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Sociologi riuniti al collegio Ghislieri

LA SEZIONE sociologica del dipartimento di studi politici e sociali dell'Università di Pavia ha organizzato una importante riunione scientifica. Al collegio Ghislieri sociologi di tutto il mondo discutono, nel corso di questa settimana, delle prospettive della sociologia nella società contemporanea. Al Ghislieri è riunito l'esecutivo dell'Associazione Internazionale di sociologia sotto la presidenza del senatore professor Fernando Henrique Cardoso. Sono presenti sociologi provenienti da Canada, U.S.A., Brasile, Giappone, Singapore, India, Siria, U.R.S.S., Bulgaria, Polonia, Germania Est e Ovest, Finlandia, Norvegia, Inghilterra, Olanda, Francia, Spagna e Italia.



Studiosi di ogni Paese Al Ghislieri il vertice dei sociologi



Un momento del vertice al Ghislieri

SOCIOLOGI da tutto il mondo a convegno, da ieri e per una settimana, nei saloni del Collegio Ghislieri. Dopo Mosca, Città del Messico, Amsterdam e Barcellona, tocca quest'anno a Pavia ospitare i lavori del Comitato Esecutivo dell'Associazione Internazionale di Sociologia. Questo organismo è composto dai venti rappresentanti delle oltre quaranta associazioni nazionali di sociologia presenti in tutto il mondo. All'ordine del giorno della settimana pavese, c'è la preparazione del congresso mondiale che si svolgerà nel 1986 a Nuova Delhi, in India.

Sotto esame è in particolare il programma scientifico del congresso che ruoterà attorno ai temi del sottosviluppo, dei mutamenti sociali e degli effetti provocati dalla evoluzione tecnologica sulle aree geografiche arretrate. A questo proposito è di particolare rilievo la presenza a Pavia, come presidente della riunione dei sociologi, di Fernando Henrique Cardoso, tra i più importanti studiosi contemporanei, che è anche uno dei leader del Partito Socialista Brasiliano, attualmente alla guida del movimento di opposizione alla dittatura militare.

Convegno al Ghislieri Quali sono le prospettive della sociologia

SI CONCLUDONO oggi al collegio Ghislieri i lavori del comitato esecutivo dell'Associazione internazionale di sociologia, in preparazione del congresso mondiale che si terrà nel 1986 a Nuova Delhi. Oggi alle 17 è in programma un convegno di studi sul tema "Prospettive e sviluppo della sociologia in Italia", tra i relatori alcuni nomi di spicco delle scienze sociali italiane come Achille Ardigò, Guido Martinotti, Massimo Paci e Alessandro Cavalli.

Quest'ultimo, docente alla facoltà di economia e commercio dell'Università di Pavia e rappresentante italiano nell'esecutivo dell'Associazione internazionale di sociologia, ha organizzato l'incontro al Ghislieri, in collaborazione con l'Istituto di sociologia dell'Ateneo pavese.

Il convegno sarà l'occasione per il riconoscimento ufficiale in campo mondiale dell'Associazione italiana di sociologia che è



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stata formata nel dicembre dello scorso anno. L'Associazione, in cui confluiscono studiosi appartenenti sia alla corrente laica sia a quella cattolica della sociologia italiana, sarà rappresentata a Pavia dal presidente Ardigò e dal vice presidente Martinotti.



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FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Staff changes. During a special December 1983 Barcelona meeting of the Executive Committee, **Walter Becking** announced his intention to resign as ISA Executive Secretary for personal reasons; his resignation per January 1, 1984 was accepted, although he agreed to stay on as a part-time adviser till April 1, 1984; subsequently, during the July 1984 meeting of the full Executive Committee in Pavia, **Izabela Barlinska** and **Peter Reinsch** were nominated **Deputy Executive Secretaries**. Moreover, **Marianne Schagen**, who almost finished her sociology studies at the Free University in Amsterdam, started working at the Secretariat on a part-time basis already in January, and is taking care, among others, of membership administration.

Executive Committee meeting, Pavia, July 3-7, 1984. The Executive Committee held its annual meeting this year July 3-7 in Pavia (Italy), preceded by a Program and Publications Committees meeting there on July 1-2. The bulk of the agenda of the Executive Committee this year consisted of discussing, and ultimately approving, the recommendations of the Program Committee for the forthcoming World Congress (see pp. 3-5 for a condensed overview of the major decisions in this respect). Discussions centered especially around the morning part of the programme, where session organizers and others to be involved in the symposia sessions were selected.

Regarding the new journal of the ISA, **INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY**, it has been decided that the first issue will be distributed to all World Congress participants free of charge; associate editors representing some 16 geographical regions will be chosen; the University College Cardiff Press (United Kingdom) will publish the journal on behalf of the ISA.

On the financial side, **two motions** were approved:

1. the Department of Sociology, University of Singapore, is accepted as a new category "C" member;
2. category "A" members not having paid their dues for the period 1983 through 1986 will not only lose the right to vote on the ISA Council meetings to be held during the XI

World Congress in New Delhi, but will also not be allowed to continue on the ISA Council or to receive travel grants in that capacity.

The results of the Research Coordinating Committee and the Research Council meetings, approved by the Executive Committee, are presented on pp. 6-8.

To ensure a maximally efficient preparation of the World Congress, the Executive Committee authorized the Secretariat, at its request, to enlist the services of a PCO (professional congress organizer). Director of the **QLT Convention Services** in Amsterdam, **Quirine Laman Trip** came to Pavia for a day to explain what help she could provide. It was agreed that she will do the Amsterdam preregistration (i.e. the hardcurrency countries), and will provide on request whatever advice and help may be needed on either the Indian or the Dutch side.

The **ISSC** (International Social Science Council) has recently formed two **issue groups**: on Technological Change, Youth and Employment where **Jacques Dofny** has been invited to act as a convener, and on Peace, where the Executive Committee nominated **Artur Meier** as the ISA delegate, and **Joachim Schmidt** as the alternate.

The later part of the Executive Committee meeting, when relations with the **ISSC** and **UNESCO** were at issue, was also attended by **Ms. Blamont** of the **ISSC**, who presented an overview of **ISSC** efforts to help further the development of the social sciences, especially sociology.

Towards the end of our stay in Pavia, there was a highly interesting meeting with the officers of the recently established **Italian Sociological Association**, who informed the Executive Committee about sociological approaches to several social problems in Italy. The Italian Sociological Association was represented by: **Achille Ardigo** (President), **Guido Martinotti** (Vice-President), **Raimondo Catanzaro** (Secretary), and Board members, **Guido Baglioni**, **Luciano Gallino**, **Umberto Melotti**, **Raimondo Strassoldo**.

The meeting was also attended by **Celestino Colucci**, **Antonio Mutti** and **Marita Rampazi** (University of Pavia) who helped **Alessandro Cavalli** (ISA Executive Committee member) in the organization of these very successful meetings of the Publications, Program and Executive Committees of the ISA.

Felix Geyer, Executive Secretary

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**XI WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY
AUGUST 18-23, 1986 - NEW DELHI, INDIA**

The Program Committee of the XI World Congress of Sociology met in Pavia, July 1-3, 1984. Decisions taken during this meeting are presented below.

The XI World Congress of Sociology will be held on August 18-23, 1986, in New Delhi, India. The official theme of the Congress is:
"SOCIAL CHANGE: PROBLEMS AND PERSPECTIVES".

PRE- and LATE-REGISTRATION FEES, with June 15, 1986, serving as preregistration deadline, were set as follows:

	before 15 June'86	after 15 June'86
ISA members	\$ 100	\$ 150
non-ISA members	\$ 125	\$ 175
student ISA members	\$ 25	\$ 35
student non-ISA members & accompanying persons	\$ 35	\$ 45

Pre-registration form will be printed in the Fall issue of ISA Bulletin.

The following three **motions** were adopted:

- (1) The Program Committee encourages session organizers to invite scholars from the Third World and female scholars to present papers at the XI World Congress of Sociology.
- (2) All session organizers are encouraged to ensure the largest possible representation of the sociological community as a whole.
- (3) The Program Committee will seek to encourage the organization of Ad Hoc Group meetings which will be specially devoted to the study of social change and sociological research of the Third World, with the aim to encourage the contribution by Third World sociologists to the development of international sociology.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM of the XI World Congress of Sociology will consist of:

- Presidential session

to be organized entirely by the ISA President, Fernando H. Cardoso (Monday, August 18, 1986, 09:00 -12:00)

- Six Symposia

to be organized by the Program Committee. Four sessions of each of these six symposia will run simultaneously from Tuesday (August 19) through Friday (August 22), 09:00-12:00; fifth sessions of Symposia II, IV, V will be held in the evening, 20:00-22:00, on days still to be determined.

- Research Committees' sessions

will be allotted up to ten time slots of two hours each, 14:00-16:00 and 16:30-18:30, from Monday (August 19) through Friday (August 22). When two or more Research Committees plan a joint session, an additional period of two hours will be allotted for that purpose.

- Working Groups

will have the same time slots available as the Research Committees;

- other sessions

will be held in the evening, 20:00-22:00, from Monday (August 18) through Friday (August 22);

- Ad Hoc Groups recognized by the Research Council - maximum 5 sessions;
- other Ad Hoc Groups - maximum 2 sessions;
- SSO (special sessions by international organizations affiliated to the ISA) - maximum 2 sessions;

AD HOC GROUPS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Ad Hoc Groups are similar to Research Committees in that they cover specialized areas of sociology, but they do not have officially established places in the continuing organization of the ISA. At its June 1984 meeting, the Research Coordinating Committee granted Ad Hoc Group status to five applicants who may in the future become Research Committees as international interest and collaboration in their specialties grows (see Report from the Research Coordinating Committee Meeting). These five Ad Hoc Groups are allotted up to 5 sessions in the program, while new applicants will be allotted up to 2 sessions.

To qualify for a place in the program, the potential ad hoc group must consist of: (a) a substantial number of sociologists, (b) from several countries, (c) who have already engaged in some collaboration, and (d) whose special interest does not properly fit within the field of an established Research Committee.

Other international organizations (affiliated to the ISA) may be granted up to 2 sessions for programs that promise to be distinctive and to have wide international appeal to participants in the World Congress. Those sessions are called **SSO** (special sessions by other international organizations).

March 31, 1985 is the **deadline for receipt of applications** by the Program Committee Chairman, Professor Joji Watanuki (Naka-Cho 2-12-11-606, Musashino-Shi, Tokyo 180, Japan) and by the ISA Secretariat. Application forms can be obtained from the ISA Secretariat.

Deadlines for submitting session programs:

January 31, 1985

Session topics and the names of session organizers should be received by the ISA Secretariat for publication in the Spring 1985 issue of the ISA Bulletin.

October 1, 1985

Full information on each session should be received by the ISA Secretariat. This should list:

- title of the sessions
- authors (discussants, etc.)
- title of their papers
- address of each author

Anything received later than this cannot be printed in the Congress Programme.

March 1, 1986

Abstracts of papers should be received by the ISA Secretariat. Forms and instructions for submitting abstracts will be sent from the ISA Secretariat to session organizers. Anything received later than this cannot be printed in the "Sociological Abstracts" issue included in the Congress kit.

XI World Congress of Sociology - Table of Academic Sessions

	9:00 - 12:00	14:00 - 16:00	16:30 - 18:30	20:00-22:00
Monday August 18th	Presidential Session	Research Committees Working Groups	Research Committees Working Groups	Ad Hoc, SSO
Tuesday August 19th	Symposia	Research Committees Working Groups	Research Committees Working Groups	Symposia Ad Hoc, SSO
Wednesday August 20th	Symposia	Research Committees Working Groups	Research Comiittees Working Groups	Symposia Ad Hoc, SSO
Thursday August 21th	Symposia	Research Committees Working Groups	Research Committees Working Groups	Symposia Ad Hoc, SSO
Friday August 22th	Symposia	Research Committees Working Groups	Research Committees Working Groups	Symposia Ad Hoc, SSO

Symposium I Sociological Theories and Social Change

Coordinator: **Allesandro Cavalli** (Istituto di Sociologia, Universita di Pavia, Via Mantovani 7, 27100 Pavia, Italy)

Subthemes:

- I-1 Conceptualizing social structure and social change: a critical analysis
- I-2 Linking actors and structures
- I-3 The time element in processes of social change
- I-4 Beyond pluralistic coexistence: towards creative comparison

Symposium II Social Institutions and Change

Coordinator: **Melvin Kohn** (Laboratory of Socio-Environmental Studies, Bldg. 31, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD 20205, USA)

Subthemes:

- II-1 Changes within institutions
- II-2 Social movements and emerging institutions
- II-3 The connectedness of institutions
- II-4 Formal provisions, unmet needs and informal solutions
- II-5 Controversies about facts and values in comparative studies on social change

Symposium III Science and Technology in Social Change

Coordinator: **Joji Watanuki** (Naka-Cho 2-12-11-606, Musashino-Shi, Tokyo 180, Japan)

Subthemes:

- III-1 Positive and negative impacts of scientific and technological developments on society
- III-2 Problems of controlling scientific and technological development
- III-3 The information and communication revolution and its impact on national and international power structures
- III-4 Science, technology and changes in social values

Symposium IV Social Asepets of Economic Development

Coordinator: **Erwin Scheuch** (Inst. für Angewandte Sozialforschung, Universität zu Köln, Grienstrasse 2, D-5000 Köln 41, FRG)

Subthemes:

- IV-1 The sociological meaning of economic crisis
- IV-2 The victims of economic change
- IV-3 The role of the state in economic change
- IV-4 The social consequences of the internationalization of the economy
- IV-5 Alternative paths of economic development

Symposium V The Cultural Dimension of Social Change

Coordinator: **Margaret Archer** (Dept. of Sociologg, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, England)

Subthemes:

- V-1 The rise, fall, and resurrection of the concept of culture
- V-2 Cultural contradictions and cultural continuities in social change
- V-3 Cultural maps and cultural map-making
- V-4 The changing faces of religion
- V-5 National aspects of cultural development

Symposium VI Sociological Aspects of Peace, Militarization and Conflict Resolution

Coordinators: **Ulf Himmelstrand** (Department of Sociology, University of Uppsala, Box 513, S-751 20 Uppsala, Sweden) and **Artur Meier** (Dept. of Sociologg of Education, Academy of Educational Sciences, Schulstrasse 29, 110 Berlin, GDR)

Subthemes:

- VI-1 The sociology of peace - the state of the art
- VI-2 Peace movements as agents of social change
- VI-3 Values and conflict resolution
- VI-4 The causes and consequences of militarization

Short description of Symposium IV (see Bulletin 34 for descriptions of Symposia I, II, III, V)

Symposium IV Social Aspects of Economic Development

Coordinator: **Erwin Scheuch** (Inst. für Angewandte Sozialforschung, Universität zu Köln, Greinstrasse 2, D-5000 Köln 41, FRG)

The drifting apart of the earlier social science into separate fields was of use for the development of all of them. However, for both intellectual and practical reasons it is now necessary to re-consider common concerns especially between sociology and economics. Economic developments - such as the rates and directions of economic change, or the distribution of the GNP, or the mode and volume of international trade - cannot be explained satisfactorily in economic terms only. Disappointments with many programs for social change, or failure in social predictions, suggest in turn an insufficient comprehension of the dynamics of economic factors amongst the sociologists. The symposium selects some areas where hopefully sociologists can now make contributions in explaining economic developments and their social consequences.

Subtheme IV-1 The sociological meaning of economic crisis.

In many cases problems of the economy do not respond as they did earlier to recipes derived from economics. Examples are the partial uncoupling of unemployment or underemployment from economic growth; or the difficulties in achieving a balance between stimulating the economy and inflation; or the stubbornness of the shadow economy. The symposium should attempt to treat separately these problems under the conditions of market economies in industrial countries, in planned industrial economies, in developing countries with large per capita growth rates, and in those with negative growth. Perhaps the best approach is a regional one, such as treating separately the cases of "Western" economies, "Eastern" economies, Latin-America, Africa and South-East Asia.

Subtheme IV-2 The victims of economic change. Even under conditions of rapid growth, parts of populations and some of the institutions suffer - be it relative or absolute decline. Given that today's economies require change, who pays the price during which phases of development - the migrant worker, the peasant moving to the cities, women, the small self-employed, the semiskilled worker in the transition to robots? Again, an approach that allows comparisons between regions might permit a more differentiated characterization.

Subtheme IV-3 The role of the state in economic change.

In the processes of economic change the state is to be viewed both as an object and a subject. Possibly, a contrast between ideal types of functions can show the dynamics of this interrelationship between state and economy: the state as the curator of the order in which economic processes occur (and the consequences of breakdowns of the socio-political order and predictability); the state as an intervener in economic processes; the role of the state in countries of socialist economic order; the welfare state; the state as an agent of group/cliq̃ue interests. A regional approach might best elucidate the different roles of the state in economic change.

Subtheme IV-4 The social consequences of the internationalization of the economy.

The internationalization of the economies of most countries has important consequences both at the macro and the micro levels. During the time of nation building, there was a tendency to homogenize behavior and institutions at the national level. With the twin processes of regionalization and internationalization, the nation-state as the monopolist for affects and functions declines. Where and to which degree is the current state, through internationalization, limited in its capacity to act? With the spread of communications and commerce, is the internationalization of daily life limited only to segments of societies and of behavior? What does internationalization do to the stability of subcultures and cults within and between countries?

Subtheme IV-5 Alternative paths of economic development.

The process of modernization and industrialization of England was once considered to be a model: economic development appeared to require a repetition of this experience. However, development in countries such as Imperial Germany, Sweden, the USSR, Japan, Singapore - to mention only some cases - did not follow one standard model. Provided there is not one definite path of economic development: are there at least characteristic problem areas, types of responses, and solutions? And how about the evidence of negative cases, examples of development that got stuck? Answers should rely on both, and on comparisons between current societies, and findings of social history.



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Elizabeth Jelin
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MEETINGS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL AND
THE RESEARCH COORDINATING COMMITTEE

At the invitation of the German Sociological Association, the Research Council held its traditional, interim meeting, in Schloss Eichholz near Cologne (Germany), on June 24-29, 1984. The remarkable smoothness of the local arrangements was secured by Erwin Scheuch and his assistants, who made every effort to ensure a successful organization of the meeting.

According to the statutes of the ISA, the Research Council should meet at least once every four years. However, in the past ten years, it has held a meeting about every two years: one during and one between the World Congresses. But it has been only since the 1980 Jablonna (Poland) meeting organized and chaired by Magdalena Sokolowska, that these meetings are partly devoted to administrative matters of the Research Committees and partly to a scientific colloquia. This year, representatives of 24 Research Committees, and 11 members of the Executive and Publications Committees attended five working sessions and one business meeting, all of them chaired by Vice-President, Jacques Dofny, Chairman of the Research Council.

The scientific theme of the meeting was "Zero Growth". The following 8 papers were presented:

James Beckford (RC on Sociology of Religion): "Retreat, Revival and Release: Religions Responses to Zero Growth"

Janos Farkas (RC on Sociology of Science): "Zero Growth versus Organic Growth"

Ellen B. Hill (RC on Social Practice & Social Transformation): "The Sociological Problems of Zero Growth"

Alexander Matejko (RC on Sociotechnics): "The Sociotechnical Pains of Welfare Societies"

Zdravko Mlinar (RC on Social Ecology): "Zero Growth and Development Theory"

Herman Turk (RC on Community Research): "Conceptual Redirections in Growth and Decline"

Ivan Vitanyi (RC on Sociology of Arts): "Culture and Growth"

Alan Whitehorn (RC on Alienation Theory and Research): "Alienation and Zero Growth"

A paper by Anna Coen (RC on Futures Research): "Planning in a Zero-Growth Situation" was submitted, but the author could not attend the meetings.

In addition, 6 oral contributions were made:

Pierre Achard (RC on Sociolinguistics)

Orlando Albornoz (RC on Sociology of Education)

Manfred Brusten (RC on Deviance and Social Control)

Hermann Korte (RC on Sociology of Migration)

Günther Lüschen (RC on Sociology of Sport)

Peter Mitev (RC on Sociology of Youth)

Giuseppe Morosini (RC on National Movements and Imperialism)

Anna Olszewska (RC on Sociology of Leisure)

Enquiries will be made about the possibility of a working paper edition of selected papers.

At the **Business Meeting**, Jacques Dofny reported on the Research Coordinating Committee meetings which were held on June 24-26, 1984. Five of the eight members of the Committee were present:

Jacques Dofny (Chairman), Erik Allardt, Wilfried Dumon, Enzo Mingione, Else Øyen. Here are the main decisions taken by the Research Council upon recommendation of the Research Coordinating Committee:

1. Approval of the 1984 newsletter grants for 10 Research Committees (US \$800 each):

- RC 01 Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution
- RC 05 Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations
- RC 10 Participation, Workers' Control and Self-Management
- RC 14 Community, Knowledge and Culture
- RC 15 Sociology of Medicine
- RC 25 Sociolinguistics
- RC 27 Sociology of Sport
- RC 31 Sociology of Migration
- RC 34 Sociology of Youth
- RC 37 Sociology of Arts

Every Research Committee is entitled to apply for a grant for the production of its Newsletter, once between two World Congresses. The deadline for receiving applications for a 1985 grant is **November 30, 1984**. Applications should be sent to Jacques Dofny, Vice-President and Research Council Chairman, with a copy to the ISA Secretariat.

2. Applications for new Research Committee/Working Group status.

In reviewing 17 applications, the following four criteria were considered:

- (1) whether an applicant represents a topic of general interest
- (2) whether an applicant represents a specific new area of scientific interest
- (3) whether an applicant's field of interest does not overlap with the already existing research committees
- (4) level of activity (as evidenced by the organization of meetings, publications, etc.)

Research Committee status was granted to the Working Group "Biography and Society/Biographie et Société" chaired by Daniel Bertaux. This Group has become the 38th Research Committee of the ISA.

Working Group status was granted to:

- Comparative Sociology (Chairman: M. Dogan)
- Sociology of Disaster (Chairman: O. Hultåker)
- Social Psychology (Chairman: M. Draganov)

Ad Hoc Group status was granted to:

- Sociology of Agriculture (Chairman: L. Busch)
- Clinical Sociology (Chairman: R. Sévigny)
- Sociology of Population (Chairman: F. Yusuf)
- Sociocybernetics & Social Systems Theory (Chairman: F. Parra-Luna)
- Labor Movements in the Industrial and State Arenas (Chairman: M. Regini)

3. Unification of Research Committees' statutes.

The following recommendations for the Research Committees were adopted in order to help them unify their statutes, if any, in concurrence with the ISA Statutes:

- (1) To ensure a fair rate of turnover of Board members, with the president not serving more than two consecutive terms;
- (2) To ensure that Board members represent different countries and regions of the world (preferably no more than two members from the same country should be elected on a Board);
- (3) To promote internationalization of activi-

ties, extending them to areas of the world not yet involved;

- (4) To maintain close contacts with the ISA, keeping the ISA Secretariat informed of Research Committee activities through reports or newsletters, and to exhort regularly (at least once a year) those of its members who are sociologists to become individual members of the ISA.

4. **Sanctions against inadequately working research committees** were discussed and the following two-step procedure was adopted:

- (1) a warning letter to a Board of the research committee concerned will be sent requesting information on its activities;
- (2) if no satisfactory answer is received within two months, the research committee will be reduced to working group status.

It was decided to apply the above procedure to three Research Committees, which failed in communicating within the last two years on their activities to the Secretariat and/or officers of the ISA. If no satisfactory response is received from them, they will be given a working group status. At the New Delhi Congress, they can then reapply for a research committee status, showing activities at the Congress and future projects.

5. **Next Research Council meeting.**

The following recommendation for the organization of the next (1988) interim meeting of the Research Council were adopted:

- (1) A full day, with evening if necessary, will be devoted to the business affairs of the Research Council. More evenings will be devoted if necessary. The documents for the meeting will be forwarded in advance to the delegates.
- (2) Another part of the meeting will be devoted to the presentation and discussion of brief reports by any Research Committees focussing on controversial and challenging issues in their fields.
- (3) The third part of the meeting will be devoted to three or four Round Table Sessions centered on topics to be formulated during the Research Council meeting in New Delhi, on terms initiated by representatives of individual Research Committees.

During the Business Meeting, Research Committees representatives participated also in short meetings with:

- Martin Albrow, Editor of the new journal of the ISA **INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY**, on Research Committees involvement in contributing papers to the journal;
- Jacques Dofny on Research Committees involvement in the **International Social Science Council Issue Group** on "Technological Change, Youth and Employment" for which he serves as convener;
- Joji Watanuki, Vice-President and Program Committee Chairman, on Research Committees participation in the **XI World Congress**.

Moreover, a project to establish an **ISA summer school** was discussed. Zdravko Mlinar (Research Committee on Social Ecology) who submitted this proposal, will enquire about the possibilities of launching such a school in Yugoslavia.

Jacques Dofny presented a general report on the activities of the Research Committees based on the material received at the Secretariat. This

report is presented below, while the reports submitted by the Research Committees are published on pp. 9-19.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES for the period September 1982 - June 1984

A report presented at the Research Council Meeting, Schloss Eichholz near Cologne (Germany), June 25-29, 1984, by **Jacques Dofny, Vice-President, Chair of the Research Council**

Traditionally, once between World Congresses, the delegates of Research Committees meet at a Research Council meetings; the first meeting took place in Cologne (1973), followed by Paris (1975), Warsaw (1980), and this year again in Cologne.

Let me begin by thanking, in the name of the ISA, our host, the German Sociological Association and particularly Erwin Scheuch, who was in charge of organizing this meeting, and therefore took great pains to find a good location, to provide financial help and the necessary local assistance.

Since the Varna World Congress (1970) we have had a Research Coordinating Committee, chaired by one of the vice-presidents. Four associate members of the Executive Committee were elected by the Research Council. In Uppsala (1978) the distinction between regular and associate Executive Committee members was abolished. In Mexico (1982) the Research Council elected five members of the Executive Committee. At present, the Research Coordinating Committee has eight members including the five who serve on the Executive Committee. This evolution indicates the growing importance of the Research Committees in the ISA.

The membership of the Research Committees has been growing steadily so that quite a few of them now have over 100 members. The second important change to be stressed is the national diversity of the members. It seems that the Mexico Congress has opened the Committees to new members, and particularly to those from Latin America. This further "opening" to new members is one of the expectations connected with the forthcoming Congress in New Delhi.

Another symptom of the growing importance of the Research Committees has been the publication in the ISA Bulletin, at the initiative of Kurt Jonassohn, of the histories of the Research Committees. So far 23 histories have been published.

As a Vice-President of the ISA, I have represented the Association at the meeting of the Non-governmental Organizations (NGO's) in New York, and then at their general meeting at UNESCO, where the deputy secretary of ISSC, A.M. Behnam, was elected on the board. In this capacity he will be in a position to support our involvement in international projects. I also represented ISA at the Scientific Committee of the ISSC and was appointed to chair one of the Issue Groups "Technological changes and employment" (with emphasis on youth unemployment).

Let me now turn to the report on activities of the Research Committees. They will be discussed under

five categories (1) membership, (2) conferences, (3) newsletters, (4) publications, (5) various other initiatives.

Membership

The number of members in the majority of the Research Committees varies between 50 to 300 persons, with an average of 150 persons from 15-20 different countries. Many Research Committees undertake initiatives to increase their membership. Very often dues differentiation is introduced applying to students and members from countries with non-convertible currency. The general quest to involve people from the Third World can be noticed. Several Research Committees are engaged in developing a system of so called "countries' representatives" or regional representatives who are encouraging participation in a Committee.

Conferences

In the years 1982-1984, 26 Research Committees organized 48 conferences; 10 more than in the similar post-Congress period 1978-1980. These 48 meetings took various forms: conferences, roundtables, seminars, workshops. The conferences were organized either at the regional or international level. There were several joint meetings within the ISA, involving more than one Research Committee, and several with other international associations such as IPSA, UNESCO, or national sociological associations.

Out of these 48 conferences, 28 were held in Western Europe, 9 in Eastern Europe, 8 in North America and 1 in Asia. Many more meetings in different countries are planned for the years 1985-1986.

Newsletters

With a great satisfaction we notice an enormous improvement in the production of Research Committees newsletters. Both the appearance and content are more appealing and substantial. Presently, the ISA Secretariat receives regularly 24 newsletters; 10 newsletters appear irregularly, and 3 Research Committees do not produce any at all. Since 1982 the ISA granted financial support for the production of a newsletter to 25 Research Committees for a total amount of US \$ 16.700.

Publications

Besides contributions to the official publications of the ISA (Current Sociology, SSIS), Research Committees try to have their conference papers published independently, either in book form or as a special issue of a journal. During the period 1982-1984, 14 new publications of Research Committees appeared.

Various initiatives

Upon the perusal of the activity reports we picked out some of the more interesting initiatives:

- RC 01 Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution formed its first regional subcommittee (The Mediterranean Studies Group)
- RC 04 Sociology of Education is busy preparing several regional meetings: in Israel, Venezuela, Malaysia.
- RC 05 Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations is involved in a joint project with the International Centre for Ethnic Studies in Sri Lanka on "XIXth and early XXth Century Indian Tamil Migrants". A workshop as well publication of papers and proceedings are planned.
- RC 07 Futures Research and RC 09 Social Practice and Social Transformation organized

a joint meeting on "Social Consequences of the New Technologies".

- RC 10 Participation, Workers' Control and Self-Management established a documentation service within the Edvard Kardelj Center in Ljubljana, operated by Veljko Rus.
- RC 15 Sociology of Medicine appointed two delegates (Hans-Ulrich Deppe and Christian Lalive d'Epinay) to represent ISA in the World Health Organization (WHO).
- RC 22 Sociology of Religion is involved in a project sponsored by UNESCO examining various religious traditions in the context of human rights.
- RC 24 Social Ecology has established seven Task Forces to pursue special research topics during the coming years.
- RC 30 Sociology of Work formed three permanent working groups in order to improve scientific exchange on specific topics.
- RC 31 Sociology of Migration established regional editors of its Newsletter in order to make it more efficient and world-wide channel for the collection and diffusion of information.
- RC 37 Sociology of Arts produces English and French versions of its Newsletter; eventually it will be available in Russian as well.

Final remarks

This report is based on the material received at the ISA Secretariat in Amsterdam, during the period Fall 1982 - June 1984. Unfortunately, some Research Committees do not find it necessary to communicate their activities to us. I can only repeat what my predecessor, Magdalena Sokolowska said at the 1980 Research Council meeting: "It would be interesting to know: what do they wish? There are rules of the ISA enabling us to close a Research Committee for lack of activity. Perhaps there is some activity going on in these Committees and perhaps there are some reasons to ignore any action originating from the Research Council. What are they? If there is no activity it would be better to finish such fiction and leave room for people who are more interested."



Jacques Dofny (Vice-President, Research Council Chairman) and Harry Makler (RC 02)



Alan Whitehorn (RC 36) & Emilia Janakieva (RC 34)

REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES FROM
THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES

The reports presented below cover activities which took place during the period following the X World Congress of Sociology (Mexico, 1982). They were prepared on the basis of reports submitted by the officers of the Research Committees for the Research Council meeting held in Schloss Eichholz (Cologne, Germany) on June 24-29, 1984, and on the basis of Newsletters produced by the Research Committees.

RC 01
ARMED FORCES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

submitted by Charles C. Moskos, President

A **Mediterranean Studies Group** of the Research Committee was formed on May 8, 1983, in Madrid, Spain. In addition to representatives from Spain, Research Committee members in attendance came from France, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, and Yugoslavia. The president of the Research Committee, Charles Moskos, gave a keynote address. The general coordinator of the sessions was D. Rafael Banon Martinez of the Universidad Complutense, Madrid. Copies of the papers are available from Banon Martinez. The meetings of the Mediterranean Studies Group were held in conjunction with a major conference on "Fuerzas Armadas y Sociedad: La Institucion Militar Española en Proceso de Cambio" sponsored by the Spanish Sociological Association (May 5-8, 1983, Madrid). The officers of the Mediterranean Studies Group are:

Secretary: Banon Martinez (Spain)
Vice-secretary Maria Carrilho (Portugal)
Coordinators: Francisco Alvira (Spain)
Anton Bebler (Yugoslavia)
Lucien Mandeville (France)
Michel Martin (France)
Guido Sertorio (Italy)
Dimitri Smokovitis (Greece).

The Mediterranean Studies Group is the first effort to form a regional subcommittee in the Research Committee. It is anticipated that it will be a model for future regional subcommittees. Both intellectual and practical considerations indicate that regional subcommittees will play an increasingly important role in the Research Committee.

An **interim meeting** of the Research Committee was held on October 23, 1983, in Chicago, USA. In addition to those coming from the United States, about thirty members were in attendance representing Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Spain, Yugoslavia, and the United Kingdom. In point of fact, international representation was better at the 1983 interim meeting than at the Xth World Congress in Mexico City. The meeting was held in conjunction with the conference of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (October 21-23, 1983). At the meeting the Research Committee adopted a set of bylaws. There was a general agreement that the level of papers presented at the Chicago meeting was of an unusually high caliber.

A **newsletter** reporting the events of the Xth World Congress and a membership list were sent to all members in 1983. A 1984 newsletter will be sent in the Fall and will include news about the New Delhi Congress, an updated membership list, and recent information.

RC 02
ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

from the Newsletter, Spring 1984

In preparation for the XIth World Congress and to better promote research on the links between economy and society, the Research Committee initiated the formation of several **subgroups** which will focus on current issues and in some cases persistent crises faced by many nations today.

In collaboration with the Centro Brasileiro de Analise e Planajamento and the Instituto Universitario de Pesquisas de Rio de Janeiro, a **workshop** on the "Impact of the Current Economic Crisis on the Social and Political Structure of Brazil" will meet this Fall to discuss their research in sessions such as: (a) the situation of Brazil as a newly industrialized country; (b) the "core" and Brazil: challenge and response; (c) state, institutions and classes; (d) rural, urban and regional development: imbalances and inequalities. An edited volume is planned as well as further collaborative research. Alberto Martinelli and Neil Smelser, editors of the "state-of-the-art" volume on international research on economy and society, designed a tentative table of contents and contacted contributors for specific chapters.



Else Øyen
& Alberto
Martinelli

RC 03
COMMUNITY RESEARCH

submitted by Dan Ferrand-Bechmann

On October 10-12, 1983, the Research Committee held a **conference** on "Questioning the Welfare State, and the Rise of the City", at Université de Paris X - Nanterre (France). It was attended by 180 scholars from 20 countries. The conference consisted of two plenary sessions and meetings of three working groups: participation and social movements, austerity and innovation, decentralisation. A number of communications, final reports and vivid discussions contributed to the success of the conference. French was the official language of the conference; the organizers provided simultaneous translation during the plenaries, and consecutive translation during the meetings of the working group. Publications resulting from the conference are planned (in English and French) including: (a) a general synthesis of the conference (four papers from each working group); (b) 2 or 3 publications focused on the specific working groups. Papers presented at the conference can be obtained from:

CESOL - Mme. Dan Ferrand-Bechmann
9, Chemin de la Tour des Chiens
Corenc, 38700 La Tronche, France

RC 04
SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

submitted by Orlando Alborno, Secretary

The mid-term conference on "Cultural Basis of Education: the Interrelationships between Values, Knowledge and Education as an Institution" was held in Paris, August 14-17, 1984. The conference started with an Opening Session with Presidential Address (Asoke Basu), followed by eight sessions:

- Cultural Patterns and the Content of Educational Systems
- Education, Culture, and Inequality
- Between the Sacred and the Secular: Culture, Knowledge, and Education
- Knowledge for What and Education for Whom: Education in the Third World Nations
- Lifelong Education
- Instrumental Learning and the Production of Knowledge
- Education and Youth: Spontaneity and Planning
- General session: discussion

An invited speaker at the conference was Dr. Luis Ramallo, Secretary General of the International Social Science Council, UNESCO. Moreover, a Plenary General Session, a meeting of the Executive Board members and two Business Meetings were also held.

Preparations for the 1985 regional meeting on "Macro and Micro Perspectives in the Sociology of Education" to be held at Tel-Aviv University, Israel, are far advanced (see section Calendar of Future Events for more details). Two other regional meetings (in Venezuela and Malaysia) are also planned for 1985-86.

The Newsletter is published regularly by Jaap Dronkers (The Netherlands) and distributed to the members in good standing. The directory of members will be published in 1985.

RC 05
ETHNIC, RACE AND MINORITY RELATIONS

submitted by M.W. Murphree, President

The Research Committee and the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES) collaborate on developing a project on the "XIXth and early XXth Century Indian Tamil Migrants". The main objective of the project is to review the current socio-economic and political status of the 'Indian' community in selected countries from a cross-cultural perspective in the context of historical developments. Tentatively, the following countries have been selected for study: Burma, Fiji, Guyana, Kenya, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Uganda. The project will consist of a workshop (first half of 1985) followed by a publication of the papers and proceedings jointly edited by the ICES and the Research Committee in the ETHNIC STUDIES SERIES of the former. Responsible for the development of the project are: Dr S.W.R. Samarasinhe, Associate Director, ICES, 494/3 Piachaud Gardens, Kandy, Sri Lanka
and Professor A.R. Saiyed, Board member of the Research Committee, Dept. of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India.

RC 06
FAMILY RESEARCH

No report of activities has been received by the Secretariat.

RC 07
FUTURES RESEARCH

submitted by Radmila Nakarada, Secretary

The Research Committee organized, in cooperation with the World Future Studies Federation, two Future Studies Courses at the Interuniversity Center for Post-graduate Studies in Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia). In 1983 the theme was "Building Alternative Futures", while in 1984 it was "Beyond 1984".

A joint meeting with the Research Committee on Social Practice and Social Transformation" was held in August 1984 in Zürich (Switzerland). The topic of the conference was "Social Consequences of the New Technologies".

The first Newsletter is in print and will be sent out shortly.

RC 08
HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGY (RCHS)

submitted by Dirk Käsler, Secretary

On July 5-7, 1984, the RCHS organized the Munich Conference which consisted of 5 sessions:

- History of American Sociology (7 papers)
- History of British Social Thought (4 papers)
- Max Weber and the History of Sociology (10 papers)
- History of German Sociology (6 papers)
- History of French Sociology (6 papers)

During the conference a meeting of the Executive Board of the RCHS and a Business Meeting were held.

The Newsletter is sent regularly to 118 active members of the RCHS. The regional distribution of the membership looks as follows: USA 39, Germany 18, United Kingdom 16, Canada 10, France 5, Japan 5, Australia 3, Italy 3, Poland 3, Belgium 2, Denmark 2, Greece 2, The Netherlands 2, Bulgaria 1, GDR 1, Hungary 1, India 1, Northern Ireland 1, Puerto Rico 1, Sweden 1, USSR 1.

RC 09
SOCIAL PRACTICE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

submitted by Ellen B. Hill, Secretary

Ulf Himmelstrand, elected Chairman of the Research Committee during the Mexico Congress, had to resign for health reasons in January 1984. As Chairman-protem serves Vice-President, Peter Park (Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. 01003, USA).

Thanks to a survey of membership opinion it was found that four research concerns were dominant:
(a) An Asian membership meeting to consider Asian problems in particular;
(b) The Social Consequences of the New Technol-

- ogies;
(c) Marxist and Non-Marxist Approaches;
(d) Prospects and Lessons in Action-Research;

Thus, in March 1984, the Research Committee co-sponsored a **meeting** of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) in Geneva (Switzerland). The meeting was convened by M.S. Swantz, and the Committee's members, Orlando Fals Borda, Heinz Moser and Anisur Rahman contributed papers, all on action-research in theory and practice. Dr. Swantz is shortly publishing the papers of this meeting.

In August 1984, at the Sociological Institute of Zürich University, a **regional meeting** took place on the "Social Consequences of the New Technologies". It was co-sponsored by the Research Committee on Futures Research. A publication of the papers is planned, edited by the Committee Secretary, Ellen B. Hill. Board member Hiroshi Komai is planning an Asian regional meeting in October 1984 in Japan.

Publications. The papers from the Mexico Congress Symposium on "Contradictions, Conflicts and Strategies in Social Change" edited by Orlando Fals Borda, are now at the printing stage and will be published by Sage Publications in November 1984. The **Newsletter** published by Ellen B. Hill is distributed to all members in good standing.

**RC 10 PARTICIPATION, WORKERS' CONTROL
& SELF-MANAGEMENT**

from Newsletters 12, 13

At the Xth World Congress of Sociology in Mexico City, nominations and elections for the new Board were carried out. The Board constituted itself at a business meeting in Dubrovnik, October 5-7, 1983.

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Akihiro Ishikawa (Japan)
Menachem Rosner (Israel)
Veljko Rus (Yugoslavia)
Bernard Wilpert (Germany)

On October 3-7, 1983, the **international workshop** "Future Prospectives of Economic and Industrial Democracy" was held at the Inter-University Centre for Postgraduate Students in Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia). Some 60 participants attended the

meeting; 32 papers were contributed presenting various aspects of international and national, macro- and micro-level approaches to the issues in question. A joint meeting with the participants of the Third World Congress on Organization Development was held. During the conference, a meeting of the Research Committee board took place, as well as a business meeting of the Committee's members.

The **workshop** on "Workplace Democracy and the Community" was held in Tel-Aviv (Israel), April 8-14, 1984. The workshop was part of the 4th International Symposium on "Participatory Development through Community-Cooperative Interaction" organized by CIRCOM. Organizer: Monachem Rosner, Haifa University, Haifa (Israel).

Subcommittee in Latin America. Ana Jaramillo and Ernesto F. Villanueva (IDONAC, Bartolomé Mitre 722, Buenos Aires 1346, Argentina) have offered to act as a provisional sub-committee of the Research Committee in Latin America.

Publications. Contributions to the workshop on "Future Prospectives of Economic and Industrial Democracy" will be published as volume IV of INTERNATIONAL YEARBOOK ON ORGANIZATION DEMOCRACY edited by Veljko Rus.

Other papers of the Research Committee's members are published in the following reviews: ORGANIZATIONAL STUDIES, ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY, AUTOGESTIONS.

Newsletter of the Research Committee is published twice a year. It is distributed free of charge to members and contains information on various activities of the Research Committee, studies and researchers in the field, recent publications, as well as addresses of members.

**RC 11
SOCIOLOGY OF AGING**

submitted by Edward A. Powers, Secretary

Since the Mexico Congress, the Research Committee has been involved in:

- (1) Election of officers (results were published in ISA Bulletin 32)
- (2) Publication of three newsletters and their distribution to an increasing number of members;
- (3) Planning several conferences which should occur before the 1986 World Congress. One will take place in Manitoba (Canada) in 1984-85, and another in Great Britain in 1985-86.

**RC 12
SOCIOLOGY OF LAW**

The report on activities covering the period 1982-1984 was published in ISA Bulletin 33, p.5

**RC 13
SOCIOLOGY OF LEISURE**

from Newsletter Vol.XI, No.1, Summer 1984

The Board of the Research Committee met in Växjö (Sweden), May 1983. The following issues were discussed: an overview of activities, future meetings, publications, relations with "Loisir et

Société, organization of sub-groups, by-laws. Four new initiatives have been undertaken:

- (1) Compilation of "European Directory of Leisure Scholars". Michael Smith is responsible for the United Kingdom data, Roland Delbaere for the Latin American, and Teus Kamphorst for the European area. The Directory is to be presented at the September 1984 Board meeting. Yearly supplements will be published regularly.
- (2) Starting a current contents journal. This will be a publication service consisting of photocopies of the content pages of various journals dealing with leisure, recreation, tourism and related subjects. Framework and practicalities of this project are to be decided at the September 1984 Board meeting.
- (3) A book translation and publishing service. The secretariat is busy trying to find practical means of starting a translating service for literature from minor languages to one (or more) of the major languages.
- (4) Launching a longitudinal international research project, consisting of a combination of cooperation between local, regional and national initiatives and projects. The central problem was formulated as follows: what are the 'causes' of processes of change and stabilization of leisure behaviour? The project will be open to all members of the Research Committee.

RC 14

COMMUNICATION, KNOWLEDGE & CULTURE

submitted by José Vidal-Beneyto, President

Recherches en cours:

1. Presse et opinion publique. Cette recherche, lancée en 1981, constitue l'un des deux versants - celui de la presse écrite, l'autre étant constitué par les journaux télévisés - d'une étude plus globale menée sur un thème proposé pour la réalisation d'un Symposium au Congrès Mondial de Mexico: Idéologie, Mass Media et Production du Réel. Les réunions de travail menées indépendamment par chaque équipe nationale, une série de rencontres internationales ont été organisées (Florence 1981, Tolède 1981, Paris 1982, Grenade 1982, Mexico 1982, Paris 1982). 10 des 14 groupes de travail sont parvenues à aller jusqu'au bout de leur recherche et 12 des 18 journaux prévus ont pu finalement être étudiés en respectant un certain niveau de comparabilité et d'approfondissement. Les résultats de ces recherches seront présentés lors d'un Symposium international qui se tiendra à Bologne (Italie) du 12 au 14 octobre 1984.

2. Journaux télévisés et production du réel. Des rencontres internationales ont permis aux différentes équipes nationales de se réunir pour discuter des questions épistémologiques et méthodologiques (Milan 1981, Paris 1982, Madrid 1982, Grenade 1982, Mexico 1982, Paris 1982, Taormina 1983, Philadelphia 1983, Londres 1984). Des équipes nationales ont été créées dans les 16 pays suivants: Canada, Espagne, France, Grande-Bretagne, Grèce, Hongrie, Italie, Israël, Maroc, Mexique, Pays-Bas, Suède, Suisse, Tunisie, USA, Yougoslavie. Les résultats de cette recherche seront présentés dans le cadre du Festival International de l'Information Télévisée, promu par la

Radio Télévisée qui se déroulera à Séville du 6 au 11 octobre 1984.

3. Traitement du NOMIC dans la presse. Retenant une suggestion du Secteur de la Communication de l'Unesco, le Comité a lancé une recherche internationale sur le traitement par la presse écrite du Nouvel Ordre Mondial de l'Information et de la Communication (NOMIC), et en particulier par les journaux de référence dominante et les grandes agences de presse. Sept équipes, placées sous la coordination de Claudio Aguirre-Bianchi, ont réalisé une étude de 20 cas qui couvrent 250 journaux et 49 pays. Un rapport provisoire en deux volumes a été remis fin 1983 à l'Unesco. Les résultats définitifs seront présentés au cours d'une conférence internationale organisée sous les auspices de l'Unesco au printemps 1985.

4. Etude des feuillets télévisés/soap operas/series. En accord avec une décision prise à Mexico au cours du Business Meeting du Comité, une réflexion s'est initiée à partir de 1983 sur les processus de réception de la communication audiovisuelle à propos d'une part des informations télévisées mais également à propos d'autres programmes, notamment les séries. Peter Dahlgren a rédigé et fait circuler (1983) deux textes d'introduction. Trois spécialistes de séries télévisées, J.M. Barbero, L. Henny et A. Lamberti, ont préparés en 1983 une réunion sur ce thème. Le Comité a organisé en janvier 1984 à Madrid un séminaire méthodologique consacré à cette problématique. Au total 27 participants en provenance de 10 pays. Le Comité publiera en 1984 un volume rassemblant les principales contributions de ce Séminaire.

Publications. Dans la série "Documents de Travail du CKC" lancée en 1982 dans le cadre des recherches comparatives menées par le Comité, les volumes suivants sont déjà apparus:

- No.1 Telediaris y Produccion de la Realidad / Journaux Télévisés et Production du Réel (version multilingue), Juin 1982;
- No.2 Produccion de la Realidad y Diarios de Referencia Dominante / Dominant Reference Papers and the Production of Reality (version multilingue) Juin 1982;
- No.3 Symbols of Significance. Working Papers in the Study of Culture. G. Lewis (ed.), Juin 1984. Ce volume reprend et complète les communications présentées lors du Xe Congrès Mondial de Mexico.

RC 15

SOCIOLOGY OF MEDICINE

submitted by Rance Lee, Secretary-Treasurer

The following four persons were elected to serve as members-elect of the Steering Board and will become active members for 1986-1994:

Lisbeth Claus (University of Missouri, USA)
Juan Garcia (Pan American Health Organization)
Heidrun Kaupen-Hass (University Hospital
Eppendorf, Germany)
Stella R. Quah (University of Singapore)

Margot Jeffreys, a member of the Steering Board, and Jerry Stromberg, Newsletter Editor, attended the Open Meeting of the Research Group at the 8th International Conference on Social Science and Medicine on August 25, 1983. It was to discuss the possible future activities of the Research Group during the coming years. There were nearly 50

people present from 18 countries. Ray Elling's and Thomas Aidoo's paper was presented on training social scientists for work on primary health care in underdeveloped countries. The Elling-Aidoo proposal aroused a great deal of interest. A group of people, which includes medical anthropologists as well as other social scientists, epidemiologists and clinicians, agreed to set up an informal network. The volunteer convenor for this group is:

Corlien M. Varkevisser
Royal Tropical Institute
Mauritskade 63, 1092 AD Amsterdam
The Netherlands

The RC 15 Newsletter's columns will be open to anyone wishing to communicate on research training for those working in Third World countries.

The representation of the ISA with the World Health Organization has been organized through RC 15 since the establishment of this relationship in 1973. Current representatives are Christian Lalive D'Epinay (Geneva, Switzerland) and Hans-Ulrich Deppe (Frankfurt, Germany). Hans-Ulrich Deppe attended the Technical Discussion of the World Health Assembly held in May 1984.

Contacts have been made with Peter McEwan, the Editor of "Social Science and Medicine", to explore possibilities of collaboration.

The Newsletter, under the editorship of Jerry Stromberg, appears regularly and is distributed to almost 80 fully paid members. The mailing list of the Committee includes over 300 names.

RC 16

NATIONAL MOVEMENTS AND IMPERIALISM

No report on activities has been received by the Secretariat.

RC 17

SOCIOLOGY OF ORGANIZATION

submitted by William M. Evan, Vice-Chairperson

Marshall Meyer (USA) has been elected program chairman for the XI World Congress to be held in August 1986, in New Delhi, India.

In Fall 1985, the Committee is planning to convene a conference at the Sociological Institute of the University of Amsterdam, to be organized by A.W.M. Teulings, Chairman of the Sociology of Organizations Research Unit. The tentative subject of the meeting is "A Critical Assessment of Theories of Organizations".

RC 18

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

No report of activities has been received at the Secretariat.

RC 19 **SOCIOLOGY OF POVERTY, SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL POLICY**

submitted by RoseMarie Greve, Secretary

Meetings:

June 1983 - "The Future of the Welfare State". A joint workshop with the Institut für Bevölkerungsforschung und Sozialpolitik (Universität Bielefeld).

October 1983 - Several members of the Committee participated in an expert meeting entitled "Can There Be a New Welfare State? Social Policy Options Towards Shaping an Uncertain Future", organized by the European Centre for Social Welfare, Training and Research.

Two Business Meetings were held during the above events to discuss current business of RC 19.

June 1984 - "The Sociology of Social Security: Innovation and Change" a joint meeting with the International Social Security Association. The meeting was held at the University of Bergen (Norway) and its main areas of discussion were:

- (a) methods of sociological analysis of social security systems;
- (b) the interrelationship between social security and society, with particular emphasis on innovation and change;
- (c) the contribution of sociology to the study of social security.

The Constitution. In view of the growing number of members, the Business Meeting of RC 19 (Mexico, 17 August, 1982) felt that a more formalized structure, securing the future democratic structure of the Committee and a greater sharing of responsibilities, was necessary. A Committee comprising Harold Wilensky, S.M. Miller, Jürgen Hartmann and RoseMarie Greve drew up a draft Constitution which was subsequently circulated to the membership for comments. Members in good standing were invited to vote (through mail) on the Constitution.

Membership development. As of May 1984, RC 19 has 118 members from 31 countries. 30 inactive members have been deleted from the membership list after a survey of members who had joined in 1977. 18 new members have joined RC 19, 13 of whom are also members of the International Group for Comparative Alcohol Studies.

Membership dues still stand at US \$10 per annum but since 1983 members may pay US \$35 for a 4-year period. Special concessions and waiving of fees are made for members from countries with foreign exchange restrictions.

Publications. A volume on "Comparing Welfare States and Their Futures" based on papers presented at the X World Congress in Mexico (1982) and the Research Committee meeting the following year, have been edited by Else Øyen and will be published by Heinemann Educational Books, London, in early 1985.

Four issues of the **Newsletter** have appeared since September 1982 (Nos. 10-13). A recent innovation in the form of a reporting sheet attached to each newsletter has enabled members to keep the Committee and each other informed of on-going research activities.

RC 20

SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH

No report of activities has been received at the Secretariat.

RC 21
REGIONAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

No report on activities has been received at the Secretariat.

RC 22
SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

submitted by Nicos Kokosalakis, Secretary

The Executive Board of the Research Committee met in London, August 1983, and agreed to expand the activities of the Committee by organizing special sessions and scientific meetings within other scientific conferences which deal with the sociology of religion. As a result, the Committee organized a scientific session in conjunction with the meetings of the Association for the Study of Religion which took place in August 1984 in San Antonio, Texas, USA. Theoretical and methodological problems in the sociology of religion were discussed. It is planned to publish papers presented at this meeting in a special volume.

The Research Committee has received a grant from UNESCO for a project examining various religious traditions in the context of human rights.

The Research Committee **Newsletter** is sent regularly to 173 members of the Committee.

RC 23
SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE

submitted by Richard Whitley, Secretary

The Research Committee was involved in organizing a conference on "New Trends in the Sociology of Science and Knowledge" which was held in Varna (Bulgaria) on September 3-5, 1984. Administrative arrangements were made by the organizing committee of the Bulgarian Sociological Association which is headed by Niko Yahiel. Over sixty scholars participated in the meetings.

Preliminary negotiations have been conducted with the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology concerning a joint meeting in 1985. The Committee is also considering establishing closer contacts with the Society for Social Studies of Science in North America.

Currently, the Committee has 19 members who have paid their membership fee for 1984. Richard Whitley, Secretary of the Research Committee, has opened a bank account for the Committee, and members are requested to pay \$4 (one year) or, preferably, \$16 (four years) fees to this account: No. 614 9960

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Bootle, Merseyside GIR OAA
United Kingdom.

RC 24
SOCIAL ECOLOGY

No report on activities has been received at the Secretariat.

RC 25
SOCIOLINGUISTICS

submitted by Charles Kaplan, Membership Chairman

The Cortona Center held its Third Annual Conference from September 18-23, 1983 in Cortona (Italy). The conference had official recognition, support and participation from RC 25.

The conference addressed the topic of borders in social and linguistic life. 25 scholars from Europe and America attended and 10 papers were read and discussed. In addition, the themes for the next conference were outlined involving papers on "secret languages". Out of the conference emerged much interest and some offers to contribute, in the form of papers, to a project entitled "Theorie vom Ursprung der Sprache" led by Professors Gessinger and von Rahden of the Freie Universität, Berlin (Germany). This project was of importance to the Research Committee's interest to stimulate interdisciplinary exchanges.

Pierre Achard, Vice-President, is organizing, on behalf of the Committee, an international meeting "1984: Orwell and the Language Question" scheduled for November 1984. More than a hundred participants and about 25 communications are expected.

RC 26
SOCIOTECHNICS (RCS)

from Newsletter No. 6, Spring 1984

Meetings.

On September 6-7, 1983, the RCS held the Sociotechnics Seminar in Antwerp (Belgium) which took place prior to the conference of RC 12 Sociology of Law (see ISA Bulletin 33 p.6 for details).

On February 9-11, 1984, the National German Sociotechnics Group met in Hamburg at the initiative of J.K.H.W. Schmidt, Secretary of the RCS. Professors K. Eichner and K.-D. Opp locally organized this 4th Meeting of the German Sociotechnics Group as a seminar on "Applied Social Sciences and Policy Advice". There have been four sessions conducted with 10 papers varying from theoretical to practical issues. About 30 scholars participated in this meeting. At a Business Meeting, participants charged H. Klages (Germany) to apply for an institutionalization of the German Sociotechnics Group as a special Section of the German Sociological Association under the name "Practice Oriented Social Sciences". H. Klages is also in charge of organizing the next meeting of the Working Group within the framework of the German Sociology Days, scheduled for October 9-12, 1984.

Publications.

- "Proceedings of the XXI German Sociology Days" ed. by F. Heckmann and P. Winter (Opladen: Westdeutscher Verlag, 1983); they include 9 papers presented at the meeting of the National German Working Group on Sociotechnics (Bamberg 1982).

- "Soziologisches Wissen und Soziotechnik", ed. Peter Rolke with contributions of V. Lamsler, P. Rolke and J.K.H.W. Schmidt (Braunschweig 1983).

- "Beyond Bureaucracy. A Sociotechnical Approach to the Dialectics of Complex Organizations" by Alexander Matejko (forthcoming: Verlag für Gesellschaftsarchitektur, Köln). It will be the first book within a series of books on Sociotechnics; the next books to be published within this series will be Proceedings of the RCS international

conference held in Antwerp, Fall 1983, and Proceedings of the RCS contributions to the X World Congress, Mexico, August 1982.
- A transformation of the RCS Newsletter into a regular journal is also planned.

RC 27
SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT

from Bulletin 26

The Executive Board of the International Committee for Sociology of Sport (ICSS) met in Aachen (Germany) on January 6-8, 1984. The ICSS Executive for 1984-87 is:

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The ICSS was busy preparing the 1984 Olympic Scientific Congress scheduled for July 1984, Eugene, Oregon. Scholars from over 20 countries presented 85 papers in the Sociology of Sport Disciplinary Sessions. Additional papers in the sociology of sport were given in the Interdisciplinary Sessions which have been organized into 12 thematic programmes.

The following research proposals were endorsed in principle by the Board:

1. Cross-national Investigation of Women in Coaching - submitted by N. Theberge (University of Waterloo, Canada)

2. Sport and Gender - submitted by M. Klein (Deutsche Sporthochschule, Köln, Germany)
3. Football Hooliganism - submitted by E. Dunning, calling for comparative study involving England, Germany and the Netherlands.

RC 28
SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

No report on activities has been received at the Secretariat.

RC 29
DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL

submitted by Lode Van Ostrive, President

The Board of the Research Committee held its meeting on September 27, 1983 during the Vienna Congress of the International Society for Criminology. The following issues were discussed:

- the communication with the Polish section;
- the campaign for more membership renewals;
- changes in the Constitution: the past president will be an ex-officio Board member; his name will be mentioned together with the members of the Board;
- disposition to collect nominees for the election of a new board in 1985;
- organization of the Research Committee meeting in New Delhi, August 1986 (organizer: Manfred Brusten)
- disposition to publish the Wuppertal conference papers (Brusten, Herriger, Malinowski) and the Mexico Congress papers (Sebba and Cohen);
- efforts to stimulate Japanese participation in the Committee (report on M. Brusten's trip).

On November 2-5, 1983, in San Francisco (USA), the Committee organized a symposium in collaboration with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, on the impact of criminal justice reform. 38 scholars coming from 7 countries participated in four working groups:

- delinquency prevention reforms
- the science and measure of reform
- reform in juvenile justice
- reforms in pretrial and adult corrections

RC 30
SOCIOLOGY OF WORK

from the Newsletter, January 1984

The Research Committee held its Board meeting on April 7, 1983 in Lodz (Poland). The following officers were elected:

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Judith Buber Agasi (Herzlia, Israel)
Chavdar Kiuranov (Institute of Sociology,
Sofia, Bulgaria)
alternate: Krastkyo Petkov (Institute of
Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria)

Three permanent working groups were formed within
the Research Committee:

1. "Transformations of workers. Representations
of work and workplace". The regional meeting
on "Technology and the meaning of work", held
on May 5, 1983, in Paris, was part of the
activities of this working group. The papers
and discussion focused on different aspects
of industrial technology and its impact on
various industrial sectors.
Coordinator: Pierre Bouvier (C.E.S., 28 rue
Cardinet, F-75017 Paris, France).
2. "Office work and new technologies". The
principal goal of this working group is to
encourage collaboration among scholars
working in the field of office/white collar
work throughout the world, and to provide
information on research and publications in
this field.
Coordinator: Wolfgang Littek (University of
Bremen FB 11, Postfach 330 440, D-2800 Bremen
33, Germany).
3. "Qualification and new technologies". A
scientific meeting presenting results of a
two-years seminar of four laboratories in the
Lyon region on science, production and
society, was held in Lyon. Scholars from
various European and Latin American countries
participated in the meeting, which focused on
the ways scientific discoveries permit, or
have no effect, on technical changes.
Coordinator: Jean Ruffier (GLYSI, Université
Lyon II, Ave. P. Mendès-France, F-69500 Bron,
France).

RC 31

SOCIOLOGY OF MIGRATION

No report of activities has been received at the
Secretariat.

RC 32

WOMEN IN SOCIETY

submitted by Deniz Kandiyoti, Chair

Since the X World Congress (Mexico, 1982) the

Nomination Committee chaired by Patricia Martin,
has worked on electing new officers of the Re-
search Committee. The newly elected officers for
1982-1986 are:

Chair: Deniz Kandiyoti
Richmond College, Queens Road
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Chair-elect: Lourdes Arizpe (Mexico)

Treasurer: Esther Chow (USA)

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Newsletter Editors:

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Lenore Weitzman (USA)

Regional representatives.

Africa: Eugenia Date-Bah (Ethiopia)

Ayesha Imam (Nigeria)

Renee Pittin

Diane Kayango-Male (Kenya)

Asia: Cora Baldock (Australia)

Leela Dube (India)

Virginia Miralo (Philippines)

Gita Sen (India)

Latin America: Carmen Barroso (Brazil)

Elizabeth Jelin (Argentina)

Isabel Largaia (Cuba)

Sylvia Marcos (Mexico)

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Nimra T. Es-Said (Jordan)

Dafna Izraeli (Israel)

Fatima Mernissi (Morocco)

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Linda Christiansen-Ruffman (Canada)

Ruth Dixon (USA)

Kathryn Kopinak (Canada)

Europe: Sheila Allen (United Kingdom)

Carol Hagemann-White (Germany)

Alexandra Jasinska-Kania (Poland)

Julia Szalai (Hungary)

A RC 32 Workshop took place on April 16, 1984,
just prior to the Second International Inter-
disciplinary Congress on Women held in Groningen
(The Netherlands). The Workshop was attended by
the Committee members who also took part in the
Congress. One session was devoted to presentations
by RC 32 members of their current research. At the
business session, suggestions were made concerning
possible panels and topics of interest for the
1986 World Congress. The sessions in Groningen
were chaired by Jeanne de Bruijn (University of
Groningen, The Netherlands) and Pamela Roby
(University of California, Santa Cruz, USA).

The Research Committee is preparing four regional
conferences: January 1985 - India and Mexico,
April 1985 - Rome and Africa. It is hoped that
papers and trend reports generated in the course
of these regional meetings will enable the Com-
mittee to contribute to the NGO Forum on the End
of the Decade For Women UN Conference to be held
in Nairobi, July 1985.

RC 33

LOGIC AND METHODOLOGY IN SOCIOLOGY

submitted by Manfred Küchler, Secretary

Meetings.

A European Symposium on "Concept Formation and
Measurement" is organized jointly by Alberto
Marradi, RC Vice-President, Helmut Artes and Ray
Pawson, Board Members. The symposium will be held
in late September 1984 at the Research Center on
Human Evolution in the vicinity of Rome, Italy.

1984 Interim Meetings:

- The American Meeting, held in conjunction with the ASA meetings, August 27-31, 1984, in San Antonio, Texas. Organizer: David McFarland, RC 33 Vice-President.

- The European Meeting, co-sponsored by the Dutch Sociometric Society, will be held October 2-5, 1984, in Amsterdam, under the title "International Conference on Methodological Research". Some 150 participants are expected, about half of them from abroad. Professor Willem E. Saris (University of Amsterdam) is heading the local organizing committee and joins RC 33 officers Andreyenkov, Kùchler and Marradi in the International Organizing Committee.

Newsletter. The Committee's Newsletter was upgraded and largely expanded after the World Congress in Mexico. It is published twice a year and reaches the membership in May and November. The first three issues averaged some 25 pages and contained both general business topics as well as other items of interest. As standard features publications in the field of methodology, computer news, conferences and meetings are covered.

Publications. Editorial work on a volume in the series SAGE STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY is being carried on by Edgar Borgatta, David Jackson and Manfred Kùchler. This book will combine papers presented at the Mexico Congress with new submissions. A detailed proposal will be submitted to the ISA Publication Committee in the second half of 1984.

Another publication project was initiated at the 1982 World Congress. Gary Albrecht and David Jackson will be editors of a special issue of Sociological Methods & Research on "Methodological Issues in Policy Research". All RC 33 members were invited to contribute in a call for papers announced in the spring 1983.

Membership drive. RC 33 successfully recruited many new members after the Mexico Congress. In Europe, some 25 new members joined with variance in countries greatly increasing. As of early 1984 RC 33 has more than 100 members in good standing.

RC 34

SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH

submitted by Petar-Emil Mitev, President

Scientific events:

A **symposium** on "International Comparative Youth Studies" (regions - Eastern Europe and the USSR) organized by P.E. Mitev and I. Velev and hosted by the Institute of Youth Studies (Sofia) was convened in Primorsko (Bulgaria) in September 1982. 37 scientists from eight countries took part in it. The Symposium summarized the methodological, methodical and organizational results of international comparative youth studies in the regions of Eastern Europe and the USSR in the 1970s, and outlined an orientation towards newer, weightier stationary forms as well as newer, more flexible and dynamic forms as trends complementary to one another, setting the future guidelines of international research in the 1980s.

A **colloquium** on "Methodological Problems of Studying the Young Personality" organized by W. Friedrich in Leipzig (GDR) in June 1983. The meeting was hosted by the Central Research Institute of Youth Studies; it was attended by 220 scientists from 7 countries (regions Eastern

Europe and the USSR). Its main objective was to evaluate methodological and methodical issues and approaches in youth studies in respect of their scientific validity and public effectiveness.

RC 34 **conference** on "Social Indicators in Comparative Research of Youth" organized by P.E. Mitev in Primorsko (Bulgaria) September 1983. The meeting was hosted by the Bulgarian Sociological Association and the Institute of Youth Studies in Sofia; it was attended by 40 scientists from 16 European, Asian, African and American countries. During the conference, the business meeting of the Committee was held at which the statutes and plan of future activities were adopted.

Workshop on "The Attitudes and Behavior of Young People Towards Work: Change or Continuity" organized by P. Grootings and B. Koval, hosted by the Academy of Science of the USSR (Fall 1983). It was attended by 35 scientists from 17 countries of Western Europe, Eastern Europe and the USA as well as representatives of three international organizations: European Coordination Centre for Research and Documentation in Social Sciences, European Centre on the Problems of Labour and Society, and International Institute for Labour Studies.

In January 1984 a business meeting of RC 34 Board members was organized in Munich (Germany) where the activities of the past year and the plans for 1984 were discussed.

Several **projects** dedicated to the International Youth Year 1985, started in 1983. Publication of monographs containing results of the following research projects is planned for 1985:

1. "Youth integration into society through participation"; coordinators: Jürgen Hartmann (Uppsala University, Sweden) and Sylvia Trnka (European Centre, Vienna, Austria). The Telberg (Sweden) expert meeting was organized (June 1983) within the framework of the project. The meeting was followed by a publication of a working document "Integration of Youth into Society", eds. J. Hartmann, S. Trnka (Uppsala University, 1984). The second expert meeting on the project was scheduled for June 1984.
2. "Social aspects of the formation of the new recruitments of the working class"; coordinators: V. Shoubkin (USSR) and J. Bekes (Hungary). An expert meeting was held in Moscow in November 1983 on the initiative of the European Coordination Centre for Research and Documentation in Social Sciences; another meeting was scheduled for Spring 1984.
3. "Youth and leisure"; coordinator: I. Velev (Bulgaria). Work on this project is in an advanced stage: a theoretical programme has been elaborated; the collection of empirical data and its analysis by country is to be carried out in 1984.

Publications.

"Mexico 82", eds. P.E. Mitev, E. Yanakieva. First ever publication of materials from the scientific sessions on the problems of youth held in the framework of a World Congress of Sociology. These two volumes were published with the support of the Bulgarian Sociological Association and the Institute of Youth Studies in Sofia (Bulgaria).

"Youth and Labour", eds. V. Shoubkin, K. Gospodinov, F. Gazho (Bulgarian Sociological Association). This is a monograph summing up the results of international youth studies in six East

European countries.

"Authors and Topics", ed. M.Stefanov (Institute of Youth Studies, Sofia, Bulgaria, 1983). A reference guide to the scientific programme and participants in the regional conferences held in Primorsko 1971-1982.

Information Bulletin of Youth Studies (IBYS), published by R. Mayer (Germany), made two very successful issues and was distributed to the Committee's members in good standing.

RC 35 COMMITTEE ON CONCEPTUAL
AND TERMINOLOGICAL ANALYSIS (COCTA)

from "COCTA News" No.3 (1983), No.1 (1984)

The meeting of INTERCOCTA PROJECT was held from June 26-30, 1983 in Caracas (Venezuela) under the auspices of the International Social Science Council with the support of UNESCO. 22 scholars participated in the Round Table sessions organized jointly by Fred W. Riggs, COCTA chairperson, and Hebe Vessuri of the Central University of Venezuela, as coordinator. The following recommendations were decided upon:

1. Publication of a COCTA-glossary. Organizer: Fred W. Riggs.
2. Launching a pilot project based on the meaning of "growth" as a key concept in the social sciences. Organizer: Henry Teune.
3. Launching a pilot project to amplify and test the principles of the INTERCOCTA project by applying them in a different working language (Spanish). Organizer: Lourdes Yero, CENDES, Venezuela.
4. Formulation of a set of guidelines consistent with the best standards of international bodies concerned with terminology, classification, and information science. Design and execution: Jean Aitchison.
5. Starting a project to provide technical information about the available hardware and software to support the planned pattern of decentralized/linked development of the conceptual encyclopedia. Coordinator: Linda Smith.

Work has been started on elaborating the CLACSO publication "Latin America Terminology for Inclusion in Social Science Dictionary" in order to formulate, classify and make more generally known the scientific concepts current in the area. Dominique Babini, Félix Schuster and Mario R. dos Santos are in charge of the project. For further information contact: CLACSO, Callo 875, Piso 3ºE, 1023 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

COCTA panels were organized at the American Political Science Association conventions in Chicago (September 1983) and Washington (1984).

COCTA News, a newsletter of the Research Committee, published by Jan-Erik Lane, Secretary of COCTA, is regularly distributed to all members in good standing.

RC 36
ALIENATION THEORY AND RESEARCH

submitted by Alan Whitehorn, Secretary

Meetings.

In conjunction with the meetings of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, June 1-4, 1983, the following panels were held:

- Alienation Measurement: Theoretical and Empirical Problems; Chair: Alan Whitehorn
- Alienation Theory and Moral Philosophy; Chair: David Schweitzer
- Alienation Theory: Marx and Habermas; Chair: David Schweitzer.

A two-session topical workshop on "Alienation and Mental Health" was held during the biennial meeting of the World Congress for Mental Health in Washington, D.C. (July 1983). The workshop was organized and conducted by Frank Johnson (University of California, San Francisco).

The Second Messina Roundtable on "Alienation, Anomie and Violence" was held at the University of Messina, Italy (November 1983). It was sponsored by the International Centre of Sociological, Penal and Penitentiary Research and Studies in Messina, in association with the Research Committee. The roundtable was organized and chaired by Shlomo Shoham as a continuation of the theoretical work which began at the first Messina Roundtable in 1980. A published volume of papers based on the discussions and debates is expected.

A conference on Urban Alienation: "The Search for De-Alienation Strategies" was held at the Ohio State University (May 1984). It was sponsored by the O.S.U. Merston Center, with assistance from other O.S.U. academic units and from the Ethics Research Center in Washington, D.C. The conference was organized by Andrew Oldenquist on behalf of the Research Committee.

Publications. The Committee is glad to announce the publication of a monograph series on ALIENATION, ANOMIE, ANOMIA and related topics. The series is to be published by Science Reviews Ltd. in England and Transaction Publishers of Rutgers University, USA. Those interested in submitting book-length manuscripts on the subject are invited to contact the managing editor, Shlomo Shoham (Institute of Criminology and Criminal Law, Faculty of Law, Trubowicz Buildings, Tel Aviv University, Ramat Aviv, Tel Aviv 69978, Israel).

RC 37
SOCIOLOGY OF THE ARTS

submitted by Vera L. Zolberg, Secretary

Meetings.

June 6-10, 1983, Sofia (Bulgaria) on "Multiple Perspectives in Sociology of the Arts". Coordinated by Elit Nikolov, Vice-President of RC 37. In addition to the topical discussions centered around seven papers presented by the participants from RC 37, a business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Ivan Vitanyi, President of RC 37.

May 24-25, 1984, Ljubljana (Yugoslavia) on "Alienation and Participation in Culture". Besides scientific sessions, a business meeting of the RC took place devoted to plans for publications, further meetings, and membership matters.

Publications.

The Newsletter was launched in the Fall of 1982. So far five issues were published. From the third issue onward, the Newsletter is printed in two

languages, French and English. Eventually it will be available in Russian as well.

"Contribution to the Sociology of the Arts. Reports from the X World Congress of Sociology", ISA Research Committee 37/Research Institute for Culture, Sofia (Bulgaria). Editor-in-chief: Elit Nikolov. Published by the Balkan State Printing House, 1983.

"Alienation and Participation in Culture", ed. Dmitrij Rupel, containing papers presented at the 1984 Ljubljana conference. To be published under the auspices of the University of Ljubljana, Yugoslav Sociological Association and the Slovenian Sociological Society.

RC 38

BIOGRAPHY AND SOCIETY

The status of 38th Research Committee of the ISA was granted to the Working Group "Biography and Society/Biographie et Societe". This Group has been already very active before and at the Mexico World Congress, where it held a number of successful sessions. Last year, publication of a Newsletter was started; preparations for launching a journal "Life Histories/Histoires de vies" (scheduled for May 1985) are also well advanced. Since the X World Congress, the core members of the Group have organized four international workshops (France 1982, Canada 1983, USA 1984, France 1984) often followed by publications of conference papers.

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Herman Turk (RC 03)



Zdravko Mlinar (RC 24)



Pierre Achard (RC 25) and Joji Watanuki (Program Cttee Chairman); in the back: Petar Mitev (RC 34)

From the Research Council meetings

Erik Allard (Executive Cttee), Peter Reinsch (Deputy Executive Secretary), Erwin Scheuch (Executive Cttee), Manfred Küchler (RC 33)



Heidrun Kaupen-Hass (RC 15)



Hermann Korte (RC 31)



CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

November 4-9, 1984 **International Symposium on Agricultural and Rural Cooperatives towards the 21st Century**

Place: Kibbutz Shefayim, Israel

Topics: - agricultural cooperatives & their role in national development and economic advance
- growth and change in the agricultural cooperatives
- strengthening the cooperative in the face of emerging needs

Organizers: KENES - Secretariat
P.O. Box 50006
Tel Aviv 61500
Israel

December 13-16, 1984 **First Annual Conference: Contemporary Social Problems and the Role of Sociology in Greece**

Place: Athens, Greece

Themes: - Greek social problems
- New institutions and new structures: problems of development & transition
- Prospects of the field of sociology in Greece

Information: Dr. E. Afendras, Chairman
Organizing Committee
Hellenic Sociological Ass.
P.O. Box 4239
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Greece

December 17-19, 1984 **RC 29 on Sociology of Deviance and Social Control**

Place: San José, Costa Rica

Theme: Crime and Development

Topics: - The effect of the processes of development upon the rates & forms of criminality
- The development processes and their influence upon given variables of crime
- The effects of the development processes upon the reaction on crime
- Victims of crime and the development processes

- Compared criminology

Language: Simultaneous interpretation in English and Spanish

Fee: \$ 55

Registration: Director of ILANUD
RC on Sociology of Deviance and Social Control (ISA)
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January 6-12, 1985 **International Conference: Support Networks in a Caring Community: Research & Policy, Fact & Fiction**

Place: The Hague, The Netherlands

Theme: The heyday of the welfare state is past. In many countries the prevailing attitude is that government should limit its role and transfer more responsibilities to the individuals. A caring society must be created in which primary support networks have an important role to play. Amongst others, the question is risen what contribution social scientists can make for a responsible policy.

Fee: Dfl. 750,- including hotel accommodation, field visit and conference papers.

Information: PCMD
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2514 GC The Hague
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January 27-31, 1985 **Regional Conference for Asia on Women and the Household**

Place: New Delhi, India

Subthemes: - Structural and Cultural Dimensions of Intra-Household Relationships
- Women and Home-based Production
- Structures of Production, Kinships Systems, and the Household
- The State, the Household, and Women

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