

Dear colleagues and friends!

Our newsletter in its usual half-year term is in front of you thanks to the efforts of Ake Sandberg and the help of his colleagues at the Arbetslivscentrum in Stockholm. There are some informations hopefully usefull and interesting for you. Unfortunately we had not enough returns for the Directory which we hoped to produce and to join with this Newsletter; so you will find this time only a membership list.

Remaining in the field of publications we can happily announce two more which are the product of our research committees activities:

1. Finally the proceedings of our Osnabrck workshop will appear soon under the title "The State, Trade Unions and Self-Management. Issues in Competence and Control", edited by G. Sz,11, P. Blyton, C. Cornforth and V. Rus. The publisher is de Gruyter in Berlin & New York.

2. Within its series Current Sociology the International Sociological Association publishes in volume 36/1988 (summer or winter) my trendreport with a selected and annotated bibliography on "Participation, workers' Control and Self-Management". The manuscript is already with the publisher. It is here the occasion to thank all those members of RC 10 who did help me in many ways. I only could not integrate all the materials I received in a single volume, especially the country specific aspects. So I am already thinking of a second volume. Not only therefore I would be very interested in your comments and reactions.

Perhaps one of our next workshops is the occasion to meet and continue our debates. We just finished a very successful meeting on "Social Movements as a Force of De-alienation" in Dubrovnik from March 14 to 18, 1988; organized together with the RC 36 on the "Sociology of Alienation" with whom we do have numerous links. (As you may have learned through the media that Mikhail Gorbachev honoured us with his presence in Dubrovnik and greeted some of the participants personally. So after the address of Jesse Jackson during the Boston workshop in 1987 you notice that some of the most influential persons in the world get more and more interested in economic democracy and workers' self-management. Actually Gorbachev was in Yugoslavia to study self-management experiences for his perestroika campaign. So I am wondering whom our friends from India will present us in Hyderabad.) The workshop in Dubrovnik was the occasion to have a board meeting where we could prepare our future activities:

The programme for the next years has developed quite nicely thanks to the endeavours of many:

* For those who do speak French a next meeting is at the "XIIIŠ Colloque de l'Association Internationale des Sociologues de Langue Francaise" from August 29 to September 2, 1988 in Geneva on "Le Lien Social. Identit,s Personnelles et Solidarit,s Collectives dans le Monde Contemporain". As member of the board of this Association and as the responsible of the section "Les Institutions ... l'preuve", and as well of the research committee "Sociologie de l'Autogestion" I would be pleased to welcome at least some of you to strengthen those links.

* You will find also in this newsletter the definitive invitation by our Indian friends for the official mid-term conference of our RC in Hyderabad on "Experiments and Experiences of workers' Participation for Effective Industrial Democracy" from December 28 to 30, 1988.

* Our friends from Latin-America who are going to form a subcommittee propose a conference in 1989 (March or July) in Lima, Peru on "Autogestiçn y participaciçn en America Latina y el Tercer Mundo hacia la d,cada del Noventa por la Vida y por la Paz".

* From June 13 to 16, 1989 Lars Erik Karlsson invites us to the Polar Circle in North Sweden to debate on "New Technology and Participatory Democracy". This will be a very active conference, different from others, with perhaps also a visit to VOLVO's Uddevalla car factory, the most modern in the world, near Gothenburg, and not to forget the social side for which the Scandinavians are famous and which we try to keep up in our RC meetings.

* For October 1989 we received an invitation by the Bulgarian Sociological Association and the Trade Union Research Institute in Sofia to organize a workshop on recent developments on participation and self-management. The board

