The Executive Committee is hard at work in Warsaw; from left to right: Reuben Hill, Gennadi Osipov, Mikhail Rutkevich, Michel Bassand, and Joseph Ben-David.

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Thanks to a joint invitation from the Polish Sociological Association and the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the ISA Executive and its committees met this year in Radziejowice near Warsaw in Poland. All those present appreciated the warm hospitality of our Polish colleagues and unanimously passed a motion of thanks.

The following committees met and discussed their business. To avoid repetition, the major topics of their discussions will be summarized here briefly while the decisions based on their recommendations will be included in the report on the Executive Committee meetings on pp. 3-7.

REPORT ON THE SWEDISH LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE (SLAC)

In the middle of February, H.-J. Holstein and C. Carlsson visited the Secretariat to discuss a long series of details involved in the local arrangements for the World Congress. A follow-up meeting took place in Uppsala, on May 5-6, before the start of the meetings in Poland.

The registration form was examined in draft form and somewhat revised; a final version is to arrive in Monte Carlo in September for printing and for distribution with the fall BULLETIN. In order to avoid confusion, all registrations will be handled by SLAC. Theirs will be the sole address to which to send, not only registrations, but also all matters concerning accommodation and travel information.

It is hoped that some form of group flights will be available from most areas of the world. However, the ISA will not be in a position to organize them. SLAC is in charge of all travel and is working together with RESO in Sweden. They have appointed Scandinavian Airlines as the official carrier to the World Congress. Group flights should be arranged by sociological associations in each country or region. They suggest that the most efficient way to do this is to select a reputable travel agency and have them get in touch with their local Scandinavian Airlines office and also with SLAC/RESO (address: 9th World Congress of Sociology, c/o RESO Congress Service, S-105 24 Stockholm, Sweden), to make the appropriate arrangements. Individual sociologists wanting to take advantage of such reduced fares should ask their own national association for the name of the travel agency that has been entrusted with these arrangements.

Another matter which took up considerable time concerned accommodation. This matter has become more complicated since last year. At that time, ample space was available in student residences. Since then, some of these residences have been sold for conversion into apartments. Also, local inflation has dramatically increased the cost of hotel rooms. A whole series of suggestions were explored. In view of the shortage of hotels and the cost of their rooms, the great majority of delegates will have to be accommodated in student residences. It will require a great deal of effort to make a sufficient number of such residences available, but the local representatives thought it could be done. In order to make the maximum use of available facilities, it was decided to book accommodation only for those who are also registered for the World Congress.

A great many other details were discussed, ranging from the printing of the program and the reproduction of papers to the size of meeting rooms required by different sessions and the facilities for social events. However, these were not considered routine problems compared to the effects of inflation and the potential shortage of rooms.

Due to the inability of the Travel Grants Committee to meet, its affairs were also discussed by SLAC. So far, no efforts to arrange travel funds have been successful; the general reduction in available funds is having a serious effect because travel funds tend to be the first ones to be reduced. The only good news so far is a small grant from the American Sociological Association and a prospect that they may raise additional funds. But the prospect for finding appreciable travel funds do not look encouraging at this time. Special efforts will be made to raise funds and as soon as we have some success, it will be publicized.

REPORT ON THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Margaret Archer reported on CURRENT SOCIOLOGY. Its publication program is now up-to-date. Sufficient contracts have been signed for publication to ensure that lack of good material will not be a problem for several years. Sage Publications has kept to the agreed publication schedule and promises to continue to do so. They have published Vol. XXIV and are now working on Vol. XXV. Mouton is still responsible for the earlier volumes. They have published Vol. XXIII and expect to complete Vol. XXII in the near future. In addition, the composition of the Editorial Board was discussed and recommendations for submission to the Executive Committee were prepared.

Guido Martinotti reported on SAGE STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY (SSIS). Eight volumes have so far appeared and enough additional volumes are in various stages of preparation to bring the publication program up to 1978. While the editor has been able to deal with most routine problems, a couple of manuscripts have created situations that required the attention and advice of the committee. These were discussed in detail and recommendations were prepared for dealing with them. It is in such situations that it became necessary for this Publications Committee to meet regularly in order to assist the editor and the publisher in dealing with the more complex decisions.

It was proposed not to make further commitments in order to allow time to bring the publication program up to 1978. To this end, a questionnaire will be sent to session organizers to alert them to the need to consider their papers for a volume in this series. This questionnaire should be returned during the Congress. The editor and the editorial board are prepared to consider proposals for such volumes during and after the World Congress. In this way it will be possible to reduce the time lapse between presentation of the papers and their publication. Revisions in the composition of the Editorial Board were discussed for submission to the Executive Committee.

The financial situation of both publications was reviewed. While both are still showing deficits, it was hoped that these can be eliminated in another two years.

The composition of the Publications Committee was also reviewed and it was proposed that it should meet again in London in early 1978. In general, it was felt that the publication program is making good progress, both in the quality of the materials and in the prospect of becoming self-supporting in the near future.

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Fall: September 15

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REPORT ON THE RESEARCH COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Research Coordinating Committee and the Executive Committee reviewed the existing Research Committees in terms of activities and membership. Only one Research Committee: The Research Committee on the Sociology of International Relations has been suspended for one year, until the next World Congress. Following this review, the Research Coordinating Committee has decided to set up some more precise criteria to guide its decisions.

The criteria to suspend a committee:
- no presentation of a report between congresses;
- no organization of scientific sessions during the World Congress;
- no international representation;
- no delegate to the Research Council;
- no request to continue for another four-year period.

The Research Coordinating Committee reviewed the timetable for the next World Congress and the main changes are presented in this BULLETIN. The Research Council will meet Sunday from 17.00-20.00. A scientific meeting entitled “Special Session I” will be organized by the Research Coordinating Committee on Monday evening, August 16. It was decided to drop “Special Session II” and to give this time period to the Research Committees.

It also discussed a revision of the criteria for evaluating applications for new Research Committees. These revised criteria are as follows:
- ask the curriculum vitae of 5 persons listed as organizers of the Committee, with their list of publications. Three countries should be represented among these 5 individuals;
- the signatures of the potential members should be submitted with a clear statement on the subject of the Committee, as for example: “I wish to join as a paying member and will actively participate in the Committee…”;
- a report of past activities should be presented with the names of participants and titles of papers presented, e.g. Ad Hoc Group during a Congress...

REPORT ON THE MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ulf Himmelstrand led the committee through a detailed review of all collective members. While none of them were considered to be not “in good standing”, many of them came in for some discussion; it was decided to send them a friendly letter asking for information on their activities and reminding them of their role in next year’s World Congress.

Several new applications were recommended for acceptance and a number of suggestions for expanding our membership were explored. Thus, it was proposed to simplify the application forms and to speed up acceptances by the use of mail ballots between meetings of the Executive Committee.

Individual membership is slowly increasing. However, problems remain in many countries where colleagues are prevented from joining due to restrictions on the convertibility of currency. The system of paying with UNESCO coupons does not seem to solve this problem and it was proposed to ask our delegates to ISSC to look into possible solutions when they meet in October.

Another series of discussions involved the wording of the ISA Statutes on categories of membership and representation on the ISA Council. It became clear that the only way to deal with these ambiguities was to recommend to the Executive Committee that the ISA Statutes require some modifications in order to bring them into line with the realities of professional organizations in different parts of the world. To give just one illustration: the Statutes make no provision for representation on Council of regional associations of sociologists where no national associations exist.

For details on actual decisions, see the report on the meetings of the Executive Committee below.

REPORT ON THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Anouar Abdel-Malek reported on the progress of the arrangements for the World Congress. Proposals were considered for filling a few vacancies among chairpersons and rapporteurs in the official program. But most of the time was spent in reviewing a very large number of proposals for Ad Hoc sessions and for Special Sessions. Rather than increasing the number of sessions, it was recommended that groups with similar interests and subject matter be urged to cooperate in organizing themselves into one session.

REPORT ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Introductory Remarks by the President

The President briefly reviewed the activities of the past year and expressed his pleasure at the progress made during the past year after the somewhat gloomy outlook of last year’s meeting in Uppsala. He expressed thanks to A. Abdel-Malek and the Secretariat for the progress that has been made on the program for the World Congress. He noted that the Research Committees, which really only became active after Varna, are a great success with many of them being extremely active.

The Publications Committee is also making great progress: thanks to the efforts of M. Archer, CURRENT SOCIOLOGY is finally up-to-date in the sense of being published in the year shown on the cover; thanks to G. Martiniottii, the SSIS has now 8 volumes in print; for both of these publications, warm thanks are due to Sage Publications which has made tremendous efforts on our behalf and with whom we have extremely good relations. The budgetary outlook was rather gloomy last year, but looks much better this year thanks to the efforts of the Secretariat through the ISA BULLETIN and through recruiting members. One serious failure concerns our efforts to hold regional meetings. Another problem situation concerns the increasing number of communications from colleagues who have been discriminated against in several different ways, from dismissal to imprisonment. It is difficult to deal with such cases in UNESCO and ISSC because of their governmental association. He briefly mentioned several cases and noted that this kind of repression has dramatically increased. Because the Secretariat and the President should not have to act on their own, the Executive Committee should discuss this problem to provide guidance and perhaps prepare a document on such problems.

In the main, our balance is on the side of successful activities and on the whole this has been a successful year for the ISA.

Activities of the Secretariat

The ISA BULLETIN has continued to be published at a rate of three numbers per year.

As part of its membership and publicity campaign for the ISA, the Secretariat has started to distribute to all collective members a news column entitled “NEWS FROM THE ISA”. It is planned to appear three to four times per year and two have so far been distributed in English and in French. It carries no copyright and collective members are encouraged to reprint it in toto or in part in their Newsletters, Journals, etc. The response has been very favourable.
C. Saint-Pierre distributed copies of a report on activities of the Secretariat during the past year and reported in detail on the negotiations for the location of the Secretariat for the period 1979-82. The relocation involves three problems: office space, renewal of government grant, and released time from their teaching duties for the two executive secretaries. There was general agreement that the Secretariat should stay in Montreal at least for another four-year term. It was also approved that C. Saint-Pierre stay in office for one year and that K. Jonassohn stay for another four years. A unanimous resolution of thanks was passed for the help of the government of the Province of Quebec and of the University of Quebec to the ISA.

Financial Reports

K. Jonassohn presented the audited financial statement for 1976 which shows a much better financial position than was expected. This result is partly due to greater income from memberships and partly due to a bookkeeping peculiarity through which only $15,000 of the government grant was credited in 1975 and $25,000 was credited in 1976. During the discussion, it was anticipated that the deficit on publications would be further reduced in future years.

K. Jonassohn presented the budget for 1978 and reported that the increase in membership fees that had been recommended last year had been submitted to Council by mail ballot and had been approved.

The deficit that had been foreseen for 1976 did not in fact occur and it is hoped that in future the ISA will be able to continue to live within its income.

Membership and Finance Committee

The list of collective members was reviewed in detail; several were somewhat behind in their payment of dues and several had not sent in a report on activities. However, none were recommended as not being in good standing, although in some cases the Secretariat was asked to send a polite letter asking for information.

As a help in the membership drive, it was suggested that all members of the Executive Committee pass on to the Secretariat suggestions about potential new collective members who can be invited to join the ISA.

Three new members were admitted to Category B and four new members were admitted to Category C membership.

Last year the Membership and Finance Committee was instructed to look into the possibility of finding a new and better basis for fixing fees for collective members. It did not succeed in finding a criterion that would be both fair and easily applied. Therefore, the present fee structure will stay in place. After some discussion of ways of dealing with continued inflation, the following recommendation to Council was approved:

- that they recommend a fee increase, and
- that they delegate to the Executive Committee the increasing of fees as inflation forces up the costs of running the ISA.

For several years now there has been some discussion about the possibility of amending the Statutes in order to provide room on Council for regional associations where no national associations exist. This matter was discussed this time in the wider context of other problems arising from the definitions of categories of collective membership in our Statutes. After considerable discussion, a motion was approved not to proceed with the amendments to the Statutes concerning Category B members, but to undertake a general revision of membership categories and to ask the Membership and Finance Committee to prepare a report for discussion in 1978.

Individual membership (Category D) has continued to increase. This is particularly gratifying because there had been some concern about the possible negative effect of the fee increase. The Secretariat reported that here also its efforts to mount a membership drive was proceeding on a piecemeal basis due to the limitation of time and manpower. It was also suggested that some members would prefer not to have to pay their membership fee each year. A proposal was approved that we accept up to three years advance payment of individual fees.

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Suggestions were presented for filling a few vacancies for Chairs and Rapporteurs. Their names will be published in the BULLETIN as soon as the nominees have accepted to serve. The President suggested that the next step should be that we correspond with all session organizers to encourage them to get their sessions together as soon as possible and ask them to keep the Secretariat informed of the details.

A large list of applications for Ad Hoc sessions and Special Sessions organized by Other Associations and Institutes was reviewed. Some were approved and others were referred to other sessions or to Research Committees because of overlap in subject matter.

The following applications were approved:

- Bassand - Tendances et problemes de l'action culturelle
- Bertaux - Life History Method
- Wellman - Social Network Analysis
- Blau - Varieties of Structural Inquiries
- Dhanagare - Peasant Societies and Peasant Movements
- Corradi - International Society for the Sociology of Knowledge
- Koyano - Conference of Asian Sociologists
- Geda - International Association for Social Science Information Service and Technology
- McIung Lee/Flynn - Association of Humanist Sociology
- Smith - Association of Voluntary Action Scholars
- Govaerts - Institut International de Sociologie
- Oshakov - Bulgarian Sociological Association

The following procedure was suggested for dealing with those sessions that were not approved:

- A. Abdel-Malek will write to all applicants whose proposals were not accepted to tell them about the limitations on facilities, to explain that their topic overlaps with other sessions, and to ask them to get in touch with the relevant organizers of the suggested sessions or Research Committees - with copies to the Secretariat.
- A. Touraine will write to the Research Committees concerned to ask them to receive these referred proposals favourably, if at all possible, either by adding a session to their own program or by accepting individual papers for their sessions - with copies to the Secretariat.
- C. Saint-Pierre will write in the same context to the relevant rapporteurs if the overlap was with a program session.

There was some discussion on the rigidity of the decisions on these applications. The intent was not to exclude interesting sessions. Therefore, if a Research Committee or other session organizer reject an application referred to them, then another place on the program should be found for good proposals (e.g.: a "joint session" with a Research Committee) by the Program Committee. The principle should be to encourage good work and then find a place on the program for it.

There was a further discussion of the application by McIung Lee on the "Conditions of Employment" because this session is really on academic freedom and thus overlaps all others. J. Bottomore suggested that this session should be placed outside the program.
The timetable was reviewed in the light of several suggestions that had been received. A revised timetable was agreed upon in which the major change is the addition of another slot for the use of the Research Committees (see page 21).

The question was raised again of the structure of the Congress program in general and the role of the Plenary Sessions and the official program in particular; this raised matters dealing with the role of the Research Committees, the real interests of those coming to a Congress, and the number of simultaneous sessions. It was suggested that such matters might well be put on the agenda of the Research Council who may want to send recommendations to Council.

R. Hill suggested that a half-hour should be reserved in the Opening Session for a presidential address; that this should become a tradition; and that alternative formats for the Plenary Sessions should be seriously considered for future congresses. The solution proposed was that the Opening Session start at 9.00, with a half-hour reserved for a presidential address and a brief break before the start of Plenary Session I.

Swedish Local Arrangements Committee (SLAC)

The report from the SLAC was presented by U. Himmelstrand and H.-J. Holstein. It was found that the deadlines for the early, middle, and late registration fees have to be changed due to some mechanical difficulties and new ones are proposed, as follows:

- Low registration fee before Jan. 31, 1978
- Medium between Feb. 1 and April 30, 1978
- High from May 1, 1978.

It was reaffirmed that there should be only one place that will process registrations, in order to avoid overlap and confusion. This one place should be SLAC/RESO and they should decide in what form they can accept payment, the details to be arranged in accordance with Swedish currency and banking regulations. It was also reaffirmed that nobody will be exempted from paying the registration fee.

PRINTING OF PROGRAM: The copy for the program will be prepared by the Secretariat in Montreal, to be sent to Uppsala in May for addition of room numbers, and to be printed in June. This is necessary because all firms in Sweden are closed for vacations in July. To meet these deadlines, all material to be included in the program has to be received in Montreal by March 31, 1978.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS: Rand-Xerox in Stockholm will provide two machines, to be available before and during the Congress. It is anticipated that the price of papers will not go above $1.00 if the specifications below are adhered to. Authors who expect to benefit from this service must send one good copy to RESO and they should decide in what form they can accept payment, the details to be arranged in accordance with Swedish currency and banking regulations. It was also reaffirmed that nobody will be exempted from paying the registration fee.

Copies can be produced only to order during the Congress. The reason for these limitations is purely economic; that is the only way to keep the cost of reproduction within reason.

These procedures were approved:

- Papers for Plenary Sessions, Working Groups, and Symposia can be copied beforehand, up to a maximum of 100 copies, with additional copies to be produced to order.
- Papers for all other sessions (Research Committees, Ad Hoc Groups, etc.) can be produced beforehand. Authors can make their own copies and send them to RESO or bring them with them for distribution in their own session. Copies can be produced only to order during the Congress.

K. Jonassohn reported that Sociological Abstracts is again willing to produce the ABSTRACTS book for the Congress but, due to rising costs, it is not any more able to absorb the entire cost. It was suggested that we again accept their offer, that we include all sessions, that we authorize a contribution of not more than $1,500 and that the details be worked out by K. Jonassohn and L. Chall.

ACCOMMODATION: A problem has arisen due to the fact that a number of the empty student residence buildings, which we had planned to rent for the Congress, have in the meantime been sold. It is still possible to obtain a sufficient number of rooms by inducing the students occupying them to move out for the period of the Congress. The Principal of the University has offered to assist with an appeal to the students.

Several people expressed their concern at the costs of going to the Congress and at the reported inflation since our visit last year. It was suggested that SLAC investigate the possibility of providing tent camp facilities for those interested in camping.

The present availability of accommodation was reported as follows:

- ca. 390 hotel rooms which equals 650 beds
- ca. 1020 student rooms which equals 1625 beds
- plus ca. 4000 occupied student rooms, some of which we hope to obtain through a special appeal to these students.

It seemed still possible to solve the accommodation problem, although it will involve more work and more costs. But this is a problem which only SLAC can deal with.

Report from Travel Grants Committee

K. Jonassohn reported that the prospects for raising funds are not very promising. Funding agencies in both the U.S. and Canada are cutting back on support and are reserving their travel funds to support their own nationals. Through Professor Tsurumi, an approach was made also to the Japan Foundation - with the same results. The only good news so far is that the ASA Executive has passed the following motion:

"That the Executive Officer be directed to seek funds from appropriate agencies to provide up to $10,000 for the use of scholars from Third World countries to attend the ISA meeting. $2,000 of ASA funds are to be committed for this purpose." (From ASA FOOTNOTES, April 1977)

U. Himmelstrand reported that the Swedish UNESCO Commission has three applications for 1978. Official decisions will be made on these this month. He is hopeful of obtaining from them $15,000. He is also requesting a grant from SAREC which will make their decisions this fall; our chances are good there because they have funds for exactly this purpose.

A. Abdel-Malek suggested that there are several large sources of funds in several regions outside the West and R. Hill agreed that we should make efforts to approach them. It was agreed that such applications should be made by SLAC, based on information provided by those who have it.

Upon further discussion, it was decided that we need two committees: one, a fund-raising committee and the other, a committee to distribute funds. Both committees will be chaired by Ulf Himmelstrand and their membership will be announced as soon as those nominated have accepted to serve. The existing Travel Grants Committee is disbanded and replaced by these two new committees.

The Secretariat is to draft and distribute a questionnaire for applications for travel grants and circulate it for discussion to the new Distribution Committee. The criteria for the application and the results are to be funded are to be circulated to the Executive Committee for discussion and approval.

Preparation of Council Meetings and Elections

Ulf Himmelstrand offered to examine our list of collective members in the light of the ISA Statutes and to draw up a list of those who are eligible to have a seat on Council. Letters will then be sent by the Secretariat, asking for the designation of new delegates and alternates for the four-year period starting in January 1978.
The Secretariat is to send out a reminder asking for Committee of discussion. The following accepted to serve on this Editorial Board for SSIS were approved:

- J. Linz
- S. Nowak
- G. Martinotti
- A. Abdell-Malek

The Secretariat is to send out a reminder, asking for suggestions for this Committee and enclosing a copy of the present Statutes.

Thirty-Year Celebration

The arrangements were delegated to the President. He should invite the surviving members of the Constituent Congress in Oslo.

Publications

The report of the Publications Committee was presented by M. Bassand, with the assistance of the editors.

SAGE STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY (SSIS): G. Martinotti presented the financial report for 1976 and the budget for 1977 for SSIS, pointing out that he hoped that the series would continue to improve and begin to show a profit in a couple of years. The composition of the Editorial Board for SSIS was discussed and the following Editorial Board was approved:

De jure members: T. Bottomore, President
- G. Martinotti, Editor of SSIS
- M. Archer, Editor of CURRENT SOCIOLOGY
- M. Bassand, Chairman of Publications Committee

K. Brooks, Sage Publications

From old Editorial Board, to serve for two years:
- A. Akikwono
- E. Allardt
- A. Meier
- G. Osipov

New Members, to serve for four years:
- M. Castells
- M. Subirats
- J. Watanuki
- A. Cavalli
- W. Jezkowski
- A. Giddens
- A. L. Stinchcombe
- A. C. Zijderveet
- A. Portes
- M. R. Haug
- R. Oelz
- S. Amo
- P. Heinze
- S. Chtinits
- S. Sheriff
- S. H. A. Atas
- M. Auda
- S. Garmadi
- M. Zeitlin
- F. Weffort
- L. T. Ghee

The Editorial Board has the following functions: to advise on Congress papers and on regional books (if money for translation can be found); to advise us on books already in print, and to assist with publicity for the series. In the future, they will also have to read manuscripts if we decide to publish regional books or books not arising from the World Congress. It was also approved that we formalize the periods of service on the Editorial Board, as consisting of a term of four years with a maximum of two terms.

CURRENT SOCIOLOGY: Margaret Archer presented the financial report for 1976 and the budget for 1977. The composition of the Editorial Board was discussed and the following Editorial Board was approved:

De jure members: T. Bottomore, President
- G. Martinotti, Editor of SSIS
- M. Archer, Editor of CURRENT SOCIOLOGY
- M. Bassand, Chairman of Publications Committee

K. Brooks, Sage Publications

Members:
- S. H. A. Atas
- J. Ben-David
- K. Clements
- J. Cotler
- H. P. Dreitzel
- P. Ekeh
- E. Jelin
- A. Michel
- A. de Miguel
- P. N. Momdjan
- G. O'Donnel
- E. Olsen
- G. E. Rusconi
- R. Scase
- K. Svalastoga
- R. H. Turner
- I. E. Zaim
- F. Zapata

The term of this Editorial Board was formalized as consisting of four years, with a maximum of two terms.

A motion was passed, expressing our great gratitude for their efforts on behalf of our publications to M. Archer, G. Martinotti, and Sage Publications.

The PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE will meet the next time in January 1979 in London, and its membership is as follows:

Chair: M. Bassand
Ex Officio: M. Archer, Editor of CURRENT SOCIOLOGY
- G. Martinotti, Editor of SSIS

Representing the Executive: R. Mukherjee
Representing SSIS: G. Osipov
Representing CURRENT SOCIOLOGY: E. Olsen
Representing Sage: K. Brooks

SOCILOGICAL ABSTRACTS has offered to continue the annual publication of our "Directory of Individual Members" by country and this offer was accepted with thanks. They have also offered to produce a "WHO'S WHO IN INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY" and this was approved in principle although the details remain to be worked out.

Research Coordinating Committee

The report of the Research Coordinating Committee was presented by A. Touraine. The existing Research Committees were reviewed individually. Most of them are active, some of them extraordinarily so. A. Touraine noted that some Research Committees are almost permanent. Others have a narrower field or problem and these work only for a limited period of time. He recommends that next year we review them from this point of view and increase the mortality rate of the second category.

The Research Coordinating Committee recommended that the amount budgeted for grants to Research Committees be increased as the financial situation permits. It also recommended that such grants should be used for the organization of conferences. These recommendations were approved.
A. Touraine reported on two major topics that should be discussed by the Research Council in 1978: the first concerns the criteria to be used in recommending the suspension of a Research Committee, such as no report on activities, organizing no session at the World Congress, having no delegate to the Research Council, etc. The second topic concerns serious changes in the constitution of the ISA so that equal weight is given to regional and geographic representation and to the Executive Committee and Research Council representation which might even include the joint election of the President.

Two proposals were discussed and approved: that A. Touraine should draft the above amendments, together with a supporting document setting out the underlying rationale, and that the Executive Committee recommend to Council an increase to six associate members on the Executive Committee elected by the Research Council.

Relations with other Organizations

UNESCO: A report on new developments was presented by Dr. J. Ziolkowski. This covered the new sector of the social sciences and its new divisions; their major thrusts within the UNESCO program; and the relations with the ISA and other NGO's. In the ensuing discussion several suggestions were made concerning our participation in UNESCO programs.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: Our relations with the World Health Organization and with the Pacific Science Congress were briefly reviewed. The matter of travel expenses for ISA representatives to other organizations was raised; but it was decided that our financial situation does not permit us to budget funds for this purpose.

Other:

Two further motions were passed unanimously: a motion thanking the President for his skillful and perceptive leadership, and a motion of adjournment.
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La qualité de la vie: approches écologique et sociologique

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- **6 rue de Tournon, 75006 Paris, France**

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### Session 5: Quality of Life: Comparative Perspectives
La qualité de la vie: perspectives comparatives

- **Chair**: A. Szalai
- **Karl Marx University of Economic Sciences**: Attila-UC 126
- **Budapest, Hungary**

- **Rapporteur**: Frank Andrews
- **Survey Research Center**: Inst. for Social Research
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### Session 6: Conceptions of Social Disability
Théories de l'inadaptation sociale

- **Chair**: E. Freidson
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- **New York, N.Y. 10003, U.S.A.**

- **Rapporteur**: Else Byen
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### Session 7: Mass Media and Social Change
Less mass media et le changement social

- **Chair**: Elihu Katz
- **Communications Institute**: Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

### Session 8: The Education of the Sociologist
La formation du sociologue

- **Chair**: Leo M. Ramallo
- **Comunicaciones**: Paraguay 577/10 Piso
- **Buenos Aires, Argentina**

### Session 9: The Role of the Sociologist in Development Planning
Le rôle du sociologue dans la planification du développement

- **Chair**: Z. Sufin
- **Inst. of Philosophy & Sociology**: Polish Academy of Sciences
- **72 Nowy Swiat, 00 330 Warsaw**: Poland

### Session 10: The Family and Development
La famille et le développement

- **Chair**: V. Stolte-Heiskanen
- **University of Helsinki**: Dept. of Sociology, Helsinginkatu 34 C
- **00530 Helsinki 53, Finland**

### Session 11: Social Dimensions of National Budgets
Dimensions sociales des budgets nationaux

- **Chair**: H. Wilensky
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### Session 12: Educational Systems and Social Change
Systèmes d'éducation et changement social

- **Chair**: Z. Ferge
- **Hungarian Academy of Sciences**: Inst. of Sociology, Ural Utca 49
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| Ad Hoc 12 | Rural Communities in Industrialized Societies | David C. Pitt, Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand | Les communautés rurales dans les sociétés industrielles |


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### Session 18: Sociology of Disasters: New Directions in Theory and Research

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**Responsable(s):**
- Sociologie des désastres: Nouvelles orientations dans la théorie et la recherche

### Session 19: Trends and Problems of Cultural Action

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- Tendances et problèmes de l'action culturelle

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- Progrès dans l'analyse des Réseaux Sociaux

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- Dept. of Sociology, Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.10027, U.S.A.

**Responsable(s):**
- Diversité des approches de l'analyse structuraliste

### Session 23: Peasant Societies and Peasant Movements

**Organizer(s):**
- D.N. Dhanagare
- Indian Institute of Technology, Dept. of Humanities & Social Science, 11 T Post Office, Kanpur 208016, U.P. India

**Responsable(s):**
- Sociétés paysannes et mouvements paysans

### Session 24: Sociology of International Relations

**Organizer(s):**
- Morton A. Kaplan
- University of Chicago, 5826 S. University Ave., Chicago, Ill.60637, U.S.A.

**Responsable(s):**
- Sociologie des relations internationales

#### Session 1: Generalized Detente: World Organization and Peace

**Organizer(s):**
- Morton A. Kaplan
- Dmitri V. Ermolenko
- Soviet Sociological Association, Novocheboksarskaya 46, V-418 Moscow 117418, U.S.S.R.

### Session 1: International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations

**Organizer(s):**
- E. Leftes
- Dept. of Philosophy, Queen's College, CUNY, Flushing, N.Y. 11367, U.S.A.

**Responsable(s):**
- Benjamin Nelson
- Dept. of Sociology, New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th St., New York, N.Y. 10011, U.S.A.

#### Session 1: Civilizational Theory and Research since Max Weber and Arnold Toynbee

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Rutgers University at Camden  
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Burt R. Baldwin  
Dept. of Sociology  
Central Connecticut State College  
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|                     | Theme: Voluntary Groups in Modern Society: Current Transnational Research Issues |                     |        |
| SSO 9   | France Govaerts  
Université Libre de Bruxelles  
44 avenue Jeanne, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgique | Institut International de Sociologie |                     |
|         | Theme: New approaches to Social Development and Underprivileged Groups |                       |                     |
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Bulgarian Sociological Association  
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Sofia, Bulgaria  
Peter Mitev  
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University of Hull, England  
Morris Janowitz  
Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Chicago  
1126 E. 59th St., Chicago, Ill., USA  
J. Van Doorn  
Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Rotterdam  
Burg. Oudlaan 50, Rotterdam, Netherlands | Session 1: War & Military Institutions: Marxist Theory and Practice  
Session 2: Social Development & Military Institutions in the Emerging Nations  
Session 3: (Round Table) - Decline of the Mass Army  
- Occupational Inheritance & Military Tradition  
- New Dimensions in Military Manpower |
| RC 3 Community Research | Terry Nichols Clark  
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South Africa |
| RC 6 Family Research | Jan Trost  
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Groupe international de recherches sur le divorce |
| RC 9 Innovative Processes in Social Change | Orlando Fals-Borda  
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Ellen B. Hill  
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Ellen B. Hill | Session x:  
Innovative Processes in Social Change in Highly Industrialized Nations |
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54, Boul. Raspail, 75006 Paris, France | Session 1: Religion & Social Development  
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Session 3: Religion & Secularization  
Session 4: New Religious Movements  
Session 5: Religion & Spiritual Wellbeing |
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D - Others

"Conditions of Employment" "Conditions d'emploi"

Secretary: Sidney L. Greenblatt Dept. of Sociology, 6 Gilbert House Drew University, Madison, N.J. 07940, U.S.A.

This is a group which held a meeting in Toronto under the sponsorship of Herbert Blumer, Leo Chall, Alfred McClung Lee, and Kurt Wolff. They have been active since then and produce a newsletter. They are concerned with a range of problems, including all matters concerning academic freedom.

"Audio-Visual Productions in Sociology" "Productions audio-visuelles en sociologie"

Organizer: Leonard Kenny Film Studies Program, Sociologisch Instituut Rijksuniversiteit Utrecht, Heidelbergaan 2 Utrecht 2506, Netherlands

At Toronto there was a "Social Action Film Series" which was well-received. This will be a follow-up consisting of the presentation and discussion of sociologically relevant films and video programs.

"Book Display" "Exposition de livres"

Organizer: Hans-Jurgen Holstein 9th World Congress of Sociology c/o RESO Congress Service 5-105 24 Stockholm, Sweden

As usual, there will be a large book display to help delegates keep up-to-date on the ever-expanding publications in our field. All interested producers of sociologically relevant publications are welcome. For further information on how to arrange for space for your publications, please write directly to H.J. Holstein.
The following are some additional details for some of the sessions. For names and addresses of organizers, see program listing.

Ad Hoc 1 - Economy and Society

Some provisional themes:

- non-growth in advanced capitalist, socialist and "Third World" countries
- the fiscal crisis and the State
- the role of the State in economic growth (e.g., national planning commissions, public corporations, financial institutions)
- bourgeois economic and political interests and the State
- transnational corporations and their changing strategies
- changing forms of internal and external dependency
- the social consequences of inflation or re-distribution of income
- entrepreneurship/industrial leadership and development.

Ad Hoc 4 - The Professions and the Social Structure

Research attention in the field of the professions has been devoted to a great diversity of concepts, elements, and levels, but without clearly discernible lines of inquiry or common frames of reference. This makes complementarity and cumulativity, both in the design of empirical research and in the formulation of theoretical propositions, very difficult to achieve.

Given this situation, an effort to bring more organization to this field, by clarifying the main concepts, combining some of the empirical findings, developing analytical schemes and paradigms, by furthering certain promising lines of research, etc., would give considerable impetus to the development of this important area of the discipline. With this aim in mind, the session(s) of the ad hoc group will be devoted to the discussion of the main thrust of the papers, rather than to the exposition of them. Early circulation among the participants of the outline of the research, and later, circulation of preliminary versions of the papers, will ensure advance knowledge of their content.

The discussion will be organized around two or three topics, reflecting the central issues dealt with in the participants' papers. These topics will be established in advance, on the basis of the preliminary versions of the papers circulated among the participants.

Ad Hoc 7 - Alienation Theory and Research

(cf. BULLETIN 13, p.21)

Ad Hoc 14 - Socialist Development

Papers are invited. Please send abstracts before December 1, 1977 to Tom Burns. Papers are to be completed by March 31 and circulated before the Congress.

Ad Hoc 20 - Life History Approach

Themes: The development of the life-history approach depends on a clarification of a number of methodological problems. Among these we might list: the ways and means of analyzing life history data, the problems of generalization, and the form of publication.

The sessions will be devoted to the elucidation of some methodological problems linked with the life-history approach.

Ad Hoc 23 - Peasant Societies and Peasant Movements

Some provisional themes:

- various models for the study of peasant societies and peasant movements; adequacy of these models
- concept of "peasant", alternative concepts, delineation of the concept and problems arising from the historical specificity of peasant societies
- Marxism and peasantry
- peasant movements: concept, definition, typology and methodology for their study
- empirical validity of scenarios and theories of peasant rebellions; their causes and social origins
- stratification structures and social differentiation within peasant/agrarian societies
- interaction between typically "peasant" societies and urban-industrial societies
- political orientations of agrarian classes and their role in social and political movements
- nature of social change in agrarian societies

The list is not exhaustive but it indicates some of the important themes that have come up for discussion from time to time and require a thorough and closer scrutiny.

SSO 6 - IASSIST

Theme: Privacy versus Freedom of Information:

The panel will consider the problems emerging from the increasing overlapping of activity between academic archives and public producers of data. Particular stress will be laid on the problem of access to scientifically relevant information produced by public agencies. Less stress will be laid on the problem of public control on data archives and research legislation. As this issue will be discussed at the CESSOA/IF-DD conference to be held before the Congress and the results of which will be reported in the panel.

SSO 8 - Association of Voluntary Action Scholars

Main contents:

- the methods of identifying and counting voluntary groups in a given geographical area, and the problems of comparability in such methods across countries and different geographic levels (e.g., nations vs. provinces/states vs. smaller geographical units);
- the overall incidence and prevalence of voluntary groups indicated by empirical research in various countries in recent years, and possible schemes for explaining differences in the rates of incidence and prevalence among nations or other geographic units;
- the most relevant analytical distinctions to be made among voluntary groups, and the problems of developing a transnationally comparable set of definitions for such distinctions (e.g., vertically vs. horizontally-integrated associations vs. non-integrated associations);
- the most relevant set of purposive type distinctions to be made among voluntary groups, and the problems of developing a transnationally comparable set of such distinctions (e.g., health-oriented vs. peace-oriented vs. environmental groups, etc.);
- the major roles and functions played by voluntary groups of all kinds and levels in modern society, and the problems of developing a collaborative cross-national research project.

ALL ORGANIZERS OF AD HOC GROUPS AND SPECIAL SESSIONS ARE ASKED TO SEND THE THEMES OF THEIR SESSIONS TO THE ISA SECRETARIAT BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST IF THEY WANT TO HAVE THESE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN.
The following are additional details on some of the Research Committee sessions. For names and addresses of organizers, see program listing.

The program of activities of most of the Research Committees was published in BULLETIN 13. Please refer to it for details. We are reproducing here some notes on the organization of the program of some Research Committees, at their request.

RC 6 - Family Research

The program committee of the CFR for the Congress has decided the following procedure: Abstracts to papers to be presented must be sent to the program chairman, Jan Trost, to arrive before September 1, 1977. The program committee will decide this fall which papers will be presented in different ways at the Congress.

We will probably have at our disposal about 15 hours and our idea is that very few papers should be presented during these sessions. In order to make it possible to have a real discussion of the papers presented the number has to be quite limited. On the other hand we know that many participants need to present a paper. We therefore plan to have one room open for papers not to be presented within the sessions. In this room there will be announcements of what papers will be presented at different times. Persons interested in these papers can go to this room and discuss the papers with the author.

The selection of papers for the sessions will be based on quality and fairly general interest.

RC 13 - Sociology of Leisure

General theme: Leisure and Social Development

Provisional contents:
- why and how should leisure be a part of planning for social development?
- leisure as an indicator of social development
- leisure, technology and cultural innovation
- leisure and the Third World, leisure and industrial society, leisure and post-industrial society
- how do different social systems treat leisure in their policies for social development
- how is cultural development related to the development of leisure?
- leisure, personality and social development
- theories of social change and leisure
- leisure and socio-economic development
- etc.

RC 20 - Sociology of Mental Health

Deadlines for submission of papers from members of the Research Committee:
- notification of intention to submit a paper: as soon and as detailed as possible, but preferably before June 30, 1977.

Papers will be provisionally accepted on the basis of an abstract, and will be definitively accepted only on the basis of the full text.
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**RC 9 - Innovative Processes in Social Change**

Chairperson: O. Fals-Borda

Secretary: E.B. Hill

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Ticino, Switzerland

The Committee held a world symposium on action research in Cartagena, Colombia, during April 1977. More than 100 persons from 26 countries attended 4 plenary sessions where papers by U. Himmelstrand, O. Fals-Borda, J. Petras, and F. Stamboul were presented while 27 other papers were discussed in commissions. The proceedings will be published in English and Spanish, and those interested in purchasing the collection should address themselves to Orlando Fals-Borda Ap. Aereo 52608 Bogota 2, Colombia who can also furnish titles and summaries for a small fee.

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S. Ferge (Hungary)
J. Zelan (USA).

The various functions have not yet been distributed. For any information concerning the Committee and the Congress program, please contact A. Kloskowska for the time being.

**RC 10 - Sociology of International Relations**

By a decision on the part of the Executive Committee taken at its meeting in May, this Committee has been suspended for one year and will be reviewed next year at the next meeting of the Executive Committee for a final decision. As far as the World Congress is concerned, this Committee will function on the basis of an Ad Hoc Group.

The "Committee on the History and Epistemology of the Sciences of Man" is planning several sessions on the history and epistemology of the Social Sciences at the forthcoming second annual meeting of the Social Science History Association to be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 21-23, 1977. All proposals for panels, papers, workshops, should be directed to:

Bruce Kuklick
Dept. of History, Univ. of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa. 19174, USA.

This Committee is being reorganized and preparations are under way for the Congress. A questionnaire is being sent to all members in order to bring the membership list and current research interests of the members up to date. Elections for a new board will be held before the end of the year.

**RC 17 - Sociology of Organization**

Chairperson: M. Crozier

Provisional Secretary: Martha Zuber

C.S.O.
88 rue de Lille
75007 Paris, France

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**RC 8 - History of Sociology**

Chairperson: S. Lukes

Secretary: Robert A. Jones
Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Illinois
Urbana, Ill. 61801, U.S.A.

The Committee publishes a Newsletter and has 62 active members.

An important conference organized by the Committee is taking place at Balliol College, Oxford, England, on July 22-24. The theme is "History and Theory of the Social Sciences". Full information on papers presented, please write to the Secretary.

An affiliate of this Committee, "Le groupe d'études durkheimiennes" is now functioning on a solid basis. It constitutes a network of more than one hundred correspondents from all over the world. A bulletin entitled "Durkheim Studies" has been created and will be sent free of charge to correspondents of the Groupe. Philippe Besnard is preparing another special number of the "Revue Française de Sociologie", which will include contributions from French, English and American scholars on the Durkheim school as a whole. Those interested should contact:

Philippe Besnard
Maison des Sciences de l'Homme
54 Boul. Raspail
75006 Paris, France.

**RC 1 - Sociology of Education**

Provisional Secretary: A. Kloskowska

Universytecka 3
90 137 Lodz, Poland

A mail ballot was organized by the Secretariat for the election of a new Board for this Committee. The following six persons have been elected:

Guido Martinotti (Italy)
I. K. Birksted (U.K.)
A. Kloskowska (Poland)
R. Burton Clark (USA)
S. Ferge (Hungary)
J. Zelan (USA).

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**RC 4 - Sociology of Education**

Chairperson: O. Fals-Borda

Secretary: E.B. Hill

6654 Cavigliano
Ticino, Switzerland

Provisional Secretary: A. Kloskowska

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The Committee held a world symposium on action research in Cartagena, Colombia, during April 1977. More than 100 persons from 26 countries attended 4 plenary sessions where papers by U. Himmelstrand, O. Fals-Borda, J. Petras, and F. Stamboul were presented while 27 other papers were discussed in commissions. The proceedings will be published in English and Spanish, and those interested in purchasing the collection should address themselves to Orlando Fals-Borda Ap. Aereo 52608 Bogota 2, Colombia who can also furnish titles and summaries for a small fee.

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We must apologize for a mistake in the last BULLETIN concerning the name of the Chairperson. The present Chairperson of this Committee is:

Joseph Ben-David
Dept. of Sociology
Hebrew University
Jerusalem, Israel.

Chair and Secretary: J. Hackler
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alta. T6G 2H4, Canada

The international seminar on "Sex Roles, Deviance and the Agencies of Social Control" that was originally scheduled for Vienna, will take place in August (9-11) at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Questions on arrangements in Dublin should be sent to the Chairman of the Local Arrangements:

David B. Rottman
Economic & Social Research Institute
4 Burlington Rd.
Dublin 4, Ireland.

A mail ballot was held last winter to elect a new board for this Committee. The results are as follows:

Co-chairpersons: Hanna Papanek (for N.America)
2 Mason St.
Lexington, Ma. 02173
U.S.A.

Veronica Stolte-Hetskanen (for Europe)
Inst. of Sociology
University of Helsinki
13 Franzenskimatu, Helsinki 00500
Finland

Research Council Representatives:
Andrée Michel
Pamela Ruby

No Secretary has been nominated yet. Correspondence should be sent to the co-chairpersons.

RC 30 - Sex Roles in Society

Working Group 3 - COCTA (Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis)

Chairperson: Giovanni Sartori
Political Science Dept.
Stanford University, Stanford, Ca. 94305

Secretary: F.W.Riggs
Political Science Dept.
University of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

The ISA Research Coordinating Committee, meeting in Uppsala, Sweden, in May 1976, recognized COCTA as a Working Group of the ISA for a two-year period, subject to becoming a Research Committee at the end of this period if the prescribed criteria will be met. COCTA grew out of an Ad Hoc meeting held during the Congress of the International Political Science Association in Munich, Germany (August 1970) and has subsequently grown to a membership of about 120 scholars. It organized sets of three panels at the subsequent IPSA Congresses in Montreal, Canada, and Edinburgh, Scotland, and has distributed some 38 working papers to its members. In addition a monograph entitled "The Tower of Babel: On the Definition and Analysis of Concepts in the Social Sciences", written by Giovanni Sartori, Fred Riggs, and Henry Teune, has been published by the International Studies Association, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.15260 (U.S.$3.75).

During the Toronto Congress of the ISA, COCTA co-sponsored a panel with the Political Sociology joint committee of ISA and IPSA. It was suggested at that time that just as that research committee served the common interests of sociologists and political scientists in the two international associations, so COCTA might equally well be utilized jointly for mutual benefit. The basic purpose of the committee is to develop procedures and techniques that can be used by social scientists to facilitate the identification of key concepts used in their own selected fields of knowledge, and to accelerate the processes whereby terminological agreements designed to facilitate the easy identification of these concepts can be reached.

Understandably most COCTA members are political scientists, but a number of distinguished sociologists who are ISA members have also been active in its programs. In order to strengthen its relationship to ISA, COCTA seeks to add interested sociologists to its membership. Accordingly, a cordial invitation is hereby extended to all interested ISA members to write to Fred Riggs asking for further information and a membership invitation.

COCTA will hold a business and planning session at the Uppsala Congress, and is organizing up to three of its own panels during the period set aside for Ad Hoc groups. Planning for the COCTA-related activities at Uppsala is being coordinated by Giovanni Sartori and anyone wishing to participate should write him directly.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS SPONSORED BY ISA OR BY OTHER SCIENTIFIC BODIES

                      Place: Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo, Norway
                      Theme: The influence of public opinion on and the use of surveys in public policy development
                      Conference Coordinator: Gladys Engel Lang
                      Coordinators: SUNY, Stony Brook, N.Y., USA
                      Harvard University of Amsterdam
                      Amsterdam, Netherlands

Aug. 29-31  Third International Conference on Leisure and Education
                      Place: Salgotarjan, Hungary
                      Theme: Mode of Life and Culture
                      Conference Organizer: The Hungarian Institute of Culture and the Association for the Diffusion of Scientific Knowledge.
                      For information, write to Gilles Pronovost (address on p.13)

Sept. 5-9  American Sociological Ass. Annual Meeting
                      Place: Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago
                      Conference Coordinator: ASA
                      Coordinators: 1722 N. Street, N.W.
                                      Washington, D.C. 20036, USA
September 23-25, 1977
Leisure Studies Association International Conference
Place: University of Manchester, England
Theme: Leisure and the Urban Society
Conference Organizer: Michael H. Smith
University of Salford
Salford M5 4WT, U.K.

April 5-7, 1978
International Symposium
Place: University of Warwick
Coventry, England
Theme: The Social Consequences of Imposed Law
Conference Organizers:
Dr. B.E. Harrell-Bond
School of Law, Univ. of Warwick
Coventry CV4 7AL, England
Dr. S.B. Burman
Centre for Socio-Legal Studies
Wolfson College, Oxford OX2 6UD
England

August 21-25, 1978
4th International Congress of Cybernetics and Systems
Place: Amsterdam, Netherlands
Theme: A special section in the congress will be devoted to Social Systems.
Conference Organizer:
Professor J. Van den Zouwen
Dept. of Research Methods
Free University
de Boelelaan 1115, Amsterdam
Deadline for submission of papers:
April 30, 1978
Papers on Social Systems should be sent to the above.

September 6-13, 1978
International Conference on Primary Health Care
Place: Alma Ata, Russia
Theme: Primary Health Care
Conference Organizer:
World Federation of Public Health Assns.
Washington Secretariat
1015 18th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

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Information about name and address (as complete as possible) of medical sociologists, or social scientists working, or having worked, in the health sector, in Latin American countries is needed for a survey under development. All information will be confidential. Please send to:
Jorge Segovia
Faculty of Medicine,
Memorial University
St. John's, Nfld. A1B 3V6, Canada

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Pour information et demande d'adhésion:
Secrétariat de l'EADI
Kärntner strasse 25/6
A-1010 Vienne, Autriche

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