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SA RESEARCH COUNCIL AT WORK
by Else Øyen, ISA Vice-President, Chair of the Research Council

The Research Council is a forum established to represent the interests of the Research Committees. It meets during the World Congresses and once between the Congresses. Each Research Committee in good standing is entitled to send a delegate to the Council meetings. These are chaired by one of the ISA vice-presidents.

The mid-congress meeting of the Research Council will be held in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, September 1-4, 1988. The Faculty of Sociology, Political Science and Journalism, and The Institute of Sociology of the Edvard Kardelj University in Ljubljana, have generously offered to host the Research Council. Professor Zdravko Milan has taken the initiative to bring the Research Council members to Yugoslavia and will organize the visit.

According to decisions made at the 1984 meeting of the Research Council, three of the four days will be devoted to academic deliberations, while one day will be earmarked for administrative matters. The delegates are asked to prepare a short report on the activities of their Research Committee in order to familiarize all the delegates with the richness and variation of the many ongoing academic pursuits in the ISA.

Deadline for both the papers and the activity reports is May 15, 1988, and the addressee is the ISA Secretariat in Madrid. Among the business matters to be discussed in Ljubljana is a review of the Research Committee states. A working group headed by Professor Petar Mitev is preparing a report to be put before the Research Council. Voices have been raised for a better coordination of the regulatory framework of the Research Committees which now ranges from very elaborate statutes to no statutes at all. Another matter to be discussed is the financial situation of the Research Committees and what can be learned by comparing notes. Also on the agenda will be the arrangement of regional meetings, cooperation across Research Committee boundaries, integration of graduate students in the work of Research Committees and a discussion on the future of the Research Council.

Allocation of newsletter grants will be decided upon in Ljubljana. See below for the detailed announcement on the application procedure.

In order to avoid the confusion of the last minute nomination of candidates which was experienced at the World Congress in New Delhi, I have asked that a Nominating Committee be appointed by the Research Council at the Ljubljana meeting. The Committee shall prepare well in advance of the 1990 elections a slate of candidates, supplied with bibliographic data about the candidates.

It is vital to the ISA that the Research Council as well as other fora be kept for new initiatives and critique of present malfunctions. Therefore, all members of the ISA are herewith invited to put forward suggestions, complaints or any other matter of relevance to the Research Council. This can be done in writing to me or the Executive Secretary.

1988 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 August 1988 meeting. Applications have to be received by the ISA Executive Secretary before June 1st, 1988. 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 1988, 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?
4. How much do you receive per year in membership fees, and what part of this amount is reserved for producing and mailing your Newsletter?
5. Is your Newsletter subsidized in any way already?

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY EDITORIAL MEETING

by Elizabeth King, Editorial Assistant

A few members of the Editorial Board of the "International Sociology" had an opportunity to meet in Geneva on September 3, 1988. They were: Martin Albrow, Editor, Elizabeth King, Editorial Assistant, and two Associate Editors: Jacques Coenen-Huther and T.K. Oommen. Regrettably neither Lyuben Nickolov nor Salvador Giner were able to attend. The meeting turned out to be a highly successful forum on questions of journal production and distribution, editorial policy and future editorial plans.

It was agreed that a great promotional drive was needed to make the journal better known across the world and thus to obtain many more subscriptions. As it stands the journal is seen to be of great general interest to sociologists worldwide. The diversity of papers published is also believed to make it attractive to specialist institutes.

Various proposals to enhance the journal's standing further were discussed: (1) an invitation to authors who are not well known outside their national boundaries but whose work would be of great interest to a wider readership, to submit papers; (2) papers are invited on cross-national approaches to problems of method or theory; (3) papers which explain primarily national preoccupations with which the rest of the world is not familiar, are also invited. It is planned that a selection of the best papers due to be given at the 1988 conference of the Association Internationale des Sociologues de Langue Française, be translated for and published in "International Sociology". Jacques Coenen-Huther, one of the organisers of this conference, was left in charge of publicising this.

Our thanks must go both to the University of Geneva for providing the hospitality and facilities, and last but not least to Jacques Coenen-Huther who spent much time and effort in organising this most useful meeting.

REFLECTIONS ON THE 1987 ASA CONVENTION

We have asked Melvin Kohn, President of the American Sociological Association, and Artur Meier, ISA Vice-President in charge of the 1990 ISA World Congress of Sociology, for a contribution on "the ISA at the ASA" - reactions from the host of the 1987 ASA Convention and reactions from a guest at the ASA Convention.

CROSS-NATIONAL RESEARCH IN SOCIOLOGY

by Melvin L. Kohn, ASA President

In the years immediately following World War II, the United States enjoyed a dominant position in world sociology. Sociology had been largely destroyed on the continent of Europe by the Nazis and had not yet developed to any marked degree in most of the rest of the world. In the following years sociology developed rapidly, not only in the countries where it had been well-established before the War, but in many other countries as well. Today, U.S. sociology no longer holds a hegemonic position, but instead is part of a flourishing world sociology, and U.S. sociologists are coming to understand and appreciate the importance of cross-national research and the value of keeping abreast of sociological research done by our colleagues in other countries.

Yet, in my opinion, we are still a bit parochial. The time is ripe to impress upon U.S. sociology - not just on the area specialists and those already engaged in cross-national research, but upon U.S. sociology in general - the value of cross-national research and of seeing our country in comparative perspective. As Chair of the 1987 ASA Program Committee, I wanted the 1987 ASA Convention to contribute to this accomplishment, and I therefore selected "Cross-National Research in Sociology" as the convention theme.

My intent, and the intent of the other members of the 1987 ASA Program Committee, was to fashion a rather large set of thematic sessions dealing with most of the major topics in sociology in terms of what is to be learned from a cross-national perspective and from cross-national research. We dealt with many of the major social institutions - medical institutions, the law, social stratification, social class, education, formal organizations, science - and many of the major social problems - immigration and ethnicity, gender, inequality, protest, dissent, and social change. Reflections on this perspective. We also dealt with some of the principal methodological and conceptual issues in doing such research. We thus intended to bring cross-national research prominently into the vision of U.S. sociologists in our major national forum.

The thematic sessions were:

- Comparative economic development and its social consequences; Comparative health systems; Comparative organizations; Comparative perspectives on science as an institution; Comparative research on ethnicity and immigration; Comparative research on labor markets; internal and secondary labor markets;
- Comparative stratification and mobility: new directions; Comparative urban sociology; Cross-national research on educational systems; Cross-national research on law and social control; Cross-national research on population; Cross-national research on social structure and personality; Cross-national studies in class analysis; The international division of labor: implications for working women and working men; International social surveys; The nature of sociological research and practice, worldwide; Protest, dissent, and social change; Reflections on world conflicts and peace; Rise and fall of civilizations; Social change and the life course; cross-national perspectives; Strategies of cross-national research;
- Theoretical implications of comparative research on gender inequality; Transnational meaning of concepts; Weber, Mead, and contemporary cross-national research; Welfare states in crisis?

As a major component of this thematic emphasis, we invited some 40 distinguished scholars from other countries to present papers and to participate more extensively in these sessions. These scholars were chosen, not only for their stature in the field, but also because they embody a comparative approach. Most of them have done explicitly cross-national research.

This was the first time in the history of the American Sociological Association that cross-national research was the theme of the national convention. And, although we had presentations by individual scholars from other countries at other conventions, and even entire sessions featuring presentations by official delegations from the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China, this was the first time that foreign scholars were given so prominent a place on an ASA program.

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THE ISA AT THE ASA: SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE 82nd ASA CONVENTION
by Günther Lüschen, ISA Vice-President, Chairman of the Program Committee

The ISA was represented in several ways at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Invited by the ASA President Melvin Kohn and thanks to the generosity of the American hosts some members of the ISA Executive Committee were able to attend the Convention and present individual reports on their own research in the field of comparative sociology. Four ISA Research Committees—History of Sociology, Logic and Methodology, Disasters, Women and Society—used the ASA Convention in Chicago as a meeting ground for their own transnational activities. Moreover, there were many well-known ISA members from abroad among the more than 3,000 participants, colleagues coming especially from the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Poland, and Japan. Last but not least, the ISA in its own right is an essential part of world sociology and an indispensable collective member of our Association. We never forget the academic guidance the ISA has received from U.S. colleagues such as Lewis Coser or Peter Turner, former ASA Presidents and ISA officers, and the excellent services that the ISA permanently receives from such prominent colleagues as Mel Kohn and Neil Smelser, at present working with us on the Executive, the Publications and the Program Committee.

The topic of the 82nd ASA Convention on “Cross-National Research in Sociology” was not only a success according to the judgment of many participants to whom I talked, but also undoubtedly a major contribution to the advancement of sociological knowledge throughout the world which is ISA’s primary objective, too. Given the nature of the Congress as mainly a national forum U.S. sociologists evidently should be encouraged to understand the value of cross-national research and of seeing their country abroad as the customary and organizational point of view if we want to meet the requirements of the crowds of participants expected to come to the next ISA World Congress of Sociology in 1990.

Sure, we need essentially such creative impulses for future World Congress preparation. No doubt, the quality and the arrangements of the scientific program are the final measures of any academic event. In this respect, I get the feeling that the 82nd ASA Convention was a world-class congress. Similar in size, it set up standards to be reached in academic and organizational terms if we want to meet the requirements of the crowds of participants expected to come to the next ISA World Congress of Sociology in 1990.

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I personally learnt a lot at the ASA Convention and I hope to benefit from all that for ISA purposes especially when working together with the colleagues serving on the Program Committee and collaborating with the relevant National Organizational Committee to be formed for the preparation of the next World Congress. Perhaps my thoroughly positive evaluation of the ASA Convention is slightly biased, but when I talked with many of the foreign participants I heard only complimentary comments. And certainly I am influenced by direct contacts with so many excellent American researchers and teachers.

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Günther Lüschen, West Germany (left)
Stefan Nowak, Poland (right)
Left to right:
standing: Aaron Antonovsky, Ken'ichi Tominaga, T.K. Oleson
seated: William D'Antonio, Helga Hernes, Stefan Nowak

Candidates looking at job description in the Candidate Room of the ASA Employment Service

View of one booth in Exhibit Hall

Melvin Kohn (right) passing gavel and Presidency along to Herbert Gans (left)

Section information tables at the Welcoming and Orientation Party
REPORTS FROM THE COLLECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ISA

In this issue of the BULLETIN we present reports received from ISA collective members in category "A" (national sociological societies), category "B" (international and multinational regional associations of sociologists), and category "E" (supporting organizations and institutions). Reports submitted by our category "C" members (research institutions and university departments) will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all contributors.

OSTERREICHISCHE GESELLSCHAFT FUR SOZIOLOGIE

(Year of admission: 1960, category "A")

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The Austrian Society of Sociology (OSGS) has about 500 members, most of them are graduate sociologists. There is also the possibility for advanced students of sociology to apply for membership. The annual general meeting decides about the admission of the applicants.

OSGS has four main types of activities:
1. regular, bi-annual scientific meetings;
2. editorship of a scientific quarterly journal "Österreichische Zeitschrift für Soziologie", founded in 1976;
3. editorship of a quarterly newsletter "OGS-Informationen";
4. within OGS there exist ten sub-sections which work quite independently: sociology of medicine, culture, technique, work and industry, economy, history of sociology, methods of sociology, sociology of teaching profession, education and development, women in society.


On October 22-24th, 1987 the Austrian Society of Sociology celebrated a special anniversary, its 10th meeting. This meeting was organized as an international conference on "Society at the Frontiers - Social Structure and Social Consciousness in East and West Europe". The meeting took place at the University of Graz and was attended by about 150 sociologists, one third of them from Eastern Europe. Apart from the introductory lectures and plenary sessions, seven working groups were organized around the following topics:
- Old and New Class Structures and Patterns of Social Mobility
- Attitudes, Interpretations and Concepts of Work and Education
- Intelligence and Social Consciousness
- Spatial Limits of Technological Progress
- Territorial Frontiers and Regional Inequalities
- Sexual Inequalities in Life Cycle and Occupational Development
- Marginal Groups and New Poverty

The next scientific meeting will be held in Zürich from October 4th to 8th, 1988, as a joint conference with the Sociological Associations of the Federal Republic of Germany and Switzerland. The general theme of this conference will be "Culture and Society".

Report submitted by Alex Bielschan and Max Haller

BULGARIAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

(Year of admission: 1959, category "A")

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Executive Secretary: Svetlomir Bogatzevski

The Bulgarian Sociological Association (BSA) was founded in 1959. Its members are scientists, lectureres, plant and farm sociologists, administrative, management and other specialists united in 28 sociological societies and 20 research committees.

The supreme body of the BSA is the Congress which convenes once in five years. The Congress elects the BSA Council and Financial Committee. The Council elects a President, members of the Executive Committee, and the Secretariat. The last IVth BSA Congress took place in 1983 and its general theme was "Working Team and Tasks of Sociology".

Within the organizational framework of the BSA function three main bodies: Council of the research committees, Council of the plant and farm sociologists, and Bureau for organizing and carrying out empirical sociological research solicited by clients. Under the auspices of the BSA there was established a Club of Sociologists located in the premises of the Trade Unions' newspaper "Trud". The BSA's Research Committee on Sociology of Family, Woman and Customs, opened an interdiscliplinary club "Sovremennichka" (Contemporary Woman) where discussions are held on current problems of women's position in the Bulgarian society and in the world.

The main tasks of the BSA are: development of social sciences in Bulgaria, implementation of results of sociological research, improvement of professional qualifications of sociologists, popularization of sociological knowledge, international cooperation among sociologists.

The activities of the BSA include organization of numerous scientific meetings, establishment of research committees, foreign language publications of Bulgarian works on the history and contemporary state of sociology in Bulgaria, distribution of these publications abroad, publication in Bulgarian foreign language material on sociology.

Jointly with the Institute of Sociology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, the BSA manages the International Varna Sociological School. The School was founded in 1980 on the initiative of the BSA and has become an important forum of international scientific collaboration.
Recent conferences organized and/or hosted by the BSA:
1984: "Quality of the Scientific Research and the Scientific Publications", a scientometric and linguistic conference;
"Labour Team and the Quality of Labour";
A series of international symposia on the problems of youth; Problems of the Young Family, The Young Woman as a Mother and a Worker and her Social Activities, Negative Phenomena in the Society and the Youth;
"New Tendencies in the Sociology of Science and Knowledge", a conference of the ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Science;
"Unattractive Manual Work", a conference of the ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Work;
1985: "Electronics, Culture and Mass Consciousness"; a conference of the BSA research committee on Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture;
"Social Effects of Empirical Sociological Research";
"Sociology of Arts": a conference of the ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Arts;
"Sociology of Youth": a conference of the ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Youth;
"Sociology and Ideological Practice"; annual meeting of the Council;
1986: Annual meeting of the BSA Council;
1987: A series of lectures for young sociologists;
Second National School on Scientometrics and Linguistics of Scientific Texts;
Annual Meeting of the ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Law;
VII Congress of the European Association of Experimental Social Psychology;
National School on Sociolinguistics.

Publications
"Bulgarian Sociological Journal" published annually in English and Russian;
"Sociological Problems" published six times a year by the BSA jointly with the Institute of Sociology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences;
"Sociological Review" published jointly by the BSA and the Institute of Sociology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences;

In the near future a short history of the BSA and the contents of the work of its research committees will be published in Bulgarian and in English.

Report submitted by Svetlomir Bogatzevski
BSA Executive Secretary

ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES SOCIOLOGUES ET ANTHROPOLOGUES DE LANGUE FRANCAISE

(Year of admission: 1965, category "A")

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Chairman 1987-89: Lucien Laforest

Association Canadienne des Sociologues et Anthropologues de Langue Francaise (ACSALF) is the only one in Canada dealing with scientific activities organized by/f for French-speaking sociologists and anthropologists. This explains why most of its membership is residing in Quebec.

ACSALF is in close contact with nearly 700 members through a quarterly bulletin and an annual three-day scientific meeting organized within the annual program of the Association Canadienne-francaise pour l'Avancement des Sciences.

Our Administrative Council is composed of 14 members representing both disciplines, various sectors of practice, and both professionals and students. The Council meets every month and deals with all matters concerning the status of sociology and anthropology in French Canada.

Besides the Bulletin, ACSALF publishes proceedings of its annual meetings. Various Quebec universities are responsible for the publication of the following journals: "Recherches Sociographiques", "Sociologie et Societe", "Cahiers de Recherche Sociologique", "Anthropologie et Societé".

Report submitted by Lucien Laforest

CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

(Year of admission: 1958, category "A")

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The Czechoslovak Sociological Association (CSA) is affiliated with the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. An independent constituent of the Association is the Slovak Sociological Association operating under the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

The nucleus of the Association is composed of professional sociologists. Membership is of course open to any interested member of other profession who needs information on specific sociological surveys and wishes to follow the latest theoretical and methodological publications relevant to the field covered and seeks lively contacts with professional sociologists. Such members are usually granted the status of 'extraordinary members of the Society'.

At present, the Association has 950 members, including 300 extraordinary members. Women account for one third of the total membership. Most members are active in scientific institutes and universities, branch- and sector-based research institutes, or work as industrial sociologists. About half of all members is under 40 years of age; most members live in Prague.

The activities of the Association are controlled by a Committee elected by the General Assembly for three years. The Committee then elects a fifteen-member Presidium.

The current officers of the Presidium are:
President: Jaroslav Kohout
Vice-Presidents: Frantisek Zich and Juraj Zvara

The Association's programme covers activities of
various sociological sections and affiliations in the following towns: Brno, Hradec Králové, Olomouc, Ostrava, Plzeň, Ústí nad Labem.

At present, following sections operate within the framework of the CSA: Marxist sociological theory, sociological methods and techniques, sociology of work, industrial sociology and enterprise sociology, urban sociology, sociology of agriculture and rural sociology, sociology of culture and leisure, sociology of family, sociology of youth, sociology of public opinion, social pathology, sociology of integrated study of man, research into socialist way of life, sociology of physical culture.

The Association organizes numerous scientific seminars every year. The interest and participation is always higher than organizational capacities. In 1987 the following seminars organized by various sections of the CSA took place:

- Sociological Methods and Techniques: sociological school;
- Sociology of Culture: "Problems of Sociology of Art";
- Urban Sociology: "Objective and Methodological Problems of the Social Prognosis of the Town and settlement Development";
- Sociology of Public Opinion: "Dynamics and Forming of Public Opinion";
- Sociology of Agriculture and Rural Sociology: "Social Development and Social Policy in Agriculture and Rural Areas in the 8th Five-Year Plan";
- Research into Socialist Way of Life: "Territorial Aspects of Way of Life in Present Stage of Development in CSSR";
- Social Pathology: Youth and Social Pathological Phenomena";
- Sociology of Youth: "Theoretical Methodological Problems of the Research into Youth";
- Sociology of Family and Sociology of Culture: "Family and Cultural Development in Present Czechoslovak Society".

Articles of the CSA members are published in two professional periodicals: Sociologicky casopis (Sociological Magazine) issued by the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, and Sociologia (Sociology) issued by the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

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**Background Information**

The BSA was founded in 1951 at a time when the discipline was primarily located at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and colleagues around the country followed its syllabus. Its founders came from a variety of disciplines, reflecting the eclectic nature of its appeal, including such notables as Carr Searle, David Glass and Raymond Firth. The first Chair was Professor Morris Ginsberg.

The BSA office is in touch with all that is taking place within British Sociology and has contacts in educational and research institutions and in the field of publishing in this country and overseas. The administrative secretary is always happy to put members in touch with one another and to help answer professional queries.

**Organisational Structure**

The BSA is run by an Executive Committee consisting of 14 members elected by the membership. Committee members are elected for a maximum of four years. The Executive Committee also includes representatives from the Scottish Branch, the Association of Teachers in the Social Sciences, the Standing Committee on Equality of the Sexes, the organisation of Sociology in Polytechnics and the Editors of the three journals published by the Association. There are three main voluntary officers: the President, the Chair and the Honorary General Secretary. In addition, the Association has a permanent staff of two: the Administrative Secretary and a part-time Publications Officer. These are housed in the Association's suite of offices at the London School of Economics.

**Executive Committee members:**

President: Jennifer Platt
Members: Sara Arber, Michele Barrett, Joan Busfield, Chris Bryant, Rosemary Crompton, Tony Coxon, Malcolm Cross, Betsy Ettore, Peter Glasner, David Lane, Mary Maynard, Carol Smart, Claire Wallace

**Secretary:**

Anne Dix, Administrative Secretary
Michael Milote, Publications Officer

The BSA holds an Annual Conference at different locations each year. Themes for the Annual Conference are suggested by the membership. Recent and forthcoming themes include: "The Life-Cycle", "Science, Technology and Society" and "Sociology and History".

The Association encourages and subsidises the activities of Study Groups on any sociological topic or area of study where there is sufficiently wide interest among the membership. Groups meet fairly regularly throughout the country. They run varied programmes from seminars through one-day meetings to full three day conferences. Members may participate in as many Study Groups as they wish.

**Current Study Groups include:**

- Development
- Education
- Ethnography
- Leisure
- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Religion
- Reproduction
- Rural Economy
- Sexual Divisions and Society
- Social Networks
- Sociology and Environment
- Sociology and Environment
- Sociology of Language
- Sociology of Law
- Sociology of Sciences
- Teaching Sociology
- Theory
- Women's Caucus
- Work and Industrial Relations
- Youth

**Other Activities**

The BSA organises Summer Schools with the support of the ESRC, for full and part-time postgraduate students and junior research workers. These events allow sociologists from widely differing departments and research traditions to meet and work together in a stimulating environment on the problems they have encountered in the course of their own research. Schools reflect a balance between speakers and workshops and are designed to encourage maximum participation.

A Post-graduate Forum, reflecting the needs and interest of postgraduate members, acts as a clearing house for information and as such a network putting in touch those with common interests and problems. The Forum organises meetings on a range of topics and offers a supportive arena for the discussion of ideas and work in progress. All postgraduate members of the Association are encouraged to participate in its
Some BSA Executive Committee members at work. From left to right:

Chris Bryant, Malcolm Cross, John Scott, Jennifer Platt, David Lane, Joan Busfield, Jacqui Halson, Betsy Ettorre, Rosemary Crompton Geoff Payne

Back to camera: Michele Barrett

activities. In recent years the Postgraduate Forum has produced a journal Critical Social Research.

The Association is concerned to combat sexist practice and discrimination, especially through its Equality of the Sexes Sub-Committee, which has a mandate to assist in the realisation of sex equality both within the Association and within the discipline, and monitors the equality of the sexes in the profession. There is also an active Women’s Caucus and Sexual Divisions Study Group.

The Association has also forged links with other organisations, including the Joint Forum for Academics and Teachers in the Social Sciences, the Association of Learned Societies in the Social Sciences, and Section N of the British Association. It liaises with the Economic and Social Research Council by meeting members of the relevant ESRC committees to discuss the direction of sociological research in Britain.

The BSA has recently founded a Degree Curriculum Sub-Committee to consider the content of Sociology degrees and it has maintained a continuing interest in the "O" and "A" level syllabus.

Publications
There is a separate Publications Committee which assists in the publication of the two main journals: "Sociology" with a circulation of around 3,000, and the new journal "Work, Employment and Society" which was launched in January 1987. The Association also produces a newsletter, "Network" which serves to keep the members in touch with developments in the profession.

The Publications Committee helps to sponsor the publication of books and series. This includes the volumes of selected papers arising from the Annual Conference. Recent volumes published by Macmillans have been:


A new series entitled "Sociology for a Changing World" edited for the BSA by Roger King is to be published by Macmillans as well.

Other books sponsored by the Association include "Exploring Society" and an updated version of "Investigating Society", first published in 1981; both are edited by R. Burgess and are aimed at an "A" level market. The BSA Theory Group is producing a volume called "Politics and Social Theory" edited by Peter Lessman and due to be published in 1988, in addition, Unwin Hyman has commissioned a book "Divisions in Western Capitalism and State Socialism" edited by R. Scase.

The Association organised a Book Club with discount prices for the benefit of its members.

Report submitted by Claire Wallace Honorary General Secretary

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ISRAEL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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The Israel Sociological Society was founded in 1968. Currently it has 250 members.

The Society organises usually in February, its annual professional conference. Participation in recent years has been about 200 persons and over 50 research papers were presented. The 1988 annual meeting scheduled for February 17-18, is organized by Jonathan Anson from the Department of Sociology, the
Each issue of this unique journal is devoted to a comprehensive 'Trend Report' on a topic of interest to the international community of sociologists. Authors review current trends and tendencies in all areas of sociological work - theories, methods, concepts, substantive research and national or regional developments. The aim is to review new developments, to discuss controversies, and to provide extensive bibliographies. From time to time, 'Commentaries on Trend Reports' are published in subsequent issues of the journal. Recent reports have focused on industrial and post-industrial sociology, the sociology of humour, agrarian relations and modes of production in the Middle East, sex roles, and inequalities of class and sex.

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Sociology in Japan has a history of over a century since its introduction into the University of Tokyo, which was founded shortly after the Meiji Restoration. In the 1920s, during the era known as "Taisho democracy", empirically oriented sociology started to develop in Japan and the Japan Sociological Society was established in 1923. The Japan Sociological Society and also Japanese sociology as a whole somehow survived the militaristic and authoritarian period of the 1930s and the subsequent war, and started to develop rapidly in the post-World War II period. Democratization, economic growth with its positive and negative consequences, expression of higher motivations, and internationalization, and abroad, including that brought about by activities of the International Sociological Association - all those conditions favored the development of sociology in Japan.

The Japan Sociological Society has grown into the general professional association of Japanese sociologists. Its membership is 2044 (as of June 1987), and its annual meetings which are traditionally held in October, attract over 900 participants.

The research activities of Japanese sociologists can be measured by such figures as the number of publications in books and articles by sociologists. According to a bibliography compiled by the Japan Sociological Society and published in Shakaigaku Hyoron (Japanese Sociological Review), Nos. 146 and 149, 277 books and 1562 articles were published by Japanese sociologists during the year 1985. Because of the successful indigenization of higher education and research activities in Japan, most of those publications are written in Japanese, which makes it difficult for them to be circulated internationally. However, what is desirable for Japanese sociology is a balance between indigenization and internationalization. In the direction of internationalization, we have been making various efforts, such as attaching brief summaries in English of all articles, published in Shakaigaku Hyoron, the official journal of the Japan Sociological Society (there are about 5 or 6 articles in each quarterly issue), and compiling Bibliography of Japanese Sociological Literature in Western Languages in 1986, which contained list of over 500 books and articles written in Western languages by Japanese sociologists.

Among internationally-oriented activities of the Japan Sociological Society, a series of conferences among Asian sociologists deserves special mention here. Since Japan is an Asian nation, Japanese sociologists should have closer contact with other Asian sociologists. In 1973, with the support of the ISA and UNESCO, the Japan Sociological Society organized the First Conference of Asian Sociologists. The Conference was a great success. Although the participants agreed to meet every three years at a different place in Asia, that follow-up did not immediately materialized. Under such circumstances, the Japan Sociological Society decided to play the major role in promoting conferences among Asian sociologists. In 1976, at the IX World Congress of Sociology held in Uppsala, Sweden, the Japan Sociological Society organized a Special Session devoted to "Asian Perspective and Social Development". Also in 1981 and 1984, in Tokyo and in Kobe respectively, the Japan Sociological Society organized two successive conferences of North-East and South-East Asian sociologists, in which participated sociologists from China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand, together with a number of Japanese sociologists. And in 1987, the fifth conference was held in Seoul under the auspices of the Korean Sociological Association. Thus, the time is being ripe for continued regional cooperation
an interest group of and for sociologists.

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50th anniversary in 1986. It was founded exactly on

April 4th, 1936, at 3 p.m. Its first President was

W.A. Bonger and the aim of the Association at that
time was to form a link between scholars of social

sciences and thus promote the development of these

sciences. As was the case in many European countries

at that time, sociology was defined as a cover for

the different social sciences. In 1965 the statutes

were changed to the effect that the aim of the

Association was to further the development of

sociology in the Netherlands as well as to provide

top social conditions for such development. From the

period 1963/1965 onward the Association has become bi-
focal: next to its scholarly orientation, it has

developed its professional character and has acted as

an interest group of and for sociologists.

In 1971 the name of the Association was changed to

the Dutch Sociological and Anthropological

Association (NSAV) recognizing the equality and the

autonomy of the anthropologists.

In 1975 the NSAV adopted an ethical code for

sociologists.

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Membership

As of February 1987, total membership amounts to

133 members. 

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Sociology of Non-Western Societies

Sociology of Religion

Sociology of Figuration

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Publications

NSAV newsletter "Sociodrome" is published since 1976. It
appears five times a year. Editor: C. Bouw.

NSAV periodical "The Netherlands Journal of Sociology"

publishes (in English) articles selected from Dutch

language journals. Managing Editor: B. van Heerikhuizen.

Recent Conferences

April 3-4, 1986, Amsterdam: Flemish-Dutch Congress for
Sociologists and Anthropologists (NSAV 50th Anni-
versary Conference).

"Proceedings" edited by W.E.A. van Beek et al., were

published in "Sociologisch en antropologisch Jaarboek


November 29, 1986, Amsterdam: Normoverschijning

Gedrag (Transgressing Nones).

May 15, 1987, Utrecht: Research in the

Netherlands: Options and Possibilities

November 27, 1987, Amsterdam: Permanent Elites?

Awards

The NSAV awards the following prizes:

- The Verwey-Jonker Award is granted to young sociologists and/or

anthropologists (below the age of 30) who present the most outstanding

papers at annual Flemish-Dutch Sociological and Anthropological

Congress.

- Essay Award. This prize of Dfl. 1500 was created to

celebrate the 50th anniversary of the NSAV. It is

awarded every second year to an author of the best

Dutch-language essay in sociology or anthropology

submitted to a jury of prominent sociologists and

anthropologists.

Report submitted by E. Wickerhoff-Maissan, Secretary

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POLAND

The Polish Sociological Association (PTSI was founded

in 1957 on the initiative of Stanislaw Ossowski. At

present it has 1000 members: approximately 50% from

Warsaw, 50% from 11 regional divisions. Members are

active in 8 working groups: Sociology of Medicine,

Deviance and Social Control, Urban Sociology, Rural

and Agricultural Sociology, Sociology of Work, Social

Prognosis of Science, Popularization of Sociological

Knowledge.

Activities of the PTS are regulated by the Statutes

of the Association and general regulations concerning

scientific societies affiliated with the Polish

Academy of Sciences. PTS is governed by the Executive

Board elected every three years, while one third of

it is changed every year. In the work of the

Executive Board participate chairman of regional

divisions and working groups. Special committees and

ad hoc commissions are usually formed to work on a

specific problem.

Current officers of the PTS:

President: Janusz Ziolkowski

General Secretary: Ewa Koltemberg-Kwiatkowska

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Past Presidents: Stefan Nowak, Jerzy Szacki

One of the scopes of the PTS is to integrate

different institutions by the means of public

lectures, conferences for the representatives of

various research centers and university departments.

Particularly successful were conferences organized by

the Warsaw Division of the PTS, e.g.: "Legitimation

of Social Order", "Survey Methods" (1986), "Social

Structure" (May 1987), "Economics Reform" (June

1987).

In September 1986 there was held in Wroclaw a

Sociological Congress organized by the PTS (a

previous one was held in Lodz, 1981). It was attended by

approximately 450 persons, 100 papers and reports

were presented at four plenary sessions and 21 dis-

cussion sessions. The Congress requested that the
Executive Board prepare a report on "Polish Society in the second half of the 1980's". This diagnosis of the state of social consciousness was written by Stefan Nowak, accepted by the Executive Board, and presented to the Polish Government as well as to independent social authorities. The report and discussion will be published in "Studia Socjologiczne" (Sociological Studies), no. 1 (1988).

PTS is actively rebuilding international contacts. Two Polish-Swedish meetings took place recently (one in Warsaw, the other in Lund). Every year there is held an international meeting of urban sociologists (last year in Bulgaria).

Although since 1986 Polish sociologists are not represented in the ISA Executive Committee, they sit on a board of 14 research committees.

One of the more important activities of the PTS is building up a collection of manuscripts, research results and books published in a very small number of copies (100). They are kept in the Sociological Libraries of the University of Warsaw and Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, while members of the PTS are regularly informed about the latest acquisitions. List of these publications is printed in the "Polish Sociological Bulletin" published by PTS.

Among other activities of the PTS should be mentioned its concern about the ethics of a sociological profession, protection of this profession, and the right to publish sociological research results.

ASSOCIACAO PORTUGUESA DE SOCIOLOGIA

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The First Portuguese Congress of Sociology is scheduled for January 27-29, 1988, in Lisbon. It will be organized by the Portuguese Sociological Association, the Portuguese Association of Sociology of Industry, Organisation and Work, and the Portuguese Society for Rural Studies.

The general theme of the congress is Sociology and Portuguese Society at the Turn of the Century.

The Plenary Session will be devoted to Present Conditions and Perspectives of Sociology in Portugal.

Working sessions will focus on:
- sociology of education
- sociology of family
- sociology of information
- communication and culture
- political sociology
- sociology of rural and urban problems
- sociology of work and organizations.

Salvador Giner, President, and
José Cazorla, Past President
Activities
The FASEE organized the following conferences:

1981, Zaragoza - First Spanish Congress of Sociology.
It was organized with help and support of the
Sociological Association of Aragon.
1984, Santander - Second Spanish Congress of
Sociology devoted to "Conflict and Social Structure".
It was organized in cooperation with the
International University of Menendez y Pelayo and the
Sociological Association of Madrid.
1986, Valencia - International Meeting of Sociology
on "Social Change and Modernization". It was
organized by the Sociological Association of
Valencia.
1988, venue to be decided - Third Spanish Congress of
Sociology

Publications
In 1984 FASEE published the Directory of
Sociologists, which was prepared by the Centro de
Investigaciones Sociológicas in Madrid. It includes a
brief description of the organizational structure and
objectives of the FASEE, an alphabetical list of
members, their addresses, areas of interest, and
other professional data.

FASEE has also published abstracts of the papers
presented at the Second Spanish Congress of Sociology

Plans are being made for publishing a newsletter
providing news about present activities, reports from
members.

Report submitted by José L. Veira Veira

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The Swedish Sociological Association has at present
six local branches in Sweden: Stockholm, Göteborg,
Lund, Uppsala, Umeå and Örebro; membership in 1987
is 450 members.

There are three permanent research committees: on
social policy, sociological theory, and medical
sociology. Apart from these there are several
research committees that get organized around the
annual meeting of the Association. They are:
sociology of work, urban sociology, economic
sociology, and historical sociology.

The Swedish Sociological Association is a member of
the Nordic Sociological Association, responsible,
among others, for the publication of a journal "Acta
Sociologica". The Swedish Sociological Association
publishes also its own journal, a quarterly
"Sociologisk forskning" (Sociological Research).

Apart from organizing annual meetings and supporting
its research committees, the Association is busy with
the opinion-making activities concerning university
education and conditions of social sciences in
general.

Report submitted by Goran Ahrne

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SCHWEIZERISCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR SOZIOLOGIE
SOCIETE SUISSE DE SOCIOLOGIE

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The Swiss Sociological Association was established in
1956 and has at present some 350 individual and a
number of collective members. Its purpose is to
promote sociological training and research. In
particular, the Association encourages and
coordinates activities of a number of Research
Committees gathering members working in the same
research area.

At present, the following Committees are active:
Sociology of Medicine; Migration/Minorities;
Sociology in Extra-University Practice; Planning
and Urbanization; Society and Environment; Sociology
of Youth; Symbols, Images and Ideologies; Sociology
of Religion (ASSOREL); Sociography; Sociology of Work
and Technology.

The Association organizes annual meetings and a
larger congress every three years. In October 1988
such a large congress will take place in Zürich,
organized together with the German Sociological
Association and the Austrian Sociological
Association. Such a joint convention has never been
organized so far and it already attracts a lot of
attention.

Publications
"Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Soziologie / Revue
Suisse de Sociologie": 3 issues per year
"Bulletin": 4 times a year
"Recherches en cours / Laufende soziologische
Forschungen": published annually.

Report submitted by Peter Rusterholz

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ASSOCIATION ARABE DE SOCIOLOGIE

(Year of admission: 1986, category "B")

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Association Arabe de Sociologie a organisé trois colloques portant sur :
- "Les perspectives de la sociologie Arabe"
  Tunis, 1985
- "Pour une sociologie de la culture populaire"
  Gabès, 1986
- "Les origines sociales de l'intelligentsia Arabe"
  Le Caire, 1987

Le plus grand des articles présentés lors de ces colloques a été publié soit dans des ouvrages collectifs soit dans des revues spécialisées.

Par ailleurs, l'AAS compte organiser son prochain colloque, en avril 1988, sur le thème de la sociologie et la religion dans la monde arabe.

Parmi nos projets à court et à moyen terme figurent en priorité le lancement d'un bulletin d'informations (paraissant 3 fois par an), la publication d'un Annuaire de sociologues arabes et rencontre entre deux générations de sociologues arabes (les vétérans et les jeunes).

Rapport par Tahar Labib

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(Year of admission: 1975, category "B")

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The XIX Annual Congress of the ASSA is scheduled for July 4-6, 1988 at the University of Durban-Westville

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(Year of admission: 1987, category "B")

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Le CASA s'est donné les objectifs fondamentaux suivants :
- Promouvoir la recherche et l'enseignement de la sociologie et de l'anthropologie en Afrique ;
- Mieux faire connaître ces deux disciplines en Afrique ;
- Donner à la sociologie et à l'anthropologie en Afrique, une dimension plus opérationnelle en vue d'une participation plus efficace des sociologues et anthropologues africains aux efforts des pays africains pour promouvoir un développement réellement endogène ;
- Développer les activités scientifiques et les échanges entre les sociologues et les anthropologues africains ;
- Réaliser des études fondamentales et appliquées destinées à éclairer les responsables politiques et administratifs africains dans le choix des politiques de développement économique, social et culturel de leurs pays respectifs ;
- Promouvoir la diffusion et la vulgarisation des données et études relatives aux sociétés africaines afin que celles-ci soient mieux connues.

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The International Institute of Sociology (IIS) held its 28th International Congress in Albufeira, Portugal, in June 1986. A major action was the confirmation of the decision to have future meetings only on the odd years, with the 29th International Congress scheduled for Rome, June 12-16, 1989. The 1991 Congress is scheduled in West Germany, and the IIS is exploring the possibility of having the 1993 Congress in France, to celebrate the Centennial of the IIS in the country where it was founded.

The continuing and newly elected officers are:
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Paolo Ammassari was asked to take charge of the development of the organizing committee for the Rome Congress, and inquiries may be directed to him at Facolta Scienze Statistiche, Piazzale Aldo Moro 5, 00185 Roma, Italy.

The journal REVUE INTERNATIONALE DE SOCIOLOGIE, the oldest sociological journal in existence, continues as the official publication of the IIS. It has begun a new series under the editorship of Nino Vianello, Faculty of Statistics, Demography and Actuarial Science, University of Rome. Under a special arrangement, members of the IIS will receive the journal for the three year period 1987-1989.

Membership information should be requested from the secretariat of the IIS.

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**ILUSTRE COLEGIO NACIONAL DE CIENCIAS POLITICAS Y SOCIOLOGIA**

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At present, ICNCPS has 2600 members united in the central organization in Madrid as well as in Regional Divisions established in Galicia, Valencia, Basque Country and Palencia. It is governed by the Board of Directors which is elected by the General Assembly.

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Each Group as well as the ICNCPs in general, organizes every year a number of conferences, seminars, round table debates which are open to a very broad public. In 1986 the following meetings took place:

- "Referendum on Spanish Participation in the NATO" coordinated by Agustin Galán Machio. Part I: Predictions, Part II: Analysis of the Results;
- "First Galician Congress of Political Science and Sociology" organized by the Galician Division of the ICNCPs;
- "Social Needs and Changes in the Social Security System" coordinated by Miguel Angel Ruiz de Azua;
- "Analysis of the Results of the Election June 1986" organized jointly by the ICNCPs, Centro of Constitution Studies, Faculty of Political Sciences and Sociology of the Universidad Complutense in Madrid;
- "International Meeting on Comparative Politics and in "3 World" organized jointly by the ICNCPs, Colegio Mayor Nuestra Señora de África, and the Faculty of Political Sciences and Sociology of the Universidad Complutense in Madrid.

Courses organized by the ICNCPs in 1986:
- "Social Equality and (part I) Policy of a Municipality and Autonomous Communities, (part II) Management Company, (part III) Systems Theory". Director: Lorenzo Navarrete Moreno;
- "Sociology of Organizations" Director: Lorenzo Navarrete Moreno;
- "Sociology and Planning of Social Services" by Alberto Redondo de la Serna, Francisco Alivira Martín, Andrés Fernández Romero;
- "Indicators for Social Action. Methodology and Tables" a panel of experts.

ICNCPs maintains close contacts with the International Political Science Association and International Sociological Association.

Each year the ICNCPs grants two awards for the best publication and research project in sociology or/and political sciences.

ICNCPs regularly publish a review "Cuadernos de Ciencias Politicas y Sociologia", and an informative newsletter "Hoja Informativa".

A list of book and other topical material published by the ICNCPs can be obtained from the secretariat.

Report submitted by Inés Alberdi Alonso  

Maria del Mar Vanaclocha Bellever, General Secretary, and Miguel Angel Ruiz de Azua Anton, Dean

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CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

January 27-29, 1988, Lisbon, Portugal: First Portuguese Congress of Sociology


April 5-8, 1988, Vienna, Austria: IX European Meeting on Cybernetics and Systems Research

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See ISA Bulletin 44 for more details.

June 24-26, 1988, Conference of the International Organization for the Study of Group Tensions

Place: Princeton University, USA

Theme: Problems of Racial, Ethnic, and other Special Groups: National and International Perspectives

Call for papers: Copies of abstracts and complete papers should be sent no later than January 15, 1988

Information: Joseph B. Sittler
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August 25-26, 1988, Conference of the Association of People and Physical Environment Research, PAPER

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- Criminology and the Sciences of Man
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Les sociétés contemporaines sont affectées par des déchirures profondes qui provoquent de multiples entreprises de rééquilibration et de recomposition. La mondialisation de l'économie d'une part, le déclin des individus dans la sphère privée d'autre part, érodent les solidarités nationales et la sensibilité. Les rapports institutionnels sont remis en question à différents niveaux et selon diverses modalités: changements organisationnels, négociation de nouveaux rapports dans le monde du travail, mutation des formes familiales et de parenté, émergence de nouveaux réseaux informels. Au point d'articulation entre le personnel et le social, dans une dynamique incertaine entre la spontanéité créatrice et l'anomie, se cherchent les régulations institutionnelles et opératoires de futurs rapports sociaux.

Comment comprendre de telles évolutions? Comment rendre compte de ces processus? Telles sont les questions qui seront à l'ordre du jour du congrès.

En outre, une vingtaine de comités de recherche et de groupes de travail divers travailleront sur les problématiques en relation plus ou moins directe avec le thème général. Des études concrètes basées sur des observations précises seront vivement appréciées, ceci sans négliger l'apport de travaux d'ordre théorique, méthodologique, voire épistémologique (sens et valeur de l'étude du lien social).

Des Actes du Congrès seront publiés. Des publications complémentaires sont également envisagées par les coordinateurs des différentes sections et par les responsables des comités de recherche et groupe de travail.

Le Congrès se déroulera dans les locaux de l'Université de Genève. Les membres de l'AlSLF en règle de cotisation reçoivent automatiquement toutes les informations nécessaires. Cette rencontre est cependant ouverte aux sociologues qui ne sont pas membres de l'association. Un Fonds de Bourses a été créé en vue de contribuer à la participation de collègues du Tiers Monde et des pays d'Europe de l'Est. Des informations plus détaillées ainsi que tous renseignements préalables à une inscription éventuelle peuvent être obtenus auprès de:

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