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## CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

~~ from the International Sociological Association's RC46 ~~

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Dear RC46 Clinical Sociology Members,

It is a pleasure to bring you some of the news from our meeting in Buenos Aires. We have given our first awards, elected some new officers and board members, started making arrangements for the ISA World Congress in 2014, and put a new website in place. This newsletter also confirms that we will be meeting in Madrid in 2013. (Some information about the meeting is included in this newsletter. I will be writing again when we have more news about the meeting.) Please let me know if you have suggestions.

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### RC46 Award Recipients

RC46 gave its first awards on August 3 at the 2012 ISA Forum in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Three awards were presented – the Lifetime Achievement Award, Outstanding Early Career Award and Distinguished Book Award.

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award in Clinical Sociology**

This Lifetime Achievement Award honors a colleague whose research and/or practice has significantly contributed to advances within clinical sociology. The award recognizes exceptional merit.

The first RC46 Distinguished Career Award was given to **Robert Sévigny** (Canada), professor emeritus at the University of Montreal and first president of our organization, for his exceptional contributions to the field of clinical sociology.



Letters of nomination noted that Sévigny is one of the pioneers in formally establishing clinical sociology within the ISA and in Quebec, Canada where he was the main organizer of two international clinical sociology conferences in 1990 and 1991. Sévigny also played “a decisive role” in collaborating with those who developed clinical sociology in France and other countries. Sévigny “accomplished numerous groundbreaking achievements, assuming with integrity and dedication... various roles and responsibilities.” He is described as a “pioneer and visionary” in co-founding a multi-disciplinary research and training center within a front-line health and social services organization in the early 1990s in Montreal. The center has grown to more than 50 university researchers and, each year, they carry out about 80 research projects, give approximately 60 training seminars for practitioners and produce numerous publications and conferences. Sévigny, the center’s first scientific director, developed an organization “steeped in the clinical sociology tradition (that is) a living legacy and testimony to (his) work, knowledge and wisdom.” Robert Sévigny is considered “a major leader in the field of sociology, gaining respect from many sides, from (those) quite far from a clinical approach (as well as from those who) are close partners.”

Jan Marie Fritz, the chair of the selection committee, presented the award. Robert Sévigny was unable to attend the award ceremony and so his award was accepted for him by Harry Perlstadt, professor emeritus of sociology at Michigan State University. Harry showed the dvd that Robert had provided with his acceptance speech. Robert’s remarks will soon be available on the new RC46 website.

Robert received the award at his home in Montreal shortly after the meeting in Buenos Aires. He said that he:

had a long lunch at (his) daughter’s place. (It was my birthday yesterday and the celebration continued today...) So, when we came back the award (had been delivered) to the desk at the building (where I live). It is marvelous. And, in a way, receiving this today was part of my XX birthday.

### **Outstanding Early Career Award in Clinical Sociology**

The award for an Outstanding Early Career in Clinical Sociology honors junior scholars who have shown outstanding commitment to clinical sociology and whose research has contributed in important ways to the advancement of the discipline. The 2012 award was given to Olga Guzhva, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology of Management and Social Work at the V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University (Ukraine).



Those nominating Olga noted her “energy and initiative.” She is the editor of *Studies of Changing Societies*, an international, multi-disciplinary on-line journal. She also is the deputy editor of SOCIOIIPCTIP, an on-line research journal connected to sociology and social work. Olga has many publications. One colleague noted Olga’s “linguistic, analytical and methodological prowess” and described her work in the area of security as “innovative.” Another colleague said Olga provides “deep theoretical insight, methodological precision and

excellent analysis...” in her studies of political leadership, social security and corruption. One of her colleagues noted that Olga “is truly on the path to becoming a young global leader.”

Olga’s award was presented by Tina Uys, the chair of the selection committee. Because of the considerable expense involved in attending the meeting in Buenos Aires, Olga could not attend this meeting. She regretted that she would not be able to attend and hoped “for understanding and future cooperation.” Her award was accepted for her by Denyse Côté, a professor at the Université du Québec en Outaouais.

### **Distinguished Scholarly Book Award in Clinical Sociology**

The Distinguished Scholarly Book Award honors a recent book in the field of clinical sociology. The 2012 award was given to *International Clinical Sociology*. The book provides essential information (conceptual and theoretical approaches, research methods, history of the field in different regions) as well as introduces many areas of application. The volume, published by Springer, contains the work of 22 authors and co-authors from 9 countries. The book was edited by Jan Marie Fritz, a professor at the University of Cincinnati in the United States, and includes chapters by a number of RC46 members including Jacques Rhéaume (Canada), Vincent de Gaulejac (France), Yuji Noguchi (Japan), Anastasia-Valentine Rigas (Greece), Andriani Papadaki (Greece), Robert Sévigny (Canada), A. Halim Wan (Malaysia), and Walda Katz Fishman (US). Those nominating the book noted that the editor had “assembled a first class group of authors” and that the volume “expresses, with completeness, the achieved maturity of the specialization” and “represents a significant contribution in the development of sociology.”

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### **RC46 Election Results**

Members who were interested in running for the board or a position as an officer declared their interest after receiving our last newsletter. The results of our election: Emma Porio was elected Vice President for Publications; Tina Uys was elected Vice President for Program and Harry Perlstadt was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The following members were elected to our executive board: Gwynth Marshall Øverland and Abdul Mumin Sa’ad.

Some new regional representatives also were appointed. Thanks to Weizen Dong (Canada), Gilson Lima (Brazil), Hans Petter Sand (Norway) and Anton Senkal (South Africa) for offering to help the RC by becoming regional representatives.

The full lists of all the members of the executive board and the regional representatives (as well as their contact information) are found at the end of this newsletter.

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### **From Tina Uys, RC46 Vice President for Program**

Dear RC46 members,

I think everybody who attended the sessions of RC46 during the ISA Forum in Argentina will agree that it was a huge success. I would like to thank the members of the RC 46 Programme Committee (Emma Porio, Viviana Arbelo, Patricia Guerrero Morales) and our RC46 president

for compiling such an interesting programme of sessions. I particularly would like to thank Viviana for helping everyone with local arrangements.

We are just beginning to develop plans for a meeting in 2013 in Madrid. Please see the notes on this later in this newsletter.

We also need to move our attention to planning the programme for Yokohama in 2014 that will take place from 13-19 July. The theme of the world congress is: Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology. The deadline to submit a list of sessions/chairs to [isa@isa-sociology.org](mailto:isa@isa-sociology.org) for posting on the ISA website is 1 March 2013. We therefore need to receive proposals for sessions from RC 46 members at the latest by 31 January 2013. Please send us titles as well as short descriptions of the proposed session by 31 January 2013. Let's make Yokohama the best RC46 programme ever at a World Congress!

Warm regards,

Tina

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### **From Emma Porio, RC46 Vice President for Publications**

The members of the RC 46-Publications Committee are Tina Uys, Judith Gordon, Jenifer Cartland, Patricia Guerrero, Ana Massa and Olga Guzhva. If you have suggestions for the Committee, please send them to me at [eporio@ateneo.edu](mailto:eporio@ateneo.edu)

Here is our news:

#### **New Website Link for RC 46**

The Publications Committee has created a new website link (<http://rc46.dsa-ateneo.net>) which is noted on the RC46 listing on the ISA website. We plan to make this a more viable space (right now it is still a beta site) for us to know about the activities, conference initiatives and publications of RC46 members in different parts of the globe. Thus, we would appreciate very much if you can send us materials for posting on this website.

The Committee has been trying to collect the titles of clinical sociology publications for the last 5 years. If you have not done so, please send the titles of your publications (and others that you know) to [eporio@ateneo.edu](mailto:eporio@ateneo.edu)

#### **Publishing Opportunities**

RC46 president Jan Marie Fritz met with a representative of Springer (publisher of a series of clinical sociology books) during the ISA Forum in Buenos Aires. Members might want to consider submitting book proposals to Springer that could be part of the series.

During the RC 46 business meeting, the Executive Board members discussed the following publications projects. Currently, Jan Marie Fritz and the former RC46 president, Jacques Rheaume, are editing *Community Intervention*. The book will include the work of a number of our members. There also are publication opportunities for RC 46 members in the following journals: *Studies of Changing Societies* (an international, multi-disciplinary on-line journal) and SOCIOIIPROCTIP, an on-line research journal connected to sociology and social work. For

information about both journals, contact Olga Guzhva, the recipient of the RC 46 award for the Outstanding Early Career in Clinical Sociology.

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### **RC46 will meet in Madrid in 2013**

Lorenzo Navarrete (Colegio Oficial de Sociólogos y Politólogos, Spain) has kindly agreed to help RC46 organize a meeting in Madrid (**March 16-18, 2013**). Our meeting will take place at the Complutense University and the cooperating organizations will be the faculty of Complutense University/Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid, GISOF (Grupo de Investigación Socialización y Futuro/Sociology and Future Research Group), the Madrid regional government and the Professional Association for Sociologists and Political Scientists in Spain/Ilustre Colegio de Doctores y Licenciados en Ciencias Políticas y Sociología. Lorenzo also is trying to get the support of FES (Federación Española de Sociología/Spanish Sociological Association) because a clinical sociology group hopes to organize within FES.

The working title of the meeting is “Clinical Sociology: Improving Lives and Communities through Analysis and Intervention.” Suggested session themes include The History and Development of Clinical Sociology in Regions and Countries; Individuals in Context; Families during Crises; Working with Groups and Organizations; Understanding Inter-Cultural Situations and Dynamics; Improving Health and Health Care Delivery; Facilitation and Mediation; Improving Communities (from Neighborhoods to Nations). You are welcome to propose other session themes. A poster session could be offered for junior scholars and those whose work does not easily fit into proposed sessions. We also would like to offer a few training sessions as part of the meeting as there are no restrictions on the length of sessions for this meeting.

We expect that people attending the meeting will understand Spanish, French and/or English. Sessions may be offered primarily (or totally) in one language, but arrangements will be encouraged (e.g., overheads or handouts in another language, informal or formal translation) to allow all those attending to understand the sessions.

If you are interested in organizing a session or offering training, please contact Jan Marie Fritz [jan.fritz@uc.edu](mailto:jan.fritz@uc.edu) now with your suggestions. Please copy your correspondence to both Lorenzo Navarrete [direccion@colpolsoc.org](mailto:direccion@colpolsoc.org) and Tina Uys [tuys@uj.ac.za](mailto:tuys@uj.ac.za) At a later date we will be soliciting abstracts from individuals who would like to give presentations.

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### **Request from Member**

Gilson Lima (Brazil) is a new RC46 regional representative. He says the following about his own work:

- One. Work activities involve rehabilitation and social inclusion processes and products for wheelchair users and people with neuronal lesions.
- Second. I have computer knowledge and coordinate research with interdisciplinary teams involving adaptation and learning.

Third. My research involves basic brain and learning (education) (Interface with neuroscience and rehabilitation activities clinics.)

Fourth. My methodological references involve more complexity (the paradigm is not disciplinary).

Fifth. I am interested in clinical discussions and interdisciplinary research involving methodologies to interface with health and social inclusion.

Gilson is very interested in hearing from those who have similar interests and/or are interested in his work. Please contact him at [gilima@gmail.com](mailto:gilima@gmail.com) (BLOG <http://glolima.blogspot.com/>)

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## **Publication Opportunities**

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## Call for Papers for two issues of SCS Journal

**1. Call for Papers, Special Issue on Youth with a Global Perspective.** We are happy to announce the start of the submission process for publication in a Special Issue of Studies of Changing Societies. This issue is devoted to youth, and we plan to consider case studies from different regions, comparative studies, theoretical studies and methodological studies. The issue will be published in partnership with the International Society for Mobile Youth Work (ISMO) and Youth NGO EuroClub. We invite you to submit an article that follows our Guidelines for Authors. Submission deadline: 30 September. Date of publication: December 2012.

**2, Regular Issue.** We also are pleased to announce the start of the submission process for publication in an issue of Studies of Changing Societies. We invite you to submit an article that follows our Guidelines for Authors.

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## Next Newsletter

Jan Marie Fritz [jan.fritz@uc.edu](mailto:jan.fritz@uc.edu) and Harry Perlstadt [perlstad@msu.edu](mailto:perlstad@msu.edu) will be developing the next newsletter. That newsletter will include more information about the Madrid meeting.

If you have contributions or requests that you would like included in the newsletter, please send them to both Jan and Harry.

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