Notes from the president:

In July 2016, the 3rd ISA Forum of Sociology took place in Vienna, Austria. The conference theme was "The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggle for a Better World". As many mental health services struggle in financial challenging times, the conference gave us an opportunity to reflect. We were able to consider how services are experienced by people with mental health problems, their families and carers and the wider community as a whole. The conference also gave us an opportunity to learn from one another through comparing and contrasting different mental health systems.

It was particularly good to welcome a number of new members to RC 49. I would particularly like to thank all the organizers and presenters for their valuable contributions. The newsletter sets out the themes of the sessions at the conference.

I look forward to our next Conference in Toronto Canada in July 2018. The theme of the conference is Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities. The theme is particularly relevant to mental health research. People with mental health problems have often been portrayed as violent within the popular press, but the violence inflicted on individuals by people with mental health problems by the mental health system or the community is often overlooked. The next conference will therefore give us an opportunity to consider societal responses to violence and the ways in which we might tackle them.

We are a growing research group and welcome contributions from new and established colleagues. ISA has now outlined the process for submissions which we have outlined below.

Lastly, this newsletter gives us an opportunity to celebrate recent publications of network members.

I look forward to seeing you in Toronto in 2018.

Takashi Asakura, RC49 President / International Sociological Association
1. Sessions at the 3rd ISA Forum of Sociology in Vienna, Austria July, 10-14, 2016 “The Future we want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a better World”

Program Coordinators: Takashi ASAKURA (Tokyo Gakugei University, Laboratory of Health and Social Behavior, Japan) and Silvia KRUMM (Ulm University, Germany)

Sunday, 10 July 2016

- 14:15-15:45
  Drug Use and Local and Global Public Policies of Health: New Tensions, Complementation or Changes for Not Change?
  Session Organizer: Victoria SANCHEZ ANTELO

Monday, 11 July 2016

- 09:00-10:30
  Biography and Mental Health (Joint Session, hosted by RC49)
  Session Organizers: Silvia KRUMM and Gabriele ROSENTHAL

- 14:15-15:45
  The Sociology of Diagnostic Systems and Its Emerging Trends
  Session Organizer: Kjeld HOGSBRO

- 16:00-17:30
  ‘Styles of Reasoning’: The Relationship Between Aetiology, Diagnosis and Drug Treatment in the Mental Health Field
  Session Organizer: Johanne COLLIN
  Chair: Johanne COLLIN

Tuesday, 12 July 2016

- 09:00-10:30
  Theoretical concepts on the role of social relationships in mental health
  Session Organizer: Pia RINGOE

- 10:45-12:15
  Social relationships of people with mental disorders
  Session Organizer: Maja STIAWA

- 14:15-15:45
  Social Relationships and Mental Health and Illness
  Session Organizer: Reinhold KILIAN
• 16:00-17:30  
  Social Inclusion of Mentally Ill Persons  
  Session Organizer: Jorge CHUAQUI

Wednesday, 13 July 2016

• 09:00-10:30  
  Critical Theories of Mental Health  
  Session Organizer: Bruce COHEN

• 10:45-12:15  
  Mental Health and Risk  
  Session Organizer: Jeremy DIXON

• 14:15-15:45  
  A World without Aids: eliminating the Pandemic through Improved Global Access to HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment, Care and Stigma Reduction Programs  
  Session Organizer: James LINN

• 16:00-17:30  
  RC49 Business Meeting  
  Chair: Takashi ASAKURA

Thursday, 14 July 2016

• 10:45-12:15  
  Youth Mental Health: Intersections and Directions  
  Session Organizer: Kate TILLECZEK

2. XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology: “Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities" Toronto, Canada, July 15-21, 2018

Program Coordinators: Takashi ASAKURA (Tokyo Gakugei University, Laboratory of Health and Social Behavior, Japan) and Silvia KRUMM (Ulm University, Germany)  
We encourage members to send submissions for sessions. ISA has provided us with the following guidelines.

⇨ **Call for Sessions:** February 2 – 15 March 2017 24:00 GMT

RC 49 members of good standing are asked to submit proposals for Research Committees (RC)/Working Groups (WG)/Thematic Group (TG) sessions. Session proposer and invited session organizer (RC/WG/TG, Presidential, Plenary, LOC sessions, etc.) must submit session’s description on-line via Confex platform.
Number of RC49 sessions: Based on the number of the RC49 / ISA members in good standing (individual members who have paid both ISA and the RC/WG/TG membership due for the current year) the number of allocated sessions for RC49 is 14 (including Business Meeting and Joint Sessions)

Final list of Sessions: March 16 - 7 April 2017

RC/WG/TG Program Coordinator must finalize a list of sessions. Sessions titles, descriptions and the language in which they will be held (English, French or Spanish), as well as contact details of session organizers (name, affiliation, country, e-mail) will be available on the ISA conference platform.

Abstract submission: April 25 – 30 September 2017

Participants and organizers of invited sessions must submit abstracts on-line via Confex platform. Abstracts must be submitted in English, French or Spanish. Only abstracts submitted on-line will be considered in the selection process.

Abstracts selection: October 5 – 3 November 2017

Session Organizer must complete selection of abstracts and provide a final presentation designation (oral, distributed, poster, round table). Session Organizers move good quality abstracts unsuited for their sessions to the Program Coordinator’s bin for transfer to another session.

Abstracts re-location: November 4 – 24 November 2017

Program Coordinator re-locates good quality abstracts considered unsuited by Session Organizers from the Program Coordinator's bin to other sessions

Notification letters: November 30, 2017

Notification letters: Confex sends notification letters to authors and co-authors of accepted abstracts as well as to authors of rejected abstracts.

Applications for Registration Grants deadline: January 31, 2018

Program Coordinator receives applications for ISA grants submitted by the participants

Submission of proposed Registration Grants recipients: February 15, 2018

Program Coordinator sends a list of selected individuals and amounts recommended to the ISA Secretariat isa@isa-sociology.org for verification and approval.

Registration deadline for presenters: March 20, 2018
Registration must be paid by the deadline. Confex matches registrations with accepted presenters and will send out last reminder to register. Presenters who have failed to register will be automatically deleted from the program.

⇒ **Final modifications:** April 14 – April 30, 2018

Session Organizer modifies sessions based on withdrawal of non-registered presenters.

3. Publications from RC 49 scholars


