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In the middle: Margaret Archer, new President of the ISA, with T.K. Oommen and Victor D'Souza, organizers of the XI World Congress of Sociology

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FROM THE ISA SECRETARIAT

This is the last issue of the ISA Bulletin coming to you from the Amsterdam secretariat. Thanks to the hospitality of the Spanish Federation of Sociological Associations (FASEE) and the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas, and the generosity of the Spanish Ministry of Education, the ISA Secretariat will be established in Madrid for the next four-year period (1987-1990), with Izabela Barlinska as Executive Secretary. All other staff members, except Sergio Contreras who will assist Izabela Barlinska during the transitional period in Madrid, will remain in the Netherlands and will terminate their employment with the ISA. I herewith want to thank them all for a generally high-pressure job splendidly done under often frustrating circumstances, both structurally and environmentally: Izabela Barlinska, Walter Becking (until 1984), Sergio Contreras, Eva Jozefiak, Mary Knowles, Peter Reinsch, Marianne Schagen (until 1985), and Anke Zandbergen.

On this occasion I moreover want to thank, also on behalf of the old and the new Executive Committee, all those who have made the establishment of the Amsterdam ISA Secretariat possible:

- Professors Berting, Heeren (then president of the Dutch Sociological & Anthropological Association), De Sitter and Swanborn (then chairman Sociology Section, Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences) were extremely helpful in obtaining the necessary moral and financial support for establishing the Secretariat in Amsterdam;

- The Dutch Ministry of Education gave a 320,000 Guilder subsidy over the four-year period now ending;

- Eight Dutch universities also subsidized the Secretariat: the University of Amsterdam, the Free University of Amsterdam, and the Universities of Groningen, Leiden, Rotterdam, Tilburg, Utrecht and Wageningen;

- The University of Amsterdam deserves extra mention, as they provided us with office space and furniture, office supplies, and a free phone line that was especially instrumental in quickly solving many small and large crises in the period immediately preceding the congress;

- The governing board and director of the Netherlands Universities' Joint Social Research Center (SISWO) allowed me to work half-time free of charge for the ISA, and had their patience often thoroughly tempted when this at times turned into a more than full-time job;

- Last but not least: all the officers and members of the ISA, for the collaboration, support and encouragement that we often received from them when needed most; it is gratifying to realize that, while some of us may inevitably have made a few enemies, we hopefully have made many more personal friends with whom we surely will remain in contact.

Also, in this last Amsterdam ISA Bulletin, it seems fitting to give an overview of the activities of the ISA in general and the ISA Secretariat in particular during the last four years; see the "Report from the Secretariat to the ISA Council" in this issue.

Felix Geyer

NOTES ON THE XIth WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY

In continuing the tradition of previous secretaries (see the observations on the Mexico Congress by Kurt Jonassohn and Marcel Rafie in Bulletins 30-31), I would like to present some observations on the recent World Congress:

- While the entire ISA-secretariat staff present in New Delhi (Izabela Barlinska, Sergio Contreras, Kathy Heckscher, Eva Jozefiak, Peter Reinsch and your secretary, plus Quirine Laman-Trip and Roby Valkhoff from QLT Convention Services) often worked 18-20 hours a day (sic!) to deal with the different problems that arose, we are hardly in the position to substantially evaluate the scientific sessions having found no time to attend any.

- As in Mexico, certainly one third of the authors whose papers were listed in the program were absent, perhaps for the same reason: the difficulty in obtaining travel grants. Some 3300 papers are listed in the program book, while the congress was ultimately attended by some 2500 scholars including nearly 1100 Indians.

- Nearly \$ 60,000 in funds were made available (see Report from the Travel Grants Committee), earmarked for assistance to 'Third World' participants. Even with this assistance (to + 100 participants) the number of non-Indian 'Third World' participants remained regrettably low (an estimated 200 participants).

- Like the Mexico congress, the New Delhi one came with its own organizational problems. And again, justice should be done to the local organizers, who did an extremely good job under difficult circumstances, under the very competent leadership of INOC's secretary Professor T.K. Oommen. Most

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problems occurring during the first day of the congress (with luncheons, bus shuttle services, hotel reservations, overhead projectors, air conditioning, etc.) were very quickly corrected. At least two problems remained: 1) The available supply of program books was already exhausted the first day, a second edition not being available before the last day of the Congress. For many participants this was obviously an irritating inconvenience, for which we apologize most sincerely. 2) The complicated visa regulations applied by the Indian government, which had already led to three full-time man months of pre-congress work by yours truly, caused considerable aggravation for a number of (would-be) congress participants. Several arriving delegates for instance underwent a most uncomfortable detainment at New Delhi airport. On the 'positive' side, these difficulties received the attention of the Indian press and may have set a process in motion to simplify the regulations for future occasions. In choosing future world congress venues, a guarantee that every bona fide congress participant will obtain a visa without undue difficulties, seems to be an essential element.

Judging from what we heard from people who, unlike the secretariat staff, attended the congress sessions, the overall evaluation appears quite positive. The cultural evening presented by the Indian hosts was much appreciated, while the Thursday evening banquet generously offered by them to all congress participants was an event without precedent in this era of mass sociological consumption. With this first ISA World Congress held in Asia, many congress participants took the opportunity of being in India to take a pre- or post-congress tour to acquaint themselves better with this fascinating sub-continent, while the congress itself formed an excellent opportunity for mutually profitable contacts among a global body of sociologists.

Felix Geyer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 16-23 August 1986

The old (1982-1986) Executive Committee met four times during the World Congress, while there was one meeting of the new (1986-1990) Executive Committee held directly after the Congress. During the first meeting, some urgent decisions were taken regarding desirable changes in the program due to non-participation of speakers, and regarding the distribution of travel grants. Furthermore, a financial restructuring of the ISA collective members dues was discussed in order to reduce the financial overdependence on the country locally subsidizing the ISA Secretariat.

The second meeting was largely devoted to a report (prepared by W. Dumon) of restructuring the **ISA Secretariat**, which argues for a permanent location of the secretariat as of 1990, and a permanent full-time position of Executive Secretary. Izabela Barlinska was nominated as the next Executive Secretary, a post to be shared with a Spanish national still to be selected, who would be charged with all financial and membership matters.

The third meeting dealt entirely with **Publications Committee** matters. Margaret Archer, Publications Committee Chairman 1982-1986, presented an overall report (see "Research Council Meetings" in this issue), while Martin Albrow, James Beckford and

Céline Saint-Pierre reported on "International Sociology", "Current Sociology" and "Sage Studies in International Sociology" series (SSIS) respectively. The Executive Committee expressed its gratitude to Céline Saint-Pierre, who has served as the editor of the SSIS series since 1980; the post is taken now by Wilfried Dumon.

Jacques Coenen-Hüther (France), Salvador Giner (Spain) and Ljuben Nikolov (Bulgaria) were appointed associate editors of International Sociology.

Special attention was devoted to the problem of soft-currency subscriptions to the ISA publications; a special commission was formed to make recommendations in this area, consisting of the three editors (Martin Albrow, James Beckford, Wilfried Dumon) plus Velichko Dobrianov (Bulgaria), Kalman Kulcsar (Hungary), Jolanta Kulpinska (Poland), Artur Meier (GDR), Gennady Osipov (USSR) and Frantisek Zich (Czechoslovakia).

"Sociological Abstracts", a worldwide publication "cosponsored" by the ISA since 1970 and of invaluable service in the realization of ISA objectives, has been adopted as a publication "sponsored by the ISA". There will henceforth be a cross-representation between the boards of Sociological Abstracts and the Publications Committee.

The fourth meeting centered on financial matters. Khatchik Momdjan, Membership and Finance Committee Chairman 1982-1986, stressed in his general overview the continued problems of collective members with dues payments in arrears, and the increasing dependence upon external subsidizers. The financial consequences of the Congress for the ISA were briefly reviewed: due to budgetary excesses and the devaluation of the US dollar, the ISA may expect a deficit in the range of \$25,000.

Finally, a report on the results of the **Research Coordinating Committee** meeting was presented and all proposals for granting Research Committee, Working Group, and Ad Hoc Group status were approved (see "Research Council Meetings" in this issue). Moreover, a request by the Research Committee on Medical Sociology is approved to henceforth be named Research Committee on **Sociology of Health**.

The new Executive Committee held one meeting in New Delhi to discuss and decide on the most urgent matters. The composition of the ISA Executive Committee 1986-1990 and division of tasks is listed on one inside cover of this Bulletin.

Salvador Giner was appointed as liaison officer between the Executive Committee on the one hand and the ISA Secretariat and the Spanish authorities on the other hand.

Steven Mills, representative of the **International Social Science Council**, presented an overview of ISSC-ISA relations: three ISSC issue groups have recently started with ISA involvement: Youth, Unemployment and Technological Change (Chair: Jacques Dofny); Women's Studies (Deniz Kandiyoti), and Peace (Artur Meier). Research contracts have been made with Asoke Basu (RC 04) and Fred Riggs (RC 35). President Margaret Archer thanked Steven Mills for his personal contribution to our successful efforts to obtain a US\$ 25,000 UNESCO subsidy for distribution to needy World Congress participants.

Subsequently, the Executive Committee appoints Jacques Dofny and Else Øyen delegates to **UNESCO-ISSC for the period 1987-1990**, with Daniel Bertaux and Deniz Kandiyoti as alternates.

Felix Geyer

RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETINGS, 16-17 August 1986

The meetings of the Research Council took place on August 16 and 17 in New Delhi. Vice-president Dofny chaired the meetings, and in his general presentation gave an overview of developments since Mexico: most Research Committees have been quite active, organized one or more international meetings since 1982, and publish now a newsletter, often stimulated by one of the ten annual US\$ 800 grants from the ISA. These Research Committee activities have been mentioned or reported in issues 31-41 of the ISA Bulletin.

Travel Grants for Congress Participants. Terenzio Mingione reported on the work of the Travel Grants Committee. As has been our custom in the past, part of the work of organizing the World Congress consisted in raising and distributing funds to assist colleagues with their expenses in attending the Congress. Under the direction of the ISA Travel Grants Committee (consisting of Fernando Cardoso (Brazil), Terenzio Mingione (Italy), P.N. Mukherji (India) and Joji Watanuki (Japan)), approximately US\$ 57,500 in funds have been distributed through the ISA Secretariat to 102 congress participants. Funds were made available by: the UNESCO Participation Program (US\$ 25,000); the British Ministry of Overseas Development (US\$ 10,350); and Professor Elise Boulding (USA) who, unable to attend the Congress, donated her registration fees. The ISA set aside a total of US\$ 35,000 of its own diminishing reserves for distribution among active participants of the research committees' sessions, of which \$22,500 was eventually claimed. Citizens of 33 countries were recipients of the funds, as summarized in the following distribution:

REGION	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT RECEIVED
Africa	21	US\$ 15,635
North Africa & Middle East	7	" 3,250
Asia	32	" 8,475
Southern & Eastern Europe	10	" 2,371
Latin America	32	" 27,955
TOTAL	102	US\$ 57,686

Appreciation was expressed not only to the donors mentioned above, but to all those individuals and groups, who raised and/or donated travel funds to assist Congress participants.

Publications Committee: Margaret Archer (Chairman 1982-1986) reported on developments and stressed the intimate partnership the Publications Committee has always had with the Research Committees, on which it is dependent for its scholarly input. "Current Sociology" is doing well, has recently produced more multi-authored issues instead of the traditional single-authored trend reports, and is successfully trying to enter the text book market: the Tomasic volume on Sociology of Law sold 2300 copies in one year. As to the SSIS Series, the desirability of introducing more of a debate element was stressed, whether within or between different research areas, instead of presenting an often rather loose collection of articles in each volume. The new ISA journal, "International Sociology", is off to a good start, with good financial provisions, some very good editors, and a

lot of Third World input; it is on its way to becoming a truly international journal. "International Sociology" will be sent free to all individual ISA members in 1986, and thereafter to all individual members signing up for four years (see also "Executive Committee Meetings" in this issue).

Elections: toward the end of the first meeting, a Nominations Committee is elected composed of Himmelstrand (chair), Lüschen, Széll, Teune and Van Houtte. During the second meeting, elections result in the following composition of the new **Research Coordinating Committee:** Simi Afonja (Nigeria), Daniel Bertaux (France), Deniz Kandiyoti (Turkey), Manfred Kuechler (FRG), Petar Mitev (Bulgaria), D.M. Pestonjee (India) and Neil Smelser (USA). The five persons with the highest number of votes: Afonja, Bertaux, Kandiyoti, Pestonjee and Smelser, are automatically members of the Executive Committee.

1988 Research Council Meeting: chairman Jacques Dofny reminded the Council of the decision taken at the 1984 Research Council Meeting not to limit the 1988 Research Council Meeting to administrative matters, but to also organize scientific discussions around a theme to be selected; suggestions in this respect would be communicated as soon as possible to the new Research Coordinating Committee.

Recognition of new groups: the Research Coordinating Committee proposed, and the Executive Committee subsequently approved, the following changes of status:

Research Committee status has been given to:
Comparative Sociology (O. Hultaker)
Sociology of Disasters (M. Dogan)

Working Group Status has been given to:
Clinical Sociology (R. Sévigny, J. Fritz)
Labor Movements in the Industrial & State Arenas (M. Regini)
Sociocybernetics & Social Systems Theory (F. Parra-Luna)
Sociology of Agriculture (L. Busch)
Sociology of Population (F. Yusuf)

Ad Hoc Group status has been given to:
Housing and the Built Environment (E. Huttamm, W. van Vliet)

The Research Committee on **Sociology of Mental Health** has been demoted to Working Group status, due to the continued inactivity of this group.

The Ad Hoc Groups on **Rational Choice** and **Social Indicators Research**, while having an excellent program during the World Congress, could not be given Working Group status, since a formal report on activities was not submitted; if these groups submit reports in the near future, their applications will be reconsidered.

Felix Geyer

ISA COUNCIL MEETINGS, 17-23 August 1986

The ISA Council met three times during the XI World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi. At the first session, the ISA Secretariat report was approved, following a discussion on possibilities of increasing membership.

A Nominations Committee is subsequently elected,

after Aas, Bawin-Legros, Cavalli, and Garon have been added to the slate of candidates proposed by the Executive Committee: Cardoso, D'Souza, Himmelstrand, Garon and Guillemard.

During the second session, a few motions and small changes in the statutes pertaining to financial matters were accepted; the main point is that collective members, in order to be in good standing, should have paid their dues up through the year prior to the congress (Article V-5). Moreover, **regular members in countries with non-convertible currencies and student members henceforth pay US\$ 10 per year, while the unit fee for collective members is changed from US\$ 71,50 to US\$ 50, multiples of US\$ 50 being paid depending on size of association and availability of convertible currency.**

Other proposals regarding: an extension of the goals of the association; requirement for council delegates to be sociologists; the term of office of Executive Committee members; and the possibility to vote on proposed future changes by mail ballot - were all rejected.

The Nominations Committee then presented its list of candidates, while President Cardoso gave brief data about each candidate. The voting, together with the voting in the Research Council, resulted in the composition of the new Executive Committee as presented on the inside cover of this Bulletin.

During the third session, it was decided that definitive and detailed offers for holding the next World Congress should be solicited from the national associations well before the annual 1987 Executive Committee meeting, scheduled for early March. Tentative offers are forthcoming from the Netherlands, Spain and Yugoslavia. Possibilities to have the 1990 congress earlier in the year (e.g. Easter) will be investigated, in view of high hotel prices, summer holidays of many scholars, and possibly conflicting obligations relative to the scheduled 1990 ASA meetings in August. Since no concrete offers for the next congress venue were received so far, the council delegated this decision to the Executive Committee.

Regarding the future activities of the ISA, V. Rus (Yugoslavia) presented a four-point proposal to increase the professional autonomy of sociologists by setting up small business committees which give support: 1) for cross-cultural research, 2) for exchange of visiting professors, 3) for a summer-time exchange of graduate students, and 4) for all colleagues whose professional status is endangered for political and related reasons. The first three proposals were accepted, and it was decided that the Yugoslav Sociological Association would provide detailed suggestions to the Research Coordinating Committee, which will then approach UNESCO/ISSC for financial support. The fourth proposal is rejected, on the grounds that the ISA is an academic rather than a political organization, although concerned with human rights. While the Executive Committee will certainly consider and act upon individual cases, it was not felt to be necessary to have a committee that actively looks for political cases.

Finally, a few other points were shortly discussed: - O. Albornoz (Colombia) argued that Latin-America should be represented by more than just one country on the Executive Committee; - A. Antonovsky (Israel) complained about the low level of congress papers, and suggested better pre-congress screening of papers, with poster sessions for the non-accepted ones; Øyen, Lautman, Bonilla

and Rus came up with different suggestions and explanations: papers are often accepted to make travel grants possible, some Research Committees function well, while others do not and barely engage in pre-selection of papers; pre-congress meetings could serve to select potentially interesting authors; a flexible approach should be used, whereby papers from main sessions are kept fully screened, while the selection for minor sessions could be less severe;

- V. Stolte-Heiskanen (Finland) wanted to convey to the Research Council that a de-democratization process takes place in many Research Committees, whereby often a change of procedure makes the election results doubtful; moreover, a thorough review of Research Committee activities is necessary, since some formerly active Research Committees are no longer active at all;

- Kohout (Czechoslovakia) would appreciate hearing more, through the Bulletin, on the activities of the other national associations.

Felix Geyer

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARIAT TO THE ISA COUNCIL

Introduction and general remarks:

This report in principle covers the period between the 10th and the 11th World Congresses - or to be more precise: the period January 1983, when the ISA-secretariat moved from Montreal to Amsterdam, until June 1986, the time of writing. One of the most important functions of the ISA-secretariat still is, and will probably remain, the organization of World Congresses. During the last four months of 1982, the Montreal secretariat was busy winding up the affairs from the Mexico congress, and the Amsterdam secretariat had barely settled, when the preparations for the New Delhi congress started.

Finances were increasingly a problem, in several respects; the trends mentioned in the previous report continued: 1) inflation kept rising, while revenues remained relatively constant; 2) there was an increase in demand for the World Congress travel grants, as universities felt the effects of the recession; 3) consequently, the resulting pressure on grant-providing foundations increased, and subventions for the ISA were increasingly difficult to obtain.

On the other hand, the ISA is undergoing a slow, but steady process of scale enlargement. One may take almost any indicator to be convinced of this: the increasing size of World Congresses, with more sessions, more papers, and more complex preparations; the increasing number of Research Committees and the increasing level of their activities, also in between congresses, as evidenced by the fact that most Research Committee now publish their own regular newsletter; the increasing number of publications resulting from these activities - both individually, within the Research Committees, and last but not least through the Publications Committee as demonstrated by ISA's most recent venture, International Sociology.

This combination of increasing demands and decreasing finances makes inevitably for the kind of minimal operation that was mentioned already in the Montreal secretariat's report. The ISA-secretariat's modest staff - first five, later six part-timers - certainly had a hard time coping with the most varying demands and expectations. This limit

operation would not even have been possible without generous financial support of the Dutch Ministry of Education and eight Dutch universities, which together took care of some 43% of the ISA budget over the three year period 1983-1985, while only 34% came from our own resources (i.e. individual and collective membership fees) and 21% from our traditional benefactor, UNESCO. This financial dependence on outside sources to run even a minimal operation is altogether an unhealthy situation - with no improvement in sight, unless an upward revision of dues would be accepted without a corresponding decrease in membership.

The ISA-secretariat had two important assets, however:

- the University of Amsterdam provided the ISA not only with free office space, but also a free international phone line, which increased possibilities to react quickly to the unforeseen situations that seem to multiply as the World Congress approaches;
- the Executive Committee approved in Mexico the buying of a computer, which serves both as a word processor and a data base management system, and has enabled us to increase the service to our members.

World Congress.

This time again, a number of innovations were introduced:

- Pre-registrations were centered in the ISA Secretariat for most countries, with the so-called Rupee-countries pre-registering through INOC, the Indian National Organizing Committee; since a large percentage of pre-registrations has several advantages - e.g. knowing better how much hotel space to reserve, how many congress programs to print, etc.
- It was decided to have three registration tariffs, the highest one intended to discourage on-site registrations.
- While a special World Congress account (and budget) were established as happened also for the Mexico congress, only part of the real expenses for the congress were charged to this account: de facto, virtually all of the ISA-secretariat's work, especially during the last two years before a World Congress, is directly congress-related without appearing on the Congress budget.
- An important innovation was the hiring of a PCO (professional congress organizer), Mrs. Q. Laman Trip of QLT Convention Services in Amsterdam. Since it is becoming too complicated for a non-professional staff to deal with all the intricacies of organizing a large-scale congress, organized from a distance, this decision was a very welcome one.

Membership and finance.

On the whole, our financial situation has remained stable. The ISA General Fund budget gradually increased from US \$ 110.000 in 1983 to US \$ 155.000 in 1986, with an additional Congress budget in 1985-1986 of US \$ 100.000. Individual membership between 1982 and 1986 was an average of 900 individual members per year, representing a decrease of 300-400 members compared with the previous quadrennium (when regular membership dues were still US \$ 15 per annum). Collective membership remained stable at a level of some 150 collective members; although some 40 memberships were cancelled these were compensated by a large-scale collective membership drive organized in 1985. Four Category A members were admitted during this period: Brazil, Italy, Portugal and Sri Lanka.

Publications.

Current Sociology continued publication, at the steady pace of three volumes per year. Besides our Publications Committee, publisher SAGE is also

highly enthusiastic about this journal, as Current Sociology is an increasing commercial success. The SSIS series, likewise, has a regular output of volumes emanating largely from the work of Research Committee; since the last congress, volumes 26-34 were published, which now brings it to a total of 34 volumes.

In spite of the large amount of articles appearing in both these publications, the need was felt for another outlet: the number of publications by ISA members proliferates, and it is even barely possible to obtain a realistic overview. Only a small portion of what comes out of our World Congresses at RC meetings (an estimated 1000 articles per year) is published through our Publications Committee; many Research Committees and individuals have their own publication outlets. This was one of the reasons why the Publications Committee started a new journal, International Sociology, of which the first issue is being distributed here in New Delhi: often, excellent papers are available that cannot easily be combined into an SSIS volume, or a Current Sociology issue. Martin Albrow, assisted by the editorial board representing several geographical areas and fields of interest, will now actively solicit such contributions for what is expected to become a truly international journal.

Communication.

Regarding communication with our members, it is unfortunately difficult to disagree with the conclusions made in the Montreal secretariat's report: our publications are only a one-way form of communication; two-way communication leaves something to be desired. On the average, more than one third of our correspondence regarding travel grants, dues payments, organization of session programs, etc. went initially unanswered, and reminders had to be written, which generally produced no more than a 50% response. About one fourth of our correspondence should therefore have been unnecessary. Happily, because of the above mentioned free phone line, organizational bottle necks could be prevented by phoning the serious offenders, sometimes at the most ungodly hours.

On the more positive side, as a result of Amsterdam being one of the most important European air traffic nodes, the ISA-secretariat received many foreign visitors, passing through Amsterdam on their way elsewhere. And indeed, as the Montreal secretariat already noted, such personal contacts, or even phone conversations, can often accomplish a great deal more than an exchange of letters, and they can certainly do it faster.

Felix Geyer, Executive Secretary

DISTRIBUTION OF "INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY"

As a special introductory offer, all four issues of Volume 1 of the new ISA journal, INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY, are being sent to all our 1986 members. The journal is being distributed by the publisher, The University College Cardiff Press in the United Kingdom, directly to members by surface mail. Due to various reasons, issues of the new journal may not be sent to all members before the end of the year.

If you have not received issues of the new journal, please take note of the following:

The ISA Secretariat in Amsterdam has only a very limited supply of the first three issues of the journal. Our arrangement with the publishers is to the effect that all copies of the journal returned

to Cardiff, due to address changes of members, etc. are simply added to the ISA stock of Volume 1 mailed from Cardiff to the new ISA-secretariat office in Madrid at the end of this year. There it will be the task of the new secretariat to correct any and all distribution problems. We would therefore greatly appreciate your understanding and restraint in submitting inquiries concerning non-receipt of journal issues no earlier than January 1987.

Peter Q. Reinsch

1987 GRANTS FOR RESEARCH COMMITTEES NEWSLETTERS

Every Research Committee is entitled to apply for a grant for the production and distribution of its newsletter, once between two World Congresses. 10 grants, \$ 800 each, will be allocated by the Research Coordinating Committee at its March 1987 meeting. Applications have to be received by the ISA Secretariat in Madrid before February 1st, 1987. In your application, please answer the following points:

1. When did (does) your Newsletter start, and how many issues have already been produced?
2. How many issues do you plan for 1987, with roughly how many pages each?
3. How many subscribers do you have in each continent, and how many of these (per continent) have an exemption of dues?
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REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES

RC 03 COMMUNITY RESEARCH

Report submitted by D. Chekki, Secretary

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Meetings

Dan Ferrand-Bechmann reported on European meetings concerning social participation and three volumes

containing about 80 papers presented at these conferences, published in both French and English. She also reported on seminars discussing the fiscal austerity project and on meetings at the University of Texas on tenants issues.

There was a consensus that RC 03 sessions during the XI World Congress in New Delhi were well organized: they included several research papers representing sociologists from Europe, Asia, North and Central America, and Australia. A good number of sociologists from India participated. The attendance at the sessions ranged from 20 to 80. Session organizers may take the initiative to edit one or more volumes of papers presented at the sessions.

B. Wellman reported on a meeting planned for 1988 on Community Networks to be held at the Indian Statistical Institute in Calcutta (India).

Planning for the next, XII World Congress of Sociology was considered at the RC03 business meeting held during the New Delhi Congress. Since there are complex problems involved in the organization of sessions, members wishing to organize sessions are invited to submit their proposals as early as January 1988. The main theme of the RC's sessions will be "Technology".

Cooperation with other research committees is considered desirable, especially the organization of joint meetings with RC 21 Regional and Urban Development, RC 24 Social Ecology, and Ad Hoc Group on Housing and Built Environment. Furthermore, some members expressed the need for increased cooperation with IPSA.

Research projects

Four progress reports on international research projects undertaken by RC members were presented at the New Delhi Congress business meeting: "Fiscal austerity and urban innovation", "Community values", "Volunteer participation", "Housing".

Membership

It was suggested that RC03 membership fees from Third World members be collected in local currency with a coordinator to remit the amount in US currency and/or part of the amount to be utilized to defray reproduction of Newsletter and mailing costs, etc.

Newsletter

The newsletter is an important link among RC members, and it should be published more frequently. B. Hamm will prepare a proposal to publish a joint newsletter with RC 24 Social Ecology.

RC 04 SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

Report submitted by Orlando Albornoz

Board members 1982-1986

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President ex-officio: Asoke Basu (USA)

Delegate & Alternate to Research Council:

Orlando Albornoz and Tamas Kozma

Meetings

Between the Mexico and New Delhi Congresses the main activity of RC 04 was a mid-term conference on "Cultural Basis of Education: the Interrelationship between Values, Knowledge and Education as an Institution", which took place in Paris, 14-15 August, 1984. UNESCO and the International Social Science Council provided help and assistance for this meeting organized by Asoke Basu (USA).

April 15-17, 1985: an international seminar on "Micro and Macroscopic Approaches to the Sociology of Education" was organized by Margaret Archer and Abraham Yogev at the University of Tel-Aviv, Israel

Just before the New Delhi Congress there was a regional conference held in India on "Sociology of Education, the State of the Art: A View from the Third World", organized by Suresh Shukla.

The program of RC 04 at the New Delhi Congress consisted of 10 academic sessions at which 60 papers were presented.

Membership

Concern was expressed about the financial situation of RC 04. Many members of RC 04 do not pay their dues even though the majority come from countries with hard currencies. The number of members increased during 1984-85, but it seems that RC 04 is still underrepresented in the Third World countries, in spite of the fact that dues were paid for sociologists of education working in these countries. Another problem is how to secure funds to subsidize sociologists of education interested in participating in various meetings of RC 04, and not being able to cover expenses from their own resources.

RC 05

ETHNIC, RACE AND MINORITY RELATIONS

Submitted by Marshall Murphree (President) and Peter Reinsch (Secretary).

Board members 1982-1986

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Vice-Presidents:

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John Stone (United Kingdom)

Secretary: Cheryl Leggon (USA)

Members: Akinsola Akiwowo (Nigeria)

J. Frideres (Canada)

Lim Teck Ghee (Malaysia)

Christine Inglis (Australia)

A. R. Saiyed (India)

Delegate & Alternate to Research Council:

John Rex (UK) and Marshall Murphree

Unfortunately the secretary was unable to take up her duties, but in 1984 the committee secured the services of Peter Reinsch (The Netherlands) to fulfil secretarial responsibilities. In 1985 the board was expanded with the addition of Roza Ismagilova (USSR).

Elections of board members 1986-1990 were held this year. The results announced at the New Delhi Congress business meeting were:

President: (tie) Heribert Adam (Canada)

Marshall Murphree (Zimbabwe)

Vice-Presidents:

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Lim Teck Ghee (Malaysia)

Christine Inglis (Australia)

Roza Ismagilova (USSR)

Yngue Georg Lithman (Sweden)

Ben Whitaker (United Kingdom)

Considering the tie between Marshall Murphree and Heribert Adam (Canada) for the office of President, the committee decided to implement a new round of elections for this office. The results will be announced in early 1987.

Membership

Since its inauguration at the Varna World Congress of Sociology (1970), RC 05 has continued a lively existence, and it can justly claim to be the most international associative organ for sociological scholarship in the field. However, the committee by no means encompasses the spectrum of significant contemporary scholarship on race and ethnicity, nor has it provided a really effective and on-going forum for scholars working in the area. Among the reasons for this is obviously the multidisciplinary background of the many scholars active in the field. The most important limiting constraint on the committee's attempt to be genuinely representative in its coverage of international scholarship has been the imbalance in the regional distribution of its membership. About 75% of its membership is located in North America and Western Europe, while scholars in Third World countries comprise only about 12%.

Activities

At the Mexico City Congress (1982) the board was asked to organize a programme of regional colloquia and research programmes to take place during the quadrennium. We have had only limited success in this area of activity, which, to a certain degree is due to the lack of programme finance. One very successful colloquium was held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in September 1985 on "Marxist Perspectives on Ethnicity and Nationalism".

For the New Delhi World Congress the committee organized a full slate of nine academic sessions, plus joint sessions with the Research Committees on Sociology of Religion and on Sociolinguistics.

Other activities included a commissioned report to UNESCO on "Contemporary Theoretical Research on Race and Ethnicity" and, made possible by a grant from UNESCO, a committee project on "The Influence of Empirical Research on Theory in Race and Ethnic Relations Studies". For this project a working group

of committee members will convene directly after the New Delhi World Congress.

Newsletter

Since the Fall of 1984 four newsletters were produced by the RC secretary, with reports on the on-going activities of the committee and its individual members. Distribution increased in the period from 250 to more than 400 scholars throughout the world. An extra edition was distributed in New Delhi to Congress participants.

RC 07

FUTURES RESEARCH

Submitted by Radmila Nakarada, Secretary

Board members 1982-1986

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Igor Bestuzhev-Lada, USSR

Eleonora Masini, Italy

Vice-Presidents:

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Secretary: Radmila Nakarada, Yugoslavia

A new board for 1986-1990 was elected at the business meeting during the New Delhi Congress:

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Activities

In the period between the Mexico and the New Delhi Congresses attempts have been made to develop communication between the members and organize concrete activities:

- Courses in Future Studies: four courses were organized in cooperation with the World Future Studies Federation at the Inter University Center in Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia). The following topics were covered: Building Alternative Futures; Beyond 1984; Social Processes and New Technologies - Danger or Progress?; The Future of Societal Priorities. For 1987 a course on Future Studies Revisited is planned as an attempt to critically evaluate the achievements in the field. Plans are being made to publish a book resulting from this course, that will actually present a summary of all the courses held.

- A joint project with RC 09 Social Practice and Social Transformation has been initiated on "Social

Consequences of New Technologies". A meeting was held from August 30 to September 1, 1984, at the Sociological Institute of the University of Zurich (Switzerland), where more than ten papers were presented. The most recent results were presented at the New Delhi Congress.

Newsletter

Publication of the RC 07 newsletter has been started by RC Secretary, Radmila Nakarada (Yugoslavia).

RC 08

HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGY

Report submitted by Dirk Käsler, RC Secretary

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At the business meeting of the committee on July 7, 1984, in Munich, it was decided that new elections will be held in 1988 by mail ballot. Preliminary nominations were made at the XIth World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi, and additional nominations will be subsequently solicited by mail.

In the RCHS Newsletter (vol.VII, Winter 1984/85) a draft of **Statutes** proposed by Tom B. Bottomore was published. This draft will be submitted to a membership for approval during the process of the elections prior to the 1988 meeting.

Membership

In 1977 membership of the RCHS consisted of 62 colleagues coming from 11 countries; in August 1986 there were 167 members from 27 countries!

Conferences

The mid-Congress conference of the RCHS, held at the University of Munich in 1984, focused on the following five sessions, during which 28 papers were presented:

- History of American Sociology
- History of British Social Thought
- Max Weber and the History of Sociology
- History of German Sociology
- History of French Sociology

At the New Delhi Congress, the program consisted of 11 academic sessions at which 52 papers were presented.

Publications

The main publication of the RCHS is its Newsle

published since 1976. After the Mexico Congress (1982) the following issues were published:

- Vol. VII (Winter 1983)
- Vol. VII (Spring 1984)
- Vol. VII (Winter 1984/85)
- Vol. VIII (Winter 1985/86)

Since 1984 two members, Gerd Schroeter (Canada) and Alan Sica (USA) have become the editors of "History of Sociology. An International Review", formerly "The Journal of the History of Sociology". Since their editorship, many articles by members of the RCHS and papers presented at the committee's meetings, have been published in this journal.

RC 09

SOCIAL PRACTICE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Report submitted by Ellen B. Hill, Secretary

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Board members:

Michael Bodemann (Canada)
Orlando Fals-Borda (Colombia)
Hiroshi Komai (Japan)

Meetings

During the period 1982-1986 the committee sponsored two regional meetings:

- "The Meaning of Development", organized by Hiroshi Komai at Tsukuba University (Japan), in 1983
- "Social Consequences of the New Technologies" organized in cooperation with RC 07 Futures Research at the Sociological Institute of the University of Zürich (Switzerland) in 1984.

Publications

In 1985 the papers presented at Symposium 15 of the Xth World Congress of Sociology (Mexico 1982) on "Contradictions, Conflicts and Strategies in Societal Change" were published in a volume edited by Orlando Fals-Borda in the Sage Studies in International Sociology, under the title "The Challenge of Social Change".

It is expected that the papers from the Zürich regional meeting will in part be published.

Peter Park, who has acted as President of the committee since Ulf Himmelstrand's resignation for health reasons in 1984, edits the Newsletter that comes out at irregular intervals.

Cooperation with the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes.

To meet the growing interest of the committee's members in action research, the committee has also been cooperating with the EADI, where its members M.S. Swantz, O. Fals Borda, H. Moser, and A. Rahman are very active.

A membership survey revealed that besides action research and the social consequences of the new technologies, Marxist and non-Marxist approaches to the social sciences and Asian development problems have become the special concern.

RC 10

PARTICIPATION, WORKERS' CONTROL & SELF-MANAGEMENT

Report submitted by C.J. Lammers, President

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Akihiro Ishikawa, Japan
Menachem Rosner, Israel
Veljko Rus, Yugoslavia
Bernard Wilpert, FRG

At the business meeting during the XI World Congress of Sociology, candidates for the new executive board were nominated both by the present board and from the floor. Elections will be held this Fall.

During the New Delhi Congress, seven sessions on various topics took place, one market session, two sessions jointly with other RCs on Socialist Alternatives, and a business meeting. The seven topical sessions and the market session had to cope with an abundance of papers and attendants, but in general the chairpersons managed quite well in focusing the discussions on not more than four or five papers. Since a number of contributors had not succeeded in obtaining funds for coming to India, papers were sometimes summarized by a discussant, a chairperson, or a colleague. Anyway, the discussions were quite lively and ranged from polite exchanges of information to heated debates. New acquaintances were made and old ones renewed, and if all the promises to correspond about this or that issue, to send papers, etc. are kept, international postal traffic about this XI World Congress will experience an increase rather than a decrease in the coming months.

The committee was privileged in counting among its membership a number of Indian colleagues who formed an Indian chapter at the occasion of the Congress. They organized three meetings at the Andhra Pradesh Guest House where we briefed one another on current developments with respect to industrial democracy in our countries and were treated to exquisite samplings of Andhra Pradesh dishes and splendid performances by a dance group from the State of Andhra Pradesh. Our Indian chapter had also organized a three day program of excursions after the Congress which enabled us to visit various public and private industries and an Industrial Relations Center. All in all, thanks to these initiatives, and also thanks to the many Indian colleagues who presented papers, we were provided with a unique opportunity to get acquainted with industrial relations in India, with Indian sociological studies in this area and, last but not least, with our Indian colleagues.

At the business meeting, attended by about 50 people, the board reported on past activities (workshops, Newsletters) since the 1982 Congress in Mexico and revealed plans for the coming years: workshops in the USA (see information below), Belgium and India; continuation of Newsletters;

publications. With some slight amendments the **Statutes** proposed by the board, and circulated in the last Newsletter, were adopted unanimously. It was also decided to introduce a **life membership** of US\$ 60, and to open the possibility of getting dispensation of the fee for those who cannot pay. Finally, some resolutions were passed, one pertaining to the **persecution of sociologists** throughout the world, one expressing our support for an RC 30 Sociology of Work resolution denouncing the refusal of a passport for Jolanta Kulpinska by the Polish government, and one denouncing the dismissal (on account of his support for the 'Green' party) of Ulrich Briefs (FRG) from the Institute for Economic and Social Scientific Studies of the DGB in Düsseldorf.

Forthcoming meeting.

The first meeting of the committee in the United States will be held at Boston College on August 5-7, 1987. The theme is "Economic Democracy as a Political Idea". The meeting will focus on how economic democracy has emerged in different countries and eras as a political vision and strategy. We encourage papers in the following areas:

- Historical conditions under which economic democracy and self-management emerge as viable political concepts;
 - The agents (social classes and political parties) receptive or disposed to a politics of self-management;
 - Political strategies for mobilizing support of an "economic democracy" agenda;
 - Case studies of political campaigns or programs focussed on themes of "economic democracy" or self-management;
 - Theories of the future direction and form of the politics of self-management in both advanced and developing countries.
- Papers not specifically related to these themes, but broadly concerned with other topics related to worker participation and self-management will also be accepted.

For further information about the meeting write to Charles Derber (Dept of Sociology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167, USA).

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RC 11

SOCIOLOGY OF AGING

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Malcolm Johnson
Danilo Giori, Italy

Membership

The committee has currently 61 paying members, while in 1981 there were 38 persons who had paid their fees.

Publications

Two Newsletters a year have been published each year since the meetings in Mexico City by the Secretary, Edward Powers.

The book "Old Age and the Welfare State", edited by Anne-Marie Guillemard, was published in the Sage Studies in International Sociology (1983), including some of the original contributions to the Round Table on "Public Social Policies and Aging in Industrialized Countries" held in Paris from 8 to 10 July 1981 under the auspices of the committee.

Efforts to hold a mid-term conference were not successful.

RC 13

SOCIOLOGY OF LEISURE

Report submitted by Teus Kamphorst, Secretary

Board members 1982-1986

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Vice-Presidents:

Nicole Samuel (France)
Gilles Pronovost (Canada)
Jiri Zuzanek (Canada)

Secretary: T.J. Kamphorst (Holland)

Members at Large:

M. Smith (UK)
I. Vitanyi (Hungary)

Meetings

The world-wide economic crisis influenced the possibilities for the committee to organize specific committee meetings. Therefore most of the meetings were organized in cooperation with other international bodies and/or in conjunction with the congresses of those organizations:

- May 1983, Växjö (Sweden): in conjunction with a World Congress of the European Leisure and Recreation Association;
- September 1984, Marly-le-Roi (France): in conjunction with a World Congress of the World Leisure and Recreation Association;
- February 1985, Liblice (Czechoslovakia): in cooperation with the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences;
- March 1986, Vienna (Austria): in conjunction with the World Congress of the European Leisure and Recreation Association;
- August 1986, New Delhi (India): the committee held 10 sessions on the occasion of the XIth World Congress of Sociology;
- October 1987, Brussels (Belgium): planned next meeting of the committee.

Working-groups

The committee has or had the following working groups during the term 1982-1986:

- WG on the Study of Social Times (President: N. Samuel, France)
- WG on Leisure Research and Leisure Policies (President: M. Smith, UK)
- WG on Way of Life and Leisure (President: B. Filipcova, Czechoslovakia)
- WG on Leisure, Tourism and Environment (President: M. Mihovilovic, Yugoslavia)
- WG on Research in Problems of Week-end

(President: Z. Skorzynski, Poland)

- WG Explaining Leisure Features (President: T.J. Kamphorst, The Netherlands)
- WG Cultural Participation (President: J. Zuzanek, Canada)
- WG Community Media (President: R. Pine, Ireland)

These working groups differ greatly in the amount of activities that were developed in the past period. For the time being the most active groups seem to be: the working groups on social times, on way of life, on leisure, tourism and environment, and on explaining leisure features.

There is a certain tendency of the working groups towards more independence from the committee, as part of an ongoing process of specialization in the leisure field. This tendency can be seen as an expression of the growing stock of knowledge in the leisure field and of the growing importance of leisure and related subjects in today's society. At this moment, for example, the committee's working group on tourism is beginning to strive for the status of an ISA Research Committee, comparable with the RC 27 on the Sociology of Sport and the RC 14 on the Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture. From a certain point of view these can be seen as specializations in the broader field of the sociology of leisure.

Publications

The committee realized the following publications:

- P. Bosserman, A. Olszewska (eds.), a special issue of "Loisir et Société/Society and Leisure", Canada, 1983, containing 8 papers presented in Mexico;
- B. Filipcova, P. Mateju, I. Gabal (eds.), "The Way of Life, Leisure and Cultural Development", two volumes, Prague, 1986, containing 42 papers presented at the committee meeting in Liblice;
- S.R. Parker (ed.), "Leisure, Work and Family:", London, 1983, containing a selection of 9 papers presented at Mexico;
- Seven issues of the committee's official publication "Leisure Newsletter", containing all kinds of information relevant for members of the committee. It is distributed all over the world in 350 copies, to colleagues and institutions from 38 countries. Editor: Teus Kamphorst.

The committee is closely connected with the scientific journal "Loisir et Société/Society and Leisure", published in Canada twice a year. In the last period 1982-1986 eight issues of that journal have been published containing many contributions by members of the Research Committee. Two issues of "Loisir et Société/Society and Leisure" are forthcoming which will contain a selection of papers presented at New Delhi. It is also expected that a special issue of "Revue Internationale de Sociologie", published in Rome, will include some New Delhi Congress papers.

Cooperation with other organizations: The board, the working groups and individual members of the committee cooperate with a large number of organizations and institutions working in the leisure field or related subjects: World Leisure and Recreation Association (WLRA), European Leisure and Recreation Association (ELRA), World Association for Free Time and Human and Social Well-being (WFT); Leisure, Recreation and Tourism Abstracts (LRTA), Loisir, Recreation et Tourisme (LORETO), UNESCO.

The economic crisis forms a kind of challenge for the committee in the sense that it has to face the problem of how to realize its goals with hardly any money available. This necessitates a cooperative

effort of all those who are interested in the committee's well-being. Motivation can be derived from the knowledge that the members of the committee are working in a segment of science and society that is constantly growing in importance.

RC 14

COMMUNICATION, KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE

From the Report of Activities published in CKC Newsletter

Board members 1982-1986

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Vice-Presidents:

- Kurt Lang (USA)
- Jacques Leenhardt (France)
- Marino Livolsi (Italy)
- Dennis McQuail (UK)
- France Vreg (Yugoslavia)

13 board members from 10 countries

General secretariat:

- Cécile Rougier (France)
- Claudio Aguirre-Bianchi and Peter Dahlgren (Sweden)

Membership

In August 1986 the committee had approximately 300 members, coming from 45 countries.

Meetings

- Août 1983, Sitges (Espagne): "Place et Fête en Méditerranée". Séminaire organisé en coopération avec l'Université Internationale Menéndez y Pelayo (UIMP) sous la direction de José Vidal-Beneyto. Coordinateur: Jesus Ayllon.

- Janvier 1984, Madrid (Espagne): "Etude des Feuilletons Télévisés: Dallas". Séminaire avec la participation de 27 collègues en provenance de 10 pays.

- Octobre 1984, Séville (Espagne): forum sur "Informations Télévisées". Organisé en coopération avec l'U.I.M.P., ce forum s'est déroulé dans le cadre du Festival de Séville placé sous la responsabilité de la télévision espagnole (TVE) et de l'U.I.M.P. et comprenait un séminaire et trois tables-rondes. Au cours de cinq séances de travail du séminaire ont été présentés et discutés les résultats des recherches réalisés par le comité sur les journaux télévisés dans divers pays: Canada, Etats-Unis, Espagne, France, Grande-Bretagne, Hongrie, Italie, Pays-Bas, Portugal, Suède, Brésil et Chili.

- Novembre 1984, Bologne (Italy): "Presse et Opinion Publique - Les Journaux et la Production de la Réalité Sociale". Conférence internationale organisée par le comité et la Mairie de Bologne avec le concours de la Regione Emilia-Romagna et de l'UNESCO.

- Février 1985, Madrid (Espagne): "Rencontres sur la Méthodologie de l'Analyse de Presse (Autour de "El País")" Rencontres organisées avec le concours de la Casa Velasquez.

- November 1985, Ljubljana (Yugoslavia): "Communication and Life Styles". International meeting initiated by the committee and organized by the Section for Communication and Public Opinion of the Yugoslav Sociological Association, together with the Faculty of Sociology, Political Science and Journalism of Edvard Kardelj University, and the city of Ljubljana. Chairperson of the Organizing Committee: France Vreg, Coordinator: Slavko Splichal.

- August 1986, New Delhi (India): The program of the committee for the XI World Congress of Sociology included 13 sessions and over 80 papers.

Publications

En 1982, le comité a lancé une série "Documents de Travail du CKC / CKC Working Papers", dont les deux premiers numéros présentés à Mexico avaient pu être produits avec l'aide de l'Instituto Nacional de Radio y Television (Madrid, Espagne).

Depuis lors, sept nouveaux numéros sont apparus grâce au soutien financier de la Fondation Internationale AMELA (Associazione Mediterraneo-latino-americana). Le no. 3 reprend et complète les communications présentées au Xe Congrès Mondial de Sociologie lors d'une séance de travail du Comité consacrée à la Culture Populaire.

Les numéros 4 à 8 sont l'aboutissement d'une vaste étude internationale lancée par le comité en 1981 sur le thème proposé par l'AIS pour la réalisation du Symposium 35 au Congrès Mondial de Mexico: "Idéologie, Mass Media et Production du Réel", et qui a été abordé sous deux angles différents: A- Presse et Opinion Publique; B- Journaux Télévisés et Production du Réel.

Le numéro 9 consacré aux feuillets télévisés regroupe et complète les communications présentées lors de la conférence de Madrid (18-20 janvier 1984) sur la problématique des séries en Europe, et poursuit ainsi la réflexion initiée à partir de 1983 sur les processus de réception de la communication audiovisuelle.

Les équipes nationales italienne et espagnole, ont publié leurs études concernant les recherches sur la presse et l'opinion publique et sur les journaux télévisés.

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SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH

Report submitted by Ray H. Elling, Chairperson

Board members

Since the Mexico Congress (1982), members of the committee's Steering Board have been as follows:

Mark Field	1970-82 Emeritus (1982-1986)
Derek Gill	1974-82 Emeritus (1982-1986)
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Ray H. Elling	1982-90
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Among its six active members, the steering board chose Chairperson: Ray Elling (USA)

Secretary-Treasurer: Rance Lee (Hong Kong)

As four members were due to retire in or before 1986, an election was held by postal vote in 1983. More than 60 ballots were cast, and four new active members of the steering board for 1986-1994 were elected:

Lisbeth Claus (USA)
Juan Garcia (USA)
Heidrun Kaupen-Haas (FRG)
Stella R. Quah (Singapore)

It is most sad that Juan Garcia passed away in 1985. A new person had to be elected in New Delhi for replacing him at the steering board. Moreover, six persons should be nominated at the business meeting for subsequent mail ballot, three to serve as the members-elect of the steering board from 1986-1990 and to become active members from 1990-1998.

Change of the Research Committee name

Ray Elling approached the ISA Research Coordinating Committee with a request to change the name of the committee. The change of name from Sociology of

Medicine to Sociology of Health was approved unanimously by the ISA Executive Committee during the New Delhi Congress. It is hoped that this change will aid to the recognition of the breadth of the committee's concerns and works with all kinds of health workers. It is 'human health' more than medical services, and it is the 'primary health care for all' more than expensive tertiary medical care for the few, that should be of concern to us in health sociology.

Membership

The two year membership fee is US\$ 20 for persons from 'hard' currency countries and US\$ 4 for those from 'soft' currency countries. About 490 persons are on the membership list. Up to August 1986, a total of 103 members have paid up the fees, of which 25 are from developing countries. Efforts need to be made to recruit new members and to ask people to pay up.

Meetings

- August 1983: 8th International Conference on the Social Sciences and Medicine. Margot Jefferys, a member of the Steering Board, and Jerry Stomberg, Newsletter editor, attended the Open Meeting where the possible future activities of the committee were discussed. Also, as a reaction to a paper presented by Ray Elling and Thomas Akwasi Aidoo on developing social scientists for work on primary health care in underdeveloped countries, a group of people, which included medical anthropologists as well as other social scientists, epidemiologists and clinicians, agreed to set up an informal network. The RC 15 Newsletter's column was opened to anyone wishing to communicate with others on such matters as research training for those working in Third World countries.

- December 1984, University College, London: International Symposium on Ethical Issues in Social Research and Medical Practice co-sponsored by the committee and the Brunel-Arms Research Unit of Brunel University;

- August 1986, Urayasu City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan: "Urbanization and Health Systems", the Second Asian Conference on Health and Medical Sociology organized by the Japanese Society for Health and Medical Sociology. 150 scholars participated, including 40 from countries outside Japan. The committee officially co-sponsored the conference, which was organized under the leadership of Eiichi Isomura. Ray Elling, Rance Lee, Mark Field and Stella Quah, from the Steering Board, were specially invited to attend the Conference.

- August 1986, New Delhi, India: at the meeting during the XI World Congress the committee held 12 academic sessions with approximately 100 papers.

Publications

Newsletter: Jerry Stromberg (University of Colorado, USA) has been serving as the committee's Newsletter Editor since 1982. Four issues (Nos. 14-17) have been published and circulated. In 1984, through his efforts, the committee received from the ISA a grant of US\$ 800 for the Newsletter. At this point, a new Editor with a sound institutional base must be found as Jerry Stromberg found it impossible to continue.

An agreement has been made with Peter J.M. McEwan, Editor-in-Chief of "Social Science and Medicine" that the Journal would receive papers from the committee on a first refusal basis and would publish whatever announcements regarding the committee's activities.

Joe Lella and Derek Gill have been commissioned by the committee to complete the trend report on medical and health sociology that Manfred Pflanz was working on before his death. This will be the first

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- The Executive Board of the World Health Organization when making its triennial review of WHO relations with non-governmental organizations (NGO) in January 1986, recommended that efforts be made to revitalize the collaboration with ISA. Yvo Nuyens from the Health Systems Research WHO division in Geneva, remains the official point of contact in WHO. RC 15, being represented by Hans-Ulrich Deppe (FRG) and Philippe Lehmann (Switzerland), serves as the focal point within ISA. Deppe represented the committee at the Technical Discussions of the World Health Assembly in Geneva in 1984; Mark Field represented the ISA at the WHO Technical Discussion in May 1985.

It is hoped that members of the committee will join Ray Elling in exploring new ways of collaboration, particularly in the pursuit of health for all through primary health care. It seems that apart from promoting cross-national comparative studies, the development of well-trained and relevantly trained health sociology man and woman power in the developing countries needs to be stressed. It remains to be seen how far the ISA-WHO relationship can go beyond lip service.

- Rance P.L. Lee has been invited to serve as Honorary Consultant to the Medical Sociology Research Center, organized by the Chinese Sociological Association and the Chinese Association on the Dialectics of Nature. The Center is located in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province, People's Republic of China.

RC 17

SOCIOLOGY OF ORGANIZATION

Report submitted by Michael Aiken, Secretary

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President McMillan resigned from his position after entering the Canadian government in 1984, and Michael Aiken assumed leadership of the committee.

Meetings

- The mid-term conference on "Critical Analysis of Organizational Theories" initially planned for Fall 1985, was postponed because funding from the government of The Netherlands could not be obtained until this year. The conference is now scheduled for July 1987, and will take place at a conference centre in Noordwijkerhout, forty miles from Amsterdam.

- A large number of excellent papers were submitted for the meetings of the committee at the XI World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi. For this reason, the program was expanded to five sessions rather than the four as originally planned. 40 papers were presented.

Publications

Two issues of "RC 17 News" have been published since 1985. Another issue will appear immediately after the New Delhi Congress, and the Newsletter will be published semi-annually thereafter.

RC 18

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Report submitted by D.W. Urwin, Secretary

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At the committee's business meeting held during the IPSA World Congress in Paris, July 1985, Derek Urwin was elected Secretary of the committee in place of Richard Rose, who had signified a wish to resign after more than a decade of service.

Meetings

- August 1983, Ross Priory, Scotland, and August Welfare State, organized by Rei Shiratori

- July 1985, Paris. The committee organized two panels (the maximum allowed) at the XIIIth World Congress of IPSA: "The State and Public Bureaucracies: A Comparative and Historical Perspective" (organizer: Martin Heper), and "Democratization in Post-Authoritarian Societies" (organizers: Juan Linz and Ergun Ozbüdü). The latter group plans to hold further meetings with the ultimate view of a book on "Transitions from Authoritarianism to Democracy: Success and Failures".

- July 1985, Bergen, Norway. A new Working Group on Fascism and Authoritarianism held a conference on "Modern Europe After Fascism", organized by Stein Ugelvik Larsen (University of Bergen). A second meeting held in Bad Homburg (FRG) in 1986, was devoted to the same topic. A book is forthcoming.

- August 1986, New Delhi World Congress of Sociology: the committee had a program of 11 academic sessions, where 50 papers were scheduled for presentation.

Working Groups

The committee has now the following 7 Working Groups, each working with its own convenor:

- WG Breakdown and Consolidation of Regimes (Convenor: Juan Linz)

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Publications

Two books resulting from the committee's conferences organised in Madrid with support from Spanish colleagues and institutions, were published:

- "Bureaucrats and Policy Making", Ezra Suleiman (ed.), Holmes & Meier, New York, 1984.

- "Parliaments and Parliamentarism", Ezra Suleiman (ed.), Holmes & Meier, New York, 1985

- "The Welfare State East and West", Richard Rose and Rei Shiratori (eds.), Oxford University Press, 1986. Publication based on the meetings sponsored by the committee in 1983-84 in Ross Priory, Scotland, and in Tokyo. A Japanese edition is forthcoming.

CPS Newsletter. Derek Urwin (Department of Politics, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, UK) is responsible for publication and distribution of CPS Newsletter. Recent issues: Nos. 10 (1982), 11 (1984) and 12 (1985).

RC 19

POVERTY, SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL POLICY

Report submitted by RoseMarie Greve, Secretary

Board members 1982-1986

In 1982 elections were held for the post of President and of Secretary (President: Else Øyen, Secretary: RoseMarie Greve). It was expected that elections would be held in 1983/84 for the two Vice-Presidents' posts and those of the two Board members. However, this was not possible and the composition of the Board remained as it was in 1978-1982:

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Preparations for an election have been undertaken by Hennings Friis and should it take place shortly.

Constitution

At the request of members attending the business meeting at the Mexico Congress (1982), who felt that the growing number of members necessitated a more formalised structure permitting the democratisation of the committee and a greater sharing of responsibilities, a sub-committee was set up to draft a constitution for the committee. The sub-committee consisted of Harold Wilensky, Mike Miller, Jürgen Hartmann and RoseMarie Greve. A draft constitution was drawn up and circulated to the members for comments in May 1983. Members in good standing were invited to vote (through mail) in 1984. While less than half of the eligible members returned their ballots, they all voted for the constitution which then became effective.

Membership

As of July 1986, the committee had 127 members from 30 countries. The decrease in number since August 1982, when membership stood at 136, is due to the fact that a number of inactive members have been dropped from the mailing list.

Meetings

- June 1983, Bielefeld, FRG: "The Future of the Welfare State". A joint workshop organized by the committee and Institut für Bevölkerungsforschung und Sozialpolitik (Universität Bielefeld)

- June 1984, Bergen, Norway: "The Sociology of Social Security: Innovation and Change". A meeting resulting from the committee's cooperation with the Norwegian Social Security Research programme, the Department of Health and Social Policy Studies of the University of Bergen and the International Social Security Association. The meeting was held at the University of Bergen and was attended by

close to 50 scholars from many European countries, from Australia, Japan and the US. Fifteen papers were presented.

- The International Group for Alcohol Studies whose members are also members of RC 19 organized two conferences: "The Social History of Alcohol: drinking and culture in modern society" (Berkeley, California, USA, January 1984) and "The Development of Treatment as a Societal Response to Alcohol Problems" (Stockholm, Sweden, October 1984).

Publications

- "Comparing Welfare States and their Future", Else Øyen (ed.), Gower Publishing Company Ltd., 1985. A volume comprising 15 papers prepared for the committee's workshop held in Bielefeld 1983.

- There have been five issues of the Newsletter since September 1982. An innovation in the form of a reporting sheet attached to each Newsletter has evoked some interest on the part of members, a number of whom have used this means of keeping the rest of the committee informed of their on-going research activities.

RC 20

COMPARATIVE SOCIOLOGY

Report submitted by Mattei Dogan, President

This new Research Committee of the ISA was a working group until the New Delhi Congress. During the business meeting at the New Delhi Congress, the following board members were elected for the period 1986-1990:

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Delegate & Alternate to the Research Council: Mattei Dogan and Peter Merkl

At present, the committee has 72 members coming from 19 countries.

Meetings

- August 1984: a conference on comparative sociology organized in cooperation with the International Social Science Journal and the Wissenschaftszentrum in Berlin

- February 1985: "The Comparative Analysis of the Giant Cities of the World". A symposium in the name of the International Social Science Council (ISSC) and with the financial help of the Barcelona Municipality, was organized in collaboration with the RC 24 on Social Ecology (RC 24). Nearly 40 scholars from all five continents attended the meeting. A publication of two volumes will be issued by Sage Publications.

- August 1986, New Delhi: the group had seven sessions at the World Congress, dealing with theoretical, methodological and substantive issues in comparative research. 22 papers were presented and discussed.

- Spring 1987: forthcoming conference on contempor-

ary India. The organizers are Richard Sisson and Ramarshray Roy.

Future projects

The committee is involved in a project on comparative and interdisciplinary research under the sponsorship of the International Social Science Council (UNESCO). Mattei Dogan and Ali Kazancigil are in charge of this project, partially financed by the ISSC and by UNESCO.

Publications

The committee intends to prepare a special issue of the new series of the "International Journal of Sociology" on comparative research.

RC 21

REGIONAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Report submitted by Chris Pickvance, Secretary

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Enzo Mingione and Edmond Preteceille

Activities

RC held 5 scientific meetings during the period
1982-1986:

1983: Colchester, Essex, UK

1984: Irkutsk, USSR

1985: Brighton, Sussex, UK

1985: Hong Kong

1986: Budapest, Hungary

1986: New Delhi, India: XI World Congress of
Sociology

Future activities:

25-30 June 1987: a conference in Dubrovnik is
planned on the theme of "Technology, Restructuring
and Urban and Regional Development". The conference
will be organized by Z. Mlinar, M. Castells and E.
Mingione.

Publications

Three books had been published as a result of the
Xth World Congress of Sociology in Mexico (1982):

- Enzo Mingione and N. Redclift (eds): Beyond
Employment, Blackwell

- Ivan Szelenyi (ed): Cities in Recession, SSIS vol.
30, Sage Publications 1984

- John Walton (ed): Capital and Labour in the
Urbanized World, SSIS vol. 31, Sage Publications
1985

Papers from the Hong Kong conference will appear in
1987 as J. Henderson and M. Castells (eds): Global
Restructuring and Territorial Development, Sage.

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research
(IJURR), which was founded under the auspices of the
RC, but is now autonomous, has recently reached its
tenth year of publication.

Membership

Due to the problems with the functioning of the RC
secretariat in the last four years, a decrease of
membership was noted.

It was agreed to raise the RC membership fees as
follows:

Individual members: \$10 for one year, or \$30 for
four years;

Institutional members: \$50 for one year and \$150 for
a four year period.

The President and the Secretary are empowered to
waive or discuss special membership fee conditions
for those living in soft currency countries.
Every institution that organises a RC conference is
given four years free institutional membership.

RC 22

SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

Report submitted by Nicos Kokosalakis, Secretary

Board members 1982-1986

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Past President: James Beckford (U.K.)

Membership

In 1982 our membership was around 200 and new
members have joined every year since then. As there

were many inactive members it was agreed at the business meeting in Mexico (1982) that members should be asked whether they wished to remain on the mailing list. A membership form was circulated to all members of whom 140 indicated their wish to remain on the mailing list. Current membership is 150.

Meetings

- August 1984: the committee and the Association for the Sociology of Religion held a very successful meeting during the annual American Sociological Association meetings in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting, organized by N. Kokosalakis, involved the discussion of papers by 7 scholars from various countries on the topic "Theoretical and Methodological Problems in the Sociology of Religion".
- November 1985, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia: a colloquium on "Human Rights in Cultural and Religious Traditions" was organized by J. Beckford at the Inter-University Center for Postgraduate Studies. Fifteen papers by different scholars from various countries were presented and a report was produced based on the discussions. The report recommended that further symposia should be organized on "Women, Human Rights and Religion" and on "Human Rights and Religious Minorities". The colloquium also recommended that special attention be paid within these themes to the importance of popular, non-codified aspects of culture and religion.
- August 1986, New Delhi, India: at the World Congress of Sociology the committee organized a program consisting of ten academic sessions, and a Symposium session. In all, these sessions involved presentation of 81 papers.

Publications

- "New Religious Movements. A Perspective for Understanding Society", Eileen Barker (ed), Edwin Mellen Press, 1983. Contains papers presented at the Mexico World Congress of Sociology
- "Religion, Theory and Society: An International Sociological Symposium" in: Sociological Analysis, Vol. 46, No.4, 1985. A publication resulting from the joint meeting with the ASR (San Antonio 1984)
- "New Religious Movements and Rapid Social Change", James Beckford (ed.), London, Sage 1986
- "Human Rights in Cultural and Religious Traditions" (forthcoming). This book will consist of the report and the 15 papers presented at the committee's colloquium in Dubrovnik (1985)
- Newsletter. Since the Mexico Congress the secretary has published and circulated to all members of the committee four Newsletters and one membership list.

RC 26

SOCIOTECHNICS

Report submitted by J.K.H.W. Schmidt, Secretary

Board members 1982-1986

President: Albert B. Cherns (UK)
Vice-Presidents:

Alexander J. Matejko (Canada)
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Secretary: Joachim K.H.W. Schmidt (FRG)

Members: Allen H. Barton (USA)
Judith Buber-Agassi (Israel)
Eduardo S. Bustelo (Brazil)
Helmut Klages (FRG)
Jerzy Kwasniewski (Poland)
Carol H. Weiss (USA)

Meetings

- September 1983, Antwerp (Belgium). The committee met in the context of the annual meeting of the Research Committee on Sociology of Law (RC 12). A series of papers was discussed on the following topics: "How to Program Social Policy Research", "Social Program Experimentation in the Welfare State", and "Formal vs. Informal Aspects of Organizations". About 30 members from various countries were present.
- National sections of the Research Committee held the following meetings:
 - February 1983, 1984 and 1985. The National German Sociotechnics Group met in Speyer, Hamburg, and Wuppertal, respectively. The programs were organized by J.K.H.W. Schmidt and Klaus Eichner. At each meeting approximately 10 papers were discussed, and 30 scholars participated.
 - Kazimierz Frieske reported a meeting of the Polish Section of Sociotechnics which took place in 1984 in Wroclaw.
- 1984 and 1985: in the context of the Annual Congresses of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association, Alexander J. Matejko organized different sessions on Sociotechnics. He also prepared a Sociotechnics Seminar as part of a conference of the International Institute of Sociology (Seattle, USA).
- August 1986, New Delhi, India: 11 academic sessions were sponsored or co-sponsored by the committee during the New Delhi Congress. It was felt, however, that the chosen time and place of the Congress prevented many chairpersons and most members to attend the Congress.

Publications

- F. Heckmann and P. Winter (eds), "21. Deutscher Soziologentag", Opladen: Westdeutscher Verlag, 1983: 618-661. Contains papers presented at the meeting of the National German Group in Bamberg, 1982
- Helmut Klages (ed), "Arbeitsperspektiven Angewandter Sozialwissenschaft", Westdeutscher Verlag, Opladen, 1985. Papers of the meeting in Speyer (1983).
- Klaus Eichner (ed), "Anwendungsorientierte Sozialwissenschaft und Politikberatung", Braunschweig, 1986. Papers of the meeting in Hamburg (1984).

The committee published two Newsletters: No.8 (1983) and No.9 (1984), edited by Joachim K.H.W. Schmidt. Both editions had 400 copies. Due to lacking resources the publication had to be discontinued.

RC 27

SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT

From the Report of Activities published in ICSS Bulletin 29

Board members 1982-1986

President: Alan G. Ingham (USA)

Vice-Presidents:

Michael Klein (FRG)
Paavo Seppanen (Finland)

General Secretary: Maria Allison (USA)

Representative to the ISA: Eric Dunning (UK)

Meetings

- July 1984: the committee participated in the Olympic scientific congress in Eugene, Oregon (USA) Barry McPherson and his colleagues from the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport took charge of the organization of this meeting. Several papers presented in Eugene have been published in the "International Review of Sociology of Sport"
- August 1985: upon the invitation of the

Czechoslovakian colleagues, a committee's symposium on "Sport, Lifestyle and Social Differentiation" was held in Prague. Professors Cechak and Arhautova from the Czechoslovak Association of Physical Culture, were responsible for the organization of the meeting. Proceedings of this conference will be published in three languages.

- July 1986, Glasgow, Scotland: the committee organized a symposium and held a board meeting during the "7th Commonwealth and International Conference on Sport, Physical Education, Dance, Recreation and Health"

- August 1986, New Delhi, India: the program organized by the committee for the XI World Congress of Sociology included 7 scientific sessions, with approximately 25 papers for discussion.

- a 1987 symposium of the committee is planned in conjunction with the "International Congress on Sport and Physical Activity in Women's Life", to be held in Jyväskylä, Finland.

Research projects on different topics are under way: "Social values of physical activity" (publication expected in 1986-87), "Cultural values of the body in physical activity" (under review), "Gender research".

International Junior Scholar Award for Sociology of Sport 1985 was granted to:

A. Abraham: "Identitätskonstitutionen in der rhythmischen Sportgymnastik"

B. Brown: "Factors influencing the process of withdrawals by female adolescents from the role of competitive age-group swimmer"

T. Slack: "An organizational case analysis of voluntary sport organization"

Membership

- In 1985 ICSS had 4 institutional members, 4 student members, and 132 regular members.

- Membership dues for countries with non-convertible currencies: Tamasne Foldesi (Scientific Institute of Physical Education, 1123 Budapest XII, Alkotás Utca 44, Hungary) was appointed to the office of a Vice-President/Treasurer for non-convertible currencies.

Bulletin

The ICSS Bulletin is produced and mailed under the editorship of Peter Donnelly, being entirely financed by a grant from McMaster University.

RC 29

DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL

Board of Directors 1982-1986

President: Lode van Outrive (Belgium)

Vice-Presidents:

Manfred Brusten (FRG)

Leslie Sebba (Israel)

Board of Directors 1986-1992

15 members were elected by mail ballot:

Paul Friday (USA)

Leslie Sebba (Israel)

Rosa del Olmo (Venezuela)

Manfred Brusten (F.R.G.)

Nils Christie (Norway)

Minoru Yokoyama (Japan)

André Normandeau (Canada)

Maria Kos (Canada)

Martha Huggins (USA)

Louise Shelley (USA)

Ulla Bondeson (Sweden)

Femi Odekunle (Nigeria)

Sonia Navarro (Costa Rica)

Olm Oloruntimehin (Nigeria)

Derrick Mc Clintock (U.K.)

Three other members shall be appointed by the newly elected board.

Membership

In 1986 the committee has 147 individual members from 31 countries (only 18 facing payment difficulties).

Meetings

- November 1983, San Francisco, USA: "The Impact of Criminal Justice Reform". Jointly sponsored with the NCCD, and organized by J. Austin & G. Baremore.

- December 1984, San José, Costa Rica: "Development and Crime". Jointly sponsored with ILANUD, and organized by E. Carranza.

- March 1985, Jerusalem, Israel: "Social Control and Justice". Jointly sponsored with the Hebrew University, and organized by L. Sebba.

- Business meetings of the Research Committee took place in Mexico 1982, Vienna and San Francisco 1983, San José 1984, Jerusalem and Frankfurt 1985, and New Delhi 1986.

Publications

- Papers from the conference held in 1980 in Nigeria were published by Unwin and Unwin, London

- "Youth Crime, Social Control and Prevention: Theoretical Perspectives and Policy Implications": papers from the Wuppertal conference in 1981 were published in Wuppertal in 1985

- Papers from the conference held in San José in 1984 were published in San José (no bibliographical details available yet)

- Forthcoming: papers from the Jerusalem conference 1985

RC 30

SOCIOLOGY OF WORK

Report submitted by Pierre Bouvier, Secretary

Board members 1982-1986

The business meeting at Mexico was attended by 35 persons, a number of members considered insufficient to bear elections of the Board. The president of the committee, Jolanta Kulpinska (Poland), unable to attend the Congress, was requested to stay in her job, while Marc Maurice (France), having held the secretariat since the Varna Congress, wished to resign from his job. Pierre Bouvier and Jean Ruffier (France) presented themselves jointly as new secretaries, and two new vice-presidents were proposed: Louis H. Orzack (USA) and Albert L. Mok (Belgium). The new board was confirmed as above through mail-ballot in 1983, including three new board members: Wolfgang Littek (FRG), Judith Buber-Agassi (Israel) and C. Kiuranov (Bulgaria).

Meetings

- April 1983, Lodz, Poland: Round-Table on "Sociology of Work in Different Countries". Chair: J. Kulpinska

- May 1983, Paris, France: a meeting on "Technology and Work Representations". Chair: P. Bouvier

- October 1983, Lyon, France: a meeting on "Relations between Science, Production and Collective Worker". Chair: M.F. Raveyne

- October 1984, Sofia, Bulgaria: a meeting on "Unskilled and Monotonous Work". Chair: C. Kiuranov

- January 1986, Jablonna, Poland: a meeting on "Theoretical and Methodological Trends in Sociology of Work". Chair: J. Kulpinska, organized with the support of the Institute of Sociology, University of

Lodz, Poland. There were 16 participants from abroad and 12 from Poland; 21 papers were presented for discussion. The collection of papers will be published in "Acta Universitatis Lodzensis, Folia Sociologica"

- Two regional meetings were held: in the USA organized by L. Orzack and in the FRG organized by W. Littek
- August 1986, New Delhi, India: the committee prepared 12 sessions for the World Congress with close to 100 papers for presentation.

Working Groups

Several working groups were initiated by the committee's members:

- New Technology (M. Maurice)
- Changes in the Meaning of Work (P. Bouvier)
- Work Conditions in Developing Countries (J.C. Neffa)
- White Collar Work and New Technologies (W. Littek)
- Professional Work in Comparative Perspective (L. Orzack)

Publications

- Four Newsletters were published in 1982, 1984-1986.
- "Unattractive Work" a book published by the Bulgarian Sociological Association and the Georgi Dimitrov Research Institute for Trade Union Studies, containing papers from the Sofia meeting (1984). Colleagues interested in having a copy should order it (US\$ 5) from the Georgi Dimitrov Research Institute, Central Council of the Bulgarian Trade Unions, 34 Napetov Street, 1618 Sofia, Bulgaria.

RC 31

SOCIOLOGY OF MIGRATION

Report submitted by F.P. Cerase, Secretary

Board members 1982-1986

President: H-J. Hoffmann-Nowotny (Switzerland)
Vice-Presidents:

Hieronim Kubiak (Poland)
André Lebon (France)

Secretary: Francesco P. Cerase (Italy)

Members: Monica Boyd (Canada)
Murray Chapman (USA)
Hermann Korte (FRG)
Gianfausto Rosoli (Italy)

As a result of the ballot sent out to the members of the committee in 1986, the composition of the board for 1986-1990 is as follows:

President: Francesco P. Cerase
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C. Michael Lanphier (Canada)

Secretary: Ursula Mehrländer
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Members: Murray Chapman (USA)
H-J. Hoffmann-Nowotny (Switzerland)
Hieronim Kubiak (Poland)
André Lebon (France)
Gianfausto Rosoli (Italy)

Delegate & Alternate to the Research Council:
Francesco Cerase and Ursula Mehrländer

Membership

Soon after the Congress in Mexico a big effort was made to enlarge the membership of the committee. To this effect an invitation to join was sent out to

individual scholars and researchers in the field, particularly from Third World countries. The outcome was very satisfactory: by the end of 1983 the committee could count over one hundred members good standing from all parts of the world. Due to currency problems, however, members from Third World countries remain proportionately few.

Meetings

- June 1985, Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia): "International Migration in the Contemporary Economic Crisis", an intercongress meeting of the committee. About forty participants from over 15 countries attended the sessions.

- August 1986, New Delhi (India): the program of the committee at the World Congress included nine academic sessions, with 33 papers.

Publications

- "The Politics of Return. International Return Migration in Europe", Daniel Kubat (ed), Centro Studi Emigrazione, Roma 1984. Proceedings of the First European Conference on International Return Migration, held in Rome in November 1981.

- Newsletter, which continued to be published regularly in the "International Migration Review", was entrusted to an editor, with the contributions of regional correspondents from different areas of the world. Alongside of the Newsletter, once twice a year a Bulletin, focusing on news concerning membership and committee's activities, was sent to members.

RC 33

LOGIC AND METHODOLOGY IN SOCIOLOGY

From reports of activities published in RC 33 newsletters

Board members 1982-1986

President: David J. Jackson (USA)

Vice-Presidents:

Vladimir G. Andreyenkov (USSR)
Edgar F. Borgatta (USA)
Alberto Marradi (Italy)
David McFarland (USA)

Secretary: Manfred Kuechler (FRG/USA)

Members: Helmut M. Artus (FRG)
Antanas Burachas (USSR)
David R. Heise (USA)
Charles E. Holzer III (USA)
Ray Pawson (U.K.)
Pablo Suarez (Sweden)

During the XI World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi, the new board for 1986-1990 was elected as follows:

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Members: John Bynner (UK)
Alberto Marradi (Italy)
1st President: David Jackson (USA)
Delegate & Alternate to the Research Council:
Manfred Kuechler and Karl van Meter

Meetings

- September 1984, Rome, Italy: "Concept Formation and Measurement" a European symposium organized jointly by Alberto Marradi, Helmut Artus and Ray Pawson. This so-called Rome Symposium was attended not only by European members of the RC, but also by participants coming from other, non-European countries as well. The topics ranged from pure epistemology to the development and application of special methods, and the focus was placed on measurement scales and the levels of measurement scales

- October 1984, Amsterdam, The Netherlands: an international Congress on Methodological Research was jointly sponsored by the RC and the Dutch Sociometric Society. It was organized by Willem Saris and Kees Aarts (University of Amsterdam). The meeting was attended by some 150 participants (not counting numerous students). The "Conference Preparation Book" listed abstracts of all papers.

- August 1985, Washington DC, USA: The committee sponsored a session for the presentation of professional papers during the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. The session's theme was "A Challenge to Sociological Measurement: the Integration of Theory, Observation, and Quantification". The session was organized by Charles Holzer III.

- August 1986, New Delhi, India: at the XI World Congress of Sociology the committee held 13 academic sessions (3 jointly with RC 35, RC 25) and a business meeting.

Publications

Since 1983 the Newsletter was published twice a year (Spring and Fall) and edited by Manfred Kuechler. It contains both general business topics as well as other items of interest. As standard features publications in the field of methodology, computer news, conferences and meetings are covered.

Starting in January 1986, the Newsletter has been published as part of the "Bulletin de Méthodologie Sociologique" (BMS) issued by LISH-CNRS, Paris, France.

RC 34

SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH

From reports published in the International Bulletin for Youth Research, RC 34 Newsletter.

Board members 1982-1986

President: Petar E. Mitev (Bulgaria)
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Eastern Europe: Ivan Velev (Bulgaria)
Western Europe: Bianca Becalli (Italy)
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Latin America: Ignacio Zamorron (Mexico)
Africa: K. Assar (Algeria)
Asia: Yedla Simhadri (India)
Secretary: Peter C. Hexel (Austria)
Treasurer: Jürgen Hartmann (Sweden)
Newsletter Editor: Rudolf Mayer (FRG)
Members: Victor Hanby (Ireland)
Richard Braungart (USA)
Sybille Hübner-Funk (FRG)

During the New Delhi Congress a new board for 1986-1990 was elected:

President: Jürgen Hartmann
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Asia: Yedla Simhadri (India)
Latin America: Cecilia Braslavsky (Argentina)
Eastern Europe: Walter Friederich (GDR)
Western Europe: Sybille Hübner-Funk (FRG)
USA: Richard Braungart (USA)
USSR: Vladimir Shubkin (USSR)
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Jenő Andics (Hungary)
Coordinator for International Youth Library in Varna: Ivan Velev (Bulgaria)
Delegate and Alternate to the Research Council:
Jürgen Hartmann
Michail Stefanov.

Organizational consolidation

Statutes were worked out on the basis of the ISA Statutes as well as on the basis of certain exemplary recommendations of the ISA Executive Committee, the committee's prior experience and concrete proposals of the members of the committee, reflecting its specific character.

Activities

- A successful step in the direction of creating an international information network was the establishment of an International Library Fund of the committee. Its headquarters will be in Varna, Bulgaria.

- International research projects were carried out by the committee:

1. "Integration of Youth into Society"
Coordinator: J. Hartmann. It was dedicated to the International Youth Year and was realized owing to the financial and organizational help of the European Centre for Social Welfare Training and Research. Scientists from 16 countries participated in this project.

2. "Social Aspects of the Formation of New Recruitments of the Working Class". Coordinator: V. Shubkin. It was carried out with the assistance of the Problem Commission of the Academies of Sciences of the socialist countries. Scientists from 6 East European countries contributed to this project.

3. "Youth and Leisure" Coordinator: I. Velev. It was carried out with the assistance of the Youth Institutes of Bulgaria, Cuba, GDR, and the USSR, and covered the youth cohorts in these countries.

4. Members of the committee participated also in the international research project "New Technologies, Youth Employment and Transition from School to Work". Coordinator: P. Grootings. This project is carried out through the European Coordination Centre for Research and Documentation in the Social Sciences and affords good opportunities for cooperation with members of other Research Committees of the ISA: RC 10 Participation, Workers' Control and Self-Management, RC 19 Sociology of Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy, and especially RC 30 Sociology of Work. Scientists from 11 European countries participate in the project.

Meetings

- September 1982, Primorsko (Bulgaria): international symposium "Problems of International Comparative Youth Studies" organized by the Institute of Youth Studies in Sofia and the Bulgarian Sociological Association for the regions of Eastern Europe and the USSR, with the participation of youth researchers from Cuba. Two additional round-tables and meetings were also organized, with 35 participants from 8 countries.
- June 1983, Tälberg (Sweden): international expert meeting "Youth Integration into Society" (in the framework of the research project under the same topic, see above) organized by the European Centre for Social Welfare Training and Research. Twenty researchers from 15 European and American countries participated in the meetings. Concrete issues concerning the organization and the implementation of this international project, as well as the first scientific results were discussed.
- June 1983, Leipzig (GDR): regional colloquium on "Methodological Problems of the Study of the Young Individual", organized by W. Friedrich under the aegis of the Central Institute of Youth Studies (GDR). Over 100 scientists from Eastern Europe, Cuba and Mongolia participated in the meeting.
- November/December 1983, Moscow (USSR): international workshop on "Attitudes and Behaviour of Young People to Work: Change or Continuity". Organized by P. Grootings and B. Koval, under the aegis of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. The meeting was attended by 35 scientists from 14 countries of Eastern and Western Europe.
- February 1984, Primorsko (Bulgaria): international symposium on "Social Indicators in Comparative Youth Studies", organized by the Institute of Youth Studies in Sofia and the Bulgarian Sociological Association. There were 40 researchers from 16 European, African, Asian and American countries.
- June 1984, Salzburg (Austria): international expert meeting on "Integration of Youth into Society" (in the framework of the research project on the same theme, see above), organized by the European Centre for Social Welfare Training and Research. There were 19 participants from 16 European and American countries.
- September 1984, Primorsko (Bulgaria): international scientific meeting on "Problems of the Young Family". Sponsored by the Institute of Youth Studies in Sofia and the Bulgarian Sociological Association. There were 45 scientists from 8 East European countries and Cuba.
- February 1985, Visakhapatnam (India): international seminar on "Problems of Youth in the Third World Countries", organized by the Sociology Department at Andhra University, the State of Andhra Pradesh, under the direction of Y. Simhadri. The meeting was attended by 47 scientists from 12 African, American, Asian and European countries.
- June 1985, Budapest (Hungary): international expert meeting on "Integration of Youth into Society" (in the framework of the research project on the same theme, see above), organized by the European Centre for Social Welfare Training and Research. The meetings was attended by 20 scientists from 15 European and American countries.
- September 1985, Primorsko (Bulgaria): international scientific meeting on "Youth in the 1980s: Participation, Development, Peace". Organized by the Institute of Youth Studies in Sofia, the Bulgarian Sociological Association and the European Centre for Social Welfare Training and Research. There were 60 scientists attending the meeting, from 21 European, African, Asian and American countries.
- June 1986, Varna (Bulgaria): regional scientific meeting on "Youth and Peace. Methodology, Research

Methods and Results". Organized by the Institute of Youth Studies in Sofia, the Bulgarian Sociological Association and the Bulgarian Peace Committee. There were 50 scientists from 12 African, American, Asian and European countries.

- August 1986, New Delhi (India): for the XI World Congress of Sociology, the committee prepared 9 academic sessions (3 jointly with RC 04, RC 14, RC 30) and a business meeting.

Membership

The recapitulation of the membership of the committee, done on the basis of membership dues paid till March 20th 1986, indicated that the committee numbered 67 individual members and 1 collective member.

Publication and Information Activities

- Seven issues of the "International Bulletin for Youth Research" (IBYR) were published in the period 1982-1986, edited by Rudolf A.M. Mayer, German Youth Institute (Munich, FRG).

- P. Mitev, E. Yanakieva (eds): "Mexico 82", Sofia, 1983. Two volumes containing papers from the sessions held at the World Congress in Mexico.
- V. Shubkin, K. Gospodinov, F. Gazho (eds): "Youth and Labour", Sofia, 1983. A monograph presenting the results of the study under the same title carried out in 6 Eastern European countries.
- J. Hartmann: "Youth in the Welfare Society", Uppsala, 1984.
- J. Hartmann and S. Trnka: "Towards a Concept of Democratic Youth Participation in Society", Uppsala 1984. Summaries of the reports presented at the Tälberg meeting in 1983.
- I. Velev: "Youth and Leisure Time", Sofia, 1986. A monograph with some results of the international comparative study conducted by scientists from Bulgaria, Cuba, GDR, and the USSR.
- V. Shubkin: "Social Aspects of the Formation of New Recruitments of the Working Class", Sofia, 1986. A monograph with the results of the project under the same title with the participation of scientists from Bulgaria, GDR, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and the USSR.
- I. Velev: "Social Indicators in Comparative Youth Studies", Sofia 1986. Materials from the Primorsko meeting in 1983.
- Y. Simhadri: "Problems of Youth in the Countries of the Third World" (forthcoming). Materials from the seminar held in 1985 in Visakhapatnam, India.

- The Series "Youth in Europe" published in English by the Bulgarian Institute of Youth Studies:
J. Hartmann and M. Stefanov: "Youth in Europe. Integration Through Participation", Sofia 1984. Collection of papers presented at the Tälberg meeting in 1983.
F. Pavelka and M. Stefanov: "Rural Youth: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow", Sofia 1985. Full text of the materials presented at the international expert meeting on Youth in Remote Rural Areas, which took place in March 1985 in Luz Saint Sauveur, Hautes Pyrenées (France).
P. Grootings and M. Stefanov: "Transition from School to Work", Sofia 1986. Full text of the materials of the international meeting on "New Technologies, Youth Employment and Transition from School to Work", held in Sofia, November 1984.

There are also available "informational publications": brochures, programmes, and guides to conferences organized by the committee, published by the Bulgarian Institute of Youth in Sofia.

Report submitted by Alan Whitehorn, Secretary

Board members 1983-1987

The Executive Board elected in 1983 through mail-ballots was composed of:

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Membership

At present, the committee has over 100 members, from 22 countries. Candidates from countries in Eastern Europe and the Third World with non-convertible currencies, may request an exemption of dues.

Meetings

The committee sponsored or co-sponsored the following six international conferences:

- June 1983, Vancouver (Canada): a conference on "Normative and Empirical Alienation Theory", held in conjunction with the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association.

- July 1983, Washington D.C. (USA): a two-session workshop on "Alienation and Mental Health" was held during the biennial meeting of the World Congress for Mental Health. The workshop was organized and conducted by Frank Johnson.

- November 1983, Messina (Italy): The second Messina Round-table on "Alienation, Anomie and Violence" was held at the Faculty of Law of the University of Messina. It was organized and chaired by Shlomo Shoham. The meeting was jointly sponsored by the International Centre of Sociological, by the Penal and Penitentiary Research and Studies in Messina, and also by the committee.

- May 1984, Columbus (USA): A conference on "Urban Alienation: the Search for De-Alienation Strategies" was held at Ohio State University. It was sponsored by the O.S.U. Mershon Center, with assistance from other O.S.U. academic units and from the Ethics Research Center in Washington, D.C.

- March 1985, Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia): An international conference on "De-Alienation through Participatory Democracy and Self-Management: Interdisciplinary and Cross-Cultural Perspectives" was held at the Interuniversity Centre of Postgraduate Studies. It was organized under the joint auspices of the ISA RC 36 on Alienation Theory and Research and RC 10 on Participation, Workers' Control and Self-Management. The organizers were: Mihailo Markovic, Menachem Rosner and David Schweitzer.

- August 1986, New Delhi (India): The program of the committee for the XI World Congress included 14 academic sessions where close to 100 papers were

presented.

Publications

- S. Giora Shoham, "Rebellion, Creativity, and Revelation". Science Reviews, Northwood, 1985. First volume of a new series of monographs on alienation, published on behalf of the committee.

- R.F. Geyer and D. Schweitzer (eds), "Alienation Theories and Social Change Strategies: Perspectives in Philosophy and the Social Sciences". Science Reviews, Northwood/Transaction Books, New Brunswick 1987. Collection of papers from the XI World Congress of Sociology (Mexico 1982).

The committee has also inaugurated the publication of a regular Newsletter. At present, it is edited by Alan Whitehorn and distributed to approximately 285 persons twice a year.

Report submitted by Vera L. Zolberg, Secretary

Board members 1982-1986

The board of the committee was constituted in Mexico (1982) as follows:

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and 19 board members.

The activities of the committee may be categorized under the headings of publishing, meeting and organizing, which are inextricably interrelated. Much remains to be done, for a committee dealing, from the point of view of the social sciences, with a humanistic subject such as "art".

Meetings

- June 1983, Sofia (Bulgaria): A conference on "Multiple Perspectives in Sociology of the Arts" coordinated by Elit Nikolov. Seven papers (in English and Russian) were discussed.

- May 1984, Ljubljana (Yugoslavia): A meeting on "Alienation and Participation in Culture", organized by Dmitrij Rupel under the auspices of the Edvard Kardelj University, the Yugoslav Sociological Association, the Slovene Sociological Society, and UNESCO.

- June 1985, Marseille (France): A colloquium based on the theme of the final session of the French Sociological Society: "Is a Sociology of the Work of Art Itself Possible?". Organized and presided by Antoine Hennion.

- August 1986, New Delhi (India): The committee held 12 academic sessions at which close to 90 papers were presented.

Contact with other associations and institutions

The process of "networking", which facilitated the establishment of the Research Committee itself is being successfully applied to that end. This has already led to ties with such groups as Society for Social Theory, Politics and the Arts, the Culture

Section of the American Sociological Association, the French Sociological Society, the Centre de Sociologie des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, the University of Ljubljana, the Bulgarian Research Institute for Culture, the Hungarian Research Institute for Culture, and many other national organizations.

While contacts among European and American scholars are increasing, there is still a need to develop active contacts with Third World countries, especially Africa. As of now, the committee works in that direction by its dues policy exempting Third World members from paying. More efforts are needed.

Publications

- Elit Nikolov (ed): "Contributions to the Sociology of the Arts: Reports from the 10th World Congress of Sociology". Published by the Balkan State Printing House, 1983. Jointly sponsored by RC 37 and Research Institute for Culture, Sofia Bulgaria.

- Dmitrij Rupel (ed): "Alienation and Participation in Culture: Papers from the International Conference on Sociology of Art". Ljubljana, University Edvard Kardelj, 1985. Papers presented at the Conference held in Ljubljana in 1984. Publication jointly sponsored by the Edvard Kardelj University, the Yugoslav Sociological Association and the Slovene Sociological Society.

- Forthcoming: a book including the papers presented at the Marseille meeting, June 1985.

The Newsletter was launched in the Fall of 1982, under the editorship of Vera L. Zolberg. It has now reached its eleventh number (forthcoming after the New Delhi Congress) and is routinely translated into French, Russian and Bulgarian.

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BIOGRAPHY AND SOCIETY

Report submitted by Daniel Bertaux, President

Board members 1984-1987

The Research Committee "Biography and Society" was recognized by the ISA Executive Committee in spring 1984. The provisional board was nominated as follows:

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Elections by mail ballot are announced for next fall, after registering candidacies for the board at the New Delhi Congress.

Membership

In the first year (1985) 117 scholars, most of them sociologists but also some anthropologists and historians, were members of the committee. They represent 26 countries, the largest numbers working in France (25), the US (21) and the Federal Republic of Germany (15).

In West Germany sociologists working on life stories formed a network of their own and have applied to become a research committee of the German Sociological Association.

Publications

- Since 1983 the Biography & Society network (since 1984: RC 38) has published a newsletter, which appears twice a year. Each issue of up to 100 pages is taken up by a new editor, who thus has the opportunity to extensively cover life story research in his/her country or linguistic area. It has been successively done for Scandinavia, the German speaking area, Latin America, and Spain. No need to say, the US\$ 800, allocated to the Newsletter by the ISA, was extremely helpful in covering the costs involved in the making and printing of its last issues.

- In January 1986, the Paris Secretariat of the RC compiled and published the first directory of committee members and their themes of research.

- A member of the committee, Paul Thomson (University Colchester, Essex) being already the founder and editor of a journal "Oral History", proposed to publish annually a supplementary issue of "Oral History" under the title "Life Stories/Récits de Vie", starting in 1985. The journal is bilingual and it usually publishes two papers in English and two in French, plus the editorial and the book reviews in both languages (i.e. with a full translation). Most of the approximate one hundred members have subscribed to this new journal.

Workshops and Conferences

Various members of the committee organized regional conferences on topics relevant to the life history approach:

- December 1985, Poznan (Poland): a conference on life history approach. It was attended by many Polish sociologists, and some of the German members of the committee. The proceedings will be published in Polish.

- May 1986, Vaucluse, near Paris (France): a workshop organized by Daniel Bertaux and Christine Léomant on the study of social trajectories by means of life stories and family histories. The participation was limited to 25 people, mostly French. The papers will be published as a special issue of the journal "Annales de Vaucluse", published by the Centre de Recherches Interdisciplinaires Vaucluse.

- June 1986, Tours (France): A conference organized by two RC 38 members: Gaston Pineau and Guy Jobert. They work in the area of adult education and have introduced the use of life stories into this discipline. The conference attracted more than 300 "formateurs d'adultes", three times more than was expected. The contacts between sociologists and educators, involved in practical work, proved very interesting and promising for future developments.

- A seminar on life story and biographical research was organized during the academic year 1984-85 at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton by Martin Kohli, Fritz Schütze and Daniel Bertaux, who had been invited for the year. Clifford Geertz, Albert O. Hirschman, and the historian John Elliott participated in this seminar as well as a dozen other scholars.

- August 1986, New Delhi (India): at the New Delhi World Congress the committee held 9 academic sessions for which 72 papers were prepared.

Report submitted by E.L. Quarantelli, President

This new Research Committee of the ISA (established in New Delhi, August 1986) has been recognized after more than twenty years of scientific exchange. The first international activities took place at the meeting of French disaster researchers, headed by Chandessais, with American disaster researchers, at the Ohio State University in 1964.

1970: during the VIIth World Congress of Sociology, held in Varna (Bulgaria), the first papers on sociology of disaster were presented.

1974: two sessions with 9 papers on disasters were held at the VIIIth World Congress of Sociology held in Toronto (Canada).

1978: three sessions with 12 papers were held at the IXth World Congress of Sociology in Uppsala, where an informal group was formed.

1982: at the World Congress in Mexico City, ISA granted the group an Ad Hoc Group status, after a petition signed by 59 scholars from 17 countries was submitted.

A board of officers for 1982-1986 was elected:

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Arrangements for new elections were made at the New Delhi Congress and they will be held by the end of 1986.

At the Xth World Congress of Sociology (1982), the Ad Hoc Group program consisted of three formal sessions where 12 papers from 5 different countries were presented, and other papers were distributed. A decision was made to launch a professional disaster journal and a newsletter sponsored by the group.

1983: the Group sponsored an informal session during the American Sociological Association meeting in Detroit, Michigan (USA).

1984: a draft of a constitution and bylaws were published in the newsletter, and then accepted by a vote of 49 in favor and 1 against. In June 1984 the Group was granted by the ISA a Working Group status. In this year, the membership reached 171 individual and 34 institutional members from 15 different countries.

In August 1984 the Group held a session on Disasters Research: Its Funding and Future during the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas (USA).

Also in 1984 a special meeting of Japanese - United States disaster researchers who were members of the group was held.

1985: official participation of the group in two meetings of disaster researchers in Milan and Udine, Italy.

In August 1985 a group sponsored a session during the American Sociological Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

1986: at the New Delhi XI World Congress of Sociology, the Working Group had a program of 10 sessions at which 34 papers were presented. In September 1986 the group sponsored a session during the American Sociological Association annual meeting in New York City.

Membership

As of February 1986, the Research Committee has 135 individual and 16 institutional paid-up members.

Future Meetings

The committee has agreed to co-sponsor the following meetings:

- late 1986 in Italy and in India

- 1987 in Yugoslavia

- 1987 & 1988: sessions during the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association

Publications

In 1967 a newsletter "Unscheduled Events" (ISSN 0042-0468) was launched by the Disaster Research Center of the Ohio State University, and since 1983 its production has been continued by the Ad Hoc Group on Sociology of Disasters (now a Research Committee). There are three issues a year published, and as of March 1986 ten issues of the newsletter have been sent to members.

- In 1983 a professional journal "The International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters" (ISSN 0280-7270), was initiated by the Group. The journal appears three times a year and as of 1985 it has published 54 articles, feedback from the field notes, and book and film reviews from a dozen countries around the world.

- E.L. Quarantelli (ed.): "Disasters: Theory and Research" (papers presented to the Toronto Congress in 1974), Volume 13, Sage Studies in International Sociology, 1978.

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The appeal was signed, among others, by Orlando Albornoz (Venezuela), Margaret Archer (ISA President 1986-1990, U.K.), Elssy Bonilla (Colombia), Guillermo Campero (Chile), Fernando H. Cardoso (ISA President 1982-1986, Brazil), Maria Carrilho (Portugal), Gonzalo Catano (Colombia), Gerardo Estrada (Mexico), Orlando Fals Borda (Colombia), Vilma Figueiredo (Brazil), Eulalia Fuentes (Spain), Carlos Gadsden (Mexico), Salvador Giner (Spain), Elizabeth Jelin (Argentina), Juan Linz (Spain/USA), Efraim Nimni (Australia), Antoni Noguero (Spain), Silvia Rivera (Bolivia), Miguel Szekely (Mexico), Helgio Trindade (Brazil).

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in US dollars only, to:	in Dutch guilders only, to:
ISA Account No. 43.68.68.695	ISA Account No. 43.68.68.660
Amro Bank, Dam 2A	Amro Bank, Dam 2A
Amsterdam, The Netherlands	Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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