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REPORT FROM THE RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING

Research Council meeting and its conference "Cross-Cultural and International Research: Theory, Method, Project, Organization" and "Centralization vs. Decentralization", took place on September 1st through 4th, 1988 in Ljubljana (Yugoslavia) on the generous invitation by the Faculty of Sociology, Political Science and Journalism, the Research Institute, and the Institute of Sociology, all of the Edvard Kardelj University. The meetings were held on the premises of the International Centre for Public Enterprises. Sincere thanks and gratitude for this hospitality are extended to Mrs. N. Kersevan, Mayor of the Ljubljana City Assembly, Professors B. Kavcic, Dean, V. Antoncic, Director, N. Tos, Director, and Professor Zdravko Mlinar.

The meetings were chaired by Professor Else Øyen, ISA Vice-President, Chair of the Research Council and the Research Coordinating Committee.

At the RESEARCH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING following issues were considered:

1. Decisions and recommendations of the Research Coordinating Committee which held its meeting one day prior to the Research Council.

(a) Review of Research Committees' activities

The heterogeneity of the received 18 reports as well as the lack of response from the remaining 21 Research Committees were discussed. In order to better evaluate the activities of the research committees in the future, members of the Research Council suggested the following criteria to be taken into consideration:

- that the Research Committees submit a 2-year activity report
- that the Research Committees organize at least one international conference between the two Congresses
- that the Research Committees secure in its membership at least 25 members in good standing (i.e. paid individual members of the ISA) from at least 5 countries (as stipulated by the ISA Statutes, Article XI.3.A)
- that all officers of a Research Committee be individual members of the ISA (as stipulated by the ISA By Laws 7.1)
- that a newsletter is produced

(b) Allocation of the 1988 newsletter grants to the Research Committees (US \$ 800 each):

RC 02 Economy and Society, RC 05 Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations, RC 06 Family Research, RC 08 History of Sociology, RC 09 Social Practice and Social Transformation, RC 10 Participation, Workers' Control, and Self-Management, RC 15 Sociology of Health, RC 25

Sociolinguistics, RC 26 Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice, RC 29 Deviance and Social Control, RC 36 Alienation Theory and Research, RC 38 Biography and Society.

All payments are conditional on the submission of a report on activities and a membership list proving that at least 25 members of a research committee from at least 5 countries are also ISA members in good standing.

The deadline for applying for the 1989 newsletter grant was set to May 1st, 1989.

(c) Recognition of new Research Committees/Working Groups/Thematic Groups (previously called Ad Hoc Groups)

In reviewing 8 applications for a Research Committee status, 2 for a Working Group status, and 7 for an Thematic Group status, the following criteria were considered:

1. Whether the group applying for a new status has at least 25 members in good standing from at least 5 countries within its membership (as stipulated by the ISA Statutes, Article XI:3:A);
2. That it is evident the group cannot merge with any of the existing Thematic Groups, Working Groups or Research Committees;
3. In the case of applications for a Research Committee status it is proved that the activity of the group covers a sufficiently large area and range of approaches in sociological research (Art.XI:3:b.1).

The following decisions concerning the change of status were made, all conditional on the submission of a membership list proving that at least 25 members from at least 5 countries of a group are also ISA members in good standing.

Research Committee status was given to:

- * Working Group on Social Psychology (M. Draganov);
- * Working Group on Rural Sociology (L. Busch);
- * Working Group on Sociology of Population (F. Yusuf);

Working Group status was maintained for:

- * WG on Clinical Sociology (R. Sévigny);
- * WG on Labor Movements in the Industrial and State Arenas (M. Regini);
- * WG on Mental Health (H.N. Mookherjee);
- * WG on Rational Choice (R. Wippler);
- * WG on Sociocybernetics and Social Systems Theory (F. Parra-Luna)

Working Group status was given to:

- * Thematic Group Housing and Built Environment (E. Huttman and W. van Vliet formerly, L. Kilmartin currently);
- * Thematic Group Social Indicators Research (A.C. Michalos);
- * Group on Sociological Theory (J. Alexander, P. Sztompka);

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Thematic Group status was given to:

- * Famine and Society (J. Floud);
- * International Research Group on Time Budgets and Social Activities (A. Harvey, R. Andorka, T. Niemi);
- * Paradigms and Theories of Social Classes and Social Movements (Louis Maheu);
- * Sociologie du Tourisme International (Marie-Françoise Lanfant);

2. Statutes of the Research Committees

A committee chaired by Petar-Emil Mitev had analyzed the statutes/constitutions of the Research Committees and pointed to the many weaknesses of the present structure. The following motion was passed: All Research Committees are required to have statutes. These statutes should be in accordance with Art. XI of the ISA Statutes. The Research Council will establish a committee to provide a model of procedural rules for Research Committee statutes to be circulated to the Research Committees during 1989 and to be put before the Research Council at its meeting in 1990. The following were elected to this committee: Petar-Emil Mitev (Chair), Vincenzo Ferrari (RC 12) and Jürgen Hartmann (RC 34).

3. New fee structure for the Research Committees

Wilfried Dumon, Vice-President in charge of Membership and Finance, presented a proposal that ISA membership payments will cover fees of 4 years, will include a subscription to International Sociology, and a 4-year membership to one Research Committee. In the discussion the Research Council considered the implications of the proposal for the autonomy of the Research Committees and the possible loss of members through an increase of fees.

The following motion was passed: Based on the discussion of the Research Council it is recommended that the model of the Committee on Membership and Finance be further explored, hereunder also the closer cooperation between the Research Committees and the ISA and the central collection of fees from the ISA members of the Research Committees. The above should be done in consultation with the Research Committees.

4. Election procedures from the Research Council to the Executive Committee

Henry Teune's recommendation for a "cluster" voting was accepted: each voter has the same number of votes as the number of candidates to be elected with those with the highest number of votes being elected (e.g., for the Research Council, the first five being elected to both the RC and the Executive Committee and the next two to the RC). Tie votes should be broken by ballot.

Separate votes should be conducted for the five candidates to the Executive Committee and the two candidates to the Research Coordinating Committee in order to allow votes for the latter to take into consideration 'skewed representation' with regard to geographical distribution etc.

The "cluster" voting was put to immediate use in electing a Nominating Committee. The result was as follows: Orlando Albornoz RC04, Neuma Aguiar RC32, Rudolf Andorka RC28, Enzo Mingione RC21, Petar-Emil Mitev RC34

The Nominating Committee is to prepare a slate of a minimum of fourteen candidates, outlining the qualifications of the candidates.

5. Research Committees at the XII World Congress of Sociology

Artur Meier, Vice-President in charge of the Program Committee, presented decisions taken by the Program Committee at its first meeting held in February 1988 in Rome (see ISA Bulletin 46, Spring 1988).

The following deadlines were confirmed:

January 31, 1989

Session topics and the names of sessions organizers should be received by the ISA Secretariat for publication in the Spring '89 issue of the ISA Bulletin

October 1, 1989

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

- titles of the sessions
- authors, discussants, etc.
- address of each author
- titles of the papers

6. New projects of the ISA

Margaret Archer, President, and Daniel Bertaux, Executive Committee member, presented a new project of the ISA - a worldwide competition for young sociologists for an original article of general sociological interest (see following pages of this Bulletin for the details). The project was welcomed with enthusiasm and was endorsed by the Research Council for implementation.

7. ISA Summer School and Research Forum in Ljubljana

Katja Boh and Zdravko Mlinar from the Faculty of Sociology, Political Science and Journalism of the Edvard Kardelj University presented a project to establish the ISA Summer School and Research Forum in Ljubljana. The Research Council expressed a strong interest in these plans and a couple of days later the Executive Committee endorsed the proposal. The Chair of the Research Council has appointed the following members to a Coordinating Committee for the Ljubljana project: Karl van Meter RC33 (Chair), Felix Geyer RC36, Henry Teune RC35, Jan Trost RC06.

8. Research Council Publications

It was agreed that a selection of papers on comparative sociology presented at this meeting be edited by Else Øyen for a special Research Council Book to be included in the participant's kit for the XII World Congress of Sociology.

9. Structure of the 1994 Research Council meeting will be brought up on the agenda of the Research Council meeting in Madrid in July 1990.

10. New section of "Sociological Abstracts"

Karl van Meter, Secretary of Research Committee 33 on Logic and Methodology in Sociology, invited all Research Committees to participate in a new joint project of RC33 and "Sociological Abstracts", represented by Leo P. Chall. A new section will be created in the SA reporting on the Research Committees' conferences and publishing abstracts of papers presented at those meetings.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CONDUCTED BY THE RESEARCH COUNCIL on:

"Cross-Cultural and International Research: Theory, Method, Project, Organization"

and

"Centralization vs. Decentralization"

The conference was opened by Mr. Janez Stanovnik, President of the Presidency of Slovenia, and chaired by Professor Else Øyen, Vice-President in charge of the Research Council.

The following papers were presented in two thematic sections:

I. Cross-Cultural and International Research: Theory, Method, Project, Organization

RC 01 ARMED FORCES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
Bernhard Fleckenstein: "Cross-National Research on Value Change: Design, Problems & Perspectives"

RC 04 SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

Orlando Alborno: "Cross-Cultural and International Research: Theory, Method, Project and Organization. The case of Latin America and the Caribbean in the field of Sociology of Education"

RC 05 ETHNIC, RACE AND MINORITY RELATIONS

Marshall W. Murphree: "The Internationalization of Scholarship: Implications for Theory, Research and Organization. A Case Study in the Field of Race and Ethnic Studies"

RC 06 FAMILY RESEARCH

Katja Boh & Jan Trost: Presentation dealing with a project on the conceptualization of family

RC 07 FUTURES RESEARCH

Velichko Dobrianov: "Cross-Cultural and International Research: Theory, Method, Project, Organization. The Case of Multilateral Sociological Research of Socialist Countries"

RC 09 SOCIAL PRACTICE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Ellen B. Hill: "Are Social Decisions still Made on the Basis of Social Policy Theories?"

RC 12 SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

Vincenzo Ferrari: "Cross-Cultural Research in Sociology of Law: Experience and Problems"

RC 20 COMPARATIVE SOCIOLOGY

Erwin K. Scheuch: "Theoretical Implications of Comparative Survey Research"

RC 24 SOCIAL ECOLOGY

Zdravko Mlinar and Slavko Splichal: "Globalization and Individuation in Social Development and Comparative Research"

RC 25 SOCIOLINGUISTICS

Allen D. Grimshaw: "Research on Conflict Talk: A Path to Understanding International Conflict Processes?"

RC 28 SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

Rudolf Andorka: "Cross-Cultural and International Comparative Research of Social Mobility"

RC SOCIOLOGY OF WORK

Albert L. Mok and Wolfgang Littek: "Sociology of Work: the state of the art"

RC 31 SOCIOLOGY OF MIGRATION

Ursula Mehrlander: "Cross-Cultural and International Research: Current Trends in Migration Studies in Western Europe"

RC 32 WOMEN IN SOCIETY

Neuma Aguiar: "Reflections on Comparative Work on Women and Societies"

RC 33 LOGIC AND METHODOLOGY IN SOCIOLOGY

Karl M. van Meter: "Collection and Interpretation of Data from Hidden Populations: Qualitative Research Design"

RC 35 COCTA: COMMITTEE ON CONCEPTUAL AND TERMINOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

Henry Teune: "Comparing Countries: Lessons Learned"

RC 36 ALIENATION THEORY AND RESEARCH

David Schweitzer: "De-alienation and Dis-Anomie: Theory, Research, and Practice in International Comparative Perspective"

RC 39 SOCIOLOGY OF DISASTERS

Russell R. Dynes: "Cross-Cultural and International Research: Sociology of Disaster"

II. Centralization vs. Decentralization

Chairperson: Jan Trost

RC 03 COMMUNITY RESEARCH

Herman Turk and Peter Jambrek: "Municipal Capacity to Obtain External Resources in Meeting Fiscal Strain"

RC 10 PARTICIPATION, WORKERS' CONTROL AND SELF MANAGEMENT

Dusko Sekulic: "Diagnosis and Ways Out of the Crisis"

RC 17 SOCIOLOGY OF ORGANIZATION

Marshall W. Meyer: "Decentralization in Nonprofit Organizations"

RC 37 SOCIOLOGY OF ART

Dimitrij Rupel: "Decentralization, Democratization, 'Disintegration' and 'Decomposition' in Slovene/Yugoslav Cultural Politics"

Janez Stanovnik, President of the Presidency of Slovenia, opens the conference of the Research Council. Next to him: Niko Toš, Director of the Research Institute of the Edvard Kardelj University, Else Øyen, ISA Vice-President, Chair of the Research Council, Margaret Archer, ISA President, Zdravko Mlinar, main organizer of the conference and Chairman of the Research Committee on Social Ecology





Deirdre Jordan (RC 04) and Vincenzo Ferrari (RC 12)



Neuma Aguiar (RC 32) and Ursula Mehrländer (RC 30)



Daniel Bertaux (RC 38) and Karl van Meter (RC 33)



Peter Hexel and Jürgen Hartmann (RC 34)

Wilfried Dumon, ISA Vice-President
and Jan Trost (RC 06)



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below:

Artur Meier,
ISA Vice-President
and Jan Makarovic (RC 34)





Marshall W. Murphree (RC 05)
and Marshall W. Meyer (RC 17)

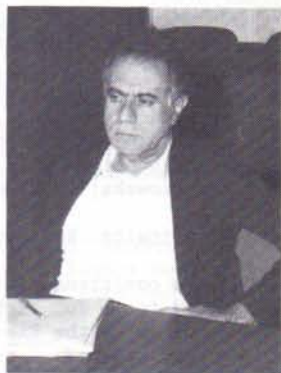


Mark van de Vall (RC 26), Bernhard Fleckenstein and
Jürgen Kuhlmann (RC 01), in the back: Petar Mitev (RC 34)



Wolfgang Littek (RC 30)
(left)

Orlando Albornoz (RC 04)
(right)



Ellen B. Hill (RC 09)
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Herman Turk (RC 03) and Rudolf Andorka (RC 28)
in the back: Erwin Scheuch (RC 20)

France Vreg (RC 10) and David Schweitzer (RC 36)



Russell R. Dynes (RC 39) and Allen D. Grimshaw (RC 25)



REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The annual Executive Committee meeting was held on September 7 through 11, 1988, in Nadarzyn, near Warsaw, Poland. The meetings were hosted by the Polish Sociological Association which also organized a one-day conference on "Contemporary Polish Society in the Sociological Perspective". We would like to express our deep appreciation to all our hosts and especially Professor Jolanta Kulpinska, Board Member, and Janusz Ziolkowski, President, of the Polish Sociological Association.

During the conference, chaired by Stefan Nowak and Jerzy Jedlicki, the following papers were presented:

- * J.J. Wiatr: Sociological Aspects of the Transformations of the Polish Political System
- * W. Adamski, L. Kolarska, A. Rychard, E. Wnuk-Lipinski: Political Attitudes of Poles 1980-1988. A Trend Report.
- * A. Rychard: Sources of Changes and Stability in the Polish Economic System
- * J. Kulpinska: Industrial Relations between Revindications and Self-management
- * A. Kloskowska: Continuity and Change in the Polish Culture
- * W. Zdaniewicz: Religiousness in the Polish Society

After the conference which proved to be an interesting and vivid forum for the exchange of thoughts and ideas, the meetings of the Executive Committee and its Sub-Committees started. A few highlights:

Publications Committee

The meetings of the committee were chaired by Artur Meier. The committee had a rather long agenda dealing with the following matters: a report on Current Sociology (William Outhwaite, Editor), a report on International Sociology (Elizabeth King, Editorial Assistant), and a report on Sage Studies in International Sociology (Wilfried Dumon, Editor), Research Council Book (see Research Council report), Sociological Abstracts edition for the XII World Congress of Sociology.

Artur Meier will step down as the Chairman of the Publications Committee early next year (February 1989) in order to devote all his time and energy to the Program Committee. His resignation was accepted with regret and thanks for the work done. Céline Saint-Pierre will take over the chair from Spring 1989 until the World Congress in Madrid.

Membership and Finance Committee

The Committee chaired by Wilfried Dumon reviewed the 1987 financial statement, 1988 budget and 1989 tentative operating budget. The financial situation of the Association was discussed at length. While the current economic situation creates very difficult problems, it was thought essential to develop a new membership dues structure in order to allow the Association to at least continue its activities at the present very modest level of operation. See Report from the Research Council for the details.

New collective members of the ISA were approved:

- * Category A: Bangladesh Sociology Association
- * Category B: - Center for Coordination of Research and Documentation in Social Sciences for Sub-Saharan Africa (CERDAS)

Relations with other organizations

(a) Else Øyen, Delegate to the ISSC, reported on the recent activities of the ISSC: International Meeting of Social and Human Scientists (Attended also by Bertaux, Alternate Representative) and Human Response to Global Change Programme which aroused interest of some of the ISA research committees. The ISSC is in financial difficulty but it is a very important forum of discussions on topics which are of interest for the ISA. The ISA might have a chance to participate in the natural sciences program because there are topics with social aspects.

(b) Jacques Coenen-Huther, Alternate Representative at the UN Headquarters in Geneva, reported on: the celebrations of the International Day of Peace (15 December 1987) where the "Peace Messenger" award was bestowed upon the ISA, on the day of consultations with NGOs in the field of human rights, on the seminar on the subject "Women: the misused resource" held at the UN Headquarters. The problem is to locate the relevant channels for the ISA and to become more visible; it is difficult to find out how the ISA can participate in the UN specific programs.

(c) Paolo Ammassari reported on the UN Headquarters in Vienna where he is ISA Delegate. In Vienna, UN has many activities and the ISA should explore all possibilities of participating in some of them.

XII World Congress of Sociology

A contract for the organization of the XII World Congress of Sociology was prepared. (Note: in October 1988 this contract was signed by Margaret Archer, ISA President, and Salvador Giner, Chairman of the Spanish Local Organizing Committee.)

Congress registration fees were approved as follows:

	before 15.XII.1989	before 01.VI.1990	after 01.VI.1990
ISA Member	\$ 130	\$ 180	\$ 230
Non-member of ISA	not available	\$ 210	\$ 270

Participants from less developed and non-convertible currency countries			
ISA Member	\$ 55	\$ 65	\$ 80
Non-member of ISA	not available	\$ 75	\$ 100

Student ISA member	\$ 55	\$ 65	\$ 80
Student non-member	not available	\$ 75	\$ 100

Cancellation date: June 1, 1990, reimbursement 75%

Jolanta Kulpinska, Stefan Nowak, Andrzej Rychard and Janusz Ziolkowski, of the Polish Sociological Association On the right: a group of Polish participants of the Nadarzyn conference.



WORLDWIDE COMPETITION FOR YOUNG SOCIOLOGISTS

1. The International Sociological Association (ISA) is organizing a worldwide competition for young scholars engaged in social research. The winners will be invited to participate in the XIIth World Congress of Sociology which will take place in Madrid, Spain, 9-13 July 1990. Their essays will be published in English, subject to editorial revision, in the ISA's journal International Sociology.

2. By 'young scholars' we mean people under 35 years of age on September 1st, 1989. Participants should hold a Master's degree (or an equivalent graduate studies diploma) in sociology or in a related discipline.

3. Candidates must send an essay of no more than 6,000 words, typewritten, double spaced, on one side of the paper with margins of 3 cm; notes and bibliography should appear at the end of the text. We prefer essays focusing upon socially relevant issues. The phenomena examined may be social, economic, political, cultural or of any other kind; it is their interpretation or analysis that needs to show a sociological orientation (for instance, through the identification of social processes underlying the phenomena under scrutiny, critique of commonsense interpretations or of well established theories, etc.). Essays will be judged according to the perceptiveness with which issues are treated, the acuteness of observations, the consistency with which the analytical framework adopted is used, the theoretical creativity and originality of ideas, and clarity of style. Extensiveness of referencing or the use of advanced statistical methods will only be given secondary importance, so as to provide participants with opportunities as equal as possible throughout the world.

The organizers are particularly interested in receiving essays from scholars in Third World countries.

4. Essays may be written in one of the following languages: English, French, Spanish (the three languages of the ISA XIIth World Congress) as well as Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Russian. A jury will be set up for each of these languages (with the exception that Spanish, Italian and Portuguese will be treated

together). Scholars whose mother-language is none of the above languages may submit a paper in English or French; their papers will be evaluated by two specific juries dealing respectively with English or French as second languages. All scholars may make use of this option if they prefer.

The juries will be chaired by members of the ISA's Executive Committee or other higher bodies. The Grand Jury will be chaired by the President of the ISA, Professor Margaret Archer.

5. Two copies of each essay should be sent to the following address:

ISA Worldwide Competition for Young Sociologists
attn. Daniel Bertaux
Centre d'Etude des Mouvements Sociaux
54 bd Raspail
75006 Paris, France

They should be date stamped August 1st, 1989 at the latest or reach the Paris Secretariat before September 1st, 1989.

In order to protect anonymity during the selection process, authors should include a separate sheet of paper with their name (capital letters), date of birth, mother-language, degrees, address where they can be reached and (optionally) their present occupation.

6. Initially, each jury will consider which essays reach a sufficiently high standard to be issued with a letter of official commendation and be listed in the ISA Bulletin.

Each jury will then preselect (by December 1989) a maximum of three essays whose authors will receive Merit Award Certificates, a four-year membership of the ISA, and an invitation to attend the XIIth World Congress. Although the ISA cannot guarantee to cover their travel costs, all the authors thus preselected will be nominated to the Congress's Travel Grant Committee.

Finally, out of those preselected, a Grand Jury will select up to five winning essays. Their authors will immediately be invited, all expenses paid, to participate in the World Congress. In case of multiple authorship, the subvention will have to be shared.

Additional information may be obtained from the Competition Secretariat: see address above.

REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES

RC 01

ARMED FORCES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Report submitted by Jürgen Kuhlmann, Executive Secretary

During the last two years and since the XIth World Congress in New Delhi, the activities of the Research Committee 01 concentrated on four main issues:

1. The publication of papers presented at the XIth World Congress;
2. The updating of the Membership List of the Research Committee in order to bring the financial situation of the Research Committee to an acceptable level;
3. The continuation and further development of the scientific contacts, particularly with those persons and institutions engaged in military-related social research world-wide;
4. The preparation of the 1988 Interim Conference.

Publication of the New Delhi papers

The papers presented and discussed during the New Delhi sessions have almost all been published in the "FORUM International Series" of the Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut der Bundeswehr (SOWI = German Armed Forces Institute for Social Research). Copies of "FORUM" issues 5-7 will be distributed free of charge to the Research Committee members in good standing (i.e. who paid their membership dues).

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Recapitulation of the membership

The number of members of the Research Committee varies between 220 and 240: some old members have shown that they are no longer interested and have terminated their membership while new members have been joining. The Research Committee is mainly interested in motivating young scientists to cooperate in order to keep the age structure balanced, thus to encourage the constant exchange of experience between the generations. The Committee is successfully following this strategy.

A problem is to get the members to pay their dues which are vital to maintain the permanent information and communication flow among the members. An enormous amount of money is spent on the production and mailing of the Newsletter, a main communication link. Unfortunately only approximately 40% of the members are actually paying their dues, which means that they are co-financing the remaining 60% of the members. Even though it would be fair and justified to delete those remaining 60% from the mailing list, it would at the same time mean to exclude them completely from the network of scientific communication and, thus, to decrease significantly a chance to re-motivate them to cooperate actively at any time in the future.

At the recent Business Meeting of the Research Committee (October 1987) it was therefore decided to continue to supply all members with the Newsletter whereas cost-intensive activities, such as mailing of books, papers etc., should be limited to members "in good standing" only.

In any case, according to the By-Laws of the Research Committee 01, only members in good standing are eligible and are entitled to vote for officers of the Board of the Research Committee.

Scientific communication

During the last two years several activities were aimed at the development of a scientific communication among the members and several countries.

New contacts were established and a number of cooperation projects was negotiated and partially started with the following institutions (with scientists working there, of course, serving as "intermediaries"):

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- War College, Institute of Military Science (Helsinki, Finland)
- Israeli Defence Force, Department of Behavioral Sciences (Israel)
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- Stichting Maatschappij en Krijgsmacht (The Hague, The Netherlands)

The 1988 interim conference

The Interim Conference of the Research Committee 01 was held in Munich (FRG), July 25 - 29, 1988 under the auspices of the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Bundeswehr who generously supported it both financially and organizationally.

As to the substance, the Interim Conference highly profited from the aforementioned contacts with the research institutions and organizations. The theme of the conference was "National Presentations of Military-Related Social Research" and it provided a survey on the status of the subject sciences in 15 countries: Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, England, Finland, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Portugal, South Korea, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey, and Yugoslavia.

The display was both comprehensive and critical and covered the "guiding questions" of past and current research, the methodological approaches and findings, topics and main results, persons and institutions performing the work, the national Armed Forces reaction to the results and their application or rejection. Of major interest were addresses of persons and institutions that may be contacted, and the major national literature to be considered. Some presentations resulted in a "deficit analysis" - an outcome encouraging further research!

Besides these national presentations, four Panels were organized with 20 papers being presented and discussed. The main topics of the Panels were:

- * Cohesion, Morale, Power and Prestige in Military Systems
- * Motivation to serve (or to leave) the Forces
- * Decline of the mass armed forces, military personnel wastage crises
- * Military and the transition to democracy in Latin America
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Crucial papers of the Panels will be published in the "FORUM International Series" of the Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut der Bundeswehr.

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We are about to prepare a publication planned to serve as an inventory of military-related social research covering all fields of the RC 01 scientific activities.

Newsletter

There were 3 issues published in 1987 and so far 2 in 1988.

RC 02 ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

An inter-congress conference of the Research Committee is planned for May 1989 in Portugal. The conference will gather 20 - 25 researchers in the field of economic sociology and political economy. Its theme will be "New Forms of Entrepreneurship, Economic Elites and Development in Comparative Perspective".

The aim of the conference is a comparative analysis of entrepreneurship in its socio-economic role and its relationship with class, politics and development. The setting of the problem is inspired by Joseph Schumpeter's work on technical innovations, but also by the socio-historical analysis of Alfred Chandler on organizational innovation. During the last twenty years, economic sociology has adopted a new more balanced perspective in which small and medium enterprises, the state and the informal sector of the economy exist side-by-side with large, transnational corporations. The '60 and '70 have witnessed many studies on economic élites and concentration, while today we see new research focussed on other partners of the economic system. Organisational and technical innovations do not only come from large firms but also from SMEs, cooperatives, state firms and the pervasive informal sector. All these different types of enterprises participate in economic development, generate employment, are moulded by political institutions and contribute to the political and socio-economic system.

While we adopt Schumpeter's paradigm for posing the main questions, we do not accept Schumpeter's conception of entrepreneurship as a unique phenomenon which needed the specific social and cultural conditions of classical capitalism to develop and flourish. The emphasis on the 'new forms' means that we consider entrepreneurship as a more general and diversified social function which can take different forms, can develop in different historical contexts and can contribute to élite change and social transformation in the present day.

(1) The specific features of entrepreneurship today, such as technical and organizational innovation, risk bearing, strategic vision in coordinating factors of production; and related to that, the patterns of class, ethnic and regional recruitment; the cultural and institutional pre-requisites for the development of entrepreneurship; the new patterns of entrepreneurship in different socio-economic contexts. New multinational networks by SMEs, cooperatives and other smaller enterprises.

(2) The relationship between the entrepreneurial function and the economic élites of a given country. We prefer to speak of economic élites rather than capitalist class, both because we do not see in many countries a monolithic class controlling the economy and because economic élites and entrepreneurs exist also in non-capitalist countries. The kind of research questions we are interested in are the following: to what extent the entrepreneurial function can be

performed by different social actors such as private entrepreneurs, state officers, cooperatives, etc.; the social status of small entrepreneurs and their relations with the economic élites; the relationships between private and public entrepreneurship; the coalitions and cleavages and the patterns of cooperation and conflict among economic élites; how important is entrepreneurship in the distribution and in the exercise of political power; how hegemonic are entrepreneurial values in the cultural system. Finally, the links between entrepreneurship and large organization will also be explored.

(3) The relationship between entrepreneurship and development. Here we will explore the unique historical features of entrepreneurship and economic élites and their effects on the timing and pattern of development in different countries; the international connections of economic élites and their patterns of cooperation and conflict in the international division of labour; the question whether entrepreneurship is a necessary ingredient of development; the question of business interest and state policies.

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RC 03 COMMUNITY RESEARCH

Many of RC 03 members meet frequently in the Fiscal Austerity and Urban Innovation Project. It is one of the main items that joins members together between World Congresses of the ISA. RC 03 had sessions officially arranged jointly with the FAUI at the annual meeting of the International Political Science Association and the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C., August and September 1988.

The decisions listed below were taken at the RC 03 Business Meeting held in New Delhi (August 1986):

(1) New Delhi Congress session organizers may take the initiative to edit a volume or volumes. But participants are free to publish their own papers.

(2) RC 03 membership fees for Third World countries may be collected in local currency and a coordinator can remit the amount in U.S. currency.

(3) It was felt that the Newsletter is an important link among RC 03 members and people favored an increase in frequency of its publication. An idea indicating the advantages of producing a Newsletter for two or more Research Committees was proposed. B. Hamm will be sending a proposal for joint Newsletter for RC 03 and RC 24.

RC 04 SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

Report submitted by Jaap Dronkers, Secretary

XI World Congress

During the XI World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi (India, 1986) the Research Committee organized 11 sessions around the submitted papers. Also a new board of the RC 04 was elected. Six of the eight boardmembers were elected for the first time; the two other were elected to the position of president and secretary. The new board decided on several points: the next midterm conference of August 1988 to be held in Spain; the preparation of proposals for the

election procedures; the definition of RC 04 members and the payment of their membership fee (\$20 for 4 years); the opening of the possibility of non-payment of membership fees for those members who cannot pay; the organization of international seminars by regional groups of RC 04 members.

Newsletter

The Secretary/Treasurer has prepared four newsletters in the period 1986-1988.

The April 1988 issue was totally dedicated to the Midterm Conference of RC 04, which was held August 23-26, 1988 in Salamanca (Spain). The content of the normal newsletters was expanded. Brief reports on the State of the Art of Sociology of Education in several societies were published. News on books, conferences, etc. was also added to the newsletter, because it is one of the best ways to promote contact among the membership. RC 04 received a grant from the ISA for the distribution and production of the newsletter.

Regional conferences

In the period 1986-1988 two regional conferences were organized by the RC 04:

(1) The regional conference for Latin-America and Caribbean on Sociology of Education with the theme 'El Estado y la Formulación y Efecto de las Políticas Educativas: una Visión Sociológica'. This conference was held in Caracas (Venezuela, November 24-26, 1987) and was organized by a local committee chaired by Orlando Alborno. The conference had 10 sessions. A book with the presented papers will be published soon.

(2) The regional conference on 'Education, Youth and Nation-Building', organized jointly by the Research Committees on Sociology of Education and Sociology of Youth. This conference was held November 19-20, 1987 at the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. Don Anderson and Larry Saha were among the organizers. Main topics were: * Education, the State and Political Intergration; * Education, the Work Ethic and Economic Expansion.

(3) A regional conference for Europe is planned for 1989 and will be organized by Tomas Kosma in Hungary.

Midterm conference

The traditional Midterm Conference of the RC 04 was held in Salamanca (Spain), August 23-26, 1988. The theme of the conference was 'Education and Development Revisited: A Sociological Perspective'. Session topics were: * Universities and Development; * Women and Development; * Educational Systems; * Culture and Development.

A selection of the presented papers will be published in a Research Annual, published by JAI Press.

Publications

In the period 1986-1988 a selection of papers presented at the international seminar on 'Micro- and Macro-Scopic Approaches to the Sociology of Education' organized by the RC 04 in April 1985, was published in 'Revue Internationale de Sociologie', no. 1, 1987.

Membership

After a review of the membership-files and the introduction of the possibility of waiving the membership fee for those who cannot pay, the RC04 now has 213 active members.

RC 05
ETHNIC RACE AND MINORITY RELATIONS

Report submitted by Peter Q. Reinsch, Newsletter Editor

Board elections

The RC Board was chosen by the members in good standing in 1986. The results of a first electoral round were presented in New Delhi and indicated a tie for the office of president. New elections were held for this office, Marshall Murphree continuing as President pro tem until Heribert Adam took formal control in the Spring of 1987.

Seminar and conferences

Directly following the 1986 World Congress of Sociology (in which the RC had a full slate of 11 academic sessions, including two joint sessions) a workshop was organized by the RC on "Linkages between Methodology, Research and Theory in Race and Ethnic Studies". In the workshop, sponsored by UNESCO, several case studies were presented by scholars from seven continents. The (revised) papers, with summary of discussion and conclusions, were presented to UNESCO in June 1987 for (eventual) publication.

RC 05 Seminar on "New Frontiers in Social Research: Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations" will be held December 8-11, 1988, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. This three day seminar will be hosted by the Centre for Race and Ethnic Studies at the University of Amsterdam. Sessions will be directed towards the (ever) changing significance of concepts in the field of ethnic, race and minority relations, where they reflect, monitor, and are influenced by, various social processes. More specifically, a focus is placed on the (in)adequacy of traditional conceptions in the field in view of current global socio-economic transgressions (e.g. the disappearance of labour markets, shifts in capital concentrations and military-political relations, etc.). Dependent upon the nature of the contributions, the seminar shall consider the theme along the various axes of theory, policy, and practice.

Publications

The RC is looking into the possibilities (beyond UNESCO) of publishing the papers initially presented at the New Delhi workshop (see above).

Papers presented at the Congress session on "Race, Ethnicity and Education" are being published this year with Sally Tomlinson and Abraham Yogev (of RC 04) serving as editors.

The first newsletter of the RC this quadrennium appeared in January of this year and has been distributed to more than 400 scholars (75% residing in Western Europe or North America). The newsletter, besides regular sections with news from members and announcements, presented the new RC Board, an evaluation of the Delhi sessions, reports from the Delhi business meetings, and a statement on Apartheid. Except for post-Congress lapses, the newsletter appears twice a year.

Membership

In the past four years, the circulation of the RC newsletter has doubled to nearly 450 scholars; recipients are asked to contribute \$20 for four years membership. In the previous quadrennium, + 50 scholars contributed as RC 'members'. + 20 scholars have responded to the January 1988 newsletter with membership contributions. Scholars in countries with currency regulations may become members in good standing by requesting a fee waiver from the RC Board.

At the request of those members attending the Delhi business meeting, the new Board drafted a "Statement on Apartheid", denouncing systems of structural inequality based on racism. The Board, in distributing the statement via the January 1988 newsletter, asked that all (current and future) RC members endorse the statement.

Finances

Newsletter production expenses are covered by membership contributions and the ISA grant. Distribution is realized through the mailing service of the University of Amsterdam. The RC has a modest treasury of \$2000. This sum remains from the previous quadrennium, when a number of RC members produced the document "Contemporary Theoretical Research on Race and Ethnicity" (Marshall Murpherre, editor) under UNESCO sponsorship.

Statutes

In order to institutionalize a number of RC procedures, the Board has drafted statutes, which were presented to the membership at large via the June 1988 newsletter.

RC 06
FAMILY RESEARCH

Report submitted by Jan Trost, President

Activities

One of the main activities of the CFR has been to organize seminars/equivalent. The first activity of the period 1986-1988 was organizing the meetings of the CFR at the World Congress in New Dehli. The organizer was Stella Quah (Singapore), who did an excellent job in coordinating, but due to illness, she could not participate herself. The Committee had a number of very well-attended sessions and also a special memorial session in the honour of the late Honorary President Reuben Hill; this memorial session was jointly organized with the Executive Committee of the ISA.

In the middle of September 1987 the CFR held its 22nd international seminar organized by Hans Bertram (FRG). The seminar was held in Freising near Munich with about 50 very active participants.

In the middle of April 1988 László Cseh-Szombathy, (Hungary), organized the 23rd international seminar in Zamárdi at Lake Balaton on the topic of "Kinship and Aging". About 60 participants from various parts of the world presented papers and held lively discussions.

The 24th international CFR seminar will be held in Singapore and organized by Stella Quah and Eddie Kuo in the beginning of May of 1989. The topic is "Marriage, Parenthood and Social Policy". See Calendar of Future Events for more details.

Publications from seminars are as follows:

- A book is in press with revised versions of the best presentations from the Jerusalem seminar.
- Presentations from the Freising seminar have already been published in preliminary form and will be published both in English and in German.
- The Zamárdi seminar will also be published in the form of a book.

CFR Gazette

In 1987, the 14th volume of the CFR Gazette was published in three issues, upgraded in both size and content. At the CFR board meeting in Freising in September 1987, it was decided to include brief articles and reports from members. Each of the issues

of the volume 14 has included an additional section on "Membership News Update". Response from the members has been excellent and this serves to communicate new research and publications between the nations. The Gazette is produced at the Australian Institute of Family Studies and is posted airmail to all members to avoid delays.

Some discussion took place at Freising between the CFR and CYR on starting up a new "Family and Youth" journal or bulletin, but lack of funding and editorial staff are obstacles.

Membership

The President and Secretary of the CFR have attempted to recruit additional members, with some success. Membership currently stands at about 280 active paying members.

Special efforts have been made to encourage scholars and researchers in countries not represented in the CFR to become members. Thus we have tried to get more members from various countries, especially from the socialist countries in Europe, and from Africa, Asia, and South America. Several new memberships have been the result and more are expected to follow.

RC 07
FUTURES RESEARCH

Report submitted by Radimila Nakarada, Secretary

In the period after the Congress in India, we have first of all tried to clear up some procedural matters concerning the election of officers, as well as our membership list which is unrealistically large in terms of individual participation and activities.

We have made several research proposals to our members on the basis of their suggestions from India, research proposals concerning social consequences of new technologies, cross-cultural dialogue, reforms in East Europe. All these projects are still in the initial phase of development.

One issue of the Newsletter has already been published, a second one will come out in the Fall.

RC 07 together with the World Future Studies Federation (WFSF) held the following courses at the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik:

1985-86 The future of Societal Priorities: Aims, Values, Visions in Different Cultural Contexts. Course Directors: Jim Dator, Rolf Homann, Radmila Nakarada, Andrzej Sicinski.

1986-87 Futures Studies Revisited. Course Directors: Jim Dator, Rolf Homann, Radmila Nakarada, Andrzej Sicinski.

1987-88 Everyday Life in the XXI Century. Course Directors: Jim Dator, Rolf Homann, Mika Mannermaa, Andrzej Sicinski.

Some of the RC 07 members participated in the World Conference of WFSF held in China September 3-8, 1988.

RC 08
HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGY

Report submitted by Dirk Käsler, Secretary

Statutes of the RCHS

At the Business Meeting of the RCHS in 1984 in Munich the Committee's lack of a clear set of Statutes was noted. In the RCHS-Newsletter vol. III, Winter 1984/85

a draft of such statutes by the then President of the RCHS, Tom B. Bottomore, was published.

In the process of the elections prior to the 1988 Madrid conference this revised draft was submitted to the membership for approval. During the period March 7 - April 15, 1988, the members of the RCHS voted upon this draft of Statutes. Of the (then) 169 members in good standing, 97 members participated in this mail ballot, of which voted 91 for, 5 abstention, 1 against this draft. By this vote the Statutes of the RCHS have been approved by more than 51% of the membership and are valid as of May 1st, 1988.

New membership dues

Due to the declining value of the Dollar and the rising mailing expenses it was proposed at the Business Meeting of the RCHS on May 28, 1988, in Madrid, to change the dues structure to the amount/equivalent of US \$10 a year, or \$30 for four years. The proposal passed unanimously with one abstention and will be effective as from January 1, 1989 onwards.

Development of Membership of the RCHS.

In 1977 the RCHS had 62 members from 10 countries, in 1978 97 from 11, in 1979 126 from 14, in 1980 88 from 15, in 1981 113 from 17, in 1984 117 from 20, in 1985 153 from 22, in 1986 167 from 25, in 1987 175 from 25, and at present, the RCHS has 189 members from 28 countries.

Conferences

The mid-term conference of the RCHS took place in Madrid (Spain) on May 26-28, 1988. Following sessions were held:

- * Empirical Social Research: a tool of knowledge and of action (9 papers)
- * Talcott Parsons and History of Action Theory (4 papers)
- * National Traditions in the History of Sociology (3 papers)
- * Sociological Concepts beyond Mainstream Sociology (4 papers)
- * Max Weber in the History of Sociology (7 papers)
- * Methodological Approaches in the History of Sociology (3 papers)
- * Political Events and the History of Sociology (6 papers)

Publications of the RCHS

The main publication of the RCHS is its Newsletter since 1976.

Since 1984 two members of the RCHS, Gerd Schroeter (Canada) and Alan Sica (USA) have become editors of History of Sociology. An International Review, formerly Journal of the History of Sociology. Since their editorship many articles by members of the RCHS and papers presented at RCHS meetings have been published in this journal.

For the 1988 Madrid conference Sociological Abstracts (36/2, suppl.150, May 1988) published a collection of (some) of the papers presented at the conference.

RC 09

SOCIAL PRACTICE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Report submitted by Ellen B. Hill, Delegate to the Research Council

While previously since its foundation in 1972 our Research Committee has been continuously active with publications and regional meetings between world congresses, I regret to have to report that this was not the case during the last two years. The lack of activity corresponds to the fact that there has been

a turnover as far as the board is concerned. Mail elections became necessary as there was no quorum at the Business Meeting in New Delhi and were thus delayed producing no common membership research activities as had been the case before. The undersigned attempted to organize a second Regional Meeting on "The Social Consequences of the New Technologies" to take place again in Switzerland at the University of Berne but did not find enough persons interested.

In the meantime, Ortwin Renn of Clark University (USA) has been able to sign a contract for the publication of the papers of the first regional meeting on the subject.

RC 10

PARTICIPATION, WORKERS' CONTROL AND SELF-MANAGEMENT

Report submitted by György Széll

During the New Delhi Congress we have adopted statutes and held ballot elections for the new board afterwards.

Our Newsletter has continuously appeared twice a year, now edited by Ake Sandberg. It has become a widespread means of information with an average of 40 to 50 pages.

Remaining in the field of publications we can announce two more which are the product of our Research Committee's activities:

- Finally the proceedings of our Osnabrück workshop will soon appear under the title "The State, Trade Unions and Self-Management. Issues in Competence and Control", edited by G. Széll, P. Blyton, C. Cornforth and V. Rus. The publisher is de Gruyter in Berlin & New York.

- Within its series "Current Sociology", the International Sociological Association publishes in volume 36/1988 a trend report with a selected and annotated bibliography on "Participation, Workers' Control and Self-Management" by György Széll. The manuscript is already with the publisher.

In regard to our workshops and conferences:

- From August 5th to the 8th, 1987 we met for the first time on the North American continent thanks to the efforts of Charles Derber and his colleagues from the Department of Sociology, Boston College. The theme was the "Politics of Economic Democracy". More than 100 participants from nearly twenty different countries took part. The presidential candidate Jesse Jackson was the key note speaker. And it was the first time in the history of the United States, that somebody who was running for the supreme office took a positive stand in regard to Economic Democracy.

It was also an occasion to organize a board meeting in Boston.

- We held a very successful meeting on "Social Movements as a Force of De-alienation" in Dubrovnik March 14-18, 1988; organized by Walter R. Heinz (Bremen, FRG), Laslo Sekelj (Belgrade, Yugoslavia) and György Széll (Osnabrück, FRG). This was a common activity with the RC 36 Alienation Theory and Research with which we do have numerous links. Some 30 participants from 15 countries contributed to the success. As you may have learned through the media, Mikhail Gorbachev honoured us with his presence in Dubrovnik and greeted some of the participants personally. So after the address by Jesse Jackson during the Boston workshop in 1987, you may have noticed that some of the most influential persons in the world have become more and more interested in economic democracy and workers' self-management. Not

long ago Michail Gorbachov was in Yugoslavia to study self-management experiences for his 'perestroika' campaign.

The workshop in Dubrovnik was also the occasion to have a board meeting where we could prepare our future activities. The programme for the next years has developed quite nicely thanks to the endeavours of many:

* For those who speak French a meeting was held at the XIII^e Colloque de l'Association Internationale des Sociologues de Langue Française from August 29 to September 2, 1988 in Geneva on "Le Lien Social. Identités Personnelles et Solidarité Collectives dans le Monde Contemporain". The Research Committee Sociologie de l'Autogestion under the coordination of György Széll held several sessions on "Technologies and Self-Management" and "Eastern countries, the Third World and democratization".

The official mid-term conference of our RC will be held in Hyderabad on "Experiments and Experiences of Workers' Participation for Effective Industrial Democracy" from December 28 to 30, 1988. It is organized by the Indian chapter of RC 10 under the presidency of C. Lakshamma, MP and by R.C. Sarikwal. It will be another occasion of a board meeting to decide on the program for our sessions during the World Congress in Madrid 1990.

* Our friends from Latin-America who are going to form a subcommittee propose a conference in 1989 (March or July) in Lima, Peru on "Autogestión y participación en America Latina y el Tercer Mundo hacia la década del noventa por la vida y por la paz". The provisional president of the Latin American subcommittee, William Moreno (Lima, Peru) is responsible for this conference.

* From June 13th to the 16th, 1989 Lars Erik Karlsson invites us to the Technical University of Lulea (North Sweden) to debate about "New Technology and Participatory Democracy". This will be a very active conference, different from others, with perhaps also a visit to Volvo Uddevalla car factory, the most modern in the world, near Gothenburg. (See Calendar of Future Events for more details)

* For October 1989 we received an invitation by Prof. Petkov of the Bulgarian Sociological Association and the Trade Union Research Institute in Sofia to organize a workshop on recent developments on participation and self-management. The board proposed as theme: "Social Needs, Ownership and Trade Unions".

* Another workshop in Eastern Europe will be held in Poland, at the Technical University of Radom in September 1991, organized by R. Peretkiewicz. The theme is not yet fixed. The board discussed as possible topics; problems of planning, the role of the market and public and other institutions in regard to participatory and industrial democracy.

RC 13
SOCIOLOGY OF LEISURE

From Newsletter vol. XIV, nr.2, Winter 1987

Future meetings:

June 1989 - Rotterdam, The Netherlands - VII World Congress of the European Leisure and Recreation Association;
October 1989 - Jaipur, India - World Congress on Leisure and Social Change.

News from Working Groups

- WG on Life Styles is preparing the publication of two books. The first volume deals with "Concepts, Theories and Methods of Life Style Research", and the second volume with "Findings from Life Style Research Projects".

- WG on Social Times held a meeting in Louvain (Belgium) in February 1987; no publication resulted from this meeting.

- WG on Explaining Leisure Features, after having published in 1987 the book "Trends in the Arts: a Multinational Perspective", is preparing now a book "Trends in Sports: a Multinational Perspective".

- WG on Leisure and Crisis is nearly ready with the manuscript of a book that deals with the impact on leisure of the social economic crisis.

RC 18
POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

Report submitted by Derek Urwin, Secretary

Since the ISA World Congress in New Delhi, where the Committee organised seven panels, the major "collective" exercise of the Committee has been in organising participation in the 1988 World Congress of the International Political Science Association. Two panels (the maximum permitted) have been organised:

1. Welfare State or Prosperity State
Convenors: Stein Kuhnle (Univ of Bergen, Norway) and Jens Alber (Max-Planck Institute, Cologne, FRG)
Papers: Matti Alestalo (Univ Helsinki, Finland), Jürgen Kohl (Univ Bielefeld, FRG), Maria Maguire (OECD, Paris, France), Ann Orloff (Univ Wisconsin, USA)

2. America Exceptionalism
Convenors: S. M. Lipset (Stanford Univ, USA) and Byron Schaffer (Nuffield College, Oxford, UK).
Papers: the two convenors, plus Aaron Wildavsky (University of California, USA).

Many members of the Committee were organising panels or presenting papers in other panels at the IPSA Congress. In addition, a paper on the role of the Committee on Political Sociology in promoting comparative research was presented by Peter Flora (University of Mannheim, West Germany) and Derek Urwin (University of Warwick, UK) at a session directed by Mattei Dogan on "Institutionalisation of Comparative Research".

The research role of the RC 18 is conducted primarily through its Work Groups. These continue to work effectively, and out of them have come three further publications sponsored by the Committee:

- "The Welfare State East and West", ed. by Richard Rose and Rei Shiratori, New York, Oxford University Press, 1986;

- "The State and Public Bureaucracies: A Comparative Perspective", ed. by Metin Heper, New York, Greenwood Press 1987.

- A further project, nearing completion and led by Thomas Mackie, Mark Franklin (both of Strathclyde University, UK) and Henry Valen (University of Oslo) is a systematic exploration of contemporary voting behaviour. This volume is intended to be a sequel to early CPS studies in the field which culminated in Richard Rose, ed., "Electoral Behaviour" (Free Press, 1974).

- The Fascism and Authoritarianism Work Group, directed by Stein Ugelvek Larsen (University of Bergen, Norway) has held two meetings, one in Bergen on "Fascism in European Literature" (in conjunction with other bodies), the other in Bad Honberg, West Germany, on "Modern Europe after Fascism". The latter

is the title of the book which is intended to come out of the research programme.

- The Parties and Elections Work Group is planning a major research programme on the theme of political parties as organisations. Directed by Kay Lawson (San Francisco State University, USA) and Derek Urwin (University of Warwick, UK), this project is still in the planning stage: a preliminary meeting is planned for 1988 with a conference, probably in Paris, hopefully being held in 1989.

RC 21

URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Recent Conferences

* Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia), 1987: "Technology, Restructuring and Urban-Regional Development"

* Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), 26-30 September 1988: "Trends and Challenges of Urban Restructuring". Organizers: Licia Valladares (IUPERJ, Rio de Janeiro) and Edmond Preteceille, RC 21 President.

Contrary to other intermediate conference of the Research Committee which have been theme-centred this meeting had a very broad spectrum and was structured around four themes:

1. Trends and Forms of Urbanization, Economic Activities and International Division of Labour
2. Thoughts about the City
3. Urban Social Structures: New Trends and Challenges
4. City, Power and Politics

The conference was started with an introductory session on Brazil Today. On the following days in the mornings there was only one session with papers presenting wide global and theoretical confrontations; in the afternoons, in three parallel sessions, the same theme was discussed but addressing more specific issues. In total 90 papers were presented in the 17 sessions. 250 scholars (over 100 came from abroad) participated in the conference.

Publications

The Committee has an active policy of publication and circulation of printed material: the RC 21 Newsletter (two issues each year) is a quick means of information on conferences, publications, research initiatives, etc.

The International Journal of Urban and Regional Research created in 1977 at the initiative of RC21, published by Edward Arnold Ltd., is now in its twelfth years and has gained wide recognition as a major academic journal in the field, with a really international impact both in terms of the subject of articles published and of circulation (RC21 members can subscribe at a special price).

RC 21 publishes a series of books and special issues of journals, collecting selected papers from congresses or conferences, which have been useful and very positively received. The most recent one is: Henderson, Jeff, Castells, Manuel, eds.: Global Restructuring and Territorial Development, London, Sage, 1987.

Membership

The members (over two hundred) are from 35 countries. There has been much interest for RC21's activities in Latin America, despite the economic situation (about 30 members), and the development of a Latin American network has been strongly supported. However, direct contact between those researchers and the activities in Western Europe and USA, not to mention Eastern Europe or Asia, has been limited, particularly their participation in RC21 conference.

RC 25

SOCIOLINGUISTICS

Report submitted by Allen D. Grimshaw, President

Membership

The membership records of RC 25 were held up by customs during the transfer of records to new Secretary/Treasurer Charles Kaplan in Rotterdam; most members of the section should have received dues notices this past summer (1988). Our current best estimate is that RC 25 has somewhat more than 225 members.

Publication

The RC membership voted in 1986 to change the Newsletter into a journal which will bear the title "Sociolinguistics". An initial issue should be distributed as soon as membership and subscription records have been updated. In the meantime submissions will be most welcome. Research articles (or notes) and news items should be sent to Tony Hak, "Sociolinguistics" Editor, Erasmus University, Medical Faculty, Institute of Preventive and Social Psychiatry, Postbus 1738, 3000 DR Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Meetings

- The 1987 meeting of the board was held in Rotterdam (The Netherlands) and the 1988 meeting in Lodz (Poland).

- A call for papers for a mid-term meeting of RC 25 on the topic of "Conversation, Discourse, and Conflict," to be held at Trinity College, Dublin, in April 1989, was distributed by Brian Torode in Spring 1988. Because of problems with membership records and mailing he may be able to consider late submissions. Queries should be sent to Torode: Department of Sociology, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.

- Plans for the XIIth ISA Congress in Madrid, July 9-13, 1990, are well underway; Zbigniew Bokszanski is organizing sessions on a range of theoretical, methodological and applied topics. RC members or other interested colleagues who do not receive the call for papers should direct queries and suggestions to Zbigniew Bokszanski, Institute of Sociology, University of Lodz, ul. Rewolucji 1905, 91-078 Lodz, Poland.

RC 26

SOCIOTECHNICS - SOCIOLOGICAL PRACTICE

Report submitted by Joachim K.H.W. Schmidt, Secretary

In 1987 we lost our Board member and former president, Professor Albert Bernard Cherns, who died on May 14th 1987. He was among the first authors to promote the idea of sociotechnics as a discipline which elaborated the methodology of practical action. His colleagues in the Committee will always be indebted to him for his important book "Sociotechnics" (1976), his organizational skills to organize the pioneering international conference on sociotechnics in 1973 in Loughborough (where he was the head of the Department of Social Sciences), and his work done in connection with the publication of its results.

Since 1973, when Albert B. Cherns organized our first international conference, our Research Committee has been continually growing and expanding. Now over 500 scholars living in about 50 different countries are cooperating with us. This strongly increased cooperation of scholars with our RC indicates that we may have entered a new period within the development of our RC. One may also find this reflected in the

adoption of a new name: Sociotechnics-Sociological Practice. The chosen supplement >Sociological Practice< allows us to address scholars in a less specific way. It responds to the considerably increased number of scholars and practitioners in various countries engaged in developing and applying theories and methods of social policy research and utilization.

In the context of this name change, our RC succeeded to establish cooperation with three groups of scholars oriented towards the utilization of the social science, all of them operating in USA. These groups are: the Section >Sociological Practice< of the American Sociological Association (ASA), the Association of Applied Sociology, and the Clinical Sociology Association. Officers of these organizations are represented in our new Board, chaired by Mark van de Vall. Presently we negotiate the association of other groups to our Research Committee.

Meetings

Organizational efforts geared to consolidate our Research Committee have not been our sole concern. End of June of present year we had a successful international conference near Leiden (The Netherlands). 25 papers were presented by participants coming from 7 different countries (Austria, Canada, FRG, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, and the USA).

Another conference is presently being prepared. It will take place in Ottawa (Canada), and is scheduled for May 1989. Other conferences, a conference in Poland, as well as a conference in Austria, are still object of negotiations. The organization for our contribution to the next ISA World Congress on Sociology, Madrid 1990, has started.

Publications

The publication of our Newsletter (No. 1: June 1977) continued and we issued No. 10 in October 1987. The publication of No. 11 is planned for the end of 1988.

Our Newsletter is, as a rule, issued annually and is presently published in an edition of 500 copies; it normally has 100 pages and is distributed in ca. 50 countries. The following issues of our Newsletter, starting with No. 11, will be published as "Annals" by the Verlag für Gesellschaftsarchitektur, Köln, FRG. The editors will be the members of our Executive Board: E. Clark (USA), A.J. Matejko (Canada), A. Podgorecki (Canada), J.K.H.W. Schmidt (FRG), Editor-in-Chief, M. van de Vall (The Netherlands).

Vol. III of our series >Materials on Sociotechnics< recently appeared: Adam Podgorecki, "A Story of a Polish Thinker", XIV/710 p.; ISBN 3-89139-003-5 / Library of Congress Catalogue Card Number: 87-130801; Verlag für Gesellschaftsarchitektur, Köln.

Vol. I of "Materials on Sociotechnics" (still on sale) is a book by Alexander J. Matejko "Beyond Bureaucracy". The value of this book is an extended comparison of the various management systems presently used in the world. (ISBN 3-89139-000-9 / Library of Congress Catalogue Card Number: 85-670016).

Vol. II of "Materials on Sociotechnics" (ISBN 3-89139-002-7) is presently prepared. It is edited by Joachim K.H.W. Schmidt.

In 1986, the Department of Psychology of the University of Stockholm published a monograph on "Organizational Work Reform in Sweden" by Judith Buber Agassi.

Reports from other Research Committees will be published in the next issue of the ISA Bulletin

CALLS FOR PAPERS AND PROJECTS

WORLD SOCIETY FOUNDATION

The Foundation for the Promotion of Social Science Research on World Society (World Society Foundation) funds selected proposals for research projects on the structure and change of world society. The next deadline for applications is February 1, 1989.

For details and application forms please contact:

World Society Foundations
Zeltweg 67
CH-8032 Zurich, Switzerland

SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION MATERIALS

The American Sociological Association is updating its volume on Teaching the Sociology of Education. It will be available in August of 1989. Please send any materials such as course overviews, reading lists, assignments, types of projects or other ideas that you use in your teaching of the sociology of education to: Professor Edith W. King

School of Education, University of Denver
Denver, Colorado 80208, USA

RESEARCH IN SOCIAL POLICY: CRITICAL, HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES. The General Editor of this JAI Press Annual Series is soliciting papers and detailed paper abstracts for Volumes III (1990) and IV (1991). This peer-reviewed annual publishes papers on social policies as developed by elite decision-makers in States, missions, foundations, communities, international political bodies as well as those which explore the response of subjects of such policy-making.

Papers should be no more than forty pages in length (Chicago Manual style) and paper abstracts should be at least four pages. Submission deadline is April 30, 1989. Send papers and abstracts to:

Professor John H. Stanfield II
Sociology Dept, The College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185, USA

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON EDUCATION AND SOCIETY, a JAI Press research and policy annual, invites papers for volume 3 (1990). The theme of the volume is "Education and Development Revisited". Research contributions as well as theoretical and policy-oriented papers on topics related to the central theme are welcome. Papers will be reviewed by the editorial board of the volume. The deadline for submission is April 15, 1989. Send three copies of the manuscript (ASA style) to:

Abraham Yogev
School of Education, Tel Aviv University
Tel Aviv 69978, Israel

Papers are required for a special issue of **THE JOURNAL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY ECONOMICS**. This issue will explore, review and criticise current debates within the field of developmental economics from the perspective of related disciplines, such as political science, sociology and history. Papers are sought internationally and from those using case study material to substantiate their arguments from the developing world.

Please send papers to the editor of this issue:

Ruth Taplin
Centre for Co-operative Studies
University of Exeter, Amory Building
Rennes Drive, Exeter EX4 4RJ, UK

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

March 20-23, 1989

Annual Conference of the British Sociological Association

Place: Plymouth Polytechnics, U.K.

Main themes: health care, nursing and paramedical work - education, youth and unemployment - the criminal justice system - inner cities and planning - work, employment and organisational studies - the media and information control - women's studies - community and social work

Information: British Sociological Association
10 Portugal Str, London WC2A 2HU, U.K.

April 5-8, 1989

15th Anniversary Third World Conference
Foundation: "A 15-year Retrospective of Social Movements and Social Change in Third World and Diaspora Communities: Projections for the Future"

Place: Chicago, Illinois, USA

Papers which address the following sub-themes are requested by December 1988: economic development - political dynamics - education/miseducation - agricultural development - spirituality, religion, liberation theology - housing, shelter, homelessness - children, youth - environmental protection and health - the arts - gender issues - reassessment of human rights - influence of technology

Information: Roger K. Oden, Program Chair
Third World Conference Foundation
P.O. Box 53110, Chicago, Ill 60653, USA
tel. (312)241-6688, 534-5000, ext. 2429

April 10-12, 1989

International Workshop on Centres - Peripheries

Place: Jablonna (Warsaw), Poland

Themes: centre-periphery system as a useful model rooted in the functional factors - role of public administration and self-government in a functioning centre-peripheries system - social consequences of centre-periphery systems - administrative bodies at different levels in front of polarizing factors and egalitarian dreams in centre-periphery systems - stability and instability issues of the centre-periphery systems

Information: Maria Ciechocinska
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00-927 Warsaw, Poland

or Robert J. Bennett
Department of Geography, LSE
Houghton Str, London WC2A 2AE, U.K.

or Ralph Kinnear
Vienna Centre, Grünangergasse 2
A-1011 Vienna, Austria

April 26-29, 1989

International Conference of the Research Committee on Social Stratification:
"Stratification and Mobility Research in the 90's"

Place: Utrecht, The Netherlands

Topics: historical mobility research 1820-1940 - stratification and mobility in the life

course - gender, race, and ethnic stratification - consequences of social mobility - multivariate models of social mobility - kinometric models of social mobility - stratification and mobility in a 'lifestyles' perspective - analysis of school and work histories

Papers should be sent to: Wim Jansen
Vakgroep ETS, University of Utrecht
Heidelberglaan 2
3584 CS Utrecht, The Netherlands
bitnet: sslzejjöhutruuo

April 1989 (exact dates to be announced)

Biennial Meeting of Research Committee on Sociolinguistics: "Conversation, Discourse, and Conflict"

Place: Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland

Information: Brian Torode
Department of Sociology, Trinity College
Dublin 2, Ireland

May 2-4, 1989

XXIV International Seminar of the Research Committee on Family Research:
"Marriage, Parenthood and Social Policy"
Singapore

Place:

Main themes: the current significance of marriage and parenthood in developed and developing nations today - the experiences of various countries concerning the policy aspects of marriage and parenthood - crisis management and support systems in marriage and parenthood problems such as premarital and single parenthood, singlehood, childlessness, late parenthood and divorce

Information: Stella R. Quah
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Kent Ridge, Singapore 0511
bitnet: stellarq @ nusvm

Mai 9-12, 1989

Colloque International Technologies Nouvelles et Sociétés: "Information, Culture et Société: La Montée des Réseaux"

Place: Grenoble, France

Thèmes: épistémologie - communication - mémoire et cognition - réseaux locaux industriels - stratégie mondiale des groupes industriels - ménages - acceptabilité sociale - maîtrise du développement culturel - délocalisation des services - avenir des industries de contenu de l'information - droit de l'information et de la communication.

Renseignements: Pr. Claude Martin
TNS, Service de la recherche
Univ. de Sciences Sociales Grenoble II
BP 47 X - 38040 Grenoble Cedex, France
tél. 76-82-55-49

May 1989

International Conference of the Research Committee on Economy and Society: "New Forms of Entrepreneurship, Economic Elites and Development in Comparative Perspective"

Place: Portugal

Topics: specific features of entrepreneurship today - the relationship between the entrepreneurial function and the economic élites of a given country - the relation-

ship between entrepreneurship and development - entrepreneurs and public policy making

Information: Alberto Martinelli
Department of Sociology
University of Milan
Via Conservatorio 7
20122 Milano, Italy

June 7-10, 1989

International Conference of Research Committee on Social Ecology:
"Environmental Constraints and Opportunities in the Social Organization of Space"

Place: Udine, Italy

Main topics: ecological movements - ecological conflicts - ecological movements and the new localism - environmental limits of growth - technology and environmental movements;

Abstracts should be sent by December 1988 to:
Raimondo Strassoldo
Istituto di economia e organizzazione Aziendale, Univ. di Udine
P. le Kolbe 4, 33100 Udine, Italy

June 13-16, 1989

Joint Conference of the Research Committees on Participation, Workers' Control and Self-Management and Alienation Theory: "New Technology and Participatory Democracy"

Place: Luleå, Sweden

Topics: women and new technologies - new managerial strategies and new technologies - nt and state policies - nt and decentralisation - nt and trade unions - nt and cooperatives, communities, kibbutzim - nt and work-organization

Papers must be delivered before April 1, 1989 to:
Lars Erik Karlsson
Department of Psychology of Working Life
University of Luleå
S-951 87 Luleå, Sweden

June 19-23, 1989

XIV World Congress of Gerontology: "The Old and New World"

Place: Acapulco, Mexico

Fields of interest: biology - clinical medicine - psychological, behavioral and social sciences - practice and planning - multidisciplinary topics

Information: Int'l Association of Gerontology
Jojutla 91, Tlalpan 14090
México, D.F., México

June 21-23, 1989

International Conference of the Netherlands Society of Public Health and Sciences: "Research for Healthy Cities"

Place: The Hague, The Netherlands

Research areas: interrelationship between the socio-cultural, economical, political and urban health conditions - definition and identification of health problems - formulation and implementation of health promotion policies - evaluation of health policies.

Abstracts (max. 300 words) should be submitted by December 1988 to:
Research for Healthy Cities
c/o Leiden Congress Bureau

P.O.Box 16065
2301 GB Leiden, The Netherlands

August 28 - September 1, 1989

IX World Congress of the International Economic Association

Place: Athens, Greece

Topics: general micro- and macro-economics - welfare and social choice - econometrics - centrally planned economies - economic history - international economics - economic development - labour, public, industrial, agricultural economics - food and nutrition - theory of policy
Proposals for papers should be sent by January 31, 1989 to: IEA Secrétariat
23, rue Campagne Première
75014 Paris, France

September 18-20, 1989

International Colloquium Women and Society Program: "Gender and Class: International Developments in Theory and Research"

Place: University of Antwerp, Belgium

Topics: theoretical developments - class and gender - women, class and the family - gender and work in the class structure - women and the international division of labor - women in the class structure: political implications - comparative studies of gender and class

Abstracts (3 copies) are welcome until 1 April 1989 to: Alison E. Woodward
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