A panoramic view of old Ljubljana
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REPORT FROM THE RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING

Research Council meeting and its conference "Cross-Cultural and International Research: Theory, Method, Project, Organization" and "Centralization vs. Decentralization", took place on September 1st through 4th, 1988 in Ljubljana (Yugoslavia) on the generous invitation by the Faculty of Sociology, Political Science and Journalism, the Research Institute, and the Institute of Sociology, all of the Edvard Kardelj University. The meetings were held on the premises of the International Centre for Public Enterprises. Sincere thanks and gratitude for this hospitality are extended to Mrs. N. Kersevan, Mayor of the Ljubljana City Assembly, Professors B. Kavcic, Dean, V. Antoncic, Director, N. Tos, Director, and Professor Zdravko Milnar.

The meetings were chaired by Professor Else Øyen, ISA Vice-President, Chair of the Research Council and the Research Coordinating Committee.

At the RESEARCH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING following issues were considered:

1. Decisions and recommendations of the Research Coordinating Committee which held its meeting one day prior to the Research Council.
   (a) Review of Research Committees' activities
   The heterogeneity of the received 18 reports as well as the lack of response from the remaining 21 Research Committees were discussed. In order to better evaluate the activities of the research committees in the future, members of the Research Council suggested the following criteria to be taken into consideration:
   - that the Research Committees submit a 2-year activity report
   - that the Research Committees organize at least one international conference between the two Congresses
   - that the Research Committees secure in its membership at least 25 members in good standing (i.e. paid individual members of the ISA) from at least 5 countries (as stipulated by the ISA Statutes, Article XI:3:a)
   - that all officers of a Research Committee be individual members of the ISA (as stipulated by the ISA By Laws 7.1)
   - that a newsletter is produced

(b) Allocation of the 1988 newsletter grants to the Research Committees (US $ 800 each):
   All payments are conditional on the submission of a report on activities and a membership list proving that at least 25 members of a research committee from at least 5 countries are also ISA members in good standing.
   The deadline for applying for the 1989 newsletter grant was set to May 1st, 1989.
   (c) Recognition of new Research Committees/Working Groups/Thematic Groups (previously called Ad Hoc Groups)
   In reviewing 8 applications for a Research Committee status, 2 for a Working Group status, and 7 for a Thematic Group status, the following criteria were considered:
   1. Whether the group applying for a new status has at least 25 members in good standing from at least 5 countries within its membership (as stipulated by the ISA Statutes, Article XI:3:a);
   2. That it is evident the group cannot merge with any of the existing Thematic Groups, Working Groups or Research Committees;
   3. In the case of applications for a Research Committee status it is proofed that the activity of the group covers a sufficiently large area and range of approaches in sociological research (Art.XI:3:b.1).
   The following decisions concerning the change of status were made, all conditional on the submission of a membership list proving that at least 25 members from at least 5 countries of a group are also ISA members in good standing.
   Research Committee status was given to:
   - Working Group on Social Psychology (M. Draganov);
   - Working Group on Rural Sociology (L. Busch);
   - Working Group on Sociology of Population (F. Yusuf);
   Working Group status was maintained for:
   - WG on Clinical Sociology (R. Sévigny);
   - WG on Labor Movements in the Industrial and State Arenas (M. Regini);
   - WG on Mental Health (E. Mookherjee);
   - WG on Rational Choice (R. Wippler);
   - WG on Sociocybernetics and Social Systems Theory (F. Parra-Luna)
   Working Group status was given to:
   - Thematic Group Housing and Built Environment (E. Buttman and W. van Vliet formerly, K. Kilmartin currently);
   - Thematic Group Social Indicators Research (A.C. Michalos);
   - Group on Sociological Theory (J. Alexander, F. Sztompka);

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Inlay: ISA Membership Dues 1989-1992
ISA Publications:
- "Current Sociology"
- "International Sociology"
- "Sage Studies in International Sociology"
- "Sociological Abstracts"
2. Statutes of the Research Committees
A committee chaired by Petar-Emil Mitev had analyzed the statutes/constitutions of the Research Committees and pointed to the many weaknesses of the present structure. The following motion was passed:
All Research Committees are required to have statutes. These statutes should be in accordance with Art. XI of the ISA Statutes. The Research Council will establish a committee to provide a model of procedural rules for Research Committee statutes to be circulated to the Research Committees during 1989 and to be put before the Research Council at its meeting in 1990. The following were elected to this committee: Petar-Emil Mitev (Chair), Vincenzo Ferrari (RC 12) and Jürgen Hartmann (RC 34).

3. New fee structure for the Research Committees
Wilfried Dumon, Vice-President in charge of Membership and Finance, presented a proposal that ISA membership payments will cover fees of 4 years, will include a subscription to International Sociology, and a 4-year membership to the Research Committee. In the discussion the Research Council considered the implications of the proposal for the autonomy of the Research Committees and the possible loss of members through an increase of fees. The following motion was passed: Based on the discussion of the Research Council it is recommended that the model of the Committee on Membership and Finance be further explored, hereunder also the closer cooperation between the Research Committees and the ISA and the central collection of fees from the ISA members of the Research Committees. The above should be done in consultation with the Research Committees.

4. Election procedures from the Research Council to the Executive Committee
Henry Teune's recommendation for a "cluster" voting was accepted: each voter has the same number of votes as the number of candidates to be elected with those with the highest number of votes being elected (e.g., for the Research Council, the first five being elected to both the RC and the Executive Committee and the next two to the RC). Tie votes should be broken by ballot. Separate votes should be conducted for the five candidates to the Executive Committee and the two candidates to the Research Coordinating Committee in order to allow votes for the latter to take into consideration 'sistered representations' with regard to geographical distribution etc.

The "cluster" voting was put to immediate use in electing a Nominating Committee. The result was as follows: Orlando Albornoz RG04, Neuma Aguilar RC32, Rudolf Andorka RG28, Enzo Mingione RC21, Petar-Emil Mitev RC34.
The Nominating Committee is to prepare a slate of a minimum of fourteen candidates, outlining the qualifications of the candidates.

5. Research Committees at the XII World Congress of Sociology
Artur Meyer, Vice-President in charge of the Program Committee, presented decisions taken by the Program Committee at its first meeting held in February 1988 in Rome (see ISA Bulletin 46. Spring 1988). The following deadlines were confirmed:

January 31, 1989
Session topics and the names of sessions organizers should be received by the ISA Secretariat for publication in the Spring '89 issue of the ISA Bulletin.

October 1, 1989
Full information on each session should be received by the ISA Secretariat. This should list:
- titles of the sessions
- authors, discussants, etc.
- address of each author
- titles of the papers

6. New projects of the ISA
Margaret Archer, President, and Daniel Bertaux, Executive Committee member, presented a new project of the ISA - a worldwide competition for young sociologists for an original article of general sociological interest (see following pages of this Bulletin for the details). The project was welcomed with enthusiasm and was endorsed by the Research Council for implementation.

7. ISA Summer School and Research Forum in Ljubljana
Katja Boh and Zdravko Mlinar from the Faculty of Sociology, Political Science and Journalism of the Edward Kardelj University presented a project to establish the ISA Summer School and Research Forum in Ljubljana. The Research Council expressed a strong interest in these plans and a couple of days later the Executive Committee endorsed the proposal. The Chair of the Research Council has appointed the following members to a Coordinating Committee for the Ljubljana project: Karl van Meter RC33 (Chair), Felix Geyer RC36, Henry Teune RC35, Jan Trost RC06.

8. Research Council Publications
It was agreed that a selection of papers on comparative sociology presented at this meeting be edited by Else Øyen for a special Research Council Book to be included in the participant's kit for the XII World Congress of Sociology.

9. Structure of the 1994 Research Council meeting
will be brought up on the agenda of the Research Council meeting in Madrid in July 1990.

10. New section of "Sociological Abstracts"
Karl van Meter, Secretary of Research Committee 33 on Logic and Methodology in Sociology, invited all Research Committees to participate in a new joint project of RC33 and "Sociological Abstracts", represented by Leo P. Chall. A new section will be created in the SA reporting on the Research Committees' conferences and publishing abstracts of papers presented at those meetings.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CONDUCTED BY THE RESEARCH COUNCIL on:
"Cross-Cultural and International Research: Theory, Method, Project, Organization" and "Centralization vs. Decentralization"
The conference was opened by Mr. Janez Stanovnik, President of the Presidency of Slovenia, and chaired by Professor Else Øyen. Vice-President in charge of the Research Council.
The following papers were presented in two thematic sections:

1. Cross-Cultural and International Research: Theory, Method, Project, Organization

RG 01 ARMED FORCES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
Bernhard Fleckenstein: "Cross-National Research on Value Change: Design, Problems & Perspectives"
Janez Stanovnik, President of the Presidency of Slovenia, opens the conference of the Research Council. Next to him: 
Niko Topa, Director of the Research Institute of the Edvard Kardelj University.
Elise Jensen, ISA Vice-President.
Chair of the Research Council.
Margaret Archer, ISA President.
Zdravko Minar, main organizer of the conference and Chairman of the Research Committee on Social Ecology.
Deirdre Jordan (RC 04) and Vincenzo Ferrari (RC 12)

Daniel Bertaux (RC 38) and Karl van Meter (RC 33)

Wilfried Dumon, ISA Vice-President and Jan Trost (RC 06)

Elizabeth Jelin (Executive Committee) below:

Artur Meier, ISA Vice-President and Jan Makarovic (RC 34)
Marshall W. Murphree (RC 05) and Marshall W. Meyer (RC 17)

Mark van de Vall (RC 26), Bernhard Fleckenstein and Jürgen Kuhlmann (RC 01), in the back: Petar Mitev (RC 34)

Ellen B. Hill (RC 09) and Slavko Splichal (RC 24)

Wolfgang Littek (RC 30) (left)
Orlando Albornoz (RC 04) (right)

Herman Turk (RC 03) and Rudolf Andorks (RC 28) in the back: Erwin Scheuch (RC 20)

France Vreg (RC 10) and David Schweitzer (RC 36)

Russell R. Dynes (RC 39) and Allen D. Grimshaw (RC 25)
REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The annual Executive Committee meeting was held on September 7 through 11, 1988, in Kudarno, near Warsaw, Poland. The meetings were hosted by the Polish Sociological Association which also organized a one-day conference on "Contemporary Polish Society in the Sociological Perspective". We would like to express our deep appreciation to all our hosts and especially Professor Jolanta Kulinska, Board Member, and Janusz Ziolkowski, President, of the Polish Sociological Association.

During the conference, chaired by Stefan Nowak and Jerzy Jedlicki, the following papers were presented:
- J.J. Wiatr: Sociological Aspects of the Transformations of the Polish Political System
- A. Rychard: Sources of Changes and Stability in the Polish Economic System
- J. Kulinska: Industrial Relations between Revindications and Self-management
- A. Kloskowska: Continuity and Change in the Polish Culture
- W. Zdaniewicz: Religiousness in the Polish Society

The meetings of the committee were chaired by Artur Meier. The committee had a rather long agenda dealing with the following matters: a report on Current Sociology (William Outhwaite, Editor), a report on International Sociology (Elizabeth King, Editorial Assistant), and a report on Sage Studies in International Sociology (Wilfried Dumon, Editor). The Research Council Book (see Research Council report) and a report on Sociological Abstracts edition for the XII World Congress of Sociology.

Artur Meier will step down as the Chairman of the Publications Committee early next year (February 1989) in order to devote all his time and energy to the Program Committee. His resignation was accepted with regret and thanks for the work done. Céline Saint-Pierre will take over the chair from Spring 1989 until the World Congress in Madrid.

Membership and Finance Committee
The Committee chaired by Wilfried Dumon reviewed the 1987 financial statement. 1988 are budget and 1989 tentative operating budget. The financial situation of the Association was discussed at length. While the current economic situation creates very difficult problems, it was thought essential to develop a new membership dues structure in order to allow the Association to at least continue its activities at the present very modest level of operation. See Report from the Research Council for the details.

New collective members of the ISA were approved:
- Category A: Bangladesh Sociology Association
- Category B: - Center for Coordination of Research and Documentation in Social Sciences for Sub-Saharan Africa (CERDAS)

Relations with other organizations
(a) Else Yemen. Delegate to the ISSC. reported on the recent activities of the ISSC International Meeting of Social and Human Scientists (Attended also by Bertaux, Alternate Representative) and Human Response to Global Change Programme which aroused interest of some of the ISA research committees. The ISSC is in financial difficulty but it is a very important forum of discussions on topics of interest for the ISA. The ISA might have a chance to participate in the natural sciences program because there are topics with social aspects.

(b) Jacques Coenen-Huther, Alternate Representative at the UN Headquarters in Geneva. reported on the celebrations of the International Day of Peace (15 December 1987) where the "Peace Messenger" award was bestowed upon the ISA, on the day of consultations with NGOs in the field of human rights, on the seminar on the subject "Women: the misused resource" held at the UN Headquarters. The problem is to locate the relevant channels for the ISA and to become more visible; it is difficult to find out how the ISA can participate in the UN specific programs.

(c) Paolo Ammassari reported on the UN Headquarters in Vienna where he is ISA Delegate. In Vienna. UN has many activities and the ISA should explore all possibilities of participating in some of them.

XII World Congress of Sociology
A contract for the organization of the XII World Congress of Sociology was prepared. (Note: in October 1988 this contract was signed by Margaret Archer, ISA President, and Salvador Giner, Chairman of the Spanish Local Organizing Committee.)

Congress registration fees were approved as follows:

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Cancellation date: June 1, 1990. reimbursement 75%
WORLDWIDE COMPETITION FOR YOUNG SOCIOLOGISTS

1. The International Sociological Association (ISA) is organizing a worldwide competition for young scholars engaged in social research. The winners will be invited to participate in the XIIth World Congress of Sociology which will take place in Madrid, Spain, 9-13 July 1990. Their essays will be published in English, subject to editorial revision, in the ISA’s journal International Sociology.

2. By ‘young scholars’ we mean people under 35 years of age on September 1st, 1989. Participants should hold a Master’s degree (or an equivalent graduate studies diploma) in sociology or in a related discipline.

3. Candidates must send an essay of no more than 6,000 words, typewritten, double spaced, on one side of the paper with margins of 3 cm; notes and bibliography should appear at the end of the text. We prefer essays focusing upon socially relevant issues. The phenomena examined may be social, economic, political, cultural or of any other kind; it is their interpretation or analysis that needs to show a sociological orientation (for instance, through the identification of social processes underlying the phenomena under scrutiny, critique of commonsense interpretations or of well established theories, etc.). Essays will be judged according to the perceptiveness with which issues are treated, the acuteness of observations, the consistency with which the analytical framework adopted is used, the theoretical creativity and originality of ideas, and clarity of style. Extensiveness of referencing or the use of advanced statistical methods will only be given secondary importance, so as to provide participants with opportunities as equal as possible throughout the world.

The organizers are particularly interested in receiving essays from scholars in Third World countries.

4. Essays may be written in one of the following languages: English, French, Spanish (the three languages of the ISA XIIth World Congress) as well as Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Russian. A jury will be set up for each of these languages (with the exception that Spanish, Italian and Portuguese will be treated together). Scholars whose mother-language is none of the above languages may submit a paper in English or French; their papers will be evaluated by two specific juries dealing respectively with English or French as second languages. All scholars may make use of this option if they prefer.

The juries will be chaired by members of the ISA’s Executive Committee or other higher bodies. The Grand Jury will be chaired by the President of the ISA, Professor Margaret Archer.

5. Two copies of each essay should be sent to the following address:
   ISA Worldwide Competition for Young Sociologists
   attn. Daniel Bertaux
   Centre d’Etude des Mouvements Sociaux
   54 bd Raspail
   75006 Paris, France
   They should be date stamped August 1st, 1989 at the latest or reach the Paris Secretariat before September 1st, 1989.

In order to protect anonymity during the selection process, authors should include a separate sheet of paper with their name (capital letters), date of birth, mother-language, degrees, address where they can be reached and (optionally) their present occupation.

6. Initially, each jury will consider which essays reach a sufficiently high standard to be issued with a letter of official commendation and be listed in the ISA Bulletin.

Each jury will then preselect (by December 1989) a maximum of three essays whose authors will receive Merit Award Certificates, a four-year membership of the ISA, and an invitation to attend the XIIth World Congress. Although the ISA cannot guarantee to cover their travel costs, all the authors thus preselected will be nominated to the Congress’s Travel Grant Committee.

Finally, out of those preselected, a Grand Jury will select up to five winning essays. Their authors will immediately be invited, all expenses paid, to participate in the World Congress. In case of multiple authorship, the subvention will have to be shared.

Additional information may be obtained from the Competition Secretariat: see address above.
REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES

RC 01
ARMED FORCES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Report submitted by Jürgen Kuhlmann, Executive Secretary

During the last two years and since the XIth World Congress in New Delhi, the activities of the Research Committee 01 concentrated on four main issues:

1. The publication of papers presented at the XIth World Congress;
2. The updating of the Membership List of the Research Committee in order to bring the financial situation of the Research Committee to an acceptable level;
3. The continuation and further development of the scientific contacts, particularly with those persons and institutions engaged in military-related social research worldwide;
4. The preparation of the 1988 Interim Conference.

Publication of the New Delhi papers

The papers presented and discussed during the New Delhi sessions have all been published in the "FORUM International Series" of the Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut der Bundeswehr (SOWI = German Armed Forces Institute for Social Research). Copies of "FORUM" issues 5-7 will be distributed free of charge to the Research Committee members in good standing (i.e. who paid their membership dues).

Copies may be ordered from Jürgen Kuhlmann (SOWI, Winzererstr. 52, 8000 München 40, FRG). Please enclose 10 Deutsche Marks, or the equivalent in convertible currency to cover administrative and mailing costs. Money orders and cheques should be drawn on a German bank for "RC 01/ISA e/o Jürgen Kuhlmann".

Recapitulation of the membership

The number of members of the Research Committee varies between 220 and 240: some old members have shown that they are no longer interested and have terminated their membership while new members have been joining.

The Research Committee is mainly interested in motivating young scientists to cooperate in order to keep the age structure balanced, thus to encourage the constant exchange of experience between the generations. The Committee is successfully following this strategy.

A problem is to get the members to pay their dues which are vital to maintain the permanent information and communication flow among the members. An enormous amount of money is spent on the production and mailing of the Newsletter, a main communication link. Unfortunately only approximately 40% of the members are actually paying their dues, which means that they are co-financing the remaining 60% of the members. Even though it would be fair and justified to delete those remaining 60% from the mailing list, it would at the same time mean to exclude them completely from the network of scientific communication and, thus, to decrease significantly a chance to re-motive them to cooperate actively at any time in the future.

At the recent Business Meeting of the Research Committee (October 1987) it was therefore decided to continue to supply all members with the Newsletter whereas cost-intensive activities, such as mailing of books, papers, etc., should be limited to members "in good standing" only.

In any case, according to the By-Laws of the Research Committee 01, only members in good standing are eligible and are entitled to vote for officers of the Board of the Research Committee.

Scientific communication

During the last two years several activities were aimed at the development of a scientific communication among the members and several countries.

New contacts were established and a number of cooperation projects was negotiated and partially started with the following institutions (with scientists working there, of course, serving as "intermediaries"):
- Canadian Forces Personnel Applied Research Unit (Toronto, Canada)
- Centre de Sociologie de la Défense Nationale (Paris, France)
- National Defence Academy (Vienna, Austria)
- German Armed Forces Institute for Social Research (Munich, FRG)
- US Army Research Institute for the Behavioral Sciences (Alexandria, Virginia, USA)
- War College, Institute of Military Science (Helsinki, Finland)
- Israeli Defence Force, Department of Behavioral Sciences (Israel)
- Swedish Defence Research Establishment (Sweden)
- Stichting Maatschappij en Krijgsmacht (The Hague, The Netherlands)

The 1988 interim conference

The Interim Conference of the Research Committee 01 was held in Munich (FRG), July 25 - 29, 1988 under the auspices of the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Bundeswehr who generously supported it both financially and organizationally.

As to the substance, the Interim Conference highly profited from the aforementioned contacts with the research institutions and organizations. The theme of the conference was "National Presentations of Military-Related Social Research" and it provided a survey on the status of the subject sciences in 15 countries: Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, England, Finland, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Portugal, South Korea, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey, and Yugoslavia.

The display was both comprehensive and critical and covered the "guiding questions" of past and current research, the methodological approaches and findings, topics and main results, persons and institutions performing the work, the national Armed Forces reaction to the results and their application or rejection. Of major interest were addresses of persons and institutions that may be contacted, and the major national literature to be considered. Some presentations resulted in a "deficit analysis" - an outcome encouraging further research!

Besides these national presentations, four Panels were organized with 20 papers being presented and discussed. The main topics of the Panels were:
- Cohesion, Morale, Power and Prestige in Military Systems
- Motivation to serve (or to leave) the Forces
- Decline of the mass armed forces, military personnel wastage crises
- Military and the transition to democracy in Latin America
- Role of the military in fictional nuclear war scenarios

Crucial papers of the Panels will be published in the "FORUM International Series" of the Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut der Bundeswehr."
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5. Title, author's name, full address and brief biographical note should be typed on a separate sheet.

6. An abstract of 100-200 words should also be typed on a separate sheet.

7. Figures, maps and diagrams should be precisely and boldly drawn to permit photographic reproduction. Use single quotation marks (except for quotes within quotes).

8. Notes should appear at the end of the text. Referencing in the text should be as follows: (Archer 1982: 157)

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We are about to prepare a publication planned to serve as an inventory of military-related social research covering all fields of the RC 01 scientific activities.

Newsletter
There were 3 issues published in 1987 and so far 2 in 1988.

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**RC 02**

**ECONOMY AND SOCIETY**

An inter-conference of the Research Committee is planned for May 1989 in Portugal. The conference will gather 20 - 25 researchers in the field of economic sociology and political economy. Its theme will be "New Forms of Entrepreneurship, Economic Elites and Development in Comparative Perspective".

The aim of the conference is a comparative analysis of entrepreneurship in its socio-economic role and its relationship with class, politics and development. The setting of the problem is inspired by Joseph Schumpeter's work on technical innovations, but also by the socio-historical analysis of Alfred Chandler on organizational innovation. During the last twenty years, economic sociology has adopted a new more balanced perspective in which small and medium enterprises, the state and the informal sector of the economy exist side-by-side with large, transnational corporations. The '60 and '70 have witnessed many studies on economic elites and concentration, while today we see new research focused on other partners of the economic system. Organizational and technical innovations do not only come from large firms but also from SMEs, cooperatives, state firms and the pervasive informal sector. All these different types of enterprises participate in economic development, generate employment, are moulded by political institutions and contribute to the political and socio-economic system.

While we adopt Schumpeter's paradigm for posing the main questions, we do not accept Schumpeter's conception of entrepreneurship as a unique phenomenon which needed the specific social and cultural conditions of classical capitalism to develop and flourish. The emphasis on the 'new forms' means that we consider entrepreneurship as a more general and diversified social function which can take different forms, can develop in different historical contexts and can contribute to elite change and social transformation in the present day.

1. The specific features of entrepreneurship today, such as technical and organizational innovation, risk bearing, strategic vision in coordinating factors of production; and related to that, the patterns of class, ethnic and regional recruitment; the cultural and institutional pre-requisites for the development of entrepreneurship; the new patterns of entrepreneurial activity in different socio-economic contexts. New multinational networks by SMEs, cooperatives and other smaller enterprises.

2. The relationship between the entrepreneurial function and the economic elite of a given country. We prefer to speak of economic elites rather than capitalist class, both because we do not see in many countries a monolithic class controlling the economy and because economic elites and entrepreneurs exist also in non-capitalist countries. The kind of research questions we are interested in are the following: to what extent the entrepreneurial function can be performed by different social actors such as private entrepreneurs, state officers, cooperatives, etc.; the social status of small entrepreneurs and their relations with the economic elites; the relationships between private and public entrepreneurship; the coalitions and cleavages and the patterns of cooperation and conflict among economic elites; how important is entrepreneurship in the distribution and in the exercise of political power; how hegemonic are entrepreneurial values in the cultural system. Finally, the links between entrepreneurship and large organization will also be explored.

3. The relationship between entrepreneurship and development. Here we will explore the unique historical features of entrepreneurship and economic elites and their effects on the timing and pattern of development in different countries; the international connections of economic elites and their patterns of cooperation and conflict in the international division of labour; the question whether entrepreneurship is a necessary ingredient of development; the question of business interest and state policies.

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**RC 03**

**COMMUNITY RESEARCH**

Many of RC 03 members meet frequently in the Fiscal Austerity and Urban Innovation Project. It is one of the main items that joins members together between World Congresses of the ISA. RC 03 had sessions officially arranged jointly with the FAU at the annual meeting of the International Political Science Association and the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C., August and September 1988.

The decisions listed below were taken at the RC 03 Business Meeting held in New Delhi (August 1986):

1. New Delhi Congress session organizers may take the initiative to edit a volume or volumes. But participants are free to publish their own papers.

2. RC 03 membership fees for Third World countries may be collected in local currency and a coordinator can remit the amount in U.S. currency.

3. It was felt that the Newsletter is an important link among RC 03 members and people favored an increase in frequency of its publication. An idea indicating the advantages of producing a Newsletter for two or more Research Committees was proposed. B. Ham will be sending a proposal for joint Newsletter for RC 03 and RC 24.

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**RC 04**

**SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION**

Report submitted by Jaap Dronkers, Secretary

XI World Congress

During the XI World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi (India, 1986) the Research Committee organized 11 sessions around the submitted papers. Also a new board of the RC 04 was elected. Six of the eight board members were elected for the first time; the two other were elected to the position of president and secretary. The new board decided on several points: the next midterm conference of August 1986 to be held in Spain; the preparation of proposals for the
Main topics were:

- Regional conferences
- Midterm Conference of RC 04, which was held August 23-26, 1988 in Salamanca (Spain). The content of the normal newsletters was expanded. Brief reports on the State of the Art of Sociology of Education in several societies were published. News on books, conferences, etc. was also added to the newsletter, because it is one of the best ways to promote contact among the membership. RC 04 received a grant from the ISA for the distribution and production of the newsletter.

Regional conferences
In the period 1986-1988 two regional conferences were organized by the RC 04:

1. The regional conference for Latin America and Caribbean on Sociology of Education with the theme 'El Estado y la Formulación y Efecto de las Políticas Educativas: una Visión Sociológica'. This conference was held in Caracas (Venezuela, November 24-26, 1987) and was organized by a local committee chaired by Orlando Albornoz. The conference had 10 sessions. A book with the presented papers will be published soon.

2. The regional conference on 'Education, Youth and Nation-Building', organized jointly by the Research Committees on Sociology of Education and Sociology of Youth. This conference was held November 19-20, 1987 at the Australian National University, Canberra. Australia. Don Anderson and Larry Saha were among the organizers.

Main topics were: * Education, the State and Political Integration; * Education, the Work Ethic and Economic Expansion.

3. A regional conference for Europe is planned for 1989 and will be organized by Tomas Kosma in Hungary.

Midterm conference
The traditional Midterm Conference of the RC 04 was held in Salamanca (Spain), August 23-26, 1988. The theme of the conference was 'Education and Development: Revisited: A Sociological Perspective'. Session topics were: * Universities and Development; * Women and Development; * Educational Systems; * Culture and Development.

A selection of the presented papers will be published in a Research Annual, published by JAI Press.

Publications
In the period 1986-1988 a selection of papers presented at the international seminar on 'Micro- and Macro-Scopic Approaches to the Sociology of Education' organized by the RC 04 in April 1985, was published in 'Revue Internationale de Sociologie', no. 1, 1987.

Membership
After a review of the membership files and the introduction of the possibility of waiving the membership fee for those who cannot pay, the RC 04 now has 213 active members.

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**RC 05**

**ETHNIC RACE AND MINORITY RELATIONS**

Report submitted by Peter Q. Reinsch, Newsletter Editor

**Board elections**

The RC Board was chosen by the members in good standing in 1986. The results of a first electoral round were presented in New Delhi and indicated a tie for the office of president. New elections were held for this office, Marshall Murphree continuing as President pro tem until Heribert Adam took formal control in the Spring of 1987.

**Seminar and conferences**

Directly following the 1986 World Congress of Sociology (in which the RC had a full slate of 11 academic sessions, including two joint sessions) a workshop was organized by the RC on "Linkages between Methodology, Research and Theory in Race and Ethnic Studies". In the workshop, sponsored by UNESCO, 72 case studies were presented by scholars from seven continents. The (revised) papers, with summary of discussions and conclusions was submitted to UNESCO in June 1987 for (eventual) publication.

RC 05 Seminar on "New Frontiers in Social Research: Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations" will be held December 8-11, 1988, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

This three day seminar will be hosted by the Centre for Race and Ethnic Studies at the University of Amsterdam. Sessions will be directed towards the (ever) changing significance of concepts in the field of ethnic, race and minority relations, where they reflect, monitor, and are influenced by various social processes. More specifically, a focus is placed on the (in) adequacy of traditional conceptions in the field in view of current global socio-economic transgressions (e.g., the disappearance of labour markets, shifts in capital concentrations and military-political relations, etc.). Dependent upon the nature of the contributions, the seminar shall consider the theme along the various axes of theory, policy, and practice.

**Publications**

The RC is looking into the possibilities (beyond UNESCO) of publishing the papers initially presented at the New Delhi workshop (see above).

Papers presented at the Congress session on "Race, Ethnicity and Education" are being published this year with Sally Tomlinson and Abraham Yoge (of RC 04) serving as editors.

The first newsletter of the RC this quadrennium appeared in January of this year and has been distributed to more than 400 scholars (75% residing in Western Europe or North America). The newsletter, besides regular sections with news from members and announcements, presented the new RC Board, an evaluation of the Delhi sessions, reports from the Delhi business meetings, and a statement on Apartheid. Except for post-Congress lapses, the newsletter appears twice a year.

**Membership**

In the past four years, the circulation of the RC newsletter has doubled to nearly 450 scholars; recipients are asked to contribute $20 for four years membership. In the previous quadrennium, 50 scholars contributed as RC 'members'; 20 scholars have responded to the January 1988 newsletter with membership contributions. Scholars in countries with currency regulations may become members in good standing by requesting a fee waiver from the RC Board.
At the request of those members attending the Delhi business meeting, the new Board drafted a "Statement on Apartheid", denouncing systems of structural inequality based on racism. The Board, in distributing the statement via the January 1988 newsletter, asked that all (current and future) RC members endorse the statement.

**Finances**

Newsletter production expenses are covered by membership contributions and the ISA grant. Distribution is realized through the mailing service at the University of Amsterdam. The RC has a modest treasury of $2000. This sum remains from the previous quadrennium, when a number of RC members produced the document "Contemporary Theoretical Research on Race and Ethnicity" (Marshall Murphee, editor) under UNESCO sponsorship.

**Statutes**

In order to institutionalize a number of RC procedures, the Board has drafted statutes, which were presented to the membership at large via the June 1988 newsletter.

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**RC 06**

**FAMILY RESEARCH**

Report submitted by Jan Trost, President

**Activities**

One of the main activities of the CFR has been to organize seminars/equivalent. The first activity of the period 1986-1988 was organizing the meetings of the CFR at the World Congress in New Delhi. The organizer was Stella Quah (Singapore), who did an excellent job in coordinating, but due to illness, she could not participate herself. The Committee had a number of very well-attended sessions and also a special memorial session in the honour of the late Honorary President Reuben Hill; this memorial session was jointly organized with the Executive Committee of the ISA.

In the middle of September 1987 the CFR held its 22nd international seminar organized by Hans Bertram (FRG). The seminar was held in Freising near Munich with about 50 very active participants.

In the middle of April 1988 László Cseh-Szombathy (Hungary) organized the 23rd international seminar in Zamárdi at Lake Balaton on the topic of "Kinship and Ageing". About 60 participants from various parts of the world presented papers and held lively discussions.

The 24th international CFR seminar will be held in Singapore and organized by Stella Quah and Eddie Kuo in the beginning of May of 1989. The topic is "Marriage, Parenthood and Social Policy". See Calendar of Future Events for more details.

**Publications**

From seminars are as follows:

- A book is in press with revised versions of the best presentations from the Jerusalem seminar.
- Presentations from the Freising seminar have already been published in preliminary form and will be published both in English and in German.
- The Zamárdi seminar will also be published in the form of a book.

**CFR Gazette**

In 1987, the 14th volume of the CFR Gazette was published in three issues, upgraded in both size and content. At the CFR board meeting in Freising in September 1987, it was decided to include brief articles and reports from members. Each of the issues of the volume 14 has included an additional section on "Membership News Update." Response from the members has been excellent and this serves to communicate new research and publications between the nations. The Gazette is produced at the Australian Institute of Family Studies and is posted airmail to all members to avoid delays.

Some discussion took place at Freising between the CFR and CYR on starting up a new "Family and Youth" journal or bulletin, but lack of funding and editorial staff are obstacles.

**Membership**

The President and Secretary of the CFR have attempted to recruit additional members. We seem to recruit additional members. We have tried to get more members from various countries, especially from the socialist countries in Europe, and from Africa, Asia, and South America. Several new memberships have been the result and more are expected to follow.

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**RC 07**

**FUTURES RESEARCH**

Report submitted by Radmila Nakarada, Secretary

In the period after the Congress in India, we have first of all tried to clear up some procedural matters concerning the election of officers, as well as our membership list which is unrealistically large in terms of individual participation and activities.

We have made several research proposals to our members on the basis of their suggestions from India. Research proposals concerning social consequences of new technologies, cross-cultural dialogue, reforms in Europe. All these projects are still in the initial phase of development.

One issue of the Newsletter has already been published. A second one will come out in the Fall.

RC 07 together with the World Future Studies Federation (WFSF) held the following courses at the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik:


Some of the RC 07 members participated in the World Conference of WFSF held in China September 3-8, 1988.

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**RC 08**

**HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGY**

Report submitted by Dirk Kasler, Secretary

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**Statutes of the RC**

At the Business Meeting of the RC in 1984 in Munich the Committee's lack of a clear set of Statutes was noted. In the RC/Newsletter vol. III, Winter 1984/85...
a draft of such statutes by the then President of the RCHS, Tom Bottomore. It was published.

In the process of the elections prior to the 1988 Madrid conference this revised draft was submitted to the membership for approval. During the period March 7 - April 15, 1988, the members of the RCHS voted upon this draft of Statutes. Of the (then) 169 members in good standing, 97 members participated in this mail ballot, of which voted 91 for, 5 against, 1 abstention. Against this draft, By this vote the Statutes ot the RCHS have been approved by more than 51% of the membership and are valid as of May 1st, 1988.

New membership dues
Due to the declining value of the Dollar and the rising mailing expenses it was proposed at the Business Meeting of the RCHS on May 28, 1988, in Madrid, to change the dues structure to the amount/equivalent of US $10 a year, or $30 for four years. The proposal passed unanimously with one abstention and will be effective as from January 1, 1989 onwards.

Development of Membership of the RCHS.
In 1977 the RCHS had 62 members from 10 countries, in 1978 97 from 11, in 1979 126 from 14, in 1980 89 from 15, in 1981 133 from 17, in 1984 117 from 20, in 1985 153 from 22, in 1986 167 from 25, in 1987 175 from 25, and at present, the RCHS has 189 members from 28 countries.

Conferences
The mid-term conference of the RCHS took place in Madrid (Spain) on May 26-28, 1988. Following sessions were held:

* Empirical Social Research: a tool of knowledge and of action (9 papers)
* Talcott Parsons and History of Action Theory (4 papers)
* National Traditions in the History of Sociology (3 papers)
* Sociological Concepts beyond Mainstream Sociology (4 papers)
* Max Weber in the History of Sociology (7 papers)
* Methodological Approaches in the History of Sociology (3 papers)
* Political Events and the History of Sociology (6 papers)

Publications of the RCHS
The main publication of the RCHS is its Newsletter since 1976.

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


**RC 09**

**SOCIAL PRACTICE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION**

Report submitted by Ellen B. Hill, Delegate to the Research Council

While previously since its foundation in 1972 our Research Committee has been continuously active with publications and regional meetings between world congresses, I regret to have to report that this was not the case during the last two years. The lack of activity corresponds to the fact that there has been a turnover as far as the board is concerned. Mail elections became necessary as there was no quorum at the Business Meeting in New Delhi and were thus delayed producing no common membership research activities as had been the case before. The undersigned attempted to organize a second Regional Meeting on "The Social Consequences of the New Technologies" to take place again in Switzerland at the University of Berne but did not find enough persons interested.

In the meantime, Otmar Renn of Clark University (USA) has been able to sign a contract for the publication of the papers of the first regional meeting on the subject.

**RC 10**

**PARTICIPATION, WORKERS' CONTROL AND SELF-MANAGEMENT**

Report submitted by György Széll

During the New Delhi Congress we have adopted statutes and held ballot elections for the new board afterwards.

Our Newsletter has continuously appeared twice a year, now edited by Ake Sanelberg. It has become a widespread means of information with an average of 40 to 50 pages.

Remaining in the field of publications we can announce two more which are the product of our Research Committee's activities:

- Within its series "Current Sociology", the International Sociological Association publishes in volume 36/1988 a trend report with a selected and annotated bibliography on "Participation, Workers' Control and Self-Management" by György Széll. The manuscript is already with the publisher.

In regard to our workshops and conferences:
- From August 5th to the 8th, 1987 we met for the first time on the North American continent thanks to the efforts of Charles Derber and his colleagues from the Department of Sociology, Boston College. The theme was the "Politics of Economic Democracy". More than 100 participants from nearly twenty different countries took part. The presidential candidate Jesse Jackson was the key note speaker. And it was the first time in the history of the United States, that somebody who was running for the supreme office took a positive stand in regard to Economic Democracy.
- It was also an occasion to organize a board meeting in Boston.

- We held a very successful meeting on "Social Movements as a Force of De-alienation" in Dubrovnik March 14-18, 1988: organized by Walter R. Heinz (Bremen, FRG), Laslo Sekelj (Belgrade, Yugoslavia) and György Széll (Osnabrück, FRG). This was a common activity with the RC 36 and Political Transformation and Research with which we do have numerous links. Some 30 participants from 15 countries contributed to the success. As you may have learned through the media, Mikhail Gorbachev honoured us with his presence in Dubrovnik and greeted some of the participants personally. So after the address by Jesse Jackson during the Boston workshop in 1987, you may have noticed that some of the most influential persons in the world have become more and more interested in economic democracy and workers'self-management. Not
The workshop in Dubrovnik was also the occasion to have a board meeting where we could prepare our future activities. The programme for the next years has developed quite nicely thanks to the endeavours of many:

* For those who speak French a meeting was held at the XIIIé Colloque de l'Association Internationale des Sociologues de Langue Française from August 29 to September 2, 1988 in Geneva on "Le Lien Social. Identités Personnelles et Solidarité Collectives dans le Monde Contemporain". The Research Committee Sociologie de l'Auto-gestion under the coordination of György Széll held several sessions on "Technologies and Self-Management" and "Eastern countries, the Third World and democratization".

The official mid-term conference of our RC will be held in Hyderabad on "Experiments and Experiences of Workers' Participation for Effective Industrial Democracy" from December 28 to 30, 1988. It is organized by the Indian chapter of RC 10 under the presidency of C. Lakshamana, MP and by R.C. Sarikwal. It will be another occasion of a board meeting to decide on the program for our sessions during the World Congress in Madrid 1990.

* Our friends from Latin-America who are going to form a subcommittee propose a conference in 1989 (March or July) in Lima, Peru on "Autogestión y participación en America Latina y el Tercer Mundo hacia la década del noventa por la vida y por la paz". The provisional president of the Latin American subcommittee, William Moreno (Lima, Peru) is responsible for this conference.

* From June 13th to the 16th, 1989 Lars Erik Karlsson invites us to the Technical University of Lulea (North Sweden) to debate about "New Technology and Participatory Democracy". This will be a very active conference, different from others, with perhaps also a visit to Volvo Uddevalla car factory, the most modern in the world, near Gothenburg. (See Calendar of Future Events for more details)

* For October 1989 we received an invitation by Prof. Petkov of the Bulgarian Sociological Association and the Trade Union Research Institute in Sofia to organize a workshop on recent developments on participation and self-management. The board proposed as theme: "Social Needs, Ownership and Trade Unions".

Another workshop in Eastern Europe will be held in Poland, at the Technical University of Radom in September 1991, organized by R. Peretkinwicz. The theme is not yet fixed. The board discussed as possible topics; problems of planning, the role of the market and public and other institutions in regard to participatory and industrial democracy.

News from Working Groups

- WG on Life Styles is preparing the publication of two books. The first volume deals with "Concepts, Theories and Methods of Life Style Research", and the second volume with "Findings from Life Style Research Projects".
- WG on Social Times held a meeting in Louvain (Belgium) in February 1987; no publication resulted from this meeting.
- WG on Leisure and Crisis is nearly ready with the manuscript of a book that deals with the impact on leisure of the social economic crisis.

RC 18
POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

Report submitted by Derek Urwin, Secretary

Since the ISA World Congress in New Delhi, where the Committee organised seven panels, the major "collective" exercise of the Committee has been in organising participation in the 1988 World Congress of the International Political Science Association. Two panels (the maximum permitted) have been organised:

1. Welfare State or Prosperity State
Convenors: Stein Kuhnle (Univ of Bergen, Norway) and Jens Alber (Max-Planck Institute, Cologne, FRG)
Papers: Matti Aksela (Univ Helsinki, Finland), Jurgen Kohl (Univ Bielefeld, FRG), Maria Maguire (OECD, Paris, France), Ann Orloff (Univ Wisconsin, USA)

2. America Exceptionalism
Convenors: S. M. Lipset (Stanford Univ, USA) and Byron Schaffer (Suffield College, Oxford, UK)
Papers: the two convenors, plus Aaron Wildavsky (University of California, USA)

Many members of the Committee were organising panels or presenting papers in other panels at the IPSA Congress. In addition, a paper on the role of the Committee on Political Sociology in promoting comparative research was presented by Peter Flora (University of Mannheim, West Germany) and Derek Urwin (University of Warwick, UK) at a session directed by Mattei Dogan on "Institutionalisation of Comparative Research".

The research role of the RC 18 is conducted primarily through its Work Groups. These continue to work effectively, and out of them have come three further publications sponsored by the Committee:

- A further project, nearing completion and led by Thomas Mackie, Mark Franklin (both of Strathclyde University, UK) and Henry Valen (University of Oslo) is a systematic exploration of contemporary voting behaviour. This volume is intended to be a sequel to early CPS studies in the field which culminated in Richard Rose, ed., "Electoral Behaviour" (Free Press, 1974).
- The Fascism and Authoritarianism Work Group, directed by Stein Uglervet Larsen (University of Bergen, Norway) has held two meetings, one in Bergen on "Fascism in European Literature" (in conjunction with other bodies), the other in Bad Homberg, West Germany, on "Modern Europe after Fascism". The latter
is the title of the book which is intended to come out of the research programme.
- The Parties and Elections Work Group is planning a major research programme on the theme of political parties as organisations. Directed by Kay Lawson (San Francisco State University, USA) and Derek Urwin (University of Warwick, UK), this project is still in the planning stage: a preliminary meeting is planned for 1988 with a conference, probably in Paris, hopefully being held in 1989.

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### RC 21

**URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Recent Conferences**

* Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia), 1987: "Technology, Restructuring and Urban-Regional Development"


Contrary to other intermediate conference of the Research Committee which have been theme-centred this meeting had a very broad spectrum and was structured around four axes:

1. Trends and Forms of Urbanization, Economic Activities and International Division of Labour
2. Thought about the City
4. City, Power and Politics

The conference was started with an introductory session on Brazil Today. On the following days in the mornings there was only one session with papers presenting wide global and theoretical confrontations; in the afternoon, in three parallel sessions, the same theme was discussed but addressing more specific issues. In total 90 papers were presented in the 17 sessions. 250 scholars (over 100 came from abroad) participated in the conference.

**Publications**

The Committee has an active policy of publication and circulation of printed material: the RC 21 Newsletter (two issues each year) is a quick means of information on conferences, publications, research initiatives, etc. The International Journal of Urban and Regional Research created in 1977 at the initiative of RC 21, published by Edward Arnold Ltd., is now in its twelfth year and has gained wide recognition as a major academic journal in the field with a really international impact both in terms of the subject of articles published and of circulation (RC 21 members can subscribe at a special price).

RC 21 publishes a series of books and special issues of journals, collecting selected papers from congresses or conferences, which have been useful and very positively received. The most recent one is: Henderson, Jeff, Castells, Manuel, eds.: Global Restructuring and Territorial Development. London, Sage, 1987.

**Membership**

The members (over two hundred) are from 35 countries. There has been much interest for RC 21's activities in Latin America, despite the economic situation (about 30 members), and the development of a Latin American network has been strongly supported. However, direct contact between those researchers and the activities in Western Europe and USA, not to mention Eastern Europe or Asia, has been limited, particularly their participation in RC 21 conference.

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### RC 25

**SOCIOLINGUISTICS**

Report submitted by Allen D. Grimshaw. President

**Membership**

The membership records of RC 25 were held up by customs during the transfer of records to new Secretary/Treasurer Charles Kaplan in Rotterdam; most members of the section should have received dues notices this past summer (1988). Our current best estimate is that RC 25 has somewhat more than 225 members.

**Publiahion**

The RC membership voted in 1986 to change the Newsletter into a journal which will bear the title "Sociolinguistics". An initial issue should be distributed as soon as membership and subscription records have been updated. In the meantime submissions will be most welcome. Research articles (or notes) and news items should be sent to Tony Hak, "Sociolinguistics" Editor, Erasmus University, Medical Faculty, Institute of Preventive and Social Psychiatry. Postbus 1738, 3000 DR Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

**Meetings**

- The 1987 meeting of the board was held in Rotterdam (The Netherlands) and the 1988 meeting in Lodz (Poland).
- A call for papers for a mid-term meeting of RC 25 on the topic of "Conversation, Discourse, and Conflict," to be held at Trinity College, Dublin, in April 1989, was distributed by Brian Torode in Spring 1988. Because of problems with membership records and mailing he may be able to consider late submissions.
- Queries should be sent to Tony Hak, "Sociolinguistics" Editor. Erasmus University, Medical Faculty, Institute of Preventive and Social Psychiatry. Postbus 1738, 3000 DR Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

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### RC 26

**SOCIOTECHNICS - SOCIOLOGICAL PRACTICE**

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

In 1987 we lost our Board member and former president, Professor Albert Bernard Cherns, who died on May 14th 1987. He was among the first authors to promote the idea of sociotechnics as a discipline which elaborated the methodology of practical action. His colleagues in the Committee will always be indebted to him for his important book "Sociotechnics" (1976), his organizational skills to organize the pioneering international conference on sociotechnics in 1973 in Loughborough (where he was the head of the Department of Social Sciences), and his work done in connection with the publication of its results.

Since 1973, when Albert B. Cherns organized our first international conference, our Research Committee has been continually growing and expanding. Now over 500 scholars living in about 50 different countries are cooperating with us. This strongly increased cooperation of scholars with our RC indicates that we may have entered a new period within the development of our RC. One may also find this reflected in the
adoption of a new name: Sociotechnics-Sociological Practice. The chosen supplement >Sociological Practice< allows us to address scholars in a less specific way. It responds to the considerably increased number of scholars and practitioners in various countries engaged in developing and applying theories and methods of social policy research and utilization.

In the context of this name change, our EC succeeded to establish cooperation with three groups of scholars oriented towards the utilization of the social science, all of them operating in USA. These groups are: the Section >Sociological Practice< of the American Sociological Association (ASA), the Association of Applied Sociology, and the Clinical Sociology Association. Officers of these organizations are represented in our new Board, chaired by Mark van de Vall. Presently we negotiate the association of other groups to our Research Committee.

Organizational efforts geared to consolidate our Research Committee have not been our sole concern. End of Jan. of this year we had a successful international conference near Leiden (The Netherlands). 25 papers were presented by participants coming from 7 different countries (Austria, Canada, FRG, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, and the USA).

Another conference is presently being prepared. It will take place in Ottawa (Canada), and is scheduled for May 1989. Other conferences, a conference in Poland as well as a conference in Austria, are still object of negotiations. The organization for our contribution to the next ISA World Congress on Sociology, Madrid 1990, has started.

Publications
The publication of our Newsletter (No. 1: June 1977) continued and we issued No. 10 in October 1987. The publication of No. 11 is planned for the end of 1988. Our Newsletter is, as a rule, issued annually and is presently published in an edition of 500 copies; it normally has 100 pages and is distributed in ca. 500 copies. The following issues of our Newsletter, starting with No. 11, will be published as "Annals" by the Verlag für Gesellschaftsarchitektur, Köln, FRG. The editors will be the members of our Executive Board: E. Clark (USA), A.J. Matejko (Canada), A. Podgorecki (Canada), J.K.H.W. Schmidt (FRG), Editor-in-Chief, M. van de Vall (The Netherlands).


In 1986, the Department of Psychology of the University of Stockholm published a monograph on "Organizational Work Reform in Sweden" by Judith Buber Agassi.

Reports from other Research Committees will be published in the next issue of the ISA Bulletin.

CALLS FOR PAPERS AND PROJECTS

WORLD SOCIETY FOUNDATION
The Foundation for the Promotion of Social Science Research on World Society (World Society Foundation) funds selected proposals for research projects on the structure and change of world society. The next deadline for applications is February 1, 1989.

For details and application forms please contact:
World Society Foundations
Zeltweg 67
CH-8052 Zurich, Switzerland

SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION MATERIALS
The American Sociological Association is updating its volume on Teaching the Sociology of Education. It will be available in August of 1989. Please send any materials such as course overviews, reading lists, assignments, types of projects or other ideas that you use in your teaching of the sociology of education to: Professor Edith W. King
School of Education, University of Denver
Denver, Colorado 80208, USA

RESEARCH IN SOCIAL POLICY: CRITICAL, HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES. The General Editor of this JAI Press Annual Series is soliciting papers and detailed paper abstracts for Volumes III (1990) and IV (1991). This peer-reviewed annual publishes papers on social policies as developed by elite decision-makers in States, missions, foundations, communities, national political bodies as well as those which explore the response of subjects of such policy-making.

Papers should be no more than forty pages in length (Chicago Manual style) and paper abstracts should be at least four pages. Submission deadline is April 30, 1989. Send papers and abstracts to: Professor John H. Stanfield II
Sociology Dept., The College of William and Mary Williamsburg, Virginia 23185, USA

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON EDUCATION AND SOCIETY. A JAI Press research and policy annual, invites papers for volume 3 (1990). The theme of the volume is "Education and Development Revisited." Research contributions as well as theoretical and policy-oriented papers on topics related to the central theme are welcome. Papers will be reviewed by the editorial board of the volume. The deadline for submission is April 15, 1989. Send three copies of the manuscript (ASA style) to:
Abraham Yoge
School of Education, Tel Aviv University
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Papers are required for a special issue of THE JOURNAL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY ECONOMICS. This issue will explore, review and critique current debates within the field of developmental economics from the perspective of related disciplines, such as political science, sociology and history. Papers are sought internationally and from those using case study material to substantiate their arguments from the developing world.

Please send papers to the editor of this issue:
Ruth Taplin
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Information: Alberto Martinelli
Department of Sociology
University of Milan
Via Conservatorio 7
20122 Milano, Italy

June 7-10, 1989
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Raimondo Strassoldo
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Papers must be delivered before April 1, 1989 to:
Lars Erik Karlsson
Department of Psychology of Working Life
University of Luleå
S-951 87 Luleå, Sweden

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Place: Acapulco, Mexico
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Information: Int'l Association of Gerontology
Jojutla 91, Tlalpan 14090
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Place: The Hague, The Netherlands
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Abstracts (max. 300 words) should be submitted by December 1988 to:
Research for Healthy Cities
c/o Leiden Congress Bureau

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Place: Athens, Greece
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Proposals for papers should be sent by January 31, 1989 to: IEA Secretariat
23, rue Campagne Première
75014 Paris, France

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Place: University of Antwerp, Belgium
Topics: theoretical developments - class and gender - women, class and the family - gender and work in the class structure - women and the international division of labor - women in the class structure - political implications - comparative studies of gender and class
Abstracts (3 copies) are welcome until 1 April 1989 to: Alison E. Woodward
Dept of Political and Social Science
University of Antwerp
Universiteitsplein 1
B-2610 Wilrijk, Belgium
tel. 3-233-9393

September 1989
XXVth International Seminar of the Research Committee on Family Research
Place: Beograd, Yugoslavia
Information: Dragana Avramov
Institute of Social Sciences
Postanski fah 927, Beograd, Yugoslavia
or Andjelka Milic
Dept of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy
Cika Ljubina 18-20
11000 Beograd, Yugoslavia

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