council are present.

- 10. The Research Council shall elect every four years five Members of the Executive Committee of the Association (Art. VII, 1.). The term of office of these Members shall be four years. They shall not be re-eligible for more than one additional term.
- 11. The nomination of candidates and the election of these Members of the Executive Committee shall proceed in the manner laid down for nominations or elections by the Council (Art. VI). No more than two of the five members of the Nominating Committee of the Research Council shall be a Member in the outgoing Executive Committee elected by the Research Council. To ensure an adequate geographical distribution of the representation of the Research Council, no more than one Member shall be eligible for any one country.
- 12. The Research Council shall meet at least once during the four-year period. Special meetings may be called on the request of one-third of the duly elected members.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the Constitution shall only be voted on at meetings of the Council at which at least one half of the total Council membership is present and shall require a two-thirds mail vote of the Council unless the vote for the amendment at the Council meeting constituted a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the Council. All proposed amendments shall be submitted to members of the Council in writing at least sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting where they are to be acted upon.

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Theme - La Democracia en América Latina

Place - Universidad de Panamá

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Theme - The Child and the Family in Changing Society

Place - Helsinki, Finland

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