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The Research Committees of the International Sociological Association

Foreword

by Alberto Martinelli, President of the ISA

This issue of ISA Bulletin is dedicated to the Research Committees which, together with the national and regional associations of sociologists, are the major source of intellectual and professional vitality and dynamism in ISA.

The 53 Research Committees - plus the 3 Working Groups - constitute basic networks of scientific research, intellectual debate and professional exchange. At the last Montreal Congress they have organized more than 750 sessions with more than 2,000 papers. In the four years period between world congresses many high quality scientific conferences, meetings and workshops are organized. Several newsletters are published, and continuous

intellectual exchange takes place among smaller groups of members.

I have asked Arnaud Sales, Vice-President for Research, to outline the major projects for the next four years. These projects are coherent with the strategies that I developed in the Presidential Letter published in ISA Bulletin 77 and that I reaffirmed in the recent Executive Committee meeting in South Africa. I fully support these projects. And I want to stress once again the need for more cooperation and integration among Research Committees, the pledge to foster comparative research projects made by fully international teams - with special concern for a growing participation from developing

countries - , the request to Research Committees to produce 'state of the art' volumes with an international perspective as well as textbooks of Sociology for professional users outside our discipline.

Let me also invite you to foster membership in your own Research Committees and in the ISA as a whole. The ISA's Executive Committee decided to allocate time and space in the next Congress according to the number of members in good standing both for the Research Committees and the ISA as a whole.

My best wishes of good work to you all.
Alberto Martinelli

Research Committees and International Sociological Association

by Arnaud Sales, Vice-President for Research

The World Congress of Sociology, the quadrennial event of the Association, which was held in Montreal last year, drew together some 4500 participants. The Research Committees and Working Groups, due to their specialized vocation and the international scope of their networks, contributed enormously to the success of this event. In fact, they were responsible for organizing 750 sessions of the Congress, 700 of which were academic in nature, and in which 2300 papers were presented. That is indeed an impressive feat! On behalf of the Research Coordinating Committee and the Research Council, I wish to thank the program coordinators of the Research Committees, the sessions organizers, Professor Gilles Pronovost, President of the Local Organizing Committee of the Congress, as well as all this Committee members for their tireless efforts in ensuring the success of this event.

Between now and the World Congress to be held in Brisbane, Australia in 2002, the intellectual life of our Association will continue to prosper through the activities of

the Research Committees, in collaboration with the national and regional sociological associations. The 53 Research Committees and 3 Working Groups are primary networks behind the communications, exchanges and research activities of ISA, thanks to the conferences they organize, the publication of books and scientific journals, the diffusion of information by means of newsletters, etc. They also play a key role in membership. I invite you to follow and participate in these activities on a regular basis; they contribute to forming international networks and relationships at the forefront of the field which facilitate the circulation of knowledge and international collaboration in research. What projects and orientations are on the agenda for the next three years?

1. Research Committees International Conferences

Last October 1998, I encouraged the Research Committees officers to start preparing the international conferences they wish to organize. A number of Committees set to work and calls for papers have already been put out in many

cases. Several conferences are announced in this *ISA Bulletin*. I had also expressed my hope that the chairpersons of the Committees would seek to establish closer links with national and regional sociological associations when they organized these conferences. As recent experience has shown, such bridges are essential for sparking new initiatives, for increasing membership, and for creating a larger audience for the Research Committees' work.

2. Integrative Conferences for Research Committees

Over the past four years ago, Immanuel Wallerstein opened a debate on an issue that is of pressing importance for our discipline: the increase in areas of specialization to such a point that Sociology with its 50-plus sub-fields seems to be balkanized. This often creates "islands" of specialized networks, giving rise to overlapping areas of work, and consequently, redundancy in research subjects and findings (Wallerstein, 1997). This problem will not be solved by an administrative decision. What we need to

do is create more favorable conditions for intellectual exchange among committees working in closely related fields, promote collaboration around current theoretical and methodological concerns across the discipline. This integrative strategy can be implemented in a few ways: 1) by gathering information on collaborative efforts between committees so as to draw up a sort of portrait of inter-committee relations within the Association. Several committees already work in collaboration through joint sessions in world congresses or joint conferences; 2) by promoting the organization of integrative conferences which group together several committees with common interests, over the next three years; 3) by reserving special sessions for such exchanges in the program of the Brisbane World Congress.

3. Promoting Comparative Research
The international character of our Association has often facilitated several comparative research projects. President Alberto Martinelli and several members of the Association have expressed their interest in re-stimulating comparative research activities, so as to flesh out one of the fundamental elements of the Research Committees' mission. While it is usually the work of the Research Committees that provides substance for the intellectual exchanges at world congresses and at mid-term conferences, we don't often hear about current comparative research activities involving the collaboration and integration of ISA members world-wide. Mattei Dogan, a distinguished comparatist, agreed to prepare a text on this issue. In fact, he did better than that, he proposed to get the Research Committees involved in the preparation of a volume having as its theme *Fields in Comparative Sociology: Between Theory and Substance*. The ISA Research Council and the Society for Comparative Research, which was founded in 1994 and which groups together 180 comparatists, will be responsible for this collective publication.

But, beyond that, I urge ISA members to set about conceiving and/or supporting specific comparative research projects over the coming years. The success of such

activity depends directly on the sustained interest and involvement of everyone in the discipline.

4. Research Council International Conference: Social Transformations at the Turn of the Millennium.

The theme of the ISA Research Council's international conference to be held in Montreal, Canada, July 28 to 30, 2000 is *Social Transformations at the Turn of the Millennium: Sociological Theory and Current Empirical Research*. The conference is especially addressed to the representatives of the Research Council and will focus on one of the founding projects of the discipline: the understanding of large-scale changes affecting societies. It will enable a global picture of current social changes in the fields covered by the Research Committees and at the same time facilitate discussion among the representatives of the Research Council. Note that this conference takes place immediately before the World Congress of Political Science which will be held in Quebec City, August 1 to 6, 2000. In this way, Research Council members will have the chance to participate in both meetings.

5. Establishment of a Sub-committee on the Contribution of Africa, Asia, and Latin America to Sociological Research.

The field of sociology has, for historical reasons, been widely defined in Europe and North America, and often reflects the problems, cultural models, modes of access, production and diffusion of knowledge of Western countries or countries where Western intellectual traditions dominate. Social issues specific to non-Western cultures or developing countries have frequently been marginalized or ignored. Major sociological communities in Latin America or Asia still find it difficult to situate their research concerns and their theoretical developments not only within the framework and discussion of general theories that the West has universalized, but also in international sociological conferences and world congresses. We all know the role major Western philosophical traditions and social science theories have

played in the diversification of sociological discourse. Wider access to work from the South or from Asia would also considerably enrich the perspectives of the discipline. Following a discussion within the Research Coordinating Committee, a sub-committee was formed to study ways of promoting, within the Research Committees, recognition of sociological research work carried out in Africa, Asia and Latin America. This sub-committee is chaired by Sujata Patel (Poona University, India), and made up of Linda Christiansen-Ruffman (St. Mary's University, Canada), Jorge Gonzalez, (University of Colima, Mexico), Jan Marie Fritz (University of Cincinnati, USA), Stella Quah (National University of Singapore) and Ari Sitas (Natal University, South Africa).

6. Participation in Your Research Committee

The Research Committees, through their numerous activities, play a very important role in facilitating intellectual exchanges among specialized researchers, as well as in the internationalization of sociological research networks. They ensure continuity of ISA's academic activities between world congresses. Indeed the scope and achievements of the Research Committees are often impressive. We must, as a collective, continue to develop these Committees as open research networks, continuously seeking to enhance the scientific quality of their activities and their achievements so that they would continue to be a recognized source of inspiration in all fields of the discipline.

For a small contribution, valid for four years, you can subscribe to and participate in the activities of an international academic network at the forefront of the discipline, offering regular and stimulating exchanges on theoretical and empirical research. If you haven't as yet subscribed to the committee of your choice, or if you haven't as yet renewed your subscription, do so without delay by using the subscription form provided in this *ISA Bulletin*.

Arnaud Sales.

Les Comités de Recherches de l'Association Internationale de Sociologie

Introduction

par Alberto Martinelli, Président de l'AIS

Cette édition de ISA Bulletin est dédiée aux Comités de Recherches qui, avec les associations nationales et régionales de sociologues, sont la principale source de vitalité intellectuelle et professionnelle et de dynamisme dans l'AIS.

Le 53 Comités de recherche et les 3 Groupes de Travail constitue les réseaux basiques de la recherche scientifique, du débat intellectuel et de l'échange professionnel. Lors du dernier Congrès à Montréal ils ont organisé plus de 750 sessions avec plus de 2300 présentations. Pendant les quatre années entre les Congrès mondiaux, de nombreuses conférences de grande qualité, des réunions et des ateliers ont été organisés. Plusieurs bulletins ont été publiés, et l'échange intellectuel continu prend place

entre les membres des groupes plus petits.

J'ai demandé à Arnaud Sales, Vice-présidente de la recherche, de présenter les projets principaux pour les quatre années à venir. Ces projets sont cohérents avec les stratégies que j'ai développées dans la lettre du Président publiée dans le ISA Bulletin 77 et que j'ai réaffirmé pendant la récente réunion du Comité Exécutif en Afrique du Sud. J'apporte mon appui pour ces projets. Une fois de plus je voudrais souligner le besoin d'une plus grande coopération et intégration entre les Comités de Recherche, le vœu d'encourager les projets de recherches comparatifs réalisés par les équipes complètement internationales - avec une spéciale préoccupation pour augmenter la

participation des pays en voie de développement, la requête aux Comités de Recherche de produire les volumes state of the art avec une perspective internationale, et aussi les livres de texte de Sociologie pour les usagers professionnels hors de notre discipline.

Je voudrais vous inviter à promouvoir la participation à votre Comité de Recherche et à l'AIS comme telle. Le Comité Exécutif de l'AIS a décidé d'attribuer pendant le prochain Congrès le temps et l'espace à chaque Comité de Recherche selon le nombre de membres ayant payé la cotisation aux Comités et à l'AIS.

Je vous souhaite à tous mes meilleures vœux pour votre bon travail.

Alberto Martinelli

Les Comités de recherche et le rayonnement de l'Association Internationale de Sociologie

par Arnaud Sales, Vice-président à la recherche

Avec le Congrès Mondial de Sociologie de Montréal, nous venons de participer à l'événement quadriennal de l'Association qui a réuni plus de 4500 personnes. Les Comités de Recherche et les Groupes de Travail, grâce à leur vocation spécialisée et à l'étendue internationale de leurs réseaux ont très largement contribué au succès de cet événement. En effet, au cours du Congrès, ils ont organisé plus de 750 sessions dont 700 de nature académique, où 2300 communications ont été présentées. Il s'agit là d'un résultat impressionnant et je tiens à remercier très chaleureusement, au nom du Comité de Coordination de la Recherche et du Conseil de Recherche, les coordonnateurs des programmes des Comités de Recherche, les organisateurs de session, en même temps que le Professeur Gilles Pronovost, Président du Comité local d'organisation du Congrès ainsi que tous les membres de ce comité d'avoir assuré le succès de cet événement.

En attendant le Congrès Mondial de Brisbane de 2002, la continuité de la vie intellectuelle de notre Association sera

portée par les activités des Comités de Recherche en conjonction avec les associations nationales et régionales. Les cinquante-trois comités et les trois Groupes de Travail sont des réseaux privilégiés au fondement des communications, des échanges et des activités de recherche de l'AIS par les conférences qu'ils organisent, par la publication de livres et de revues scientifiques, par la diffusion d'informations au moyen de bulletin, etc. Ils jouent finalement un rôle clé dans l'affiliation. Nous vous invitons à suivre et à participer régulièrement à ces activités car elles contribuent à la formation de réseaux internationaux à la pointe du domaine, facilitant la circulation du savoir et la collaboration internationale dans les activités de recherche.

Quels sont les projets et orientations qui nous occuperont au cours des trois prochaines années ?

1. Conférences internationales de Comités de Recherche

Dès le mois d'octobre 1998, nous avons encouragé les Comités à mettre en

chantier la préparation des conférences internationales qu'ils souhaitent organiser. De nombreux Comités sont à l'œuvre et, dans de nombreux cas, l'appel de communications a déjà été lancé. Plusieurs conférences sont annoncées dans ce *ISA Bulletin*. Nous avons suggéré aux présidents des Comités d'établir des liens plus étroits avec les associations nationales ou régionales de sociologie chaque fois qu'ils organisaient une telle conférence. Plusieurs expériences montrent qu'il est dans l'intérêt des Comités de Recherche d'obtenir le parrainage et la collaboration des associations nationales et vice-versa. Ce pont au sein même de notre Association est essentiel pour faire jaillir de nouvelles initiatives, pour donner à nos conférences un public plus large et pour étendre le recrutement de nouveaux membres.

2. Conférences d'intégration entre les Comités de Recherche

Au cours des quatre dernières années, Immanuel Wallerstein a introduit un débat sur un thème de discussion important pour notre discipline. Il s'agit de l'accroissement

de la spécialisation à un point tel que la sociologie avec plus de cinquante champs reconnus apparaît aujourd'hui balkanisée. Ceci conduit souvent à un isolationnisme des réseaux spécialisés qui facilite l'empiétement des champs de spécialisation et par voie de conséquence, une forte redondance des objets et des résultats de recherche (Wallerstein, 1997). Ce problème ne peut être résolu par une décision administrative. Mais, nous devons créer des conditions plus nombreuses d'échanges intellectuels entre les comités travaillant dans des champs voisins, créer entre eux des habitudes de collaboration autour des préoccupations théoriques et méthodologiques contemporaines. Nous souhaitons amorcer ce travail d'intégration de trois façons: 1° en collectant l'information sur les expériences de collaboration entre les Comités pour tracer une sorte de portrait des relations inter-comités au sein de notre Association. Nombre d'entre eux collaborent déjà au moyen de sessions conjointes dans les congrès mondiaux, parfois de conférences conjointes; 2° en encourageant l'organisation de quelques conférences intégratives regroupant plusieurs Comités aux intérêts communs au cours des 3 prochaines années; 3° en réservant des sessions spéciales consacrées à ces échanges dans le programme du Congrès Mondial de Brisbane.

3. Encouragement de la recherche comparative

Le caractère international de notre Association a, dans le passé, facilité la mise en place de plusieurs projets de recherche comparative. Notre Président, Alberto Martinelli et plusieurs membres de l'AIS croient qu'il faut aujourd'hui stimuler à nouveau le développement de tels projets pour mettre en œuvre l'un des éléments fondamentaux de la mission des Comités de Recherche. Ceux-ci fournissent le plus souvent des occasions d'échanges intellectuels dans les congrès mondiaux ou les *mid-term conferences*. Mais, nous entendons rarement parler à l'heure actuelle de recherche comparative permettant d'intégrer à l'échelle internationale des équipes de chercheurs, membres de l'AIS, même si les domaines spécialisés de la sociologie font de plus en plus appel à des comparaisons internationales.

C'est pourquoi, j'ai demandé à Mattei Dogan, un comparatiste distingué, de rédiger un texte sur cette question. Réagissant avec enthousiasme à cette proposition, Mattei propose d'aller plus loin

et d'associer les Comités de Recherche dans la préparation d'un ouvrage sur le thème *Fields in Comparative Sociology: Between Theory and Substance*. Cet ouvrage serait préparé sous les auspices du Conseil de Recherche et de la Society for Comparative Research qui fondée en 1994, réunit 180 comparatistes. Au delà, nous aimerions que des projets comparatifs spécifiques puissent se mettre en place dans les années à venir et nous vous convions à en concevoir, car ce travail s'appuie fondamentalement sur l'intérêt et l'engagement important de collègues.

4. Conférence internationale du Conseil de Recherche de l'AIS sur les Transformations sociales au tournant du Millénaire.

La conférence internationale du Conseil de Recherche de l'Association Internationale de Sociologie aura pour thème *Transformations sociales au tournant du millénaire: Théorie sociologique et recherche empirique contemporaines*. Cette conférence, qui s'adresse en priorité aux représentants du Conseil de Recherche, sera centrée sur l'un des projets fondateurs de la sociologie comme discipline, soit la compréhension des changements de grande envergure affectant nos sociétés. Elle permettra de faire le point sur les transformations actuelles dans les domaines couverts par les Comités de Recherche tout en favorisant les échanges entre les représentants des Comités. Elle se déroulera à Montréal, Canada du 28 au 30 juillet 2000, c'est-à-dire immédiatement avant le Congrès Mondial de Science Politique qui se tiendra à Québec, du 1^{er} au 6 Août 2000. Cette date permettra aux participants d'assister, s'ils le désirent, à cet important congrès scientifique.

5. Création d'un sous-comité sur la contribution de l'Afrique, l'Amérique Latine et l'Asie à la recherche sociologique

Le domaine sociologique a, pour des raisons historiques, été largement défini dans l'hémisphère Nord, tout particulièrement en Europe et en Amérique du Nord, et il reflète souvent les problématiques, les modèles culturels, les modes d'accès, de production et de diffusion du savoir des pays occidentaux ou de pays où prédominent les traditions intellectuelles occidentales. Ont été fréquemment marginalisées ou ignorées des questions sociales propres aux cultures non-occidentales et aux pays en développement. De fortes communautés sociologiques, telles celles que l'on rencontre en Amérique Latine ou en Asie

ont encore de la difficulté à inscrire leurs préoccupations de recherche et leurs avancées théoriques, non seulement dans le corpus et les débats de théorie générale universalisée par l'Ouest, mais aussi dans les conférences internationales et les congrès mondiaux de notre discipline. On connaît l'influence des grandes traditions occidentales philosophiques et des sciences sociales dans la diversification du discours sociologique. L'ouverture plus grande aux travaux venant du Sud ou de l'Orient peut, elle aussi, à terme, enrichir considérablement les perspectives de notre discipline. Suite à un débat au sein du Comité de Coordination de la Recherche, un sous-comité a été formé pour étudier les moyens d'encourager, au sein des Comités de Recherche, la reconnaissance des préoccupations de recherche sociologique en Afrique, en Asie et en Amérique Latine. Ce sous-comité présidé par Sujata Patel (Université Pune, Inde) est composé de Linda Christiansen-Ruffman (Saint Mary's Université, Canada), Marie Fritz (Université de Cincinnati, USA), Jorge Gonzalez (Université de Colima, Mexique), Stella Quah (Université National de Singapour) et Ari Sitas (Université Natal, Afrique du Sud).

6. Participation à votre Comité de Recherche

Par leurs nombreuses activités, les Comités de Recherche jouent un rôle très important dans les échanges entre chercheurs spécialisés, en même temps que dans l'internationalisation des réseaux de recherche en sociologie. Ils assurent la continuité des activités académiques de l'AIS entre les congrès. Leur envergure et leurs réalisations sont souvent impressionnantes. Nous devons collectivement continuer à les développer comme des réseaux de recherche ouverts, tout en cherchant à élever la qualité académique de leurs activités et de leurs réalisations pour qu'ils soient une source d'inspiration reconnue dans tous les domaines de notre discipline.

Pour une cotisation minimale valable 4 ans, vous pouvez vous inscrire et participer aux activités d'un réseau académique international de premier plan, porteur d'échanges stimulants réguliers au plan de la recherche tant théorique qu'empirique. Si vous n'avez pas encore adhéré au(x) Comité(s) de votre choix, ou si vous n'avez pas encore renouvelé votre cotisation, faites le sans tarder en utilisant le formulaire d'adhésion se trouvant en ce *ISA Bulletin*.

Arnaud Sales

Los Comités de Investigación de la Asociación Internacional de Sociología

Introducción

por Alberto Martinelli, Presidente de la AIS

Este número del *ISA Bulletin* está dedicado a los Comités de Investigación que junto con las asociaciones nacionales y regionales de sociólogos son la mayor fuente de vitalidad intelectual y profesional y del dinamismo en la AIS.

Los 53 Comités de Investigación - más los tres Grupos de Trabajo - constituyen la red básica de la investigación científica, debate intelectual e intercambio profesional. En el último congreso en Montreal organizaron más de 750 sesiones y más de 2300 ponencias. En el período de cuatro años entre congresos mundiales se organizan numerosas conferencias científicas de alta calidad, reuniones y talleres. Se publican varios boletines, y se desarrolla un continuo intercambio

intelectual entre los grupos más pequeños. Pedí a Arnaud Sales, Vicepresidente de Investigación, que presentara los principales proyectos para los próximos cuatro años. Estos proyectos son coherentes con las estrategias que yo presenté en la Carta del Presidente publicada en el *ISA Bulletin 77* y que reafirmé en al reciente reunión del Comité Ejecutivo en Africa del Sur. Apoyo totalmente estos proyectos. Me gustaría subrayar una vez más la necesidad de una mayor cooperación e integración entre los Comités de Investigación, el compromiso de fomentar proyectos de investigación comparada coordinados por equipos totalmente internacionales - con una especial preocupación en el aumento de la

participación de países en desarrollo -, la solicitud a los Comités de Investigación de producir libros 'state of the art' con una perspectiva internacional así como libros de texto de sociología para usuarios profesionales fuera de nuestra disciplina. Me gustaría también invitaros a promover la afiliación a vuestros Comités de Investigación y a la AIS como tal. El Comité Ejecutivo de la AIS decidió dar tiempo y espacio en el próximo Congreso según el número de miembros al corriente de pago de sus cuotas de afiliación al Comité de Investigación y a la AIS.

Con mis mejores deseos.
Alberto Martinelli

Los Comités de Investigación y la Asociación Internacional de Sociología

por Arnaud Sales, Vicepresidente de investigación

El Congreso Mundial de Sociología, el acontecimiento más importante de la AIS cada cuatro años, que se celebró en Montreal, Canada, el último año, reunió a cerca de 4500 participantes. Los Comités de Investigación y los Grupos de Trabajo, gracias a su vocación de especialización y al alcance internacional de sus actividades, han contribuido enormemente al éxito del Congreso. De hecho, son responsables de la organización de 750 sesiones del Congreso, 700 de las cuales fueron académicas y en las que se presentaron 2300 ponencias. Esto es un logro impresionante. En nombre del Comité de Coordinación de Investigación y del Consejo de Investigación me gustaría agradecer a los coordinadores de programa de los Comités de Investigación, a los organizadores de sesiones, al Profesor Gilles Pronovost, Presidente del Comité Local de Organización del Congreso, así como a otros miembros de este Comité por su incansable esfuerzo para asegurar el éxito de esta reunión.

Desde ahora hasta el Congreso Mundial que se celebrará en Brisbane, Australia, en el 2002, la vida intelectual de nuestra

Asociación continuará progresando a través de las actividades de los Comités de Investigación en colaboración con las asociaciones sociológicas nacionales y regionales. Los 53 Comités de Investigación y 3 Grupos de Trabajo son una estructura primaria sobre la que se basan las comunicaciones, intercambios y actividades científicas de la AIS, gracias a las conferencias que organizan, la publicación de libros y revistas científicas, la difusión de información a través de sus boletines, etc. También tienen un papel clave en la afiliación. Le invito a seguir y participar regularmente en estas actividades que contribuyen a establecer redes internacionales y relaciones en lo más avanzado de la disciplina y que facilitan la difusión del conocimiento y la colaboración científica internacional.

¿Qué proyectos y orientaciones tenemos en agenda para los próximos tres años?

1. Conferencias internacionales de los Comités de Investigación

En octubre de 1998, animé a los responsables de los Comités de Investigación a preparar las conferencias internacionales que tenían planeadas. Un

número de Comités empezó a trabajar y en muchos casos las convocatorias ya han salido. En este *ISA Bulletin* se anuncian varias conferencias. También expresé mi deseo de que los presidentes de los Comités intentasen establecer contactos más estrechos con asociaciones nacionales y regionales cuando organicen estas conferencias. Como ha demostrado la experiencia reciente, estos lazos son esenciales para provocar nuevas iniciativas, para conseguir más participación en las conferencias y para el aumento de la afiliación en los Comités.

2. Conferencias de Integración para los Comités de Investigación.

En los últimos cuatro años, Immanuel Wallerstein abrió un debate sobre un asunto de una gran importancia para nuestra disciplina: el incremento de los campos de especialización hasta tal punto que la Sociología con sus más de 50 subcampos parece balcanizada. Esto crea, a menudo, un aislamiento de grupos especializados que facilita el solapamiento de áreas de trabajo y en consecuencia una redundancia de temas y resultados científicos (Wallerstein, 1997). Este

problema no puede ser resuelto por una decisión administrativa. Necesitamos crear unas condiciones más favorables para el intercambio intelectual entre los Comités que trabajan en campos afines, necesitamos promover su colaboración en los temas teóricos y metodológicos actuales. Esta estrategia integradora puede ser implementada de la siguiente forma: 1) reuniendo información sobre las actividades de colaboración entre los Comités para tener una idea de las relaciones inter-Comités en la AIS. Varios Comités ya colaboran a través de sesiones conjuntas en los congresos u otras conferencias; 2) promoviendo la organización, durante los próximos tres años, de conferencias integradoras que agrupen varios Comités con intereses comunes; 3) reservando sesiones especiales para este tipo de intercambios en el programa del Congreso Mundial en Brisbane.

3. Promoción de la investigación comparada.

El carácter internacional de nuestra Asociación ha facilitado a menudo varios proyectos de investigación comparada. El Presidente Alberto Martinelli y varios miembros de la Asociación han expresado su interés en reestimar este tipo de investigación para subrayar uno de los elementos fundamentales de la misión de los Comités de Investigación. Aunque por lo general el trabajo de los Comités de Investigación es la sustancia para el intercambio intelectual en los Congresos Mundiales y las conferencias intermedias, no es frecuente tener noticias sobre investigación comparada actual que involucre la colaboración e integración de los miembros de la AIS de todo el mundo. Mattei Dogan, un comparativista distinguido, aceptó preparar un texto sobre este problema. De hecho, hizo más que esto y propuso involucrar a los Comités de Investigación en la preparación de un volumen titulado "Fields in Comparative Sociology: Between Theory and Substance". El Consejo de Investigación de la AIS y la Society for Comparative Research, que fue fundada en 1994 y que agrupa 180 comparativistas, serán responsables de esta publicación colectiva. Pero, además de esto, animo a los miembros de la AIS a presentar y/o apoyar proyectos específicos de investigación

comparada durante los próximos años. El éxito de esta actividad depende directamente del interés mantenido y del compromiso de cada uno en la disciplina.

4. Conferencia Internacional del Consejo de Investigación: "Transformaciones sociales en el cambio de milenio", Julio, 2000.

El tema de esta conferencia que se celebrará en Montreal, Canadá, del 28 al 30 de julio del 2000 es: "Transformaciones sociales en el cambio de milenio: Teoría sociológica e investigación empírica actual". La conferencia estará especialmente dirigida a los delegados del Consejo de Investigación y se centrará en uno de los proyectos primarios de la disciplina: la comprensión de los cambios a gran escala que afectan a las sociedades. Facilitará una imagen global de los cambios sociales actuales en los campos en los que trabajan los Comités de Investigación y, al mismo tiempo, promoverá el debate entre los delegados del Consejo de Investigación. Esta conferencia tendrá lugar inmediatamente antes del Congreso Mundial de Ciencias Políticas que se celebrará en la ciudad de Quebec del 1 al 6 de agosto del 2000. Por lo tanto, los delegados tendrán la posibilidad de participar en ambas reuniones.

5) La creación de un subcomité sobre la contribución de África, Asia y América Latina a la investigación sociológica.

Por razones históricas, el campo de la sociología ha sido definido, en gran medida, en Europa y América del Norte, y, a menudo, refleja los problemas, modelos culturales, modos de acceso, producción y difusión del conocimiento de los países de Occidente o países donde predominaron las tradiciones intelectuales occidentales. Los problemas sociales específicos para las culturas no-occidentales o para los países en desarrollo han sido frecuentemente marginalizados o ignorados. Las comunidades sociológicas más importantes en América Latina o Asia tienen todavía dificultades en situar sus preocupaciones científicas y desarrollos teóricos no solamente dentro del marco y discusión de las teorías generales universalizadas en Occidente sino también en las conferencias sociológicas internacionales y congresos mundiales. Todos somos conscientes del papel que

las principales tradiciones filosóficas occidentales y las teorías de las ciencias sociales han jugado en la diversificación del discurso sociológico. El acceso más amplio al trabajo del Sur o de Asia puede enriquecer considerablemente las perspectivas de la disciplina. Como resultado de las deliberaciones del Comité de Coordinación de Investigación se estableció un subcomité para estudiar la forma de promover, dentro de los Comités de Investigación, el reconocimiento de la investigación sociológica llevada a cabo en África, Asia y América Latina. Este subcomité está coordinado por Sujata Patel (Universidad de Poona, India) y está compuesto por Linda Christiansen-Ruffman (Universidad St. Mary's, Canadá), Jorge González (Universidad de Colima, México), Jan Marie Fritz (Universidad de Cincinnati, EEUU), Stella Quah (Universidad Nacional de Singapur) y Aré Sitas (Universidad Natal, África del Sur).

6. Participación en su Comité de Investigación.

Los Comités de Investigación a través de sus numerosas actividades tienen un papel muy importante en facilitar intercambios intelectuales entre investigadores, así como en la internacionalización de redes de investigación sociológica. Aseguran la continuidad de las actividades académicas de la AIS entre congresos mundiales. Realmente el alcance y los logros de los Comités de Investigación son impresionantes. Nosotros, como colectivo, debemos continuar el desarrollo de los Comités como redes de investigación abiertas, buscando continuamente elevar la calidad científica de sus actividades y de sus logros para que sigan siendo reconocidos como fuente de inspiración en todos los campos de la disciplina.

Pagando una pequeña contribución, válida para cuatro años, puede afiliarse y participar en las actividades de una red académica internacional en la vanguardia de la disciplina, que ofrece uno continuos y estimulantes intercambios en investigación teórica y empírica. Si todavía no se ha afiliado a algún comité de su interés, o si no ha renovado todavía su afiliación, hágalo sin demora utilizando la hoja de inscripción incluida en este *ISA Bulletin*.

Arnaud Sales.

Reports from the Research Committees, Working and Thematic Groups

The below reports on the forthcoming activities of the Research Committees, Working and Thematic Groups have been submitted by their Presidents and/or Secretaries. More details and the most updated information is available at the home page of each group located at the ISA web site <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa>

According to the *ISA Statutes*, Article 4.6., and *By-Laws*, Article 7.2., each Board Member of the Research Committee, Working and Thematic Group, shall be a regular member of the ISA in good standing. We were therefore obliged to omit names of those officers who, as of April 20, 1999, have not paid his/her ISA individual membership dues for the current year.

RC01: Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution

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 Executive Committee: Nehama Ella BABIN, USA, Philippe MANIGART, Belgium, David SEGAL, USA

Keywords: Armed forces, conflict resolution, military sociology

Newsletter: Two issues a year distributed by regular mail, e-mail and available on the Internet
<http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/rc01.htm>
 Editor: Gerhard KUEMMEL, RC Secretary

Forthcoming activities:
 September 2000, Strausberg, Germany
 RC01 Interim conference

Membership: Dues \$50 (\$25 students) for a 4-year period.

RC02: Economy and Society

Board 1998-2002

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Newsletter: *Economy & Society*

Forthcoming activities:

December 14 - 15, 2000, Faculty of Business, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia
 Asia Pacific Researchers in Organization Studies (APROS)
 Conference on "Organizing Knowledge Economies and Societies"
 Organized in collaboration with ISA Research Committees Economy & Society (RC02) and Sociology of Organizations (RC17)
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 Renato Orsatto, renato.orsatto@uts.edu.au, *Australia Sustainability in Organizing Knowledge Economies and Societies, around the Pacific Rim*
 Submission of an abstract: October 30, 1999. If not sure where to send a proposal, then, in the first instance, send it to Stewart Clegg s.clegg@uts.edu.au, School of Management, UTS, Broadway PO Box 123, NSW 2007 Australia, tel 61 2 9514 3934, fax 61 2 9514 3935/3602
 Previous APROS Conferences have produced highly successful and influential

books and special editions of journals. One anticipates that APROS 2000 will be no exception. See also APROS Sydney 2000 conference
<http://www.man-bus.mmu.ac.uk/conf/apros>

Membership: Dues \$50 (\$15 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC03: Community Research

Board 1998-2002

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Newsletter: *Fiscal Austerity and Urban Innovation Project (FAUI) Newsletter*

Membership: Dues \$30 for a 4-year period.

RC04: Sociology of Education

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: Education, learning, curriculum, social mobility, youth, culture.

Newsletter: An informative newsletter is mailed to members twice a year. It

contains conference abstracts, research summaries and exchange, opinion papers, members news, conference news, country reports. Editor: Ari Antikainen, RC Secretary

Forthcoming activities:

Mid term conferences under planning process.

Membership: Dues \$30 for a 4-year period.

RC05: Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations

Board 1998-2002

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Past-President: Christine INGLIS, Australia

Newsletter: One issue a year distributed by regular mail.

Forthcoming activities:

7-8 July 1999, Tel-Aviv University & Al-Kutz University
RC05 Interim Conference. The main theme of the conference will be on general issues of racism and ethnicity but that are particularly pertinent in the Israeli/Palestinian situation. The conference will be composed of six panels: Issues of Racism and Ethnicity in Israel and Palestine; Military Divided Societies; Indigenous People; Multiculturalism in Settler Societies; Diasporas and Homelands; Gender, Ethnicity and Nationalism.
Organizer: Nira Yuval-Davis, n.yuvaldavis@gre.ac.uk, Gender & Ethnic Studies, School of Social Sciences, Univ Greenwich, Southwood Site, London SE9 2HB, UK, Tel 44-181-331-8934 Fax: 44-181-3318905

Membership: Dues \$40 for a 4-year period.

RC06: Family Research

Board 1998-2002

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Honorary President: Jan TROST, Sweden

Newsletter: *CFR Gazette*, a newsletter distributed to members twice a year.
Editor: Irene LEVIN, RC Secretary

Forthcoming activities:

June 14-20, 1999, Berlin, Germany
XXXVI CFR Seminar on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Families. Especially welcome are papers on migrant and minority families in a comparative perspective and with regard to migrants and minorities in non-western societies. It is planned to edit a book, based on selected contributions to the seminar.
Organizer: Bernhard Nauck, Dept Sociology, Chemnitz Univ Technology, Reichenhainer Str. 41, 09107 Chemnitz, Germany, Tel 49-371-5312402, Fax 49-371-531 2387, Bernhard.Nauck@phil.tu-chemnitz.de

June 20-23, 2000, Uppsala, Sweden
XXXVII CFR Seminar on Theoretical and Methodological Issues in Cross-Cultural Family Studies; co-organized with the Nordic Family Research Network.
Abstracts are due no later than December 1, 1999. Organizer: Jan TROST, Uppsala Univ, Dept Sociology, POB 821, 75108 Uppsala, Sweden, jan.trost@soc.uu.se, tel 4618 471 11 88, fax 46 18 471 11 70.

Membership: Dues \$40 (\$10 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC07: Futures Research

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Keywords: Orientation to the future: the betterment of society; Human Agency: people as active, purposeful, innovative and responsible beings; Value Judgments: objective and rational; Scenarios for the Future: the possible, the probable, especially the preferable.

Newsletter: *RC07 Newsletter*, two issues a year, distributed by mail; soon they will be made available on Internet. Editor: Isao Araki, RC Secretary

Forthcoming activities:

Summer 2000: Mid-Term Conference (precise date and place to be decided); Theme: The Socio-Cultural Conditions of a Good Society:

- work, education, politics, religion, the media, gender roles;
- value formation (changing values) pertaining to these areas and aspects of social life;
- global problem solving and the creation of a world society;

Membership: Dues \$40 for a 4-year period.

RC08: History of Sociology

Board 1998-2002

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Newsletter:

RC07 Newsletter is produced two or three times a year. In addition to news of conference plans it also includes lists of members and their addresses, details of new members and their special interests, details of new publications by members, news and notes about such matters as archives, conferences of other bodies, book recommendations, members' work in progress, member's moves and promotions, and obituaries of members who died. It is hoped to start a series of short accounts of work in the history of sociology in countries whose languages are less widely spoken among the membership, to encourage wider communication.

Membership: Dues \$30 (\$15 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC09 Social Practice and Social Transformation

Elections of the Board 1999-2002 are in process.

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RC10: Participation and Self-Management

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Newsletter: *RC10 Newsletter*, two issues a year. Editor: Michal PALGI, palgi@research.haifa.ac.il
Noticias SI RC10, boletín del Subcomité Iberoamericano Participación y Autogestión. Editor: Antonio LUCAS MARIN, lucas@ccinf.ucm.es

Forthcoming activities:

June 1999, St Petersburg, Russia
Conference on New Forms of Management, Participation and Privatization in Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the Process of Economic and Social Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe. Organiser: Volkmar KREISSIG, Tel 7-812-350-8155; Fax 7-812-350-0406; volkmar@som.spb.su or tvv@vk2296.spb.su

23-26 Junio 1999, Lima, Perú
Seminario Internacional: Participación Ciudadana y Economía Social en Iberoamérica: Un Balance Hacia el Tercer Milenio. Las ponencias buscarán aportes, innovaciones y desarrollos teóricos y metodológicos en las siguientes áreas sustantivas:

Participación Ciudadana en los Gobiernos Locales y en las Naciones; Autogestión Empresarial y Comunal; Economía Social Base para el Desarrollo Sostenible; Hipótesis para un Tercer Milenio con Democracia Participativa; Información: William Moreno, Jr Apurimac 224 of. 506, Lima 1 Casilla Postal 1432, Lima 100, Perú, Fax 51-1-4274753, coppa@mail.cosapidata.com.pe

July 11-15, 1999, Tel Aviv, Israel
RC10 Interim Seminar on Challenges Confronting Participation and Organizational Democracy in an Era of Globalization. Organizer: Michal Palgi, palgi@research.haifa.ac.il
Organized in conjunction with the 34th

World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology,
<http://spirit.tau.ac.il/soc/IIS99>

February 2000, South Africa
First RC10 conference in Africa on Participation and Self-Management.
Organizer: Dasarath Chetty,
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Membership: Dues \$40 (\$20 discount) for a 4-year period. Life membership: \$120

RC11: Sociology of Aging

Board 1998-2002:

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Keywords: Ageing, life course, later life, older people, generations

Cross-Interest: RC19 Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy

Forthcoming activities:

RC11 Interim meeting linked to International Gerontological Society Meetings

Newsletter: *Sociology of Aging* Newsletter, published three times a year.

Membership: Dues \$20 for a 4-year period.

RC12: Sociology of Law

Board 1997-2000

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Cross-Interest: International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain
<http://www.sc.ehu.es/scrwwwjo/main.html>

Newsletter: *RCSL Newsletter*, published twice a year. Editor: Johannes FEEST, RC Secretary

Forthcoming activities:

15-17 July 1999, Warsaw & Cracow, Poland

RC12 Annual Meeting. Organizer: Jacek Kurczewski

kurczjac@mercury.ci.uw.edu.pl or kurczewski@iwm.univie.ac.at, Fax 48-22-6254086. For more information, especially with respect to registration and hotel accommodation contact the local organizing secretary Kasia Dzieniszewska

tomam@frico2.onet.pl, Inst Applied Social Sciences, Univ Warsaw, Nowy Swiat 69, 00-046 Warsaw, Poland, Fax 48-22-6254086 or 48-22-8262184. For program updates consult <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/rc12.htm>

2000, Miami, USA

RC12 will co-sponsor the meeting of the Law & Society Association

2001, Budapest, Hungary

RC12 will hold a joint meeting with the Law & Society Association

Membership: Dues \$40 for a 4 year period.

RC13: Sociology of Leisure

Board 1998-2002:

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Newsletter: *RC13 Newsletter*, 4 issues a year, Editor: Francis LOBO, RC Secretary

Membership: Dues \$100 for a 4-year period.

RC14: Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: Health care, medical care, social epidemiology, health and development, doctor-patient relationship

Cross-Interest: RC11 Sociology of Ageing, RC46 Clinical Sociology, RC19 Mental Health

Publications: E. Gallagher and E. Riska are co-editing a collection of papers rising mainly from the XIV ISA World Congress of Sociology, Montreal 1998 (forthcoming in 2000)

Newsletter: Published once a year. Editor: Elianne RISKA, Finland, eriska@finabo.abo.fi, fax 358-22-6544808

Forthcoming activities:

November 20-22, 199, University of Singapore
 RC15 co-sponsored International Conference on Socio-Cultural and Policy Dimensions of Health Care. The major purpose of the conference is to stimulate contact between medical and social researchers at the National University of Singapore and the international community of health care experts. Main themes are: Challenges to health care financing; The impact of new technology on health care provision and utilization; Socio-cultural and policy dimensions of health behavior and health promotion; From doctor-patient interaction to ethics committees; The family in health and illness. It is planned that the edited proceedings of the conference will be published under the title *Socio-Cultural and Policy Dimensions of the Health Care*.
 Organizer: Stella Quah, socquahs@nus.edu.sg, fax 65-777-9579

Membership: Dues \$60 (\$20 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC16: Sociological Theory

Election of Board 1999-2002 in process.

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Newsletter: *Newsletter Theory*, a quarterly.

Membership: Dues \$25 for a 4-year period.

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Forthcoming activities:

July 11-15, 1999, Tel Aviv, Israel
Organizational Adaptation to Globalization. RC17 session organized at the 34th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology Organizer: Yitzhak SAMUEL, Dept Sociology & Anthropology, Univ Haifa, Mt. Carmel, Haifa 34746, Israel, Tel 972-4-82-49-646, Fax 972-4-82-40-819, samuel@soc.haifa.ac.il

December 14 - 15, 2000, Faculty of Business, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia
 Asia Pacific Researchers in Organization Studies (APROS) conference on Organizing Knowledge Economies and Societies. Organized in collaboration with ISA Research Committees Economy & Society (RC02) and Sociology of Organizations (RC17)
 See above RC02 for Organizing Committee & Sub-themes.

Membership: Dues \$50 for a 4-year period.

RC18: Political Sociology**Board 1998-2002**

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Keywords: Political institutions; power and violence; classics of political sociology; theories of political sociology; political participation; political culture; civil society; political stratification (the social bases of politics); political parties; social movements; interest groups; elites and democracy; the politics of poverty; the political sociology of public policy; methodology and theory.

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WG Contemporary Democracy
 Convenor: Eva ETZIONI-HALEVY, ehzie@mail.biu.ac.il

Newsletter: *CPS News* produced twice a year. Editors: David FARRELL, CPS Secretary, and Adam MCCARTHY

Forthcoming activities:

11-15 July, 1999, Tel Aviv, Israel
 CPS Panels on Multiple Modernities in an Era of Globalization organized in conjunction of the 34th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, <http://spirit.tau.ac.il/soc/IIS99>

Membership: Dues \$30 to be paid directly to CPS Secretary

RC19: Sociology of Poverty, Social Welfare And Social Policy

Board 1998-2002:

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The purpose of this Research Committee is to promote theoretically grounded empirical research on: the sources and character of social problems; the planning and administration of social programs; and more generally, public policies and intervention strategies aimed at alleviating social problems and influencing the society in that regard (Article I of the Statutes of RC 19). The Committee especially encourages comparative research. Thus, membership to RC19 is open to scholars actively engaged in research and/or teaching on the subjects mentioned above.

Newsletter: Once or twice a year distributed by e-mail/mail. Edited by the RC19 President and the Secretary.

Forthcoming activities:

RC19 Annual conferences:
September 9-12, 1999 Prague, Czech Republic
Societal Changes and Social Policy Responses. Part of the conference will focus on the reflection of the development of social conditions and social policies between 1989 and 1999 in Central and Eastern Europe; other sessions will be based on contributed papers.
Organizer: Masaryk Czech Sociological Association, Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences and Institute of Sociological Studies of Charles University.
Contact: Eliska Rendlova, rendlova@gw.czso.cz, Masaryk Czech Sociological Association, Husova 4, 110 00 Praha 1, Czech Republic

2000: Tilburg, The Netherlands
This year the Dutch social security scheme celebrates 100 years. Contact: Wim van Oorschot, University of Tilburg, w.j.h.voorschot@kub.nl

2001: Oviedo, Spain
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RC21 Listserv: RC21 e-mail listserver is shared with members of the ASA Community and Urban Section, majordomo@email.rutgers.edu

Newsletter: RC21 Newsletter is published twice a year. Editor: Patrick MULLINS, Dept Sociology, Univ Queensland, Queensland 4072, Australia, p.mullins@mailbox.uq.edu.au, fax 61-7-3365 1544

Forthcoming activities:

28-31 July 1999, Shanghai Academy of Social Science, China
RC21 sessions at the conference on the Future of Chinese Cities: A research Agenda for the 21 Century. Program Coordinator: John LOGAN, Dept Sociology, Univ Albany, Albany, New York 12222, USA, Fax 1-518-4424936, Tel 1-518-4424656, j.logan@albany.edu

Membership: Dues \$30 for a 4-year period.

RC22: Sociology of Religion

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: Religion, globalization, identity, culture, secularization, spirituality, ecology, economic life, millennium, values, future

Sub-Groups: New Paradigms in the Sociology of Religion: details to be announced

Newsletter: 2/3 issues a year distributed by mail. Editor: Luigi TOMASI, RC22 Secretary

Forthcoming activities:

July 26-30, 1999, Louvain, Belgium
RC22 two sessions at the SISR meeting:
Les categories de la sociologie de religion sont-elles universelles ou ethnocentriques?, and Paradigms in the Socio-Scientific Study of Religion: Do they Require Renewal? Organizers: Ivan VARGA, Dept Sociology, Queen's Univ, Kingston, ONT K7L 3N6, Canada, fax 1-613-5422269, vargai@post.queensu.ca
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Membership: Dues \$20 for a 4-year period.

RC23: Sociology of Science & Technology

Board 1998-2002:

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Keywords: Science, technology, sociology of science

Web site address:

<http://www.lsu.edu/quest/ssss/public>
EASST <http://www.chem.uva.nl/easst>

Cross-Interest: RC02 Economy and Society, RC04 Sociology of Education, RC24 Environment and Society

Newsletter: *RC23 Newsletter / La Lettre du 23*. Editors: Betariz Ruivo, RC Secretary, and Marja Hayrinen-Alestalo, RC President

Forthcoming activities:

18-21 August 1999, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

IV Conference of the European Sociological Association: Will Europe Work?

RC23 organizes six streams of sessions on Changing Conditions of Research and Development Activities in Europe. Organizers: Raymund WERLE, Max Planck Inst Study of Societies, Paulstr. 3, 50676 Koln, Germany, tel. 49 221 2767224, fax 49 221 2767555, werle@mpi-fg-koeln.mpg.de, Marja HEYRINEN-ALESTALO, Univ Helsinki, Dept Sociology, PO Box 18, Unioninkatu 35, 00014 Helsinki, Finland, tel 358-9-191 23964, fax 358-9-191 23967, marja.alestalo@helsinki.fi, Maarten MENTZEL, School Systems Engineering & Policy Analysis, Delft Univ Technology, PO Box 5015, 2600 GA Delft, The Netherlands, tel 31-15-278 8458/8380, fax 31-15-278 3429, mentzel@sepa.tudelft.nl
For general information on the ESA conference see <http://www.qub.ac.uk/esa/conf99.htm>

RC23 will continue the cooperation with the 4S, EASST and SASE and to organize sessions in their conferences and meetings. The President together with Maartem M. Mentzel and Raymund Werle should search for a possibility of establishing a Research Network at the European Sociological Association. With the assistance of Hebe Vissouri more formal ways of cooperation should be searched on the level of the Latin-American countries.

Membership: Dues \$20 for a 4-year period.

RC24: Environment and Society

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: Environmental sociology, human ecology, environmental life styles and attitudes, (new) social movements, globalization and environment.

Newsletter: *Environment and Society*. Two issues a year edited by Arthur P.J. MOL, RC Secretary

Forthcoming activities:

August 7-8, 1999, Chicago, Illinois, USA
RC24 Mini-conference on the Environmental State Under Pressure: The Issues and the Research Agenda. The conference is held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Society and the American Sociological Association; it will focus on one of the most central paradoxes and contradictions of environmental-sociological theory and research: the fact that states and state policies have played and continue to play central roles in environmental destruction at the same time that states are essential agents in environmental protection. The notion of the "environmental state" is intended to capture these overlapping and opposing roles. Organizers: Frederick BUTTEL, RC President and Arthur MOL, RC Secretary

September 30 - October 2, 1999, Vienna, Austria

Nature, Society and History. Long Term Dynamics of Societal Metabolism
International conference organized by RC24 together with the Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies of Austrian Universities (IFF). Information: Barbara Smetschka, barbara.smetschka@univie.ac.at, IFF-Social Ecology, Seidengasse 13, 1070 Vienna, Austria, fax 43-1-5235843
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Summer 2000, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
RC24 conference in collaboration with the World Society for Rural Sociologists

Publications: Plans are made for a publication following the ISA XIV World Congress of Sociology, Montreal 1998: G. Spaargaren, A.P.J. Mol and F. Buttel (eds) 1999: *Environmental Sociology and Global Modernity*, SAGE: London

Membership: Dues \$50 (\$20 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC25: Sociolinguistics**Board 1998-2002**

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Newsletter: *Sociolinguistics Newsletter*; published once a year. Editor: Brian DEVLIN, Fac Education, Northern Territory Univ, Darwin, NT 0909, Australia, fax 61-89-466151, bdevlin@banda.ntu.edu.au

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RC26: Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice**Board 1998-2002**

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Keywords: sociotechnics, sociological practice, social engineering, practical social science

Cross-interest: RC09 Social Practice and Transformation, RC12 Sociology of Law, RC16 Sociological Theory, RC46 Clinical Sociology, RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change

Newsletter: Editor: Jon Alexander, RC President

Forthcoming activities:

September 17-19, 1999, Sparta, Greece
 RC26 conference on Power, Conflict and Mediation in One World
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Membership: Dues \$40 for a 4-year period.

RC27: Sociology of Sport**Board 1996-1999:**

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Membership: Dues \$160 (\$120 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC28: Social Stratification**Board 1998-2002**

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Keywords: Social stratification, inequality, class mobility, occupational attainment, educational attainment

Web site address:
<http://spirit.tau.ac.il/RC28>

Newsletter: *RC28 Newsletter* is published twice a year, in June and in December, and appears on the RC28 web site.
 Editors: Yossi SHAVIT, RC Secretary with the assistance of Liat BEN-MOSHE

Forthcoming activities:

April 30 - May 2, 1999, Potsdam, Germany
 Recent Trends and Methods of Social Stratification Research. Joint conference of the Methodology Section of the German Sociological Society, The Berlin-Brandenburg Network of Longitudinal Researchers (LWBB), ISA Research Committee on Logic and Methodology, in cooperation with RC28. Organizer: Uwe ENGEL engel@rz.uni-potsdam.de

May 5-8, 1999, Warsaw, Poland
 RC28 spring meeting on Political, Economic and Cultural Contexts of Stratification and Mobility. Organizer: Krzysztof ZAGORSKI, Public Opinion Research Center, COBOS, Zurawia 4A, 00-503 Warsaw, Poland, Fax: 48-22-629 40 89, k.zagorski@cbos.pl

August 12-14, 1999, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA
 RC28 Conference on Social Stratification at Century's End: International Perspective
 The conference is timed to begin immediately after the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Chicago, August 6-10. The RC28 conference is co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology, the College of Letters and Sciences, and the Graduate School at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. All papers on related topics are welcome. Paper proposals and registration forms should be sent by April 1, 1999 to Adam GAMORAN, Dept Sociology, Univ Wisconsin, 1180 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706, USA, tel 1-608-2632921, fax 1-608-2655389, gamoran@ssc.wisc.edu

August 18-21, 1999, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 Stream of 6 sessions on Changing Patterns of Stratification at the European Sociological Conference. Papers on a

variety of themes within the field of social stratification and social mobility are welcome during the sessions, but we especially invite papers on the following topics: new forms of employment and inequality; marriage, divorce and inequality; migration and inequality; consequences of social mobility; comparing inequalities in old and new democracies; subjective aspects of social inequality; political processes and inequality

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Membership:

Dues \$40 for a 4-year period. Students and residents of low-income countries can pay rates or apply for exemption to Yossi SHAVIT, RC Secretary. The RC28 Travel Fund subsidizes low income members for travel to RC28 conferences. For details and conditions, see RC28 web site.

RC29: Deviance and Social Control

Board 1999-2002

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RC30: Sociology of Work

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: Sociology of work; sociology of employment; working conditions; gender and race in the workplace; globalizations; industrial restructuring; flexible production; outsourcing and precarization, industrial relations.

Newsletter: *RC30 Newsletter* is published twice a year; its availability on Internet is being considered. Editor: Antonio BRANDAO MONIZ, RC Secretary

Forthcoming activities:

The possibility of an international meeting in May 2000 es being studied.

Membership: Dues \$35 for a 4-year period.

RC31: Sociology of Migration

Board 1998-2002

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Cross-Interest: RC05 Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations, RC41 Sociology of Population, RC44 Labour Movements, RC50 International Tourism

Newsletter: RC31 Newsletter is published four times a year in the journal *International Migration Review* (IMR, cmslft@aol.com). RC31 members are entitled to a 20% discount on the subscription to the IMR. Editor: Catherine WIHTOL DE WENDEN, fax 33-1-44108450

Forthcoming activities:

1999, Latin America
Conference on Immigration Policy in Sending Countries. Contact: Lydio F. TOMASI; RC Secretary

2000, Europe
Intercongress meeting on Immigration Policy Issues in Receiving Countries. Contact: Marco MARTINIELLO, fax 32-4-3664557, m.martiniello@ulg.ac.be, Catherine WIHTOL DE WENDEN, fax 33-1-44108450, Han ENTZINGER, h.entzinger@fss.uu.nl

Membership: Dues \$20 for a 4-year period.

RC32: Women in Society

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Forthcoming activities:

Mai 17-21, 1999, Dakar, Sénégal
Le colloque La recherche féministe dans la francophonie plurielle. Information: Huguette Dagenais, Dép d'anthropologie, Uni Laval, Ste-Foy, Québec G1K 7P4, Canada, fax 1-418-6562831, huguette.dagenais@ant.ulaval.ca

June 19-20, 1999, Tromso, Norway
RC32 meeting at the Interdisciplinary Congress on Women. Contact: Angela MILES, RC32 Co-chair

Newsletter: RC32 News are published once a year. Editor: Valentine MOGHADAM, Illinois State Univ, Capus Box 4260, Normal, IL 61790-4260, USA, tel 1-309-4382947, fax: 1-309-4385104, vmmogha@rs6000.cmp.ilstu.edu

Membership: Dues \$24 (\$12 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC33: Logic and Methodology in Sociology

Board 1998-2002

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Communications co-ordinator: Karl van METER, France
Past-President: Ray PAWSON, UK

Keywords: Social research methodology, research design, empirical logic and tests.

Newsletter: RC33 publishes twice a year its RC33 Newsletter as the opening part of the quarterly scientific journal *Bulletin de Méthodologie Sociologique* (BMS). Since 1994 RC33 Newsletter is available on Internet bms@ext.jussieu.fr Editor: Karl M. Van METER.

Forthcoming activities:

April 30 - May 1, 1999, Potsdam, Germany
Joint conference of the ISA research committees Social Stratification and Social Mobility (RC28) and Logic and Methodology (RC33) with the Methodology section of the German Sociological Society and the Berlin-Brandenburg network of longitudinal researchers (LWBB).
Organizer: Uwe ENGLE: engel@rz.uni-postdam.de

October 3-5, 2000 in Cologne, Germany
5th International Conference on Social Science Methodology. Coordinator: Joerg BLASIUS rc33@za.uni-koeln.de

Membership: Dues \$30 (\$15 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC34: Sociology of Youth

Board 1998-2002

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Cooperation:

RC 34 has an institutional cooperation with the UN Headquarters, with Unesco and the Council of Europe, also at their regional and sub-regional actions. The cooperation aims at consultancy and more direct involvement in the processes of improved relationships between youth research and youth policies.

Web site address: RC34 has its own web

site section at the Nordic Youth Research server:
<http://www.sub.su.se/sam/nyri/nyri.htm> on youth research, which also gather all web-services on youth research worldwide.
Information on Youth Studies in Slovakia:
<http://www.changenet.sk/oblasti/mladez/MSSR/English.htm>

Newsletter: *Bulletin IBYR* is published twice a year, distributed by regular mail and aiming at electronic publishing in 1999. Editor: Helena HELVE, Nordic Research Coordinator, POB 13, University of Helsinki, 00014 Helsinki, Finland, fax 358-9-639700, tel 358-9-19123588, helve@elo.helsinki.fi

Forthcoming activities:

September 1999, Plodiv, Bulgaria: Youth Research Conference
December 1999, Lyon, France: Francophone Youth Research Conference
July 2002, Brisbane, Australia: ISA World Congress of Sociology

Membership: Dues \$ 40 (\$20 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC35: Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis (COCTA)

Board 1999-2002

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Membership: Dues \$10 for a 4-year period.

RC36: Alienation Theory and Research

Board 1998-2002

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Publications: *Design for Alienation*, ed Devorah Kalekin-Fishman, University of Jyväskylä, 1998. A collection of papers by RC36 members.

Newsletter: RC36 Newsletter is published 1-2 times a year; Editor: Nikita POKROVSKY, Frunzenskaya Maberejnaya 50-538, Moscow 119270, Russia, nikita@theo.soc.msu.su

Forthcoming activities:

July 11-15, 1999, Tel-Aviv, Israel
 RC36 Interim Regional Seminar on Researching Alienation in the Light of Globalization in conjunction with the 34 World Congress of International Institute of Sociology. Organizer: Devorah KALEKIN-FISHMAN, RC President

Membership: Dues \$25 (\$15 discount, \$10 students) for a 4-year period.

RC37: Sociology of Arts

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: Art, culture, music, literature, theatre, dance, cinema, photography

Newsletter: *Sociology of the Arts*, published twice issue a year, includes bibliography or recent books and texts. Editors: Arturo RODRIGUEZ MARATO; RC President and Alain QUEMIN, RC Secretary

Forthcoming activities:

July 2000, Barcelona, Spain
 Mid-term conference

Membership: Dues \$40 (\$12 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC38: Biography and Society

Board 1998-2002:

President: Kathy DAVIS, General Social Sciences, Utrecht Univ, POB 80140, 3508 TC Utrecht, Netherlands, Tel 31-30-2537546, Fax 31-30-2534733, k.davis@fss.uu.nl
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Objectives:

RC38 goal is the understand how individual lives take shape within and help to shape social structures and historical processes; focus is on individual accounts of biographical experience (life stories, autobiographies, narratives about life histories).

Newsletter: *Biography & Society* is published once a year. Editor: Kathy DAVIS, RC President

Forthcoming activities:

August 1999, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 Board meeting at the conference of the European Sociological Association.

Membership: Dues \$75 (\$35 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC39: Sociology of Disasters

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: Disaster, man emergencies, collective behavior.

Web site address:

<http://www.hrrc.tamu.edu/ircd.html>

Forthcoming activities:

August 5-10, 1999, Chicago, USA
 RC39 will have two panels in the other group sessions during the American Sociological Annual Meeting. Place and time of the panels are not yet decided but they will be in the evening. All RC39 and ISA members are invited to attend the panels: Cross-Cultural and Cross Societal Disaster Research: Problems and Possibilities From the Perspective of Those Who Have Done Such Research; Panel on Exploring the Popular Culture of Disasters. Information: E.L. (Henry) Quarantelli, elqdr@udel.edu, Disaster Research Center, Univ Delaware, Newark, Delaware 19716, USA, tel: 1-302-831 6618, fax: 1-302-831 2091

July 2002, Brisbane, Australia, ISA XV World Congress of Sociology, Maureen Fordham, RC39 first vice president, mfordham@bridge.anglia.ac.uk, has agreed to help coordinate and handle queries about RC39 sessions at the ISA XV World Congress. Anyone wishing to participate or to be kept informed should let her know their email addresses and she will keep in touch. By making sure all questions go to Maureen and all information comes from her we hope to avoid any confusion.

Publications:

Unscheduled Events, RC39 newsletter is published three times a year. It is also available on Internet <http://www.hrrc.tamu.edu/ircd.html> Editor: Henry FISCHER, hfischer@marauder.millersv.edu
International Journal of Mass Emergences and Disaster, an official journal of RC39 is published three times a year. It is concerned with the social and behavioral aspects of relatively suffer collective stress situations typically referred to as disasters or mass emergencies. It is also available

on Internet www.usc.edu/puad/IJMED

Membership: Dues 140 for a 4-year period includes subscription to *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*

RC40: Sociology of Agriculture

Board 1998-2002

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Members: Monica BENDINI, Argentina, Douglas CONSTANCE, USA, Raymond A. JUSSAUME, USA, Laura RAYNOLDS, USA
Past-President: William H. FRIEDLAND, USA

Keywords: Agriculture, food, rural change, agrarian question, agri-food network, farm structure, food system, sustainable agriculture, globalization.

Web site address:

<http://www.ryerson.ca/~foodsec/foodsek/ISARC40.htm>

Newsletter: Two issues a year are distributed by regular mail. Editor: Mustafa KOC, RC Secretary,

Forthcoming activities:

June 3-6, 1999, Toronto, Canada
RC40 sessions at the joint Annual Meetings of the Association for the Study of Food and Society & the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, Ryerson Polytechnic University, Toronto.

July 2000, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
RC40 Symposium on Agriculture and Social Change at the International Rural Sociology Association meetings

Membership: Contact RC40 Secretary

RC41: Sociology of Population

Board 1998-2002

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Members: Jon ANSON, Israel, Alicia BERCOVICH, Brazil, Dudley L. POSTON, USA, Susana NOVICK, Argentina, William F. STINNER, USA, Khalida Parveen ZAKI, USA

Keywords: Social aspects of demography in general, encompassing fertility, mortality, migration and ethnicity, families, population and developmental issue in both developed and developing countries

Cross-Interest: RC05 Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations, RC06 Family Research, RC11 Sociology of Ageing, RC15 Sociology of Health, RC31 Sociology of Migration

Forthcoming activities:

July 11-15, 1999, Tel-Aviv, Israel
RC41 two sessions at the 34 World Congress of International Institute of Sociology.
Organizer: Farhat Yusuf, RC Secretary

July 2000, Spain

2001 Brazil in conjunction with the conference of the International Union for Scientific Study of Population

Newsletter: Editor: Farhat Yusuf, RC Secretary

Membership: Dues \$20 (\$10 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC42: Social Psychology

Board 1998-2002:

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Newsletter Editor: Tina UYS, South Africa
Past-Chair: Karen COOK, USA

Keywords: Small groups, group processes, social interaction, personality and social structure, symbolic interaction, status, power, justice

Forthcoming activities:

July 4-6, 1999, Saldanha, Western Cape Town, South Africa
RC42 conference on Social Identities, Groups and Change. Co-organizers: Tina UYS jmu@lw.rau.ac.za and Karen COOK, kcook@stanford.edu

Membership: Dues \$20 (\$10 students) for a 4-year period.

RC43: Housing and Built Environment

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: Housing, built environment

Cross-Interest: RC 21 Regional and Urban Development

Web site address:

<http://www.colorado.edu/research/rc43>

RC43 Listserv

RC43 has begun a listserv where members can read and post information on housing, including job openings, request for information, news on upcoming events, recent publications, etc. To join the list, send email to: rc_43-request@csc.canterbury.ac.nz with the message: subscribe rc_43 in the message area.



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Armenia	Ecuador	Kazakhstan	Nepal	Tanzania
Azerbaijan	Egypt	Kenya	Nicaragua	Thailand
Bangladesh	El Salvador	Kiribati	Niger	Togo
Belarus	Equatorial Guinea	Korea Dem. Rep.	Nigeria	Tonga
Benin	Eritrea	Kyrgyzstan	Pakistan	Tunisia
Bhutan	Estonia	Laos	Papua New Guinea	Turkmenistan
Bolivia	Ethiopia	Latvia	Paraguay	Tuvalu
Bulgaria	Fiji	Lebanon	Peru	Uganda
Burkina Faso	Gambia	Lesotho	Philippines	Ukraine
Burundi	Georgia	Liberia	Romania	Uzbekistan
Cambodia	Ghana	Lithuania	Russian Fed.	Vanuatu
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Chad	Guyana	Mali	St. Tome & Principe	Zambia
China	Haiti	Marshall Islands	Senegal	Zimbabwe
Colombia	Honduras	Mauritania	Sierra Leone	
Comoros	India	Moldavia Rep.	Solomon Islands	
Congo	Indonesia	Mongolia	Somalia	
Costa Rica	Iraq	Morocco	Sri Lanka	



Paper Contest

RC43 invites submissions for the first Jorge E. Hardoy Memorial Prize for Best Paper by a Researcher from a Developing Country. This prize was instituted to honor the late Jorge Hardoy and to recognize current work similarly concerned with improving the living conditions of low-income households in the developing countries. Papers must contribute new insights into housing and the built environment, broadly viewed, in the developing world. Topics may be theoretical or empirical; local, national, or international in scope; and need not represent any particular discipline. Text must be in English. Maximum length is 25 pages, double spaced, including notes and bibliography, with 1.5" margins all around. Abstract of no more than 200 words is required. Name, address and title must appear on a separate cover page, without identifiers in the paper itself. Submissions will be evaluated and ranked by a distinguished Board of Reviewers. The winner will receive US \$ 250 and a special certificate. The paper will also be published in *Habitat International*, along with other qualifying submissions. To be eligible, papers must be received by June 30, 1999. Please, send four copies to Willem van Vliet, willem@spot.colorado.edu, College of Architecture and Planning, CB 314, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309-0314, USA

Newsletter: *Housing Notes*, membership newsletter, published twice a year. Editor: Willem van VLIET, RC President.

Membership: Dues \$40 (\$30 for members residents in category B countries, \$30 for C countries and students) for a 4-year period.

RC44: Labour Movements**Board 1998-2002**

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Keywords: Labour movements, trade unions, industrial relations, industrial sociology, sociology of work, working class.

Web site address:

<http://www.wits.ac.za/tac/arts/swop.html>

Cross-Interest: RC10 Participation and Self-Management, RC30 Sociology of Work, RC32 Women in Society

Newsletter: *Labour Movements* newsletter is 2-3 issues per year. During the coming period RC44 plans to move primarily to Internet distribution, though it is committed to maintaining hard copy distribution for members in countries without adequate e-mail infrastructure.

Editor: Eddie Webster, RC Secretary

Forthcoming activities:

August 18-21, 1999, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
RC44 will convene one or two sessions at the 4th European Conference of Sociology November 1999, South Africa
In association with a conference of Asian/Pacific trade unionists RC44 will hold a one-day meeting providing interchange between academics and trade unionists.

2000

Possibility of a meeting in conjunction with the Asociación Latino-Americana de Sociología de Trabajo

Membership: Dues \$20 for a 4-year period.

RC45: Rational Choice**Board 1998-2002**

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The general objective of Research Committee 45 on Rational Choice is to advance the development of Rational Choice Theory. This includes its application to various explanatory problems across social science disciplines, its empirical test, its theoretical development and comparison with alternative approaches. The RC tries to achieve this general objective by promoting the international exchange of scientific information across disciplinary borders.

Newsletter: *The Agora*, a joint newsletter of the Rational Choice Section of the American Sociological Association and ISA RC45. Published twice a year.

Membership: Dues \$20 for a 4-year period.

RC46: Clinical Sociology**Board 1999-2002**

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Newsletter: Editors: Elvia Taracena and Shirley Roy (Dept Sociology, UQAM, 8888 Succ A, Montreal, Que H3C 3P8, Canada, fax 1-514-9874638)

Forthcoming activities:

May 12-16, 1999, Spetse, Greece
RC46 colloque Pouvoir, Violence, Souffrance. Information: Klimis Navridis knavid@atlas.uoa.gr

2000, Québec, Canada
RC46 Colloque dans la région de Québec

2001, Natale, Brésil
Responsables: Norma Takeuti, Teresa Carreteiro, Jean Gabriel Texeira

Membership: Dues \$30 (\$15 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC47: Social Classes and Social Movements

Board 1999-2002

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Newsletter: RC47 *Newsletter* is published 1-2 times a year. Editors: Henri LUSTIGER-THALER, USA, Pierre HAMEL, Canada

Forthcoming activities:

July 11-15, 1999, Tel-Aviv, Israel
Multiple Modernities, Classes and Social Movements. RC47 sessions at the 34th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology. Organizers: Manuel A. GARRETON, RC President and Sasha ROSENEIL, RC Secretary

Membership: Dues \$40 for a 4-year period.

RC48: Social Movements, Collective Action & Social Change

Board 1998-2002

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Newsletter: Published twice a year the *Newsletter* is shipped to approx. 500 members. Editor: Bronislaw MISZTAL, RC President

Forthcoming activities:

July 11-15, 1999, Tel-Aviv, Israel
RC48 sessions at the 34 World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology Multiple Modernities in an Era of Globalization. Two main themes are: The state of the art in social movements research and theory, and Comparative studies of Social Movements - Research and theory. Organizer: Tova Benski, RC Secretary

Membership: Dues \$20 (\$10 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC49: Mental Health and Illness

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: Mental health, mental illness, stress, mental health, care delivery system, cross nation, cross culture

Newsletter: *RC49ers*, a biannual newsletter edited by Francis ONUOHOA, francis@gakgun.taiiku.tsukuba.ac.jp and T. MUNAKATA, RC President

Forthcoming activities:

RC49 Interim meetings:
2000 Atlanta, USA
2001 Kobe, Japan

Membership: Dues \$ 40 for a 4-year period.

RC50: International Tourism

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: Globalization; mobility; the technological body; heritage; identity, memory; de-traditionalisation; tourist gaze; international tourism; tourists; theory in tourism.

Cross-Interest: RC13 Sociology of Leisure, RC36 Alienation Theory and Research

Newsletter: RC50 *Newsletter* is published 2-3 times a year. Editor: Tom SELANNIEMI, Finnish Network Univ Tourism Studies, POB 126, 57101 Savonlinna, Finland, Tel 358-40-5064192, Fax 358-15-5759690, tom.selanniemi@joensuu.fi

Forthcoming activities:

June 11-15, 1999, Tel-Aviv, Israel
RC50 sessions on Environment and Tourism: The Challenges and Perspectives for the New Millennium at the 34th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology. Organizer: Nelson Prato Barbosa nprato@reacciun.ve, Apartado Postal 6622, Caracas 1010-A, Venezuela

July 9-16, 2000, Suva and Sigatoka, Fiji Islands
RC51 conference staged collaboratively with the University of West Australia and Murdoch University. A transdisciplinary prospectus for tourism, travel, society, and

environment at the millennial moment.
Coordinator: Keith HOLLINSHEAD,
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Registration: Robin BUSHHELL,
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October 2001, University of Rajasthan,
Jaipur, India
International Symposium on Tourism,
Travel and "The other". An advanced
research conference on othering in and
through tourism and travel across the
globe, focussing upon matters of: historical
other - making; othering through gender;
othering through nationalism; difference
and othernesses; identity and othernesses;
the representation of the alterity of
peoples; The postcolonial other; the
representation of the alterity to places; the
postmodern other. Convenors: Keith
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Membership: Dues \$60 (\$40 discount) for
a 4-year period.

RC 51: Sociocybernetics

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: RC51 is interested in all
sociological topics to the extent that there
is an interest and possibility to apply
systems science and cybernetics.
A) Topics Specific for Systems Science
and Cybernetics: Complexity; Steering and
Control in Social Systems; Autopoiesis;
Observer/Self-Observation/Reflexivity;
Cognitive Science; Cognitive Systems and
Meaning. B) Methodology: Logic and
Methodology; Epistemological Issues;

Constructivism; Modelling and Simulation.
C) Non-specific Topics and Fields of
Application: Sustainability; Social Change,
Development and Evolution;
Communication and Information; Cultural
Systems; Values and Ethics; Political
Sociology/Political Science; Organizational
Sociology and Management; Sociology of
Science; Futures Research; Alienation
Theory and Research; Health Systems
Research; Technology Assessment.

Web site address

www.unizar.es/sociocybernetics

Cross-Interest: RC07 Futures Research,
RC33 Logic and Methodology, RC36
Alienation Theory and Research

Newsletter: RC51 Newsletter is published
twice a year and is distributed by mail and
e-mail. Editor: Felix GEYER, Van
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Forthcoming activities:

May 26-31, 1999, Crete, Greece
Sociocybernetic Bridges between the Past,
Present and Future: Problems of
Emergence and Complexity in Sustainable
Systems. Information:
<http://www.unizar.es/sociocybernetics/cret>
e.html

March 2000, Zaragoza, Spain
Complexity and Social Change from an
Interdisciplinary Perspective. Convenor:
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2001 Latin America or Japan
Constructions and Reality in Social
Science - A Sociocybernetic Perspective
(tentative title)
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RC52: Sociology of Professional Groups

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Keywords: Knowledge-based, service-
sector, middle-class occupational and
professional groups; Modes of state and
international regulation; Historical and
comparative developments; Challenges
and contradictions.

Cross-Interest: RC12 Sociology of Law,
RC15 Sociology of Health, RC30
Sociology of Work

Newsletter: RC52 *Newsletter* is published
twice a year distributed by regular mail.
Editor: Julia EVETTS, RC President

Forthcoming activities:

July 8-11, 1999, University of Wisconsin,
Madison, USA
Globalization and the Good Society.
Sessions of the Professions Network co-
ordinated by Julia Evetts, RC President at
the 11th Annual Meeting on Socio-
Economics.
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Web [http://www.mpi-fg-
koeln.mpg.de/sase99](http://www.mpi-fg-koeln.mpg.de/sase99)

August 18-21, 1999, Amsterdam, The
Netherlands
Thematic Group "Work and the Life
Course: new careers, new patterns of work
time" co-convened by Julia Evetts RC
President at the Conference of the
European Sociological Association
Thematic Group "Work and the Life
Course: new careers, new patterns of work
time" Information: esa@siswo.uva.nl,
Web <http://www.qub.ac.uk/esa/ESAINTRO>.
HTM
September 2000, Lisbon, Portugal
RC52 Interim conference

Publications: *Professional Identities in
Transition: cross-cultural dimensions* eds
Mike Saks, C. Beniot, I. Hellberg;
forthcoming, University of Gothenburg.
*The future for professions: current
analytical challenges*. ed. Julia Evetts,
forthcoming, International Review of
Sociology

Membership: Dues \$40 (\$10 discount) for a 4-year period.

RC53: Sociology of Childhood

Board 1998-2002

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Keywords: Childhood, Children.

Web site address:

www.usyd.edu.au/su/social/childhood/isa

Cross-Interest: RC04 Sociology of Education, RC06 Family Research, RC34 Sociology of Youth

Newsletter: RC53 *Newsletter* is published twice a year; it is also available on Internet www.usyd.edu.au/su/social/childhood/isa
Editors: Leena Alanen, RC President and Sylvia Trnka, RC Secretary.

Forthcoming activities:

July 12-13, 1999, Sydney, Australia
Taking children seriously. RC53 sponsored seminar

August 18-21, 1999, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

RC53 sessions in the field of Sociology of Childhood at the Conference of the European Sociological Association.
Information: esa@siswo.uva.nl

December 2000, India
RC53 Mid-term conference

Publications: *Symbolic Childhood*, contributions to an edited volume. Contribution to *World Social Science Report 1999*; box on Sociology of Childhood

Membership: Dues \$60 (\$20 discount) for a 4-year period.

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WG05: Famine and Society

Board 1998-2002

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Executive Committee: Georg ELWERT, Germany

Keywords: Poverty, marginalisation, famine, relief and public assistance.

Forthcoming activities:

July-August 2000, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK
WG05 Inter-congress meeting. The conference seeks to assess the current debate on poverty and its contribution towards a sociological framework of poverty. Included in this assessment will be the attempt at defining the 'poorest of the poor', 'ultra poor' as well as indigent. The need for considering poverty and society as well as the shift from poverty to indigence, poverty to famine, will be one of the focal points of discussion of the conference. The tentative themes are: Contributions in history to the sociological framework of poverty and destitution; The study of relief system in history; History and the anchoring of famine as an 'event'; Contributions in history to the study of gender and poverty. Suggestions on themes, panels, sessions are most welcome. Organizer: Amrita RANGASAMI, Chair WG05

Publications: Proceedings of the Famine and Society sessions held during the XIV World Congress of Sociology, Montreal

1998. **Membership:** Dues \$20 (\$10 discount) for a 4-year period.

WG06: Social Indicators

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Newsletter: *It's About Time*, published annually; available also on Internet <http://www.stmarys.ca/partners/iatur/news.htm>. Editor: Andrew Harvey, TG01 President

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The social uses of the body in construction of traditional action

Coordinators: Mustafa Omar ATTIR and Cecilia TROCCHI GATTO

The body uses in new migration movements from third world to Europe

Coordinator: Umberto MELOTTI

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Membership: No dues requested.

TG04: National Movements and Imperialism

Board 1998-2002

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In Memoriam: Niklas Luhmann 1927-1998

by Bernd R. Hornung

President of the ISA Research Committee 51 on Sociocybernetics
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Introduction

The death of Niklas Luhmann on November 6, 1998 was a great loss. He was a most important contemporary intellectual leader and representative of systems science in sociology. Indeed, his influence extended far beyond sociology.

We owe a great debt to Niklas Luhmann for numerous important findings, breakthroughs, and intellectual challenges. Again and again he opened surprising views and new perspectives to sociology, systems science, and numerous other disciplines. He was one of the very few contemporary sociologists who indeed changed paradigms: from structural-functionalism to functional-structural and problem-functionalist theory, from the society of action to the society of communication and semantics, from the social "machine" to autopoiesis. Some of these changes may seem only to be playing with words, and yet this shifting of terms changed worlds.

He was a sharp observer of minute differences. No wonder he embraced the theory of the organization of the living of Maturana and Varela, in which the concept of the observer plays a key role. Combined with his precise and complex reasoning trained in legal science he further developed this theory and transferred it to sociology, where it became soon a cornerstone of his own monumental construction of theory.

Theory was his passion. But beyond being a great theorist, he was a great person. He had a lot of patience, towards his topics of study as well as towards his students and friends. Many friends and colleagues appreciated and enjoyed his sense of humour and his contagious smile. Scientific dispute and conflict he could keep separate from personal relations, as demonstrated brilliantly in the controversy with Habermas.

A considerable part of his life work consists in applying his abstract, complex frame of theoretical reference to virtually all areas of society, from the internal workings of administration to global

ecological problems, from politics and economy to arts, love, and religion. Aiming at a universal theory of society no sector of society was left out in his attempt to apply, test, and further develop his theory. He used his incredible encyclopaedic knowledge, accumulated from the tremendous amount of reading he did.

Luhmann spent most of his life in the plains of Northern Germany, not on the coast, but at Lüneburg, Hannover, Münster, and Bielefeld, where the sea is beyond the horizon, sending the winds to sweep up the skies, blue and grey. Horizons, after all, become one of the key concepts in his theory. It seems they were a key concept in his life too, as again and again he moved towards new challenges.

Early Years

Niklas Luhmann was born on December 8, 1927, in Lüneburg, Germany, as the son of the owner of a brewery. His mother was of Swiss origin, and the family kept their distance from politics during those difficult times. In 1944 seventeen year old Niklas Luhmann had to join the German armed forces. This experience, along with a short time of being a prisoner of war, convinced him to turn to the study of law at Freiburg afterwards (1946-49). He felt this was a way of creating some order in the chaos of life he had experienced so far and to counteract the lawlessness he had seen. This kind of study made him familiar with the handling of legal-theoretical constructions and the analysis of results of different possible options, a theme he would take up later in sociology, just like he would profit later from his passion for reading, which he had developed already as a pre-school child, and from his interest in history.

The Practitioner of Law and Public Administration

Nevertheless, there was no straight line to becoming a famous professor of sociology. The material hardships of post-war Germany urged him to study rapidly and to return to Lüneburg. There, traineeship for becoming a lawyer showed him that this profession would imply only formal independence while in fact making

him dependent on a variety of constraints. With his peculiar and often surprising logic, with which he later on would work out the issues of functional equivalence and differentiation, he decided to go into public administration. This promised more liberty to follow his own ideas.

First at the Court of Administration at Lüneburg (1954), then at the State Ministry of Culture and Education in Hannover he was doing practical work on legal affairs of public administration, without neglecting private intellectual interests. At that time his ideas were not yet very clearly focussed, although directed towards theoretical aspects of law and philosophy (1955-62). In this period he got married (1960) and soon had a family with three children. During this time, however, it became also clear that his curriculum and interests would not fit an ordinary administrative career, and that he was not willing to give up his independence by joining a political party in order to succeed. Although he liked his work, it gradually became routine. Aware of the difficulties of progressing in his career, Niklas Luhmann gladly accepted the opportunity to take a sabbatical leave to go to Harvard for a year (1960-61). There he studied with Talcott Parsons and collected materials for a future publication.

Beginnings of a Scientific Career

Upon his return to Germany, another opportunity opened up for Niklas Luhmann to continue his scientific work without abandoning his status as a state government official. He managed to get transferred to a research institute at the School of Public Administration at Speyer (1962-65). There he enjoyed great independence in his work and could follow his own scientific interests. At Speyer he published his first book on *Functions and Consequences of Formal Organizations* (1964).

His career as a sociologist started in 1966, when Niklas Luhmann was at the age of 39 already. At that time Helmut Schelsky was involved in the foundation of a new *Reform University*, which after all turned out to be at Bielefeld. He had convinced

Niklas Luhmann to come to Dortmund to work with him in 1965. In 1966 Niklas Luhmann managed to get his PhD as well as his Habilitation at the University of Münster, working with Helmut Schelsky and Dieter Claessens.

At Münster, Niklas Luhmann gave his inaugural lecture on *Sociological Enlightenment*, setting up a program of sociological research inspired by the Age of Enlightenment and with high ambitions for sociology.

The Professor at Bielefeld

In 1968, Niklas Luhmann was the first professor formally appointed at the newly founded Reform University of Bielefeld. There, as a member of the Faculty of Sociology, he could finally devote his full energy to a theory of modern society. For Niklas Luhmann this was first to be a description of society. His efforts to develop such a description as a theory without a normative basis were primarily inspired by systems theory and cybernetics and to some extent by Husserl's phenomenology.

The basic rationale for this approach was that a description and analysis is required before any recipes can be given. A theory, in Luhmann's opinion, first of all should provide a better and more complex understanding of the world. One important attempt to investigate the range of his theoretical approach and to expand it in confrontation with another important theory was the so-called Habermas - Luhmann controversy (1971).

Methodology

Being trained in law, Niklas Luhmann developed precise and complicated argumentations, i.e. "techniques of theory". However, he did not do empirical work in the sense of research projects involving empirical data collection and statistical processing or participant observation in the ethnological style. Instead, he worked empirically in terms of library research and case studies, corresponding to the style of legal science. Perhaps this conformed more closely to his topic than the collection of empirical raw data. After all, his topic was society as a whole and his passion was theory.

Student of Parsons and Researcher on Complexity

In a way, Niklas Luhmann, a student of Parsons at Harvard, can be considered a worthy successor to Talcott Parsons and

the earlier classic figures in sociology. It was Parsons and after him Luhmann, who aimed at working out a universal encompassing sociological theory - grand theory!

In another way, he was not a follower of Parsons, although his whole work is based on functionalism. Niklas Luhmann very clearly perceived the problems in Parsons' approach and dynamized and generalized very radically the original structural-functional approach by a strategic shift of paradigm to problem-functionalism and by assigning a central theoretical place to the concept of functional equivalence. These were, in a way, "theory-technical" pre-conditions for giving a central place to complexity and making this highly abstract concept not only a "world formula", as some would say, but also making it highly productive for sociological analysis. Much of Luhmann's work can be considered an analysis of complexity under different conditions and in different sectors of society.

Complexity, however, leaned toward remaining an empty formula. In Luhmann's theoretical framework it becomes more tangible and obtains an increased capacity for guiding theory when it is combined with autopoiesis. To arrive at a general theory of society, Luhmann incorporated and adapted to his own work the theory of autopoietic systems, developed originally by Maturana and Varela for living systems. Considered as communication systems, social systems are non-living systems in Niklas Luhmann's view. With this, his theory of society is about as far from Maturana and Varela as from Parsons' "Structure of Social Action", AGIL system, and pattern variables.

This move in a way also leads to a thinning of sociology from action to mere communication, from a colourful multi-level system consisting of a number of emergent levels of reality, as described e.g. by Walter Buckley, to the apparently isolated level of pure communication. For this level, according to Luhmann, everything else, including human beings as persons and psychic systems, is "environment". A central category in this set-up of theory is not the actor anymore, but the observer.

The Observer

Luhmann insisted on being an observer. Not necessarily because he would object to action, but definitely because he

objected to premature action. After all, observation is the first step. For this he had a predestination, being a specialist of law trained in observing situations, fitting them to legal frameworks and regulations, and arguing with the tools provided by legal theory. This, along with his longstanding interest in history and his study of Husserl and phenomenology, sets him apart from the style of natural sciences, i.e. empirical measurement, data collection, and statistical hypothesis testing as a way to construct theory.

The Sociologist

Although there are reproaches that Luhmann was "too philosophical", close reading of his works, and especially his late work, shows that he was indeed a sociologist, usually, however, a very abstract one. He clearly pinpoints and takes into account philosophical problems. But more than anything else he was interested in their social basis and social consequences. In this way it is hardly justified to call him a philosopher. Instead, what he was doing intensively was a sociology of knowledge and in many instances even a sociology of philosophy.

Conclusion

Niklas Luhmann carried the analysis of social systems as communication systems to its last stage. What this means for sociology as a contemporary discipline is by no means clear yet. But where a genius has brought about a new paradigm, for the army of "regular scientists", in the sense of Thomas S. Kuhn, there remains a lot to be done.

His restriction to "observation" is clearly against the tides of the time. Yet if many of us, sociologists and systems scientists, think we cannot afford the luxury of non-intervention in our problem-ridden times, or if we are in fact under daily pressure in our jobs to "produce" both scientific results and students to the precise profiles requested by the economy and the "market", we should take a moment to consider whether such a great personality like Niklas Luhmann does not have a series of lessons to teach us. Complexity can be handled only by complexity, variety is required to allow answers to new surprises and problems. Time, temporalization, and different speeds in different societal subsystems are crucial elements of current life. The firm structures of our world are dissolving into processes and events enabling precarious autopoiesis. **BUT:** Reflection and learning

comes only after the event, reaction to a set of problems produces effects only once the situation has changed already again. Even those who may not fully share Niklas Luhmann's opinion that sociology should not try to improve the world, should take very seriously his insistence on careful

observation and theory building, on ethics depending on theory (not determining it) and on the functional differentiation between science, including sociology, and politics. Niklas Luhmann's death is an obligation for us to preserve his legacy and to

continue in his interdisciplinary and inquiring spirit to explore the frontiers of sociological systems science. His credo of "Sociological Enlightenment" certainly deserves to be adopted by all of us as a major orientation to our work.

Publications of the ISA

Books reviews for *International Sociology*

International Sociology is about to start a book review section. This will play a key role not carried out elsewhere. Its aim is to promote wider knowledge of work relevant to sociologists internationally, but limited in its diffusion by language or national boundaries. Important recent books in languages other than English (especially lesser-known ones), or published outside the main English-language markets, will be reviewed so that those who might not otherwise know of the existence of such books, or who do not read those languages, can learn about work of interest to them. The reviews will summarise and report as well as evaluating; sometimes there will be more than one reviewer, presenting the contrasting perspectives of different national sociologies. A globalised

world needs a more globalised sociology, and these reviews will help to bring that about.

Members who might be interested in reviewing for this section are invited to send in the details of their expertise and interests, and of the languages they can read, as well as any other background information which might be relevant to the choice of appropriate reviewers. They are in addition invited to nominate other appropriate reviewers in their field (who should also be ISA members). Reviews will normally be expected to be written in English, though sometimes negotiation on that may be possible; drafts will be edited for language, so less than native English will be perfectly acceptable.

Members are also invited to make suggestions of books they know (not their own!) that have a wider importance which would justify a review of this kind. If making a suggestion, please if possible send a photocopy of the title page, list of contents and any descriptive text on the cover, as well as explaining why that book is suggested.

Offers and suggestions should be sent to the Book Review Editor:
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New Editor of the *Sage Studies* *in International Sociology*

ISA Publications Committee is please to announce that Professor Julia Evetts has been appointed Editor of book series *Sage Studies in International Sociology*. Professor Julia Evetts is Professor of Sociology in the School of Sociology and Social Policy of the University of Nottingham, UK. Author of five books and forty refereed papers, Professor Evetts has conducted research on work, occupations and professions such as teaching, science, engineering and banking and on gender

differences in careers. She is currently involved in a research project on the internationalization of aspects of professional regulation and is writing the history of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations. Professor Evetts is Director of the Centre for Professions and Professional Work of the University of Nottingham and President of ISA Research Committee 52, the Sociology of Professional Groups.

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A Short Report from the XIV World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, 1998

by Gilles Pronovost, Chair, Canadian Local Organising Committee

The final count of registrations indicates that 4556 people, from 96 different countries attended the last World Congress of Sociology in Montreal, in 1998 (a report published in Bulletin 77 was incomplete; the difference is mainly due to the fact that in the very first day of the congress, we processed about two-thirds of the registrations, and one may understand that the staff at the desks forgot to systematically fill in a sub-file of every participant's file so-called 'arrived'; we then made a careful check afterward). The count indicates that about 75% of the participants came from category A countries, 50% were not ISA members, and 20% fell under the student category. If one takes into consideration only participants who attended the congress, the best represented countries were the United States, Canada and United Kingdom. However, if one adds journalists and accompanying persons, Canadian participation is the most important.

Prior to the congress, the CLOC organised the following activities: an Integrative Colloquium following the Pre-Congress Colloquia, and the pre-congress seminar for winners of the Young Sociologists Competition; it also supported the meeting of the Research Council. We also organised a Book Publishers' Exhibition, a Film Festival, a Day-Care Center and Social and Tourist Activities. We booked rooms for approximately 54% of the participants (a bit more than 15000 nights). In addition to the Programme and Sociological Abstracts documents, we published ten Pre-Congress volumes, the Letters from the President, the Touraine Report, the Jennifer Platt's wonderful book on the History of ISA. It really was a full four-year organisation. The Scientific Program contained 951 scientific sessions, and over 3000 conferences, i.e.: 3 Presidential sessions; 6 Symposia; 50 Research Committees; 5 Working Groups; 4 Thematic Groups; 17 Ad Hoc Groups on various topics; 16 SSO-A activities, of one or two sessions, organised by national or

regional associations affiliated to the ISA; 4 SSO-B sessions organised by other national or regional associations affiliated to the ISA; 8 SSO-C sessions organised upon the initiative of the ISA and the Program Committee; 1 session organised by the UNESCO Social Sciences Council; 1 workshop on the use of computers in quantitative and qualitative analysis, organised by the Research Committee 33 (Logic and Methodology); 1 RCC Training Session for the Steering Board of Research Committees.

The bottom line is that unfortunately close to 35% of the abstracts published in Sociological Abstracts and over 45% of the papers in the Programme document belonged to non-registered people. Our effort to have participants stick more closely with the deadlines and to pre-register, have partly failed. The consequences are increased costs and of course a lot of changes in the contents of the sessions, which have been the main complain from the participants.

We experienced difficulties in coping with the publication of the scientific programme. Practically, the great majority of program co-ordinators did not send their program on time. In addition to that, most of the programs sent to the Congress Secretariat were incomplete, not to mention last minutes changes. In fact it seems that sociologists work hard in order not to respect deadlines and not to comply with congress regulations!

During the congress, we think that participants enjoyed the many services available: audio-visual equipment, computer facilities, free access to the Internet, disk printing and photocopying services, bookstore service, permanent information desks with a trilingual staff. At the peak time, over 50 persons worked for the congress. We also took the initiative of suggesting to ISA at least on plenary session open to the public; which was the second presidential session on Social Knowledge and the Multiplicity of

Languages and Cultures (attended by about 1,000 persons).

It could be said that the large press coverage was remarkable, which is quite rare for a social sciences congress. One hundred nineteenth reporters were present. We had a five-page report in *La Presse* on the day prior to the congress. However, the entire Montreal press covered the Congress, generally by publishing more than one article. We have counted 63 papers published in the printed media. TV and radio were no less behind, since Radio-Canada, Radio-Canada International, the France-Press Agency, Voice of America, and most of the other Montreal radio stations covered the Congress. Many members of the Organising Committee and of the ISA Executive Committee, as well as participants, were interviewed. We have counted 44 radio and TV appearances, in which we have not included the international coverage.

We have submitted to the ISA Executive Committee a full report of the congress. This report contains 16 different recommendations including some on enforcing the respect of the deadlines, on new ratio of accommodations according to different categories of hotels, on the cultural, social and tourist activities and on the use of the three official languages of the ISA.

Finally, let me thank, sincerely, all the members of the CLOC: Paul R. Bélanger, Ann Denis, Susan Hoecker-Drysdale, Marcel Fournier, Jacques Hamel, Marcel Rafie (secretary-treasurer), Bill Reimer (vice-president), Michael Smith and Madeleine Bergevin, coordinator. I also wish to thank personally the wonderful team of the BCOC of the University of Montreal, which acted on a highly professional manner and surely contributed to the success of this congress.

Calendar of Future Events

For more details on the conferences organized by the ISA Research Committees, Working and Thematic Groups, see ISA web site at: <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa>

April 30-May 2, 1999

ISA Research Committees Social Stratification and Logic and Methodology
Place: Potsdam, Germany

Theme: Recent Trends and Methods of Social Stratification Research
Joint conference of the Methodology Section of the German Sociological Society, The Berlin-Brandenburg Network of Longitudinal Researchers (LWBB), ISA RC28 and RC33.

Organizer: Uwe Engel,
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Information:

<http://www.unizar.es/sociocybernetics/cret.html>

May 26-29, 1999

Public and Private Sector Partnership: Furthering Development

Place: University College Cork, Ireland

The overall aim of this Conference is to bring together professionals and academics working in the area of or with an interest in Partnership for Business Development.

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June 1999

ISA Research Committee on Participation and Self-Management

Place: St Petersburg, Russia

Theme: RC10 Conference on New Forms of Management, Participation and Privatization in Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the Process of Economic and Social Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe

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June 3-6, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Agriculture

Place: Toronto, Canada

RC40 sessions at the joint Annual Meetings of the Association for the Study of Food and Society & the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, Ryerson Polytechnic University, Toronto.

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Junio 7-11, 1999

Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales y Medicina

Lugar: Isla de Margarita, Venezuela
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June 14-20, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Family Research

Place: Berlin, Germany

Theme: XXXVI CFR Seminar on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Families

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June 16-18, 1999

4th ASEAN Inter-University Seminar on Social Development

Place: Pattani, Thailand

Theme: Southeast Asia into the 21st Century: Critical Transitions, Continuity and Change.

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June 19-20, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Women in Society

Place: Tromso, Norway

RC32 meeting at the Interdisciplinary Congress on Women

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Junio 23-26, 1999

ISA RC10 Sub-Comité Latino-Americano
Lugar: Lima, Perú

Tema: XII Seminario Internacional: Participación Ciudadana y Economía Social en Iberoamérica: Un Balance Hacia el Tercer Milenio

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June 26 - July 1, 1999

World Conference of Science

Place: Budapest

Theme: Science for the Twenty-First

May 5-8, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification

Place: Warsaw, Poland

Theme: RC28 Spring meeting on Political, Economic and Cultural Contexts of Stratification and Mobility

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May 12-16, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Clinical Sociology

Place: Spetse, Greece

RC46 colloque "Pouvoir, Violence, Souffrance"

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Mai 17-21, 1999

ISA Comité de Recherche Femme et Société

Venue: Dakar, Sénégal

Le colloque La recherche féministe dans la francophonie plurielle

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May 26-31, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Sociocybernetics

Place: Crete, Greece

Theme: Sociocybernetic Bridges between the Past, Present and Future: Problems of Emergence and Complexity in Sustainable Systems

Century. A New Commitment. Jointly organized by UNESCO and International Council for Science (ICSU), the conference will analyse where the natural sciences stand today and where they are heading, what their social impact has been and what society expects from them. Information: Secretariat World Conference of Science, UNESCO, 7 place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris, France, Fax: 33-1-45685823, Email: confsci@unesco.org

June 28-29, 1999

Gypsy Lore Society Annual Meeting
Place: Firenze, Italy
Papers on any aspects of Gypsy Studies are welcome but substantive papers will be given priority.
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July 4-6, 1999,

Research Committee on Social Psychology
Place: Saldanha, Western Cape Town, South Africa
RC42 conference on Social Identities, Groups and Change
Co-organizers: Tina UYS
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July 6-9, 1999

South African Sociological Association Annual Congress
Place: Saldanha, Western Cape, South Africa
Theme: Securing South Africa's Future
Papers and discussions around all aspects of South Africa's future are encouraged: the economy, democracy, human rights, security, crime, health, education, development, environment, etc., as well as on the future and role of sociology and sociological research in this process.
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July 6-8, 1999

International Conference on Migration, Culture and Crime
Place: Kibbutz Ma'ale Hahamisha, Israel
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July 7-8, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Ethnic, Race

and Minority Relations
Place: Tel-Aviv University & Al-Kutz University, Israel
Theme: RC05 Interim Conference on general issues of racism and ethnicity but that are particularly pertinent in the Israeli/Palestinian situation. The conference will be composed of six panels: Issues of Racism and Ethnicity in Israel and Palestine; Military Divided Societies; Indigenous People; Multiculturalism in Settler Societies; Diasporas and Homelands; Gender, Ethnicity and Nationalism.
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July 7-10, 1999

International Symposium on Society and Resource Management
Place: Brisbane, Australia
Section Rural Sociology and Political Economy: this section will provide an interdisciplinary forum where professionals and practitioners gather to discuss the ways social, cultural, economic and environmental resource management issues can be integrated.
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July 8-11, 1999

RC52 Sociology of Professional Groups
Place: University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA
Globalization and the Good Society. Sessions of the Professions Network coordinated by Julia Evetts, RC President at the 11th Annual Meeting on Socio-Economics. Information: SASE seseorg@aol.com or Linda Poxon, linda.poxon@nottingham.ac.uk

July 11-15, 1999

34th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology
Place: Tel Aviv, Israel
Theme: Multiple Modernities in an Era of Globalization addresses one of the central intellectual and scientific challenges that bridge between this century and the next one: our understanding of the convergence and divergence of culture, identities and social structures in an era of intensifying relations among societies.
Information: IIS Congress Secretariat,

Ortra Ltd., Nirim 1 St., POB 9352, Tel Aviv 61092, Israel, tel: 972-3-6384444, fax: 972-3-6384455, Email: iis@ortra.co.il

On the occasion of the IIS Congress the below ISA Research Committees will held their seminars:

RC10 Research Committee on Participation and Self-Management
Interim Seminar on Challenges Confronting Participation and Organizational Democracy in an Era of Globalization
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RC17 Research Committee on Sociology of Organization
Sessions on Organizational Adaptation to Globalization
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RC18 Research Committee on Political Sociology
Panels on Multiple Modernities in an Era of Globalization
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RC36 Research Committee on Alienation Theory and Research
Interim Regional Seminar on Researching Alienation in the Light of Globalization
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RC41 Research Committee on Sociology of Population organizes two sessions.
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RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements sessions on Multiple Modernities, Classes and Social Movements. Organizers: Manuel A. Garreton, RC President and Sasha

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RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action
and Social Change sessions on: The state
of the art in social movements research
and theory, and Comparative studies of
Social Movements - Research and Theory.
Organizer: Tova Benski, Dept Behavioral
Sciences, College of Management Studies,
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Israel, Tel 972-3-8253576, Fax 972-3-
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RC50 International Tourism sessions on
Environment and Tourism: The Challenges
and Perspectives for the New Millennium.
Organizer: Nelson Prato Barbosa,
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July 12-13, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Sociology of
Childhood
Place: Sydney, Australia
RC53 sponsored seminar "Taking children
seriously"
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July 15-17, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Sociology of
Law
Place: Warsaw & Cracow, Poland
RC12 Annual Meeting
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July 18-21, 1999

International Society for Political
Psychology
XXII Annual Scientific meeting
Place: Amsterdam, The Netherlands
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July 19-22, 1999

International Association of Schools and
Institutes of Administration Annual
Conference
Place: Birmingham, UK
Theme: Shaping Public management for
Effectiveness, Accountability and

Democracy: Implications for Education
and Training
Information: IASIA, Rue Defacqz 1, Box
11, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium, fax 33-2-
5379702, iasia@agoranet.be

July 26-30, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Sociology of
Religion
Place: Louvain, Belgium
RC22 two sessions at the SISR meeting:
Les categories de la sociologie de religion
sont-elles universelles ou ethnocentriques?,
and Paradigms in the Socio-Scientific
Study of Religion: Do they Require
Renewal?
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July 27-31, 1999

International Association for Media and
Communication Conference
Place: Leipzig, Germany
Theme: After Ten Years of Change: Media
Systems in Transition on the Eve of the
Information Society of the 21st Century
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July 28-31, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Regional and
Urban Development
Place: Shanghai Academy of Social
Science, China
Theme: RC21 sessions at the conference
on the Future of Chinese Cities: A research
Agenda for the 21 Century.
Information: John Logan, Dept Sociology,
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August 4-8, 1999

Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting
Place: Chicago, Illinois, USA
Theme: Empowering Communities:
revisiting Democracy and Globalization
Information: RSS Business Office, Dept
Sociology, Arntzen Hall, Western
Washington Univ, Bellingham, WA 98225-
9081, USA, fax 1-360-6507295,
ruralsoc@cc.wvu.edu

On that occasion ISA Research Committee
on Environment and Society holds a Mini-
conference on the Environmental State
Under Pressure: The Issues and the
Research Agenda
Organizers: Frederick Buttel, Dept Rural

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Dr., Madison, WI 53706, USA, Tel 1-608-
2627156, Fax 1-608-2626022,
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Univ Wageningen, Hollandseweg 1, 6706
KN Wageningen, Netherlands, Tel 31-317-
483874, Fax 31-317-483990

August 6-10, 1999

Annual Meeting of the American
Sociological Association
Place: Chicago, USA

On that occasion ISA Research Committee
on Sociology of Disasters will have two
panels. Information: E.L. (Henry)
Quarantelli, elqdr@udel.edu, Disaster
Research Center, Univ Delaware, Newark,
Delaware 19716, USA, tel: 1-302-831-
6618, fax: 1-302-8312091

August 12-14, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Social
Stratification
Place: University of Wisconsin, Madison,
USA
RC28 Conference on Social Stratification
at Century's End: International
Perspective.
Information: Adam Gamoran, Dept
Sociology, Univ Wisconsin, 1180
Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706,
USA, tel 1-608-2632921, fax 1-608-
2655389, gamoran@ssc.wisc.edu

August 18-20, 1999

Citizenship and Public Administration at
the Information Age: Constructing Citizen-
Oriented Society for the Future
Place: University of Tampere, Finland
The purpose of this conference is to
discuss, in a multinational and
multidisciplinary context, the role of
citizens and public administration in the
emerging information society.
Information: Matti MALKIA, Dept
Administrative Sciences, Univ Tampere,
POB 607, 33101 Tampere, Finland,
malkia@uta.fi, fax: 358-3-215-6020,
[http://www.uta.fi/laitokset/hallinto/1999-IS-
conference](http://www.uta.fi/laitokset/hallinto/1999-IS-conference)

August 18-21, 1999

4th European Conference of Sociology
Place: Free University, Amsterdam, The
Netherlands
Theme: Will Europe Work? Organized by
the European Sociological Association.
Information: SISWO, Planatge
Muidegracht 4, 1018 TV Amsterdam,
Netherlands, tel: 31-20-5270600, fax: 31-
20-6229430, esa@siswo.uva.nl,

<http://www.siswo.uva.nl>

On the occasion of the ESA Congress the below ISA Research Committees will held their sessions:

RC23 Research Committee on Sociology of Sciences organizes six streams of sessions on Changing Conditions of Research and Development Activities in Europe.

Organizers: Raymund Werle, werle@mpi-fg-koeln.mpg.de, Marja Heyrinen-Alestalo, marja.alestalo@helsinki.fi, Maarten Mentzel, mentzel@sepa.tudelft.nl

RC28 Research Committee on Social Stratification organizes a stream of 6 sessions on Changing Patterns of Stratification.

Information: Paul de Graaf: pdefraaf@mailbox.kun.nl

RC44 Research Committee on Labor Movements will convene one or two sessions.

Information: Richard Hyman, Industrial Relations Research Unit, Univ Warwick, Coventry CV4 7A1, UK, Tel 44-1203-523840, Fax 44-1203-524656, r.hyman@warwick.ac.uk

RC52 Research Committee on Sociology of Professional Groups sessions on Work and the Life Course: new careers, new patterns of work time.

Organizer: Julia Evetts, School Sociology, Univ Nottingham, Univ Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD, UK, Tel 44-115-9515396, Fax 44-115-9515232, julia.evetts@nottingham.ac.uk

RC53 Research Committee on Sociology of Childhood sessions.

Information: Sylvia Trnka, Dietrichsteingas 9-10, 1090 Vienna, Austria, Tel 43-1-3192188, Fax 43-1-3192188, trnka@eunet.at

September 9-12, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy
Place: Prague, Czech Republic
RC19 Annual Conference on Societal Changes and Social Policy Responses.
Information: Eliska Rendlova, rendlova@gw.czso.cz, Masaryk Czech Sociological Association, Husova 4, 110 00 Praha 1, Czech Republic

September 17-19, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Sociotechnics, Sociological Practice
Place: Sparta, Greece
RC26 conference on Power, Conflict and Mediation in One World
Information: Georgos Tsobanoglou, Dept Sociology, Univ Thessaly, Zaharitasa 5, 11742 Athens, Greece, Tel 30-1-9239113, Fax 30-1-9239113, odysseas@hellasnet.gr

September 20-22, 1999

Researching for Health: Challenges and Controversies
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concern to the study of health and society.
Information: Congress Secretariat, Researching for Health Conference, Concorde Service Ltd, 4B, 50 Speirs Wharf, Glasgow, G4 9TB, Scotland, tel: 44-141-3310123, fax: 44-141-3319234, event@conscot.demon.co.uk, <http://www.ruhbc.ed.uk/confs/rfh99>

September 30 - October 2, 1999

Place: Vienna, Austria
Nature, Society and History. Long Term Dynamics of Societal Metabolism
International conference organized by RC24 together with the Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies of Austrian Universities (IFF).
Information: Barbara Smetschka, barbara.smetschka@univie.ac.at, IFF-Social Ecology, Seidengasse 13, 1070 Vienna, Austria, fax 43-1-5235843 <http://www.univie.ac.at/iffsoc>

November 20-22, 1999

ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Health
Place: University of Singapore
RC15 co-sponsored International Conference on Socio-Cultural and Policy Dimensions of Health Care. The major purpose of the conference is to stimulate contact between medical and social researchers at the National University of Singapore and the international community of health care experts
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







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