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From the Secretary

An important decision to be made at our World Congress business meeting is the location of our next interim conference, in 2000. Anyone who might like to act as local organiser for one is urged to think about it and to check the practicalities with their institution before then; Dick Pels may be willing to pass on what he learned last year about what is involved.

Recently I opened a deposit account for RCHS, so that some of our money could earn interest. When filling in the account details, the young man doing it had a prolonged struggle with his computer, which demanded the name of a person rather than of an organisation. 'RCHS Platt' sounded sufficiently like a name - but it also required a personal title. To call it 'Mr', the simplest option, did not seem right; finally, in desperation, he offered me my choice from the machine's repertoire, suggesting that I might like 'Air Commodore', or even 'Lord'! Perhaps I should not have been so modest on our behalf - but I made it just 'Professor'.

Many thanks once again to Mrs Miriam Chall and to Martin Bulmer, who continue to assist the RCHS finances by taking responsibility for the distribution of some copies of this Newsletter.

RCHS EC Elections

We have now filled more positions on our Executive, though still not enough. The new executive, to take over at the World Congress, so far consists of those whose names are given below. This leaves the essential position of Secretary still unfilled; Jennifer Platt is happy to answer the questions of anyone who might be interested in filling it. It also leaves up to five slots for other Executive Council members unfilled. Further nominations are encouraged and, given the composition so far, candidates from outside Europe might be especially welcomed.

President	Dirk Kaesler	Executive Council	Jack Barbalet
Vice-Presidents	Martin Bulmer		Hans-Peter Mueller
	Nico Stehr		Dick Pels
Secretary	? [to be chosen]		Jennifer Platt
			Antoni Sulek

Leo P. Chall Dissertation Fellowship

It is a pleasure to announce the winner of this year's Fellowship, who is Patricia Vannier, of the University of Toulouse ; her dissertation topic is

There was a strong field of applicants this year. Our thanks are due to Dirk Kaesler, Denes Nemedi and Stephen Turner, who performed the difficult task of drawing up the short list from which the Trustees made the final decision.

World Congress: Montréal 1998

Financial support for attendance

The central ISA has provision in its budget for financial support for speakers or session chairs from countries with lower average incomes (List B or C on the ISA membership application form given at the end of this Newsletter). Only individual members of ISA who have paid their dues are eligible for this. Anyone eligible who wishes to apply should send a letter of application to Secrétariat du XIVe congrès mondial de sociologie, Université de Montréal, Case postale 6128, Succursale Centre-ville, Montréal, Québec H3C 3J7, Canada, to arrive no later than 31 January 1998. Grants can be allocated for air fares, registration fees, and/or accommodation in student residences, but not daily subsistence expenses. Decisions on the allocation of grants will be made by the end of February.

The RCHS EC has also now agreed to make available a small amount of money (our funds are only modest) for grants to help members from countries on lists B and C to attend the Congress, if they are giving a paper in one of our sessions. This will only be offered *after* application has been made for what is available from the ISA centrally, so can only be applied for after the decisions have been made on that. Unless there are very exceptional circumstances, no individual will receive more than \$250; it will be available for any reasonable expense. Applications should be sent to Jennifer Platt, by March 10, summarising the applicant's financial situation in relation to the Congress and saying how much is requested for what purpose. The decisions will be made very quickly by a subgroup of three members of the EC, so that applicants will still have time to pre-register at the lower rate.

Registration

Registration forms are available from the ISA Secretariat in Madrid, from the Congress secretariat (Secrétariat du XIVe congrès mondial de sociologie, Université de Montréal, Case postale 6128, Succursale Centre-ville, Montréal, Québec H3C 3J7, Canada.) or from the Internet at <http://www.bcoc.umontreal.ca>. Anyone who is not already an ISA member would be wise to join before registering, since registration is significantly cheaper for ISA members. (Note that in future the journal International Sociology is to become a free membership benefit.) New rates for ISA membership will apply from 1 Jan. 1998; these are significantly cheaper for people from countries on lists B and C. Congress registration fees are also graded by country in the same way. March 31 is the deadline for registering for the Congress by anyone on the programme, who will not appear on it unless registered; it is also the deadline for getting the cheaper rate for early registration.

Our programme

There have been some changes to our provisional programme since the last newsletter. The sessions on 'Changing discourses in Eastern and Central Europe', 'Hegel's social theory', and Studies and restudies of communities' are cancelled. However, there will be two 'General' sessions, and two on 'The history of sociology and the stabilisation of disciplinary identity'. Most other sessions now have a fairly full number of papers accepted; however, it is not impossible for late offerings to be squeezed in - perhaps on a waiting list in case anyone drops out - so it may be worth trying even at this stage, though those who made their offers by the deadline naturally have priority. A complete draft programme will appear in next spring's newsletter. The details for sessions that might still have room are listed overleaf.

Interconnections between early sociology and social policy

The interventions of early sociologists in the practical, political arena of social policy.
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East European traditions of sociology

(Further details available from proposer.)

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L’histoire de la sociologie canadienne / The history of Canadian sociology

Les thèmes suggérés sont les suivants: les individus clefs, surtout ceux qui n’ont particulièrement reçu beaucoup d’attention; le développement de sociologies régionales (du Québec, des Maritimes, de l’Ontario, des Prairies ou de la Colombie Britannique); des liens historiques entre la sociologie et les autres disciplines (ex. anthropologie, économie politique, études des femmes, histoire sociale, philosophie...); de l’histoire des domaines substantifs, théories ou approches méthodologiques.

Suggested topics include: key individuals, especially those who have not yet received a great deal of attention; the development of regional sociologies (British Columbia, the Prairies, Ontario, Québec, the Maritimes); the historical links between sociology and other disciplines (e.g. anthropology, philosophy, political economy, social history, women’s studies...); the history of substantive areas, theories or methodological approaches.

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In search of a ‘good society’: the concept of sociology as a ‘moral science’ in the history of sociology.

The different courses of the concept of sociology as a scholarly enterprise to formulate scientific designs for the ‘good society’ in different national traditions; the historical processes of the ‘scientific turn’ after which even the idea of sociology as a ‘moral science’ was banned as unscientific; where does sociology stand in this discussion as we approach the 21st century?

Prof. Dirk Kaesler, Institut für Soziologie, Phillips-Universität Marburg, Am Grün 1, Fronhof, D-35037 Marburg, Germany; kaesler@mail.uni-marburg.de

Dr Maarten Mentzel, 38 Johan de Wittstraat 38, 2334 AR Leiden, Netherlands; maartenm@sepa.tudelft.nl

Harriet Martineau and the theoretical foundations of modern sociology)

Papers are invited on the continuing relevance of this pioneering British sociologist’s work in sociology today, the sociobiographical location of Martineau’s ideas and intellectual networks, Martineau’s shifting fortunes in the sociology of knowledge, and the epistemological origins of modern sociology exemplified in her work. Topics especially welcomed will include her theoretical positions and development over time, and the epistemological framework implicit in her translation /abridgment of Comte’s Positive Philosophy.

Dr Michael R. Hill, 2701 Sewell St., Lincoln, Nebraska 68502, USA

National sociological associations

National sociological associations have been given little attention in the history of sociology, but they play a significant role in it both organisationally and intellectually, though that role has differed considerably from one country or period to another. This session will attempt to

compare different associations and to relate them to their social contexts. The issues raised may range from their internal organisation and membership to their external political roles, and will include both their intellectual functions and their concern for such matters as research funding and members' employment. (A detailed list of topics which it might be relevant to cover will be circulated to those interested.)

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Histories of the use of sociological concepts in sociological research

Concepts mediate the relationship between theory and empirical research. The focus would be on the history of such use of particular concepts; examples could include anomie, social cohesion, charisma, social class, party self-identification, self-reported illness, poverty, religious belief. Discussions of any suitable concept would be considered.

Prof. Martin Bulmer, Dept. of Sociology, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH, UK; m.bulmer@soc.surrey.ac.uk

The Myrdals and modernity

Gunnar Myrdal was born in 1898, and played a quite significant role in the diffusion of some important strands of thought, carrying Chicago School concepts to Sweden and instrumental reform-minded policy analysis to the USA. He was influenced by Max Weber (scientific value-relativism) and Axel Hägerstrom (Scandinavian legal realism), and was successful on the American scene. His career, moreover, manifests the role of American philanthropy in the development of European as well as American social science. There is rich source material on him which has hardly been utilised. Papers relating to Alva Myrdal as well are most welcome. The Myrdals wrote books and travelled together and contributed to the same project of modernity and piecemeal social engineering.

Key concepts: secularisation, intellectual migration, national styles of research, value freedom/-orientation, instrumental means/end analyses, anti-metaphysics, social engineering.

Prof. Sven Eliaeson, Box 3524 Naset, Saxhyttan, S-712 94 Grythyttan, Sweden;
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The founding of German sociology: intellectual origins and social contexts

(Further details available from proposers.)

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Dr. John P. Drysdale, 4015 Hampton Ave., Montréal, Québec H4A 2L1, Canada;
drysdal@alcor.concordia.ca

Fin-de siècle journals: the Année Sociologique and the American Journal of Sociology

1998 will be the 100th anniversary of the first publication of the Année Sociologique, which started with leadoff articles by Durkheim and Simmel; the AJS was already in its fourth year of publication. This session would enable participants to make comparisons regarding the contents, contributors, approaches and impacts of the two journals on their respective sides of the Atlantic.

Prof. E. A. Tiryakian, Dept. of Sociology, Duke University, Durham, NC 27706, U.S.A;
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General sessions

These sessions are for papers which do not fit the remit of any other session. Only complete papers will be considered for them; an abstract is not sufficient. Christopher Adair-Toteff is taking over responsibility for one session, with papers on topics more related to the history of theory, while Jennifer Platt retains responsibility for another session, for papers more related to the history of empirical research or sociological institutions.

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Prof. J. Platt, Arts E, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9QN, Sussex, England;
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New Members and their Interests

The purpose of this list is to enable members with related interests to contact each other. If new members have not yet sent any information, they are not listed here. Anyone who has not done so is warmly invited to send details of their historical interests and work in progress for a future listing.

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| Stephen Kalberg | (Dept. of Sociology, Boston University, 96 Cummington St., Boston, MA 02215, USA.) Weber, Simmel |
| Stina Lyon | (School of Education, South Bank University, Borough Rd., London SE1 0AA; lyones@sbu.ac.uk) Research methods and methodology, education. |
| Allan Macdonell | (Dept. of Sociology, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5A3, Canada): History and sociology, history of school and community studies. |

Members' Work in Progress

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| Philippe Couton | Durkheim's selective reading of Montesquieu and Rousseau; Dewey's Laboratory School. |
| Stina Lyon | The Myrdals and educational reform as social engineering |



Recent publications by members



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Anele Vosyliute (ed.)
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Therese Wobbe
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Weg zur Wissenschaft, Frankfurt/New York: Campus, 1997.

News and Notes

The American Sociological Association has recognized 'The History of Sociology' as a 'section-in-formation.' To become a full-fledged 'section'--which carries numerous rights, such as offering paper sessions at the Annual Meeting and having an official business meeting time--the section must reach 200 members. Dues for the section are \$5.00 (U.S.) for the year. If the section reaches 200 members by Dec. 31, 1997, it will be able to offer two paper sessions at the 1998 meeting of ASA. The interim organizers for the section-in-formation are RCHS members Patricia Lengermann and Jill Niebrugge-Brantley; they may be contacted at e-mail--pml4@cornell.edu or jn-b@wells.edu; phone--607-277-7396; or regular mail 613 Utica St., Ithaca, New York, USA 14850. In anticipation of making the 200 members, the section-in-formation has announced two sessions: one session will focus on the topic 'History of Sociology: Departments, Journals and Associations', and the second session will be open. If the required membership is not achieved by December 31st, an organizational meeting/session will be held. Please direct all inquiries to Lengermann or Niebrugge-Brantley.

The archives of the U.S. Social Science Research Council (SSRC), not previously formally open to scholars, are now deposited at the Rockefeller Archive Center (RAC). These papers include records of SSRC governing bodies, staff correspondence and internal memoranda, fellowship and grant materials, committee and working group files, etc. Anyone wishing to consult these records should contact the RAC: Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Ave., North Tarrytown, NY 10591-1598.

A new journal, History of Psychology, has been founded by the American Psychological Association; its first issue will be in Spring 1998. It will feature papers on issues, areas and individuals in the history of psychology, and also in related areas such as theory in psychology as it pertains to history, historiography, biographical analysis, and the teaching of history of psychology. The editor will be Prof. M. M. Sokal of the Department of History at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

The Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences now has a new editor, John C. Burnham of Ohio State University, and is published by Wiley; its editorial policy remains the same. The editorial office address is Dr John C. Burnham, Dept. of History, Ohio State University, 230 W. 17th St., Columbus, Ohio, OH 43210-1367, USA; e mail, burnham2@osu.edu

Bryan Turner is editing the Thoemmes Press Origins of Sociology series for Routledge. The aim is to publish 3 box sets each year, each of which will start with early essays followed by reprints of classic studies; this starts with the Collected Works of Mannheim in 1997.

Congratulations to Hans-Peter Müller on his appointment as Max Weber Professor at New York University from Sept. 1997-9. His address there will be Center for European Studies,

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Addresses

Please note that if you send a change of address to the ISA Secretariat it is *not* automatically passed on to the secretary; it has recently been discovered that messages to some people had been going astray, because they assumed that they did not need also to send an update to the RC. Sorry!

Mitchell Ash's address from October 1 is: Institute of History, University of Vienna, Dr. Karl-Lueger-Ring 1, A-1090 Vienna, Austria.

Lars Clausen's e mail number was given wrongly in the last Newsletter - apologies for the system which translated it into gibberish - please note now the correct version:

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John Drysdale's address was given incorrectly in the last newsletter; it is 4015 Hampton Ave., Montréal, Québec H4A 2L1, Canada; his e mail is drysdal@alcor.concordia.ca

Dieter Haselbach's e mail number also needs revision; it is now d.haselbach@aston.ac.uk

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Janusz Mucha's new number is jmuch@cc.uni.torun.pl

Salvino Salvaggio's address has changed from that given in the previous newsletter; it is now Rue du Roi Albert 76, B-4102 Ougree, Liège, Belgium; e mail, salvaggio@ibm.net.

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Theresa Wobbe's e mail number is Jonker-Wobbe@p-soft.de

Gina Zabłudovsky's new e mail number is ginaza@servidor.unam.mx

Our Membership

Our RCHS membership was 181, from 36 different countries, when it was counted in the summer for the regular report to ISA. The distribution of members by area was: Africa 1 (S.Africa 1); Asia 12 (Hong Kong 1, India 1, Japan 7, Malaysia 1, S. Korea 1, Taiwan 1); Eastern Europe 16 (Bulgaria 2, Lithuania 1, Hungary 4, Poland 5, Romania 2, Slovenia 1, Yugoslavia 1); Latin America 5 (Argentina 1, Brazil 2, Colombia 1, Mexico 1); North America 53 (Canada 19, USA 34); Oceania 4 (Australia 4); Western Europe 90 (Austria 1, Belgium 3, Denmark 2, Finland 3, France 5, Germany 26, Great Britain 19, Greece 1, Ireland 2, Italy 7, Netherlands 7, Norway 4, Spain 2, Sweden 5, Switzerland 3).



DUES INFORMATION

The basic RCHS subscription is \$10 for one year, or \$30 for 4 years. For students, however, it is \$5 or \$15. This reduced rate also applies to others from non-OECD countries who would have difficulty in paying the full rate; if unable to arrange even the reduced rate, please write to the Secretary to explain the circumstances and ask for free membership. RCHS is a Research Committee of ISA, so RCHS members are expected to be ISA members.

There is now a facility for paying to the central ISA, which will enable those who wish to do so to use a credit card; a copy of their form is attached to enable you to do this, and it can be used even if you are not then also paying the ISA subscription - *though only if you are an ISA member*. Here - with apologies for the complexity, which our need to avoid our account's high foreign-exchange charges makes necessary - is how to pay if *not* doing so via the ISA. **Only people using a British bank account should send their dues to the Secretary**; this can be done either by sending a cheque made out to "RCHS Platt", or by direct transfer to Girobank account 12 574 8302. (The cheque should be in £ sterling, with the dollar amount translated into the equivalent at the tourist rate of exchange; at the time of writing, that is c. £6.20 or £18.60.) **All other members should send the money to Prof. Dirk Kaesler**, Universität Marburg, Institut für Soziologie, Am Grün 1, D 35037 Marburg, Germany, or, in continental Europe, to minimize bank charges use the Postal Giro Service: Postgiroamt München (BLZ 700 100 80), Account 822 22-809 Kaesler RCHS. He will inform the Secretary, so only one letter is required. **Please think at the same time of sending news of publications, meetings, work in progress etc., plus any address changes.**

Membership in the RCHS is open to anyone interested in the field. You become a member as soon as your application form and money have been received.

RCHS membership application or renewal
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I do not object to my membership details being held on computer.