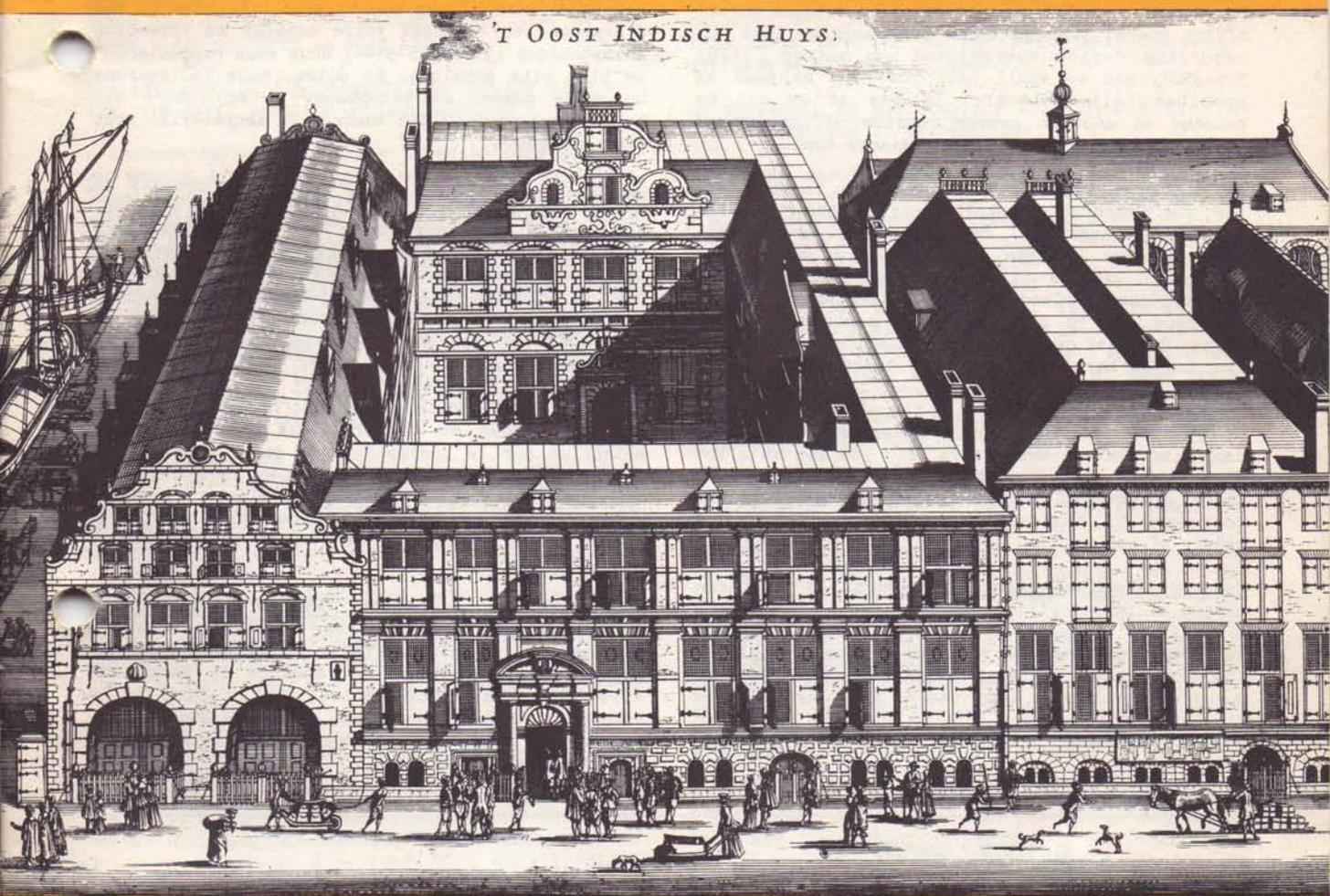




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A 17-th century view of the new secretariat

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## FROM THE SECRETARIAT

This then is the first Bulletin to reach you out of Amsterdam. We have to apologize for being somewhat late, due to the manifold problems connected with the relocation of the secretariat from Montreal to Amsterdam, but we expect the next issue to reach you on time.

As a result of bad weather and other assorted problems, the files and archives from Canada did not reach us before mid-February. Consequently, it took us until well into March before everything was more or less unpacked and sorted out. However, Izabela Barlinska arrived in early February from Montreal to assist us in running the secretariat, and she has been a great help in familiarizing us quickly with different files.

Office hours: Generally, the secretariat will be open from 09:00-17:00 hours local time. However, if you should urgently need to reach us outside normal office hours, you can speak your message into our recording device operational on number (3120) 525-3584, and we shall call you back as soon as possible. Alternatively, if one of us can be reached at another number outside office hours, this will be mentioned on our message tape.

Membership cards: In view of our plans to computerize the membership administration, the 1983 ISA membership cards will be sent later. We request your patience in this respect, as we must first enter all address files into the micro-computer that has just arrived (see the following story). If you have yet to pay your 1983 membership dues, please do so at your earliest convenience. Although you should have received your membership renewal form with the last Bulletin, we include it once more in this issue specifying the alternative means of payment. In this respect, we would like to emphasize that it would save both you and us a lot of administrative work if you could pay for four years. Moreover, it safeguards you against possible increases in membership dues before 1986 as a result of inflation.

Research Committee membership dues: As a consequence of computerizing the membership administration it will be possible, from 1984 onward, to pay your Research Committee membership dues directly to the secretariat, at least if the Research Committee concerned decides to make use of this service. You should hear more about this in due time from your Research Committee secretary.

## DU SECRETARIAT

Voici le premier Bulletin qui vous arrive d'Amsterdam. Nous vous prions d'excuser le léger retard, dû à toutes sortes de problèmes causés par le transfert du secrétariat de Montréal à Amsterdam. Le prochain numéro paraîtra sans doute à la date prévue.

Le mauvais temps et d'autres problèmes d'expédition ont fait que les dossiers et les archives ne nous sont parvenus qu'à la mi-février. Par la suite il nous a fallu plusieurs semaines pour tout ranger et classer. Heureusement Izabela Barlinska est arrivée en février de Montréal pour nous assister au secrétariat et son aide a été précieuse pour nous familiariser rapidement avec les différents dossiers.

Heures de bureau: En principe le secrétariat sera ouvert de 09:00-17:00 heure locale. En dehors des heures de bureau vous pouvez nous atteindre en cas d'urgence, en laissant votre message au répondeur téléphonique (3120)525-3584; nous vous rappellerons le plus vite possible. En outre, nous indiquerons un autre numéro de téléphone, si en dehors des heures de bureau un des membres du secrétariat peut être atteint.

Cartes de membre: En rapport avec nos projets de mettre sur ordinateur l'administration des membres, les cartes de membre AIS 1983 seront envoyées ultérieurement. Nous vous prions de patienter un peu, car il nous faut d'abord faire entrer tous les noms et adresses dans le micro-ordinateur récemment installé (voir plus bas). Si vous n'avez pas encore payé votre cotisation 1983, nous vous prions de le faire sous peu. A toute utilité, nous vous envoyons encore une fois sous ce pli un bulletin de renouvellement, contenant les différentes voies de paiement. Sous ce rapport nous attirons votre attention sur la possibilité de payer pour quatre années à la fois. De cette façon vous éviterez beaucoup de travail inutile aussi bien à vous-même qu'à nous et en même temps vous vous mettez à l'abri d'une éventuelle hausse de la cotisation avant 1986.

Cotisation des membres des Comités de Recherche: Suite à la mise sur ordinateur de l'administration des membres, il sera possible, à partir de 1984, de payer votre cotisation des Comités de Recherche directement au secrétariat, si le Comité de Recherche en question décide de faire usage de ce service. Le secrétaire de votre Comité de Recherche vous tiendra au courant.

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Visiting the secretariat: Visitors to the ISA secretariat are most welcome. While this invitation holds especially for all those with a specific function within the ISA-framework who need to discuss business with us, it is certainly extended to all individual ISA members who would like to brainstorm with us about possible ways of making the ISA more effective in one way or another.

Therefore, if your travels should bring you in the neighborhood of Amsterdam, or if you can make a stopover here, please let us know well in advance in order to arrange a meeting time. The secretariat itself is a worthwhile visit: it is located in a 17th century building in the heart of Amsterdam, where the Dutch East India Company had its headquarters in the early 1600's. The Executive Committee, since Mexico numbering 18 instead of 17 members, will meet here May 23-27 in the same historic room in which the so-called "gentlemen seventeen" ruled the Dutch Empire. To give a more concrete idea of what the building looks like, we include a few pictures in this issue.

The personnel of the secretariat: For the time being, the staff consists of four persons:

- Izabela Barlinska will be known to many of you: she worked since 1978 as an assistant to Magdalena Sokolowska in Warsaw, whom she helped with the preparations for the Uppsala Congress. More recently, she has been working at the ISA secretariat in Montreal on the preparations for the World Congress in Mexico City. She will now assist the Amsterdam secretariat for the next four years, on loan from the Polish Academy of Sciences. She shall also continue her English studies in Amsterdam, working towards a Ph.D., having obtained an M.A. in English language and literature from the University of Warsaw in 1978.

- Peter Reinsch studied Criminology at U.C. Berkeley (B.A. - 1971) before moving to Europe, where he has resided in the Netherlands the past eight years. As an assistant in the methodology section of the Sociology Department at the Free University the past five years, his studies have concentrated upon the racist content of educational materials. He hopes to obtain his "doctoralexamen" (more than an M.A. but not a doctoral exam as the name suggests) this summer. In principle, Peter will also be with us for the coming four years, for the time being in a half-time position.

- Walter Becking studied sociology at the University of Amsterdam in the 1950's, where he was an assistant to Professor Den Hollander, who organized the Third World Congress of Sociology in 1956. Just before finishing his studies, he was called upon to join the board of directors of a metallurgical firm. In the course of his further career, he has held managerial positions in different firms, all the while keeping abreast of new developments in sociology. He will be particularly responsible for membership administration and general financial matters - and will therefore maintain close contacts with the Membership and Finance Committee - as well as for the production and mailing of the Bulletin. Walter is also holding a half-time job.

- Felix Geyer will likewise work half-time, although on the basis of the Canadian experience it

Visite du secrétariat: Nous attendons avec plaisir votre visite au secrétariat de l'AIS. Cette invitation s'adresse non seulement à tous ceux qui ont une fonction spécifique à l'intérieur de l'organisation de l'AIS, mais aussi à tout membre individuel ayant le désir de venir discuter avec nous les possibilités d'un bon fonctionnement de l'AIS.

N'hésitez donc pas de venir nous voir si vous êtes de passage à Amsterdam. Il est utile de nous le faire savoir à l'avance et de fixer un rendez-vous. La localité du secrétariat vaut déjà une visite. Elle se trouve au coeur de la ville, dans un bâtiment du dix-septième siècle, qui a servi de siège à la Compagnie Réunie pour les Indes Néerlandaises, au début du dix-septième siècle. Le Comité Exécutif, depuis Mexico composé de 18 membres au lieu de 17, se réunira ici du 23 au 27 mai prochain dans la salle même où ceux qu'on appelait "les seigneurs dix-sept" gouvernaient les colonies Néerlandaises. Afin de vous donner une idée plus précise du bâtiment nous insérons quelques photos dans ce numéro.

Le personnel du secrétariat: Actuellement il y a quatre personnes au secrétariat:

- Izabela Barlinska n'est pas une inconnue pour beaucoup d'entre vous: depuis 1978 elle a été l'assistante de Magdalena Sokolowska à Varsovie, où elle l'a aidé avec les préparations pour le Congrès d'Uppsala. Récemment, elle a travaillé au secrétariat de l'AIS à Montréal pour préparer le Congrès Mondial à Mexico City. Elle travaillera comme assistante au secrétariat d'Amsterdam pendant quatre ans, par la bienveillance de l'Académie des Sciences Polonaise. Elle continuera en même temps ses études de littérature anglaise, préparant à Amsterdam une thèse, après avoir terminé ses études en 1978 à l'Université de Varsovie.

- Peter Reinsch a fait des études de criminologie à l'université de Berkeley (B.A. - 1971), avant de venir en Europe. Il a vécu aux Pays-Bas ces huit dernières années. Travaillant comme assistant à la section de méthodologie du département de sociologie de l'Université Libre d'Amsterdam depuis cinq ans, il s'est occupé surtout du racisme dans les manuels scolaires. Il espère passer son "doctoralexamen" (niveau supérieur à un M.A., mais pas au niveau d'un doctorat, ce que peut suggérer le nom) cet été. En principe, Peter fera également partie de notre équipe pendant quatre ans; actuellement il travaille à mi-temps.

- Walter Becking a fait des études de sociologie à l'Université d'Amsterdam dans les années cinquante; il a été l'assistant du Professeur Den Hollander, qui a organisé le Troisième Congrès Mondial de Sociologie en 1956. Juste avant de finir ses études il a été appelé à faire partie du conseil d'administration d'une firme métallurgique. Au cours de sa carrière il a été impliqué dans la gestion de plusieurs entreprises, sans perdre le contact avec les derniers développements en sociologie. Il sera responsable en particulier de l'administration des membres et des finances - et sera donc en contact étroit avec le Comité des Membres et des Finances - et sera chargé de la production et de l'expédition du Bulletin. Walter travaille également à mi-temps.

is likely to expand considerably beyond that. He obtained his "doctoraalexamen" in sociology in 1961 from the University of Amsterdam, and his doctor's degree in 1980 from the same university, with a thesis titled "Alienation theories: a systems approach" (Oxford: Pergamon Press, 1980). Since 1972 he has been involved, together with David Schweitzer, in establishing what is now the Research Committee on Alienation Theory and Research, of which he was the secretary up until January 1983. Together with Schweitzer, he has edited several books on the subject. Felix will be particularly responsible for all contacts with the Research Committees, the Research Council and Research Coordinating Committee, and the Publications Committee.

Shared responsibilities with Walter Becking will include the editing of the Bulletin, all contacts with the Executive Committee, and of course all preparations for the next World Congress.

The new ISA logo: We would like to thank Peter de Kroon of SISWO for designing the new ISA logo, which became necessary for practical reasons. The ISA-symbol, the group, will continue to appear on our Bulletin and as a stamp on our envelopes.

#### SAGE STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY

Please note that the address of the Editor of the Sage Studies in International Sociology remains unchanged and is as follows:

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Felix Geyer and Walter Becking in inner courtyard

- Felix Geyer aussi a été nommé à mi-temps, mais l'expérience faite au Canada laisse prévoir que le travail s'étendra sensiblement au-delà. Il a passé son "doctoraalexamen" en sociologie en 1961 à l'Université d'Amsterdam et obtenu le doctorat à la même université en 1980 en soutenant une thèse intitulée Alienation theories: a systems approach (Oxford, Pergamon Press, 1980). Depuis 1972, en collaboration avec David Schweitzer, il a contribué à la fondation du Comité de Recherche sur la



Peter Reinsch and Izabela Barlinska on entrance steps

Théorie et la Recherche de l'Aliénation; il en a été secrétaire jusqu'en janvier 1983. Avec David Schweitzer il a édité plusieurs livres dans ce domaine. Felix se chargera en particulier de tous les contacts avec les Comités de Recherche, le Conseil de Recherche et le Comité des Publications.

Il partagera avec Walter Becking la tâche en ce qui concerne l'édition du Bulletin, tous les contacts avec le Comité Exécutif, et, bien entendu, la préparation du prochain Congrès Mondial.

La nouvelle vignette AIS: Nous tenons à remercier Peter de Kroon de SISWO pour avoir dessiné la nouvelle AIS-vignette, devenue nécessaire pour des raisons pratiques. Le groupe, symbole de l'AIS, continuera à apparaître sur le Bulletin et comme timbre sur nos enveloppes.



The same entrance from a distance

## PRESENTING OUR MICROMEGA

In the above, we have briefly introduced our human staff. Since late March, however, we also have a non-human collaborator who may very well turn out to be the most productive worker in the secretariat: a micro-computer renamed Micromega by Thomson, its European importer and soon-to-be producer, although originally called Fortune 32:16 by its makers in Silicon Valley, USA.

Already last spring, when it was decided the secretariat would move to Amsterdam, we began thinking about the different functions we would have to perform and the personnel needed to perform them. When first toying with the idea of buying a micro-computer to help us with labor-intensive administrative chores, we discarded the idea, thinking that it would be too expensive, especially in view of our limited budget: the ISA individual and collective membership dues barely cover a quarter of the secretarial costs. The remainder comes from UNESCO funds or must be scraped together from different Dutch sources during this era of extreme budget cuts.

Since last spring, however, technological innovation developed at a rapid pace, while hardware prices declined: a new generation of 16-bit micro-computers entered the market, with more internal and external memory capacity. As a consequence the cost of a micro-computer in the Netherlands, with its very expensive social security system, would be on the order of half a secretary's salary over the coming four year period. While initially thinking we could not afford to buy a micro-computer, we slowly realized we could not afford not to buy one. Subsequently, the new Executive Committee in Mexico permitted us to embark on a real search for a suitable machine.

Felix Geyer then made an intensive investigation of the micro-computer market, first contacting several academic experts familiar with the field before talking to representatives of different brands and seeing their machines perform. The selection process ultimately narrowed to the Micromega. For the technical buffs: it is a 16-bit system, with a 32-bit microprocessor, 256 Kb of internal memory, and a 20 Mb Winchester disk (external memory); moreover, it has a UNIX operating system, which is becoming increasingly popular, particularly in the academic world.

Our Micromega came with two programs:

- Forward makes it one of the most versatile and easy-to-operate word-processors on the market. Although we are as yet far from familiar with its many possibilities, we are already using it at this stage, somewhat inefficiently, to produce this Bulletin. In the future we hardly expect to touch a normal typewriter, employing the Micromega to type and file our individual correspondence.
- IDOL is a Data Base Management System that, together with BASIC, can be used for most other administrative tasks of the secretariat. The Thomson programmers in Brussels were willing to program our standard "form" for us; we can now enter the complete address files of all ISA members onto a couple of flexible disks.

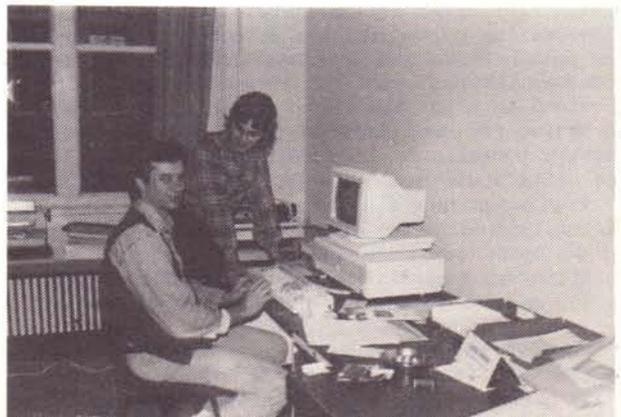
Obviously, information input is only half the

story; as for output, the Micromega can in principle select and print on any combination of criteria we have entered. For example, it can select all members with a subscription for Current Sociology per postal tariff zone; it can discover which Research Committee officers and/or members are not yet individual members of the ISA; it can analyze to what extent Research Committees have overlapping memberships; etc.

While all this will undoubtedly lighten our administrative burden, and even make operations possible that would be virtually impossible to execute manually, the most important motive for computerizing our operations is the possibility of increasing service to our members. Once all membership data have been entered into the Micromega - this will inevitably take a month or two if all goes well - it should be very easy to keep them up to date. Upon request we will then be able to provide print-outs of specific sub-groups of members at anytime, for instance at the request of Research Committee secretaries.

In the somewhat more distant future, we hope to create an initially modest data-bank with information of further relevance for our members: e.g. address lists of publishers concerned with specific sub-areas of sociology, which may be useful for members looking for a publication outlet for their new book; or, address lists of foundations and other potential subsidizers active in specific areas, together with their application conditions.

For the time being we must familiarize ourselves more fully with our Micromega, while keeping our fingers crossed that it will not take too long to debug. It has been remarkably "user-friendly"; four letter words have been a rarity, even those uttered by the more human staff members. We shall keep you posted on how our new collaborator continues to treat us. Please give us some time however, before asking us difficult questions, for instance the number of members we have in Antarctica who have yet to pay their 1983 dues; besides, their assets are most likely frozen.



Peter Reinsch and Izabela Barlinska with the micromega

SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE WORLD CONGRESS  
IN MEXICO

by KURT JONASSOHN

The World Congress is over and the dust has settled. We have received many complimentary comments and several critical ones. As a past executive secretary, it seems appropriate to comment at least on the critiques and to add some general observations.

One of the major sources of complaint was the registration fee and the lack of registration materials. We did realize that in these times of economic retrenchment any registration fee would have been considered too high by some colleagues. One kind of reply is to point out that our registration fee was among the lowest of the many international congresses in the social sciences that have been held in the past couple of years. Another way of responding is to point out that the organization of a World Congress is very complex and expensive; the contributions of the host and of UNESCO, while very much appreciated, do not begin to cover the costs. Thus, a registration fee is unavoidable. The shortage of registration materials, especially programs, should not be blamed on the Congress organizers: they, quite reasonably, printed double the number of programs than preregistrations on hand; this seemed quite a reasonable provision for late registrations. In view of the economic situation and the lack of travel grants, one could hardly have predicted that almost three times as many late registrations would in fact be recorded at this Congress. Given this unexpected attendance, the Mexican Local Arrangements Committee earned our gratitude for managing to print a second edition of the Congress program within 24 hours.

Another major problem in Mexico was caused by the difficulty of changing foreign currencies. This did create real problems; but surely nobody could have predicted that the Mexican government would pass a law suspending all currency trading on the Friday before the Congress was to start. So, it seems somewhat unfair to blame the ISA or the organizers for unpredictable events.

Simultaneous translation always presents a problem at the World Congresses. This problem was even greater in Mexico due to the great number of Spanish-speaking colleagues who attended the Congress. The cost of simultaneous translation is prohibitive and for the last several congresses it has been provided only for the plenary sessions. The demand in Mexico for such translation in all sessions was totally unrealistic in view of the enormous costs that this would have entailed. Instructions to the session organizers did contain suggestions for providing informal translation. In addition, the local arrangements committee did provide a group of 35 multilingual students whose services were available to any session organizer who requested them.

A somewhat lesser critique concerned the distance between the Congress sites. It seemed to us that these distances were quite minimal if one had consulted the map and walked the shortest route. Besides, a shuttle bus service was provided. Let me add the thought that our choice of Congress sites

would be seriously restricted if it had to be limited to those locations that could provide facilities for 4500 colleagues and over 60 simultaneous sessions in a single building.

The Mexican Local Arrangements Committee tried valiantly to cope with the many problems that arose. Many colleagues commented on their unflinching courtesy and cheerful good humour with which they faced the many unforeseen difficulties. Not all of these could be solved, but they were always willing to help and succeeded most of the time. We all owe them a great debt of gratitude.

It seems worth adding a general comment about the way the ISA goes about organizing its World Congresses. The Congress is held every four years and never twice in the same location. This means that the particular situational context is never the same from one Congress to another. Neither is the organizational personnel. The local arrangements committee is a new one each time, has to learn to cope with all of the complexities and problems of organization, and has no way of passing on such painfully gained experience to the next one. Even in the ISA Secretariat there is enough turnover so that there are never more than one or two people who have been involved with the organization of a previous Congress. Given these conditions, we should really be amazed that our Congresses come off as well as they do!

Finally, it seems appropriate to close with the source of many of the complimentary comments that have come to our attention: the programs organized by our Research Committees. Considering the degree of decentralization involved in having 37 Research Committees organize well over 200 sessions, one would be justified in expecting considerable unevenness - which undoubtedly existed. Therefore, it was a great source of satisfaction to receive so many comments about so many excellent Research Committee sessions. And surely it is the quality of the scientific program that is the final measure of the success of our World Congresses.



The ex-Executive Secretaries, Marcel Rafie (l.) and Kurt Jonassohn with Erwin Scheuch in the background (r.)

## REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES

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Membership dues: \$3-\$5 a year

Report of activities:

During the Mexico Congress the Committee held two sessions daily over the five-day period for a total of ten sessions (the last one being the business meeting). Over eighty persons were in attendance, the overwhelming majority being students at universities and colleges in the Mexico City area during two sessions organized and conducted in Spanish. Once the Latin American sessions were completed and English became the working language, attendance averaged between twenty and thirty persons. These were the hard core of the Research Committee and represented about 14 countries.

In recognition of 1986 being designated by the United Nations as the International Year of Peace, a resolution was unanimously passed to support this endeavor. In pursuit of this goal, the Research Committee specified four areas of research which the members should be encouraged to engage in and which could form the basis for sessions at the 1986 World Congress. These areas are: (1) perception of threats; (2) peacekeeping forces; (3) sociological aspects of the prevention of nuclear war; and (4)

social and cultural patterns of military intervention and withdrawal from the civilian sphere.

Future activities:

The Committee is planning to cooperate once more with the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society's Conference which will be held in Chicago, October 21-23, 1983. Six groups of panels have been established, grouped under the heading of "Manpower, Technology and National Security".

Newsletter:

The Committee publishes an annual Newsletter which is distributed to its 'interested members' and dues-paying members. It is expected that 'interested' members will respond to the request in the Newsletter to pay their membership dues.

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Membership dues: \$5 for the four year period between ISA World Congresses.

Report of activities:

During the Mexico City World Congress the Committee organized nine sessions of about 3 hours each. They were lively and spilled over into numerous dinners and informal sessions. The convergence of the International Political Science Association meetings the week before in Rio, and subsequent American sociology and political science association meetings, drew together certain congress buffs from the world over.

The participation in the Committee's sessions was particularly reinforced by the Essen Conference of October 1982. Many younger Europeans in particular came to know one another in Essen, and came to Mexico and subsequent meetings. A two-day session on modes for developing professional contacts among urban researchers formalized many of the informal arrangements developed over the week of Congress meetings.

Future activities:

Conference: October 10-12, 1983. Université de Paris, 2 Rue de Rouen, 92001 Nanterre, France. Themes are: (1) decentralization of decisions from the national welfare state to the local government; (2) new forms of participation and social movements and (3) fiscal austerity and urban innovation.

A conference in Great Britain will bring together researchers involved with local adaptations of fiscal austerity.

Mark Rosentraub (Univ. of Texas, Arlington) is investigating on-going work in the area of "Citizen Preferences and Service Delivery". The plans are to feed this subject into a single conference or as part of a more general Committee conference.

The organization of conferences in Japan and Puerto Rico is also being considered.

Recent publications:

The Essen Conference papers have just been published. About 100 papers totalling some 850 pages bound in three volumes: Applied Urban Research, Gerd-Michael Hellstern, Fritjof Spreer & Helmut Wollman (eds.); Bonn: Bundesforschungsanstalt für Landeskunde und Raumordnung, 1982.

A collective effort of some 20 U.S. scholars emerged from a NSF-supported conference where each summarized hypotheses in a specific urban subfield and suggested future data to be collected: "Urban Policy Analysis", Urban Affairs Annual Reviews, 21 (Sage, 1981).

Future publications:

Publication of the Mexico City papers is planned by Guadalupe Velasco in two Mexican journals.

Final agreements have been made to launch Research in Urban Policy as an annual, published by JAI Press, Greenwich, CT, USA.

Herman Turk, Barry Wellman and Peter Jambrek agreed to prepare a joint paper summarizing work of Committee members and related researchers for the next meeting of the Research Council. This should be published in an ISA volume similar to Sociology: The State of the Art.

Newsletter:

The Committee's Newsletter provides information on work in progress so that interested persons can contact one another. The editorial work of several Committee members should help to expand the distribution of the Newsletter, especially to younger persons who have not yet been involved in international professional activities.

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No report of activities has been received by the secretariat.

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No report of activities has been received by the secretariat.

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No report of activities has been received by the secretariat.

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Membership dues: \$15 for a two year term

No report of activities has been received by the secretariat.

Future activities:

A course is being organized, in cooperation with the World Future Studies Federation, at the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia. Eleonora Masini is director of the course. Plans are furthermore being made to publish a selection of papers in a volume, Building Alternative Futures.

## RC 08 HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGY

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## RC 09 INNOVATIVE PROCESSES IN SOCIAL CHANGE

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Membership dues: \$10 a year, if possible paid on a four year basis.

Report of activities:

At the World Congress in Mexico City all sessions planned by the Committee took place on schedule. All the chairmen were present and most of the papers listed were presented and discussed. Especially well attended were the sessions on participatory action research, but the meetings on the role of women in the Third World, methods of research, indigenous development, and the role of the State also attracted a considerable number of colleagues. The symposium on "Contradictions, conflicts, and strategies of societal change" was one of the best attended events in the entire Congress (about 1400 people).

Publications:

Papers from the Research Committee's session during the World Congress in Uppsala, 1978, were published in the International Review of Sociology, Ellen B. Hill (ed.), series II, vol. XVII, no.1, 1981.

Ulf Himmelstrand: "Innovative Processes in Social Change: Theory, Method and Social Practice" in Sociology. The State of the Art, T. Bottomore, S. Nowak, M. Sokolowska (eds.), London: Sage, 1982.

Future publication:

The papers from the symposium "Contradictions, conflicts, and strategies of societal change" held at the Mexico Congress, were approved for publication within the Sage Series of International Sociology.

Newsletter:

Until now the Newsletter was prepared and distributed to all Committee members by the previous Chairman, Orlando Fals Borda, at irregular intervals. New arrangements have not yet been decided upon.

RC 10 PARTICIPATION, WORKERS' CONTROL AND  
SELF-MANAGEMENT

Chairman, 1978-1982:

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Election of the new Board is in process.

Membership dues: To be announced.

Report of activities:

At the Mexico City Congress the Committee, besides its own sessions, held one joint session with the RC 17 on Sociology of Organization, entitled "Industrial Democracy and Organization Theory".

Future activities:

The Committee is busy with the organization of an international workshop on "The Future Prospectives of Economic and Industrial Democracy" to be held in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, October 3-7, 1983. The workshop will focus on futurological anticipations of development of economic and industrial democracy within the next two or three decades. Developmental prospectives will be treated in a complex way through multidisciplinary and multilevel approaches: through political, economic, technological conditions and restrictions at the international, interorganizational and intra-organizational levels (For further details contact Veljko Rus).

Future publication:

The papers presented at the joint session with RC 17 on "Industrial Democracy and Organization Theory" in Mexico City may be published in Organization Studies or Economic and Industrial Democracy.

RC 11 SOCIOLOGY OF AGING

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Membership dues: Annual dues of \$5, for students \$3, paid for a four-year period commencing with 1983-1986. No dues required of members who retire from full-time employment.

No report of activities has been received by the secretariat.

RC 12 SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

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Membership dues: \$10 for the period between the two World Congresses.

Report of Activities:

The annual meeting in 1981 was held in Oxford, September 24-27. This meeting was organized in conjunction with the Centre for Legal Studies. Prof. K. Schuyt spoke in the opening sessions on "Law as Communication". There were four workshops: Law and economy; Interactionist analysis of legal processes (both civil and criminal); Language used in legal settings; and Labor law and industrial relations. Special sessions were held on research in progress. Dr. M. Atkinson gave a lecture about "The impact of recent debates about positivism on research programmes in the sociology of law" at the closing meeting.

In Mexico City during the World Congress of Sociology seven sessions were held: (1) Theory and methodology in sociology of law; (2) Legal systems and social systems; (3) Legal professions; (4) Law in action; (5) Dispute institutions; (6) Law and social change in Latin America; and (7) Research in progress. The average number of persons attending the sessions was about 60. The session on "Law and social change in Latin America" was attended by more than 100 persons.

RC 13 SOCIOLOGY OF LEISURE

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## Honorary Member:

Joffre Dumazedier (France)

Membership dues: \$8 regular members, \$4 students.

Report of activities:

Apart from the Mexico Congress, the Committee met in Brussels, Belgium, April 1982, on the occasion of the 4th World Congress Van Clé, where it organized a session: "Free Time and Leisure: Theory and Sociological Research".

During the Mexico City Congress the Committee held 12 sessions. The programme of sessions was concentrated upon basic problems, i.e.: theoretical problems of sociology of leisure and methodological problems. The chairpersons of each session were completely free to decide on the character of the session; the number of papers contributed was unusually high (around 90).

An innovation in the work of the Committee during the past four years was the creation of five sub-committees: (1) on the study of the social times; (2) on leisure research and leisure policies; (3) on ways of life and leisure; (4) on leisure, tourism and environment; and (5) on research in problems of week-ends.

The Committee cooperates with a great number of other organizations, mainly with the Van Clé Foundation, Belgium, and with the World Leisure and Recreation Association.

Future activities:

A board meeting of the Committee shall be held in Vaxjo, Sweden, May 1983.

Publications:

The scientific publication of the Committee is Loisir et Société/ Society and Leisure. It is a semi-annual review; for 10 years it was issued from Prague as the official publication of the Committee and the European Center for Leisure and Education. Since 1978 it has been edited by Gilles Pronovost, and published by Les Presses de l'Université du Québec, Canada.

Leisure Newsletter/Loisir Information:

The Committee's current bulletin is published 3 times a year or more, depending on the need. This is a bilingual bulletin in French and English. It includes information about the Committee's work, reports from the Committee meetings and scientific

conferences, news about the research centers, reports about the research work being carried on, as well as a diary of meetings, congresses and conferences. For Committee members the bulletin is complimentary. For non-members it is possible to order it.

## RC 14 SOCIOLOGY OF COMMUNICATION, KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE

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No report of activities has been received by the secretariat.

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**Membership dues:** \$20 for every two years for persons from "hard" currency countries, and \$2 for persons from "soft" currency countries.

**Report of activities:**

The Committee represents the ISA in the World Health Organization (WHO) meetings and activities. The Committee was recently asked by another affiliate of WHO, the Council on International Medical Organization (CIOMS) to comment on some proposed guidelines for conducting human experimentation. With the support of the Division of Health Manpower Development of WHO, the Committee tries to encourage the development of more well-prepared medical-health sociologists in less industrialized countries.

Another goal of the Committee is to bring about a greater sense of creative ferment involving both conflict theory and consensual theory in the field of medical-health sociology. The Committee's program at the Mexico City sessions made a good beginning in this regard. (For the detailed account on the Committee's sessions during the Xth World Congress see the forthcoming RC Newsletter).

**Newsletter:**

The Committee's Newsletter will be edited by Jerome Stromberg (University of Colorado Health Science Center) starting with the Summer issue. The issue about to appear will be put out by Derek Gill, and will give brief summaries of most of the 100 papers submitted for sessions at the Mexico meetings.

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**Report of activities:**

The Committee's efforts have concentrated on the organization of Joint Scientific Symposia with select national or international bodies. Thanks to this approach the Committee has come in close association with the United Nations University, Tokyo, and the Centro de Estudios Economicos y Sociales del Tercer Mundo (CEESTEM), Mexico.

**Publications:**

The volume on the Research Committee Joint International Symposium Culture and Power in a Changing World (Mexico) is to be published soon in Mexico, sponsored by CEESTEM.

The volume on the Research Committee International Seminar at Paimio will also be published, thanks to the diligence of the University of Turku, Finland.

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 Nikolai Lapin (USSR)  
 Hiroshi Mannari (Japan)

No report of activities has been received by the secretariat besides a summary of the Mexico City Joint Session with RC 09 (see RC 09 report of activities).

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Report of activities:

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Juan J. Linz	Breakdown & Consolidation of Regimes
Bogdan Denitch	Elites and Opinion Makers
Derek Urwin	Elections and Parties
P.C. Schmitter	Interest Intermediation
Ezra Suleiman	Political Administration
Richard Rose	Public Policy

The Committee held two sessions plus an extra session for the Stein Rokkan Memorial Lecture within the XIIth IPSA Congress in Rio de Janeiro, August 1982. The sessions were titled: "Organizing Interests in Western and Eastern Europe", and "The Organization of Executive Leadership".

Within the ISA Congress, the Committee organized 4 sessions plus a joint meeting with the Research Committees on Social Stratification and on Sociology of Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy.

Future activities:

A pair of conferences are planned, first in Scotland, August 1983, and secondly in Tokyo, August 1984, devoted to the future of the Welfare State (following the meeting of the Committee in 1981). The conferences will provide an opportunity for a tri-continental review of the welfare state.

Publications:

Competitive Elections in Developing Countries, Myron Weiner and Ergun Ozbuduneds (Washington D.C.: the American Enterprise Institute). The book builds upon work already undertaken by Committee members concerning elections in Western nations and non-competitive elections in non-Western nations.

The Politics of Territorial Identity: Studies in European Regionalism, Stein Rokkan and Derek Urwin (Sage Publications/ECPR Series, 1983). The first of two volumes concerning centre-periphery relations in Europe.

Higher Civil Servants in the Policy-Making Process, Ezra Suleiman (ed.) (New York: Holmes & Meir, forthcoming). A volume edited from the papers presented in the Conference organized by Ezra Suleiman in Madrid, under the Committee's aegis, involving scholars from three continents.

Parliaments and Parliamentarians in Democratic Politics is a companion volume edited by Ezra Suleiman, from a subsequent conference in Madrid. The book, with seven chapters on Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway and the United States will be published in the Committee's Series with Sage Publications.

RC 19 SOCIOLOGY OF POVERTY, SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL POLICY

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Election for other office bearers will be held in 1983.

Membership dues: \$10 a year; \$35 for a four-year period.

Report of activities:

Two main events were organized during the period under review:

The Seminar on Recent Trends in Social Policy (Budapest, August 1981) was organized by the Institute of Sociology of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, bringing together approximately 33 sociologists, mainly from Eastern and Western Europe. Participants also came from the United States, India, Israel and Venezuela. The themes covered by the discussions were: the structural implications of poverty; the dynamics of deprivation; health services; and unemployment - what can social policy do about it. A total of 15 papers were presented under these topics and written statements were available for most of them.

Xth World Congress: Approximately 60 papers were presented at ten substantive sessions organized by the Committee. Attendance at these sessions was generally good, the average being around 30 persons with considerably higher numbers attending three joint sessions (with RC 18 & RC 28, RC 32, RC 21). A number of the papers presented at these sessions are being made ready for publication, while a book is being prepared on the Future of the Welfare State.

Committee members were invited to the seminar on alcohol research organized by the International Group for Comparative Studies, held last year at Schloss Huningen, Switzerland. The topics were an evaluation of the international study of alcohol control policies, historical foundations for alcohol control policies, studies of alcohol culture, the relationship between alcohol policies and the state, and a discussion of the implications of alcohol research. The group has worked together for several years, and the quality of the papers presented was impressive.

Future activities:

The Committee is going to hold two meetings:  
(1) Workshop on "The Future of the Welfare State"

at the University of Bielefeld, Germany, June 1983. It will be a joint enterprise with the Institut für Bevölkerungsforschung und Sozialpolitik. The topic of the workshop is a continuation of the sessions the Committee held in Mexico City. Some of the papers presented during the session, as well as other papers solicited among the Committee's members, are being prepared for publication. The final version of the papers will be discussed in Bielefeld.

(2) A meeting in Scandinavia in 1984 in conjunction with the joint International Social Security Association/University of Bergen meeting on the Sociology of Social Security.

#### Newsletter:

With the change of the secretariat, the format and contents of the Newsletter have been revised and now cover such items as forthcoming events, recent events, news from members, regional developments, new publications, membership developments and business matters. In future it is hoped to bring the Newsletter out three times a year, probably in January, May and September. To encourage members to exchange news of their interests and activities, it has been decided to include a tear-out section which could be mailed back to the Committee secretariat.

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No report of activities has been received by the Secretariat.

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No report of activities has been received by the secretariat.

**Report of activities:**

The Committee organized its VIIth International Conference on August 16-21 in Mexico City within the Xth World Congress of Sociology. With seven sessions and over 40 papers it has been up to now the biggest program for a congress or international conference ever organized by the Research Committee. The Committee held also a joint session with RC 29 Deviance and Social Control.

**RC 24 SOCIAL ECOLOGY****Chairman:**

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J.K.H.W. Schmidt organized an Ad-Hoc session on Sociotechnics at the 21. Deutsche Soziologentag, Bamberg, October, 1982, with nearly 10 contributors.

No report of activities has been received by the Secretariat.

The National German Sociotechnics Group held a very successful meeting in February, 1983, initiated by J.K.H.W. Schmidt and carried on by Helmut Klages. There were over 30 participants and 10 papers have been presented and discussed.

**RC 25 SOCIOLINGUISTICS****Chairperson:**

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**Call for papers:**

Meeting with RC 12 planned Sept. 6-7 in Antwerp. Please contact prof. Schmidt (address above) if you are interested in delivering a paper there within one of the following three areas: How to program social policy research; Social program experimentation in the welfare state; Formal vs. informal aspects of organizations.

Other members of the board to be announced.

No report of activities has been received by the secretariat.

**RC 27 SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT****RC 26 SOCIOTECHNICS****President:**

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

Future activities:

The next meeting of the Committee will take place October 17-19, 1983 at the Free University, Amsterdam. There will be no special theme designated for the meeting, and members are invited to present papers on all topics that are included within the Committee's range of interest.

A meeting on "Dimensions of Social Stratification" is planned for early September 1984, in Budapest, Hungary (host: T.Kolosi). Another meeting on "Status Inconsistency" is scheduled for early 1985 (host: H.Strasser).

Newsletter:

The Committee's secretary, Robert Erikson, is in charge of the publication of the Newsletter.

## RC 29 DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL

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Membership dues: \$10 for a 4-year period

Report of activities:

At the Mexico Congress, in order to increase the opportunity for the Committee's members to participate, the Committee held joint sessions with the Research Committee on Sociology of Law, and joined with and held sessions concurrently with the International Society for Research on Aggression.

Future conferences:

October 1983, San Francisco, USA: an international symposium on "The Impact of Criminal Justice Reform".

April 1984, Lausanne, Switzerland: still in the planning stage.

December 1984, San José, Costa Rica: an international conference on "Development and Crime".

Future publications:

Papers from the Committee conference in Wuppertal are to appear in two volumes (in German).

The Nigerian Papers have been given to Allen & Unwin and received positive support with major editorial work. They may be published in London, but if that proves impossible they will be produced locally in Nigeria.

The publication of Mexican Papers is considered.

Newsletter:

The Committee's newsletter is published quarterly.

## RC 30 SOCIOLOGY OF WORK

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Membership dues: \$15 or 100 French francs for a 4-year period between the Congresses

Report of activities:

During the Mexico Congress sessions some 60 papers were delivered by the representatives of about 20 countries, with an average attendance of about 50 persons. Such a number of papers has sometimes made for difficult discussions and even expositions. Many of the papers were of great interest and have been also discussed at informal meetings.

During the Business Meeting, and other meetings that followed, it was discussed how to stimulate the activity of the Committee during the period leading up to the next Congress. Three permanent working groups have been established:

- New Technologies, Qualifications of Workers and Division of Labor
- Changes in Work Organization, Job Enrichment, Moves in Workers Status
- Work Conditions

The above could be some of the topics for the Committee's seminars in the near future.

Future activities:

A meeting of the new board is planned for April 1983 in Lodz, Poland.

A seminar of the Committee is planned for 1984 or 1985. Dr Kurianov would like to host the meeting on behalf of the Bulgarian Sociological Association. The provisional themes of the meeting are "New forms of organization of work" or "Non-qualified, monotonous work".

Newsletter: will be published at least once a year.

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#### Report of activities:

During the Mexico Congress the Committee organized 10 sessions and one symposium. Not all those who sent papers and appeared in the program were able to attend due to funding problems. The average attendance at the sessions was 30 persons. The Symposium "Strategies for Women's Equality" was attended by a full Auditorium at the Palacio de Minería. Papers were presented in three languages: English, French and Spanish. The Chair, Co-Chair, and discussant divided the papers between themselves and provided English-Spanish, French-Spanish, French-English, and Spanish-English summary translations.

#### Future activities:

The Committee is currently planning several mid-congress activities on a regional basis, given the difficulties involved in funding an international conference, although it has not ruled out the possibility of having a separate session within the framework of a forthcoming international conference. Among others, the Committee plans to co-sponsor several meetings in the course of 1984, the result of which might be fed into the 1985 U.N. Conference on Women.

#### Newsletter:

The Committee nominated new editors from among volunteers who can count on support from their institutions (secretarial assistance, small grants, etc.).

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Membership dues: \$5 for the 4-year period between the Congresses or an equivalent amount plus a small conversion fee in the currency of national membership coordinators.

#### Report of activities:

The sessions for the presentation of scientific papers were organized for the World Congress. All but one (Methods and Measurement in Social Phenomenology) of these sessions were held. No systematic record of attendance was made, but the average was about 50 persons per session.

#### Future activities:

Interim meetings are planned:  
Western Hemisphere - San Antonio, Texas, USA, in conjunction with the ASA meeting which will be held from August 27-31, 1984.  
Eastern Hemisphere - a proposal advanced by Board member Alberto Marradi (Italy). Details to be announced.

#### Publications:

Factor Analysis and Measurement in Sociological Research, David J. Jackson, Edgar F. Borgatta (eds.), Sage Series in International Sociology, Sage Publications, 1981.

#### Newsletter:

Two Newsletters were published in 1981, and one was

published in 1982. During the current administration the Committee will publish two Newsletters per year, with Spring and Fall publication. The Newsletter is mailed to members in good standing. The Committee maintains also an extended mailing list for the distribution of calls for papers for sessions.

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##### Report of activities:

In September 1981 in the Georgi Dimitrov International Youth Centre in Primorsko, Bulgaria, the Committee held a conference on "Sociology of Youth". The conference was attended by 37 Bulgarian and foreign scientists from 15 countries. The work of the conference was held in seven plenary sessions where 32 papers and scientific communications were presented and discussed, while three round-table discussions on "Basic Problems of Youth in the World" and one organizational session of the Research Committee were held. Key words of the conference were: self-realization, self-establishment, alienation, social activeness, youth problems of society, social problems of youth, youth way of life, social change, radicalism, extremism, and social selection.

##### Future activities:

The following decisions about the future of the Committee were taken at the Board meeting at the Mexico Congress:

An international network of research in the field

of "Sociology of Youth" should be established following the guidelines of R. Mayer presented in his report read at the Xth World Congress.

The Research Committee should participate and contribute in the preparation and organization of the International Year of Youth (IYY-1985) sponsored by the U.N. under the topic: "Participation, Development, and Peace".

The Editorial Board of the Committee has been established and it will meet in the first quarter of 1983 to discuss the publication of the Committee members' papers presented in Mexico. Its task is also to get in close contact with other Research Committees to search for ways of better inter-Committee cooperation, especially with those groups that are also working on youth questions.

The next meeting of the Board will take place during the international conference on "Social Indicators in Comparative Youth Studies" organized by the Research Committee president, Peter Mitev, in Primorsko, Bulgaria, September 1983.

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##### Report of activities:

The COCTA Conference brought together in Bielefeld, Germany (May 1981) an assembly of social and information scientists. Various specific projects came into focus: the launching of a new truly international conceptual encyclopedia for the social sciences, making use of the findings of the UNESCO-sponsored INTERCONCEPT pilot project; promoting a plan to integrate social sciences thesauri and develop a data bank of descriptors; and underlining the reciprocal uses and methodologies for the preparation of glossaries, dictionaries and standardized vocabularies.

At the two consecutive social science world congresses held in summer 1982 - the IPSA meeting in Rio de Janeiro and the ISA meeting in Mexico City - COCTA sponsored several panels. At these panels some 15 papers were presented. It was decided during these meetings that abstracts of the

papers presented would be circulated. One of the sessions at the Mexico Congress was organized jointly with Research Committee 33 on Logic and Methodology in Sociology.

#### Recent publications:

The CONTA Conference Proceedings, F. W. Riggs, ed., Indeks Verlag, Frankfurt, 1982.

Proceedings of the Conference on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis in the Social Sciences, Bielefeld, Germany, 1981. The volume consists of 32 papers and 12 reports arranged in three parts:

I. Problems - Difficulties and Examples; II. Theories - Modes of Analysis, III. Solutions - Approaches and Proposals, and the Appendix which contains a conference resumé, the participants list and a report on the activities of various international and national organizations.

#### Newsletter:

COCTA News (edited by Jan-Erik Lane, Research Committee Secretary) is distributed among members; subscription \$5 yearly.

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#### Publications:

C. van Reden, A. Grondel, and R.F. Geyer, Bibliography Alienation (Amsterdam, SISWO, 1980). This 450-page bibliography, collected through on-line retrieval from 33 different computerized bibliographic data files and manual searches in another 42 printed bibliographic data files, contains over 7000 references, and ten indices to facilitate searches in specific sub-areas; it covers all social science disciplines and much of philosophy, and contains literature in virtually all languages.

D. Schweitzer, R.F. Geyer (eds.), Alienation: problems of meaning, theory and method, Routledge & Kegan Paul: London and Boston, 1981. This edited volume contains a selection of twelve revised and updated Uppsala papers.

D. Schweitzer, "Alienation theory and research: trends, issues, and priorities", International Social Science Journal, 33(3):523-556, October 1981 (also in French and Spanish versions).

D. Schweitzer, "Contemporary alienation theory and research", in: T.B. Bottomore, M. Sokolowska, S. Nowak (eds.), Sociology: the state of the art, Sage Publications: London and Beverly Hills, 1982.

These two articles by Schweitzer are based on a critical state-of-the-art assessment of alienation theory and research, presented on behalf of the Research Committee at the ISA Research Council meeting in Jablonna, Poland, August 1980.

S. Shoham (ed.), Alienation and anomie revisited, Tel-Aviv University Press/Sheridan Press/Science Reviews Ltd.: Tel-Aviv/New York/London, 1982. This 280-page edited volume contains contributions presented at the Messina Conference (November 24 - December 6, 1980) on "Culture and criminality: alienation, anomie and crime".

#### Future publications:

The publication of the first issue of the Committee's journal Alienation Theory and Research is foreseen for late 1983; about a dozen papers have been submitted already to the editors. Moreover, a monograph series is being planned, with Shlomo Shoham as managing editor.

#### Report of activities:

Much of the Committee's energy was spent on preparing the Mexico sessions - ten altogether, including two joint sessions with the RC on Participation, Workers' Control and Self-Management, and the RC on Sociology of Mental Health. These sessions were generally well attended (30-70 participants), while over 50 papers were presented. Schweitzer and Geyer will again edit a volume with a selection of papers, possibly in the SSIS series.

#### Future activities:

Conferences are being planned for:  
1) Vancouver, June 1-4, 1983. Information: David Schweitzer. Subject: "Alienation: theory, measurement and social practice".  
2) Messina, December 1983. Only by invitation. Subject: "Alienation, anomie and criminality".  
3) Madras, December 1984. Information: Raja Ganesan, Dept. of Education, University of Madras, Madras-5, India. Subject: "Alienation: Asian perspectives and Third World problems".  
4) Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, season 1984-85.

Information: Menachem Rosner, Research Center for the Kibbutz and the Cooperative Idea, University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel. Subject: "Worker's participation, self-management and industrial democracy: comparative cross-societal perspectives on de-alienation".

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##### Report of activities:

The major meeting of the Research Committee as a whole took place at the Xth World Congress. A total of seven well-attended sessions, in addition to sessions held jointly with other related Research Committees, resulted in 35 papers presented and discussed.

##### Future meetings:

Sofia, Bulgaria, to be held in June 1983, under the auspices of the Bulgarian Research Institute of Culture, on the topic "Multiple Perspectives in the Sociology of the Arts".

Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, to be held in autumn 1983. The topic has not been determined yet.

##### Planned publications:

The papers presented at the Mexico Congress are in the process of being published by the Cultural Institute of Bulgaria, edited by Elit Nikolov, and should be available by June 1983.

Newsletter: will be published three-four times a year. The first issue is currently being mailed out.

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## RESEARCH COMMITTEE HISTORIES

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE 28: SOCIAL STRATIFICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILITY

I. From 1950 to 1970

The commencement of cross-national research collaboration on social stratification and mobility under the sponsorship of the International Sociological Association goes back to the beginnings of the Association itself. At the First World Congress held in Zurich in 1950, the Executive Committee authorized the Research Committee, then a single unspecialized body, to prepare and execute a program of cross-national research on social stratification and social mobility.

In order to understand why the International Sociological Association as such identified itself so closely with investigations of social stratification and mobility in its early years, one must recall that the task of the association at that time was to establish its structure and purpose and to make these known to such sponsoring organizations as UNESCO and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Both the first president of the association, Louis Wirth, and others developing policy for the association, were professionally interested in social stratification and mobility. Also, just as important, was the growth of a paradigm and a research tradition demonstrating that large-scale investigations, covering whole societies, could be successfully carried out, enabling sociologists to compare one society with another on major aspects of social structure. Finally, the study of social stratification and mobility exemplified that sociologists were able to investigate problems of far-reaching social and political consequence both within and between nations. In brief, the association found it opportune to identify itself with activities that seemed rather certain to be successful and that were of more than academic interest.

By August 1951, the Association was able to publish a collection of working documents describing this research program under the title of First International Working Conference on Social Stratification and Mobility: Preliminary Papers and Proposals (Rinde and Rokkan 1951). The next paragraphs give a brief summary of that document.

The Research Committee, chaired by Theodor Geiger of the University of Aarhus, Denmark, delegated responsibility for drawing up plans and proposals for the program of research to Geiger and David Glass of the London School of Economics. Working in collaboration with sociologists representing about a dozen countries, Glass and Geiger settled on a program of investigations in two major parts. First, for each country, a review of what was already known about stratification and mobility was to be prepared, going back in time to perhaps as early as 1800. Extensive analytic bibliographies were to be prepared, so that any new studies could build on work done in the past. No hard and fast line was drawn between full-scale research investigations, statistical sources, and what we would today call data sources for sectors of the population, such as lists of university graduates with information on their social origins, members of

Parliaments, membership lists of elite occupations with bibliographic information, and the like.

The second part of the program, designed primarily by Glass, was clearly inspired by his own research on stratification and mobility in Britain, then nearing completion. As he pointed out, nothing was known about the stratification order or about mobility for total populations or societies, but only for local communities or special social categories of the population. Nor could one hope, at that early date, for questions on such topics to be included in decennial population censuses. The appropriate research design, which he had successfully used, was to apply the then developing techniques of surveying representative samples of national populations and interviewing these so as to collect data necessary to an understanding of the status order and the ways it might be changing.

More specifically, Glass proposed that data be collected in national surveys so that one could develop knowledge about the following two major sets of considerations:

- 1) the criteria and components of social status and status groups in different societies; the amount of agreement among members of the society as to the relative status of diverse occupational and educational groups; the relationships between accorded and subjective status. Such data were meant to cast light on the nature of the status order itself.
- 2) the distribution of status groups in society, as to size and composition according to various criteria; how the status position of families affects the educational attainment of their children and more generally, rates of social mobility; to what extent status is perpetuated through intermarriage; how differential fertility affects the relative size of status groups. The focus under this heading was the collection of data necessary to investigate the mechanisms by which the status hierarchy is maintained or reshaped over time both as to the size of its component groups and the recruitment of persons into these.

In June 1951, at a conference in Paris, first reactions to these proposals were discussed. In response to solicitations, written replies had been received from Denmark, Belgium, France, Holland, Norway, Sweden, England, and the United States. Many of these contained extensive analytic bibliographies. The country reports also responded to the request for information on research facilities and resources for mounting large national sample surveys, and are of considerable historic interest for their descriptions of the organization and funding of social research in the early 1950's.

Neither Geiger nor the representatives of some of the participating countries were in full agreement with the specific research methods proposed by Glass. But the basic design of national surveys, the core of the ISA-initiated program, was without doubt the most important and positive achievement of the committee in its first phase. The full series of national surveys was not carried out on the scale and with the degree of

coordination and comparability from country to country which its designers had envisaged. But this matters less than the interest and the great amount of attention generated by the proposals for cross-national research. The work done by Glass, Geiger and their colleagues in 1950-52 set a standard for research under the auspices of the International Sociological Association of far-reaching consequences for later developments. With Geiger's untimely death in 1952, Glass took over the chairmanship of the Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility, and continued in that role until 1972.

By the time of the Second World Congress in Liège in 1953, so much momentum had been built up that the topics of social stratification and social mobility dominated the Congress. Over 50 papers were presented at four different sessions, most of the papers being published in Vol. II of the Transactions of the Second World Congress of Sociology (ISA 1954). In his Introduction and Summary of the discussions, David Glass could mention reports given on studies in process or being planned in four different countries as a result of the initiative taken by the Research Committee of the ISA. In Japan (Odaka), Denmark (Svalastoga) and the Netherlands (van Heek) national surveys combined with more special studies were carried out very much along the lines proposed by Glass on behalf of the ISA.

The further diffusion of interest in research on stratification and mobility and a marked increase in the capacity of sociologists to carry out empirical studies in this field, was made evident at the Third World Congress, held in Amsterdam in 1956. By this time, the work of the Association had begun to take on its far more differentiated and specialized character, as groups had formed to build up international collaboration in other fields. Now functioning as the Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility, the initial group continued to expand both as to the number of countries represented and the range of problems analyzed in papers presented to the Congress (See Volumes III and V of the Transactions).

In connection with the Fourth World Congress, held in Stresa in 1959, the Committee began a practice which has taken on increasing importance in the ensuing years, namely to hold a separate committee meeting outside the organizational framework of the congress itself. The number of empirical studies of social stratification and mobility had grown so rapidly during the 1950's, thanks in large part to the leadership provided by the Committee, that a major international comparative investigation could be carried out. The author, S.M. Miller of the United States, presented his findings to the committee at its meeting in Perugia and it was published under the title of "Comparative social mobility" in Current Sociology, Vol. IV, No. 1, 1960.

The second inter-congress meeting of the Committee was held in Cologne in December 1961, and the papers were published in special issue No. 5 of the Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie. The third such meeting took place in Lund (Sweden) and Copenhagen in May, 1964, and the proceedings appeared in Acta Sociologica, Vol. 9, Nos. 1 and 2.

Because the Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility was organized so early in the history of the International Sociological Association, it tended to function as a "parent" to a number of other committees which later split off and took over the work on certain subjects originally analyzed for their implications for stratification and mobility.

At least three examples of this process of differentiation can be mentioned. From the start, education had been considered a crucial factor in investigations of social mobility, and many papers at the early congresses were devoted to the bearing of education on mobility. There is now of course a separate committee on the sociology of education. The professions, both with respect to recruitment patterns, to their place in the status order, and their institutional features, had been included in the early reports on the nature of social stratification. For example, at the meeting in Cologne, Joseph Ben-David had reported on his studies of the professions in the class system. Again, there is now a separate committee on the sociology of the professions. Finally, the study of social stratification has a common borderline with a more problem- and policy-oriented interest in the study of social inequality and poverty. This topic too is now the basis for a separate committee within the International Sociological Association.

It would be misleading to confine the bibliographical references given here to publications directly under the aegis of the ISA. There is not a major study of social stratification or mobility in the decades since the ISA Committee was organized, which has not in some ways been influenced by the work of the Committee. Here is testimony from the authors of one of the most influential studies of social stratification and mobility of the 1960's, Peter M. Blau and Otis D. Duncan:

"A number of local studies of occupational mobility in one community were pioneering endeavors that provided important insights into the problem, but the tendency to use their results - as the only ones available - to draw inferences about social mobility in the society at large soon called attention to their evident limitations for such a purpose. It became increasingly apparent that nationwide studies based on representative samples are needed to clarify the process of social mobility, particularly in modern society where occupational mobility is often accompanied by geographical moves that take individuals from one local community to another. A number of such national mobility surveys in different countries were initiated shortly after the end of World War II by a group of scholars who formed an international committee on social stratification and mobility under the auspices of the International Sociological Association. Outstanding illustrations are the studies on mobility in Britain by Glass and his colleagues, in Denmark by Svalastoga, and in Sweden by Carlsson. National studies in numerous other countries have also been carried out, but there is no need to review them here since a comprehensive bibliography of these and a few local studies, together with some comparative analysis of their results, has been presented by

Miller. Our research on the American occupational structure is in the tradition of these national surveys of occupational mobility."

(Natalie Rogoff-Ramsøy)

## II. From 1970 to 1981

The "American Occupational Structure", which appeared in 1967, certainly marked a cornerstone in influencing research and debate in Social Stratification and Mobility in the 1970's. Once again, the Research Committee served as an indispensable vehicle in the exchange and international cooperation in the second wave of large-scale stratification and mobility studies.

The turn of the decade from the 1960's to the 1970's also brought a change in the organizational life of the Committee. Probably in part because of the differentiation into, and the creation of, several Committees concentrating on more narrowly defined substantive areas, concerned with inequality, the Committee's activities in the second half of the 1960's had slowed. Following the Varna World Congress (1970) the Committee was even eliminated from the list of Research Committees of the International Sociological Association. It seems fair to say that a new stage of the Committee's history then started with the International Workshop on Career Mobility, held at the University of Konstanz in 1971. This meeting, initiated and coordinated by Walter Müller and Karl Ulrich Mayer, served as a basis for the reconstitution of the Committee by the ISA Research Council in 1972. Kaare Svalastoga worked effectively for the Committee's reconstitution and took the necessary steps in the negotiations with the ISA Research Council. He functioned as provisional coordinator of the Committee until he became elected President in 1972. The composition of the Committee's leadership and its Board may be seen in Table 1.

Since 1972, occasional circular letters and since 1975 a regular Newsletter have been instrumental for exchange among the growing number of Committee members by providing information about plans and decisions of the Board, activities of the Committee, conferences, publications, and addresses of individual members.

The main accomplishment of the Committee, however, has been the creation of a standing forum for exchange and debate in a series of meetings and conferences. From 1971 to 1981 no less than 12 international conferences have been sponsored by the Committee in addition to meetings of the Committee at the ISA World Congresses in Varna (1970), Toronto (1974) and Uppsala (1978). Such an intense international exchange has only been possible thanks to the initiatives, resource allocation and personal effort of many individual members serving as hosts and organizers of the conference series. Their names, as well as the substantive focus of the conferences, are given in Table 2. Rather than entering in detail on each of these conferences, it may be useful to draw a summary picture of stratification research as it has been mirrored in the Committee's activities since 1970.

The evolution of research in social stratification reflects a double challenge set by Blau and

Duncan's "American Occupational Structure". For the first time, by cooperation with the US census bureau, these authors succeeded in creating a survey of basic variables of the stratification process much larger than any previously used in the social sciences. The census bureau collected the relevant data from more than 20,000 respondents by a supplement to the regular "Current Population Survey". This sample size not only allowed the analysis of stratification and mobility processes in terms of a much more differentiated classification scheme than previously used. At the same time, it became possible to pay attention to special subgroups in the population for which differences in stratification processes could be expected. Thus, e.g. race discrimination or regional differentiation in the opportunity structures could validly be assessed.

The second major innovation in the Blau and Duncan study was the introduction of path analysis to a substantive problem for which this tool seemed particularly adequate. The stratification process is conceived as a life-long trajectory of status attainment, in which the occupational status of an individual at a given point in his occupational life is linked to conditions earlier in life, particularly to the status of his first job, educational attainment and social background.

The new outlook which Blau and Duncan gave to stratification studies turned out to have quite productive consequences, be it either in attempts to replicate, extend or improve their model in other countries or in the US itself, or in a basically critical stance and the search for, and development of, alternative theoretical orientations and methodological procedures. In several countries (e.g., Austria, France, Hungary, Poland, USA, West Germany), either in cooperation of scholars in the national census offices or through initiatives of the census offices themselves, large scale surveys have been produced and made available to colleagues cooperating in the Research Committee. In other countries (e.g., Australia, England and Wales, Scotland, Japan, Northern and Southern Ireland, Israel, Italy, and in the Scandinavian countries), data collection has been carried out by scholars in cooperation with survey research firms. Thus, in a large number of countries data of high quality and comparability have become available in the area of social stratification and mobility - probably more so than in any other field of comparative sociology.

Although the Committee in the 1970's did not pursue an explicit policy of coordinating the collection of data, the cooperation and frequent contacts among scholars in the Committee was instrumental in creating this extraordinary data-base which, under the auspices of the Committee, has been documented in two special publications (Broom and McDonnell, 1977; Featherman et al., 1977).

The Committee's main impact on the development of the field, however, has been achieved by serving as a forum for continuous conceptual, theoretical and methodological debate. Looking back at the various meetings, one sees these debates centered upon, and developing along, several partly concurrent, partly complementary approaches to the study of the process of stratification and class formation - in a

Sørensen and Featherman in the US, Rogoff-Ramsøy in Norway, Pohoski in Poland or Andorka in Hungary, has shown the grounds on which future work can be built).

The need for an approach centering on the whole life course of an individual was also emphasized by questions relating to the subjective response to class experience in terms of class consciousness and by questions concerning conditions of class formation and class action. This has been a further focus of the Committee's interests in several of its meetings. Besides institutional factors such as the historical organization of interest formations such as trade unions, professional associations, or employer associations, the experience of mobility between classes in the past and the mobility prospects for the future were considered as primary factors in processes of class formation.

Finally, the relationship of education to social stratification has been a central topic of the Committee's work from its very beginning. However, the aspects of interest have changed over time. In earlier years, education was mainly conceived of as a resource in status attainment and as a means of securing the transfer of privileges and advantages from generation to generation. Initiated mainly by Roger Girod in several recent conferences, the Committee was recently concerned more generally with the social distribution of knowledge and skills as an important domain of inequality which can only partly be traced to the distribution of educational opportunities.

In all of these substantive interests, the Committee has offered opportunities for the study of cross-national variations and similarities. However, compared with its earlier history, a more skeptical view of the feasibility and meaningfulness of comparisons of stratification and mobility patterns among large numbers of societies has prevailed. The more differentiated the available data became, the more it became evident that much more attention had to be given to the comparability of classifications and measurement. This generally was not possible by comparing results from single national studies, but meant going back to the original data sources and redoing the analysis in a strictly comparative way. Rather than aiming at comparisons for the largest number of countries, it became practice to study a small number of strategically selected countries. Relying on an intensive rather than an extensive comparative strategy also seemed to be preferred because of the felt need of a case-study-like account of institutional and historical particularities in order to understand or explain national differences.

An important step necessary to lay a foundation on which a comparative analysis of stratification and mobility processes could be built was achieved in a conference on "Classes and Social Structure in Advanced Societies", convened by the Fondazione Giovanni Agnelli (Turin, 1977). At this conference, for each of a number of countries represented, a report was prepared with a summary essay of the state of national research findings and including documentation of the available literature in an extended bibliography. The Agnelli Foundation has published these reports in a series of books in

wide range of theoretical conceptions, extending at the extremes from Treiman's view and measure of the prestige order to Bertaux's understanding of the deep structure of class relations.

More concretely, the study of status attainment was one of these approaches. Certainly, it has been criticized for its individualistic, voluntaristic, and partly functionalist bias, as well as for its conception of the stratification order as a continuous gradation of a status hierarchy. But its advocates have shown its power in revealing, in a global way, the processes in which background resources are transformed into statuses which individuals attain in the succeeding stages of their life course. By introducing a number of socio-psychological, cognitive, aspirational and motivational variables, and by investigating the impact of selected life cycle variables such as marriage, parentage or migration, the relevance of many of the individual behavioral correlates of the stratification process could be demonstrated. This is certainly best exemplified by Sewell and associates in the longitudinal Wisconsin study.

It has often been argued that path models are deficient because they do not adequately take into account the changes in the distributions of occupational or class positions available to members of a given generation. The more traditional mobility tables were expected to be superior in this regard, assuming it is possible to separate two factors influencing the mobility opportunities; namely those which can be considered as the result of the distributional changes over time and those which characterize the mobility regime of a given society irrespective of the distribution of occupational or class positions and their changes over time. With the development of log-linear analysis of frequency tables, impressive progress has been made during the last years in attempting to reach solutions to a problem which has long troubled the students of social mobility. The work of Leo A. Goodman and Robert M. Hauser has been very influential.

A third topic of major concern to the work of the Stratification Committee has been the concentration on cohort models of social change in contrast to focusing on the changes from a parental to a filial generation in the total cross-section of a population. This model sees change mainly occurring in the succession of cohorts which follow their life course at different points in historical time. The greater social change is and the more historical circumstances differ, the more successive cohorts are differentiated from each other. If this argument is valid, any study of total population cross-sections in a changing society is suspect of producing false averages.

In this light, for a proper study of stratification processes, it became inevitable to proceed to the analysis of patterns of the life histories of successive birth cohorts. In contrast to other sub-fields of sociology, where the life history approach has similarly emerged in the last decade, this Committee was mainly concerned with developing conceptual and methodological tools for a quantitative analysis of life-course contingencies of relevance to stratification processes (see particularly the Oslo workshop in 1980, where the discussion of the pioneering work of, amongst others,

Italian.

It is impossible to bring to light in a short report the wealth of exchange and collaborative effort which has been induced by the opportunities created by the Research Committee in the 1970's. A statement drawn from an eminent colleague would, I am sure, be affirmed by many Committee members:

"I wish to record the enormous benefit that I have derived from 1972 onwards from my membership of the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility of the International Sociological Association. The meetings of the Committee that I have been able to attend - in Rome 1972, in Warsaw in 1974, in Geneva in 1975, in Dublin in 1977, and in Uppsala in 1978 - were major sources of intellectual stimulus. Furthermore, they were occasions on which I was fortunate enough to be able to form highly rewarding working relationships, and indeed often close personal friendships, with sociologists drawn from a wide range of countries and academic traditions." (John H. Goldthorpe, *Social Mobility and Class Structure in Modern Britain*. Oxford, Clarendon Press, p. VII)

This atmosphere of intellectual stimulation and personal friendship has led to a steadily rising membership. At the present the Committee has 212 members in 44 countries.

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(Walter Müller)

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#### TABLE 1: Members of the Board since 1972

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TABLE 2: Conferences 1971 - 1981

April 18-21, 1971      International Workshop on  
                           Career Mobility  
 Place:                University of Konstanz  
                           (FRG)  
 Organizers:        Walter Müller, Karl Ulrich  
                           Mayer (FRG)

December 18-20, 1972      Social Stratification  
 Place:                University of Roma (Italy)  
 Organizer:        Paolo Ammassari (Italy)

March 11-13, 1974      Class Structure, Social  
                           Stratification and Social  
                           Mobility  
 Place:                Polish Academy of Sciences,  
                           Jablonna (Poland)  
 Organizer:        Włodzimierz Wesolowski (Po-  
                           land)

August 14-16, 1974      Measurement and Models in  
                           Social Stratification  
                           Research  
 Place:                +Mathematical Social  
                           Science Board, Toronto  
                           (Canada)  
 Organizer:        David Featherman (USA)

November 26-28, 1975      Classes and Social Struc-  
                           ture in Industrial Advanced  
                           Societies  
 Place:                +Fondazione Giovanni Agnel-  
                           li, Turin (Italy)  
 Organizer:        Rocco Caporale (USA)

December 16-18, 1975      Status Consistency Evolu-  
                           tion and Major Trends of  
                           Mobility, Stratification  
                           and Inequality

Place:                University of Geneva  
                           (Switzerland)  
 Organizer:        Roger Girod (Switzerland)

April 28-30, 1976      Social Mobility and Social  
                           Stratification  
 Place:                Hebrew University,  
                           Jerusalem (Israel)  
 Organizer:        Dov Weintraub (Israel)

April 5-7, 1977      Social Stratification  
 Place:                University of Dublin (Ire-  
                           land)  
 Organizer:        John Jackson (Ireland)

Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 1977      Social Mobility and  
                           Processes of Class Forma-  
                           tion  
 Place:                Akademie der Wissenschaften  
                           der DDR, Berlin (GDR)  
 Organizer:        Manfred Lötsch (GDR)

February 4-7, 1980      Social Stratification and  
                           Intellectual Skills  
 Place:                University of Texas, Austin  
                           (USA)  
 Organizers:        Roger Girod (Switzerland)  
                           Joseph Lopreato (USA)

October 20-24, 1980      The Analysis of Life History  
                           Data  
 Place:                Institute of Applied Social  
                           Research, Oslo (Norway)  
 Organizer:        Natalie Rogoff-Ramsøy (Nor-  
                           way)

April 27-30, 1981      Trends of Stratification  
                           and Mobility Research  
 Place:                International Social Sci-  
                           ence Council, Paris  
                           (France)  
 Organizer:        Roger Girod (Switzerland)

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 + indicates Conferences not sponsored by the  
 Research Committee, but strongly relying on work of  
 its members.



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## RESEARCH COMMITTEE 37: SOCIOLOGY OF THE ARTS

## CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

Origins

At the Toronto World Congress (1974), an agreement was obtained to form a permanent research group dealing with the arts. This agreement was most likely formed within the session of the Ad Hoc Group 12: "Sociology of Art", coordinated by Bernard L. Faber (U.S.A.).

After four years, a decision was reached to establish a preparatory group under the name "Sociology of the Arts" at the Uppsala World Congress, combining the activities of the Ad Hoc Groups "Sociology of Art" organized by B. Faber, and "Trends and Problems of Cultural Action" organized by Michel Bassand (Switzerland).

The preparatory group statement of purpose was signed by: Bernard Faber (USA), Ivan Vitányi (Hungary), V. Subramanian (Canada), Jacqueline Ann Gibbons (Canada), J. Zuzanek (Hungary), N. Zagorski (Poland), S.N. Plotnikov (USSR), P. Fenger and Peter R. Gleichmann (FRG), R. Moulin (France), and Thomas M. Kando (USA). The first two played particularly crucial roles during the process of recognition.

In May 1979, this preparatory group was recognized by the Research Coordinating Committee as a "Working Group", which subsequently became a Research Committee at the Executive Committee meeting in Budapest, September 1st, 1980.

Executive and Members

Professors Vitányi and Faber were coordinating officers in charge of the Committee. Bernard Faber withdrew in 1979 from scientific life and gave up his position on the Committee. Ivan Vitányi became then the only president.

Meetings

The Research Committee held its first meeting in Budapest, November 23-27, 1981, aiming at the preparation of the World Congress in Mexico. It was jointly organized by the Budapest Institute for Culture and Mediacult, Vienna. The Budapest meeting had two purposes: one was to prepare the sessions on Sociology of Art for the Tenth World Congress of Sociology in Mexico; the second was to establish the agenda for the Mexico meeting of ministers of culture held earlier in the summer.

Publications

The Research Committee edited: "Studies in the Sociology of the Arts", selected lectures held at the IXth World Congress of Sociology (Uppsala), in two volumes, edited through the Institute for Culture, Budapest, of which Vitányi is the director. In addition to these volumes, the Institute for Culture also published the proceedings of the Budapest meeting under the title of: "Summary Report on the Session of the 37th Research Committee on the Sociology of the Arts of the I.S.A., Budapest, November 22-25, 1981". Budapest, Institute for Culture, 1982.

Four International Seminars: Management, Research, Intervention in Aging  
Place: University of Social Sciences, Grenoble, France

June 6-10, 1983 How can we identify and overcome prejudices and obstacles met in information and training in aging?

June 20-24, 1983 Does the specificity of human aging demand research and intervention strategies other than those resulting from a purely biological perspective?

July 4-8, 1983 What functions in the human community can and must the aged assume today?

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July 22-28, 1983 Symposium on Women, Family and Mental Health (within the World Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health)

Place: Washington, D.C., USA  
Theme: Personal and Social Responsibility in the Search for Mental Health

August 14-22, 1983 Symposium on the Study of Women: Biosocial Perspectives (within XIth International Congress of Anthropological & Ethnological Sciences)

Place: Quebec and Vancouver, Canada  
Theme: Anthropology and the Public: The Communication of Scholarly Ideas

September 5-10, 1983 Symposium on Women and Higher Education (within IVth International Congress of the EARDHE)

Place: Frankfurt/Main, Germany  
Theme: Higher Education by the Year 2000

August 8-11, 1983 The Eighth Annual Conference of the Work Group on United Kingdom Politics (Political Studies Association)  
 Place: Oxford Polytechnic, Oxford, United Kingdom  
 Theme: The conference is open to all academics with an interest in the study of the politics, government and public policies of the United Kingdom, and its component parts, and their interrelations; as well as to persons concerned with the territorial dimension in government in other countries. A variety of approaches, historical, theoretical, comparative and empirical is encouraged. All those attending the conference are invited to offer papers or research reports, or contribute as discussants  
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August 29-31, 1983 The First International Conference on Visual Sociology  
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ESOMAR (European Society for Opinion and Marketing Research) meetings:

Aug. 28-Sept. 1, 1983 1983 Congress  
 Place: Barcelona, Spain

Seminars:  
 June 8-11, 1983 The Importance of Research in the Tourist Industry  
 Place: Helsinki, Finland  
 Convenor: Gillian Gardner-Smith, U.K.

November 2-5, 1983 New Products Development  
 Place: Athens, Greece  
 Convenor: Erik Kristoffersen, France

November 23-26, 1983 Publishing  
 Place: Florence, Italy  
 Convenor: Michael Bird, U.K.

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October 1983 Latin-American Congress of Sociology, sponsored by Latin-American Sociological Association  
 Place: Managua, Nicaragua  
 Theme: People's participation  
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Democratic or violent protest? Attitudes towards direct action in Scotland and Wales, W.L. Miller, J.A. Brand, M. Jordan, D. Balsom, P.J. Madgwick, D. van Mechelen (University of Strathclyde Studies in Public Policy, No.107, Glasgow, 1983).

In the Scottish and Welsh surveys, a random sample of voters was asked about public issues. Among its 33 tables the study shows: widespread support for democratic expressions of opinion; widespread rejection of extra-legal, and especially violent forms of political protest.

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Dictionnaire des sigles et abréviations techniques et scientifiques, J. Murith (Lavoisier, Paris, 1983)  
 Ce dictionnaire comprend quelque 17.000 entrées dans les domaines technique, scientifique, médical, économique, informatique, financier, commercial, social. Il est à noter qu'il est particulièrement riche en abréviations, sociétés savantes et organismes français et européens certes, mais aussi américains, ce qui lui donne une dimension réellement internationale.

Fiscal stress in cities, Richard Rose, Edward Page (eds.), Cambridge University Press, 1983.

Conventional theories of British central government assume that Westminster has the knowledge and the influence to control public sector spending - as well as the political desire. The authors marshal detailed statistics of local authority revenue and expenditure to show that in the past decade local authorities have not been able to anticipate, let alone control, many major determinants of their revenue or expenditure.

Social change as redefinition of roles. A study of structural and causal relationships in the Netherlands of the seventies, I. Gadourek (Van Gorcum: The Netherlands, 1983).

After a brief survey of the main theories of social change, the author focusses on the ongoing changes in Dutch society by analyzing several cross-national samples, in order to explain why people do behave as they do in various social positions.

The book is a valuable source of knowledge about Dutch society in the seventies and of the ongoing social changes in western society in general. It is based on a year-long process of data collection and on the multivariate and log-linear analysis of this data over time.

### JOURNALS

#### Annual Review of Sociology, Vol.8, 1982

Eds. Ralph H. Turner, James F. Short, Jr., Annual Reviews Inc., Palo Alto, California, USA  
This issue concentrates upon the following topics: Individual and society; Differentiation and stratification; Institutions; Political and economic sociology; Social processes; Policy; Historical sociology; Sociology of world regions. It also provides a subject index, cumulative author index (vols.1-8), and cumulative title index (vols. 1-8).

#### International Journal on Visual Sociology

First issue: Spring 1983  
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