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## *From the Secretary*

The World Congress in July is very important - and one reason why it is important is that we decide then at our Business Meeting what to do next after the Congress. This time we have at least four items for decision: the place of our next meeting, in 2000, and ideas for its programme; filling the place of Secretary and other vacant places on our Executive; and choosing the selectors for next year's Chall fellowship.

Our RCHS interim conference is traditionally held in May, and lasts two and a half days (to include a Saturday to allow for cheaper air fares). Might you like the next one to be held at *your* institution? The basic needs are 2 rooms for meetings, and an area for reception, coffee and paper display (if possible free of charge), in a convenient location - with someone prepared to take the responsibility of acting as local organiser, which includes providing information about local travel and accommodation, and perhaps arranging some cultural or touristic activity. (The Secretary deals with the programme of papers.) If you are interested, it would be very helpful if you could find out a little about the possibilities before coming to Montreal, so that you can explain at the Business Meeting what you could offer. If you would like to know more about what is involved before deciding to make an offer, you could contact Dick Pels, who organised our meeting in Amsterdam in 1996, or Jennifer Platt.

At the Business Meeting, we might also wish to consider amending our Statutes; these are therefore reprinted below.

This is my last Newsletter as Secretary. Colleagues, it has been an interesting and rewarding time; thank you all for your support. I look forward now to handing over the task to someone else, to whom I shall be happy to give my support. On that too, I shall be happy to give more information about what is involved to anyone who may be interested.

## **World Congress: Montréal 1998**

### **Registration**

Registration forms are available from the ISA Secretariat in Madrid, from the Congress secretariat (Secrétariat du XIVE congrès mondial de sociologie, Université de Montréal, Case postale 6128, Succursale Centre-ville, Montréal, Québec H3C 3J7, Canada.) or from the Internet at <http://www.bcoc.umontreal.ca>. Anyone who is not already an ISA member would be wise to join before registering, since registration is significantly cheaper for ISA members. (Note that in future the journal International Sociology is to become a free membership benefit.) New rates for ISA membership now apply; these are significantly cheaper for people from countries with lower gross national products. Congress registration fees are also graded by country in the same way. March 31 is the deadline for registering for the Congress by anyone on the programme, who will not appear on it unless registered; it is also the deadline for getting the cheaper rate for early registration.

### **RCHS dinner**

We shall have a social event on the evening of July 28: a dinner in a French restaurant in old Montréal, to which all members (and their partners?) are warmly invited. For further details, see below.

### **Our programme**

Below is a complete draft of our programme. (It is possible that there will be some minor alterations, adding or deleting individual papers, by July, but a later version will not be circulated; please check the official Congress programme for the final details.)

### RC 08 World Congress sessions

	9.30-12.00	14.00-16.00	16.30-18.30	<b>3. German sociology</b>
Mon Jul 27		<b>1. Myrdals</b>	<b>2. General 1 (empirical)</b>	
Tues Jul 28	<b>[EC meeting, 12 midday].]</b>	<b>4. Canadian sociology</b>	<b>5. Good society</b>	<b>RCHS dinner [restaurant]</b>
Weds Jul 29	<b>6. National associations</b>	<b>7. Harriet Martineau</b>	<b>8. Fin de siècle Journals</b>	
Thurs Jul 30		<b>9. Business meeting</b>	<b>10. Stabilisation of disc. identity</b>	<b>11. Stabilisation of disc. identity</b>
Fri Jul 31		<b>12. E.European traditions</b>	<b>13 Concepts</b>	<b>14. General 2 (theory)</b>

#### **1. The Myrdals and modernity**

*Chair:* Sven Eliaeson, Box 3340, S-712 94 Grythyttan, Sweden

*Speakers:*

Lennart Olausson - Dept of the History of Science and Ideas, Göteborg, SWEDEN  
 ‘Gunnar Myrdal, modernity and the so called value question’

Martin Bulmer - University of Surrey, UK

‘The Myrdals' chequered family history: does the life have any relevance to the work?’

Stanford M Lyman - Florida Atlantic University

‘An American Dilemma revisited: critiques and anti-critiques’

Stina E Lyon - South Bank University, London, UK

‘Modernity, Rationality and ‘Educational Engineering: The Myrdals and the 'Swedish Model' of School Reform.’

Hedvig K. Ekerwald - University of Uppsala, Sweden

‘Radicalism called in question: Alva Myrdal's social thinking of the Thirties and the Swedish sterilization debate in 1997.’

*Paper accepted but not to be presented orally:* Erik Berggren, Univ. of Linköping, Sweden:  
 ‘Reconciling Science, Politics and Culture: Gunnar Myrdal's American Dilemma.’

#### **2. General session 1: History of empirical sociology and sociological institutions**

*Chair:* Jennifer Platt - University of Sussex, Brighton, England

*Speakers:*

Charles Crothers - University of Natal, South Africa  
'Global patterns in recent sociology journal articles.'

Janusz Mucha - Nicholas Copernicus University, Poland.  
'Institutionalization of sociology.'

Luigi Tomasi - Università di Trento, Italy  
'The history of sociology in Cambodia'

Andrzej Dabrowski and Bjarne Andersson - Roskilde University, Denmark  
'Academization of sociology in the early welfare states: a Scandinavian triptych.'

Terry Nichols Clark - University of Chicago, USA.  
'Clientelism and the university: Paul Lazarsfeld and the Columbia sociology machine.'

Patricia Vannier - **3 rue de Sarrebourg, 18000 Bourges, FRANCE**  
'Structures de sociabilité et production sociologique dans la construction de la sociologie française moderne au Centre d'Études Sociologiques, 1946-1968.'

Michael Crozier - Dept of Political Science, University of Melbourne, Australia  
'The place of Thomas Ramsden Ashworth in the history of Australian sociology.'

Christian Fleck - University of Graz, Austria  
'German-speaking social-science Rockefeller fellows 1924-1964: a preliminary portrait.'

*Paper accepted but not to be presented orally:* Gaston Rocha Romero, Universidad de Sonora, Mexico  
'The process of regional institutionalisation of sociology: the case of Mexico and the region of Sonora.'

### **3. The Founding of German Sociology: Intellectual Origins and Discursive Contexts**

*Chairs:* John Drysdale, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Concordia University, Canada, and Theresa Wobbe, Free University of Berlin, Germany

*Speakers:*

Stephen Kalberg - Boston University, USA  
'The Centrality of "Life Orders" in Max Weber's Works: A Challenge from Werner Sombart?'

Isher-Paul Sahni - McGill University, Montréal, Canada  
'The Will to Act: An Analysis of Max Weber's Sociology in the Light of Goethe's Fiction.'

Martin Schmeiser - Universität Bern, Switzerland  
'Max Weber's Concept of Honour and His Search for Professional Ethics.'

Theresa Wobbe - Free University of Berlin, Germany  
'Elective Affinities: Georg Simmel and Marianne Weber on Differentiation and Individuation.'

Masanao Katsumata - College of Nursing, Nagoya City University, Japan  
'Re-reading Max Weber's Collected Essays on the Sociology of Religion.'

*Papers accepted but not to be presented orally:*

Felicitas M. Dörr-Backes - Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München, Germany  
'Life is in Permanent Flux: New Perspectives on Science and Art in Georg Simmel's Lifetime.'

Thomas Kemple, Dept of Anthropology and Sociology, University of British Columbia, Canada  
'Rational analytics of power: Nietzschean themes in Max Weber's concept of domination.'

*Discussant:* Donald N. Levine, University of Chicago, USA

#### **4. L'histoire de la sociologie canadienne / The history of Canadian sociology**

*Chair:* R. Helmes-Hayes, University of Waterloo, Canada

*Speakers:*

R. Helmes-Hayes - University of Waterloo, Canada  
'Class Inequality in the Early Work of Everett C. Hughes: French Canada in Transition Reassessed'

Sylvia Wargon - Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Canada  
'Demography in Canada: Historical and Contemporary Connections with Sociology.'

Ian McKay - Department of History, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada  
'Herbert Spencer and radical Canadian Sociology, 1890-1929.'

Marcel Fournier - Université de Montréal, Canada  
'French Canadian Sociology: from Léon Gérin to the present.'

#### **5. In search of a 'good society' as a 'moral science' in the history of sociology.**

*Chairs:* Dirk Kaesler, Phillips-Universität Marburg, Germany,  
and Maarten Mentzel, School of Systems Engineering, Policy Analysis and Management,  
Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

*Speakers:*

Margareta Bertilsson and Mikael Carleheden - Københavns Universitet, , Denmark  
'Sociology in Scandinavia as a moral science.'

Patricia Lengermann, Cornell University, USA, and Jill Niebrugge-Brantley, Wells College, USA.  
'Convergence: the erasure of the women founders and the turn to scientific sociology.'

Ali Zaidi - University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
'The Islamic approach of sociology as the search of a good society.'

Dick Pels - Graduate School of the Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

‘Knowledge politics vs. value neutrality: the rightwing challenge.’

Robert T. Hall - West Virginia State College, Charleston, USA

‘The sociological critique of ethics: the science of morality and the search for the good society.’

Sasha Weitman - Tel-Aviv University, Israel

‘Bringing the social back in.’

## **6. The history of national sociological associations**

*Chair:* Jennifer Platt - Arts E, University of Sussex, Brighton, England

*Speakers:*

Lanre Olutayo - University of Ibadan, Nigeria

‘The Nigerian Anthropological and Sociological Association’.

Antoni Sulek - University of Warsaw, Poland

‘The varied and changing functions of the Polish Sociological Association.’

Nilgun Celebi - Ankara University, Turkey

‘Sociologists and their organisations: the case of Turkey.’

Dirk Kaesler - Phillips-Universität Marburg, Germany

‘Between universalism and Germanic identity: the German Sociological Society, 1909-1998.’

Elssy Bonilla - Bogota, Colombia

‘The Colombian Sociological Association: what next?’

Christian Fleck - University of Graz, Austria

‘“No brains, no initiative, no collaboration” - the Austrian case.’

Jennifer Platt - University of Sussex, Brighton, England

‘The history of the British Sociological Association’.

Lejeune Mato Grosso Xavier de Carvalho - São Paulo, Brasil

‘The Federacion Nacional des Sociologos de Brasil.’

*Paper accepted but not to be given orally:*

Herman Schmid - Roskilde University, Denmark) and Irina Boutenko - Russia

‘Intellectuals, professionals or technocrats? on the social functions of sociological associations in the emerging civil society in Eastern Europe.’

*Discussant:* Ida Harper Simpson - Dept of Sociology, Duke University, USA

## **7. Harriet Martineau and the theoretical foundations of modern sociology**

*Chair:* Michael R. Hill, Sociological Origins, Lincoln, Nebraska USA

*Speakers:*

Susan Hoecker-Drysdale - Concordia University, Montréal, Canada  
'Harriet Martineau and the positivism of August Comte.'

Mary Jo Deegan - University of Nebraska- Lincoln, USA  
'Harriet Martineau, patriarchal gatekeeping and sociological theory: multiple assaults on the historical canon.'

Lynn McDonald - University of Guelph, Canada  
'Florence Nightingale and Harriet Martineau: their collaboration and its results.'

Lois A. Monteiro - Dept. of Community Health, Brown University, Providence, RI USA  
'Florence Nightingale and Harriet Martineau: partners in the British Army reform movement, 1858-1863.'

Pat Duffy Hutcheon - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
'Harriet Martineau and the Unitarian connection.'

Michael R. Hill - Sociological Origins, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502, USA  
'Harriet Martineau, abolition, and the sociology of race in the United States.'

## **8. Fin-de siècle journals: the Année Sociologique and the American Journal of Sociology**

*Chair:* Edward A. Tiryakian - Duke University, Durham, NC USA

*Speakers:*

Jennifer Margy, University of Paris IX, Dauphine, Département de Science Politique, Paris France

'Notes Critiques and Année Sociologique: Crossroads for Politics and Sociology.'

Raffaele Rauty - Università degli Studi di Salerno Italy  
'Chicago and the American Journal of Sociology: A Long Connection.'

Terry N. Clark - University of Chicago, USA  
'How do Academic Publications Work? A Theory with Evidence from the Année Sociologique and Elsewhere.'

Tristan Riley - University of California at San Diego, USA  
'Constructing the Intellectual at the fin-de-siècle: the case of the Durkheimian sociologists of religion.'

*Discussants:*

Theresa Wobbe - Free University of Berlin, Germany

Marcel Fournier - Université de Montréal, Canada

## **9. Business meeting of RC 08**

## **10 & 11 The History of Sociology and the Stabilisation of Disciplinary Identity**

*Chairs:* Paolo Barbesino, CulCom, University of Sussex, Brighton England and Salvino Salvaggio, Rue du Roi Albert 76, B-4102 Ougree, Liège, Belgium

*Speakers:*

Per Wisselgren & Anna Larsson - Idehistoria, Umeå universitet, Sweden  
'The History of Swedish Sociology and the Construction of Disciplinary Identity'

Peter Beilharz - La Trobe University, Bundoora, Australia  
'Sociology as History--Centres and Antipodes'

Stephen Schecter - UQAM, Montréal, Canada.  
'Classics, Canons, Postmodernity and Phenomenology.'

Anthony S. Chen - University of California, Berkeley, USA  
'The rise of American postwar sociology.'

Mark Gottdiener - SUNY-Buffalo, USA  
'Is there a cumulative theory in urban sociology?'

Loet Leydesdorff - Department of Science & Technology Dynamics, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.  
'Luhmann, Habermas, and the Theory of Communication.'

Philippe Couton - McGill University, Institute for the Study of Canada, Montréal, Canada.  
'Durkheim on Montesquieu and Rousseau: Consequences for Contemporary Systems Theory.'

Ken Morrison - Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada.  
'The Preference of the Text in the Shift to scientific Narration in Durkheim's Suicide: Toward a Sociology of Knowledge.'

Theresa Wobbe - Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.  
'The power of the sociological tradition: the case of social differentiation and gender differentiation.'

## **12. East European Traditions in Sociology**

*Chair:* Hans-Peter Müller, Center for European Studies, New York University, USA.

*Speakers:*

Wsevolod Isajiw - University of Toronto, Canada  
'Central Figures of the Early 20th Century Ukrainian Sociological Thought: "Mesial Integralism" of Bohdan Kistiakowsky and Viacheslav Lypynsky.'

Zoltan Tarr - 134 West 93rd Street, New York, USA.  
'Social Discourses in Vienna and Budapest on Ethnicity and Nationalism.'

Genevieve Zubrzycki - University of Chicago, USA  
'On the Polish National Discourse.'

Nicolai Genov - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria  
'Transformation Risks: Conceptualizing Past, Present and Future in Central and Eastern Europe.'

Anele Vosyliute - Lithuanian Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Vilnius, Lithuania  
'The Features of the Lithuanian Sociology's History'

### **13. The history of the use of sociological concepts in sociological research**

*Chair:* Martin Bulmer - University of Surrey, Guildford, UK

*Speakers:*

Augusto De Venanzi - Central University of Venezuela  
'The Concept of Poverty in Sociological Research. The Case of Latin America'

Patricia Lengermann - The George Washington University and Jill Niebrugge-Brantley,  
Wells College, Washington DC, USA  
'The Concept of Domination in Classical Feminist Sociology'

Jean-Michel Chapoulie - École Normale Supérieure de Fontenay Saint-Cloud, France.  
'The Strange Career of the notion of Social Class in the Chicago tradition of Sociology.'

Karen O'Reilly and David Rose - ESRC Centre for the Study of Micro-Social Change,  
University of Essex, Colchester, UK  
'Conceptualizing Social Divisions: the ESRC Review of UK Government Social  
Classifications, 1911-2001.'

William Phillips - Social Science Division, Widener University, Chester, PA, U.S.A.  
'The Concept of "Community" in Urban Theory and Research since 1920.'

Alissa Levine - McGill University, Montréal, Canada  
'Psychoanalytic Influences of the Construction of Female Sexual Response.'

Tim May - University of Durham, UK  
'Reflexivity in the Age of Reconstructive Social Science.'

Magoroh Maruyama, Aomori Graduate School, Aoyama Gakuin University, Japan  
'The Limitations of the Concept of Homogeneity in Sociology.'

### **14. General session 2: General theory: historical perspectives**

*Chair:* Christopher Adair-Toteff, American University in Bulgaria

*Speakers:*

Keith Doubt - Division of Social Science, Truman State University, Missouri USA  
'The Hegelian critique of "Habits".'

Bote de Jong - Goudlaan 43, Groningen, The Netherlands  
'Ideology: some trends in the development of a sociological concept.'  
Erhard Stölting - Universität Potsdam, Wirtschafts-und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät,  
Germany  
'Robert Michels: a sociology formed by deception.'

Vera Vratusa-Zunjic - Faculty of Philosophy, Dept. of Sociology, Beograd, Yugoslavia

‘The dominant historical paradigm change in the social and historic context.’



## **RCHS World Congress Dinner**



Our dinner will be held at Chez Queux (158 St-Paul est), a recommended French restaurant in old Montréal, on the evening of Tuesday July 28th; all members and their guests are warmly invited to this genial and gastronomic occasion. There will be a three-course menu with a limited range of choice: Salade panachée (mixed salad) or Terrine de campagne et condiments (homemade pâté and seasoning); Suprême de chapon forestière (capon breast with mushroom sauce), Saumon frais braisé au Chablis (Fresh salmon braised with Chablis) or a vegetarian option; Le framboisier (chocolate and raspberries) or crème brûlée à l’orange confite (Burnt custard with glazed orange), followed by tea or coffee. The price will be about 30.50 \$Canadian, and you will be responsible for paying in addition for your own drinks. Payment will be made individually at the restaurant.

If you would like to attend this dinner, please complete the coupon below and send it to reach Jennifer Platt *by no later than June 30*. The restaurant needs to know the numbers attending, so if you return a form it is essential that you let it be known in advance if you do not in the end plan to come; it cannot be guaranteed that there will be room for late applicants.



### **Dinner Chez Queux, Tuesday July 28th 1998**



I would like to attend this dinner; the number of people in my party will be.....

Our preferred main courses would be: suprême de chapon forestière.....

Saumon frais braisé au Chablis.....

Vegetarian option.....

Name:.....

Address:.....

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## **Statutes of RCHS**

### **I. Purpose**

The RCHS was established by the International Sociological Association (ISA) in order to develop international contacts among scholars engaged in studying the history of sociology,

to promote research in this field, and to encourage the international dissemination of such research. To this end the RCHS organises international conferences and seminars, and publishes a Newsletter which is circulated to all members.

## II. Membership

(i) Membership in the RCHS is open to all members of national sociological associations, members of research institutes affiliated with the ISA, and individual scholars who have demonstrated their interest in the area through teaching and/or research activities.

(ii) An individual becomes a member with full voting rights and other privileges of membership upon acceptance of his/her application by the Executive Council of the RCHS and payment of biennial dues.

(iii) Biennial dues, as determined by the Executive Council from time to time, are payable to the Secretary of the RCHS.

## III Meetings

The RCHS will hold conferences and seminars, and also a business meeting on the occasion of the quadrennial World Congress of Sociology, and one or more other conferences in the intervals between World Congresses.

## IV Governing Body

(i) An Executive Council, consisting of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and 10 members, shall be the executive organ of the RCHS.

(ii) The Executive Council shall be elected from and by the membership.

## V Elections

(i) Election of the Executive Council shall be by mail ballot conducted during the year preceding the quadrennial meetings.

(ii) Ballots will be sent to the members on the Secretary's list of members in good standing .

(iii) The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast will be deemed elected to each office.

(iv) An election shall be valid if more than one third of the membership votes.

(v) The term of office shall be 4 years. The President and the Vice -Presidents shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office for the immediately succeeding term. The other members of the Executive Council may continue in office for a second term, if nominated and re-elected. After two consecutive terms of service, they are eligible to continue to serve on the Council only in the offices of President and Vice-President. After a term without service in office, members are again eligible for election to any office.

(vi) Nominations will be made by the membership through a mailed nomination to the Secretary. All members nominated in accordance with article III.v and who accept nomination shall be presented as candidates for election.

## VI Representation on the ISA Research Council

The President of the RCHS shall be the delegate to the Research Council, with the Secretary of the RCHS as alternate.

## VII Revision of the Statutes

(i) These Statutes may be submitted to the membership upon petition of twenty members to the President or a resolution of the Executive Council.

(ii) Revision requires approval by a majority (51%) of the whole membership in a mail ballot.



These Statutes should probably be revised, both to keep up with evolving RCHS practice and to keep in line with changes in the larger ISA. For instance, biennial dues ended long ago, and we now have one-year and four-year rates. (That was in line with the ISA, but is now out of date in that it no longer has the one-year rate.) ISA rules now specify that only paid-up members of the ISA are eligible for nomination to the EC, but our Statutes have not noticed this. It is noticeable, too, that no provision is made for the care of the RC's funds, or for reporting on the accounts - or indeed on anything else - to the membership. It is proposed to have a discussion of any desirable revisions at the Montreal Business Meeting, so that the EC may then draft detailed proposals on any point where opinion suggests that is appropriate, for submission to the membership.



## Recent publications by members



- Lars Clausen 'Tönnies in Toronto', Christian-Albrechts Universität Soziologische Berichte 24, Kiel, 1997 (with Cornelius Bickell)
- Felicitas Doerr-Backes (+ L. Nieder) eds. Georg Simmel Between Modernity and Postmodernity, Koenigshausen and Neumann, Würzburg, 1995.
- Johan Heilbron ed. The Rise of the Social Sciences and the Formation of Modernity: Conceptual Change in Context 1750-1850 (Sociology of the Sciences Yearbook XX), Kluwer, Dordrecht/Boston 1998 (with L. Magnusson & B. Wittrock).
- Johan Heilbron 'French moralists and the anthropology of the modern era: on the genesis of the notions of interest and commercial society', pp.77-106 in  
Simon Hopper 'Fragmentation, social theory and feminism: sociology in the UK', pp.283-5, Contemporary Sociology 26, 1997 (with Jennifer Platt).
- Patricia Lengermann & Jill Niebrugge-Brantley The Women Founders: Sociology and Social Theory 1830-1930, McGraw-Hill 1998.
- Orlando Lentini La Scienza sociale storica di Immanuel Wallerstein, F. Angeli, Milan, 1998.
- Ken Morrison Marx Durkheim Weber: Formations of Modern Social Thought, Sage, 1995.
- Raffaele Rauty Anticipazioni: Percorsi della ricerca sociale statunitense tra il xix ed il xx secolo, Gentile, Salerno, 1997.
- 'Uniti nello spirito', Introduction to Italian translation of Society and Metropolis (pp. vii-l in Società e Metropoli: La Scuola Sociologica di Chicago, Donzelli, Roma, 1997).
- Antoine Savoye 'Les enquêtes sur les budgets familiaux: la famille au microscope', in ed. Y. Cohen and R. Baudouï, Les chantiers de la paix sociale (1900-1940), ENS Éditions, Fontenay/Saint Cloud.
- Per Wisselgren 'Sociologin som inte blev av? Gustav Steffen och tidig svensk socialvetenskap' [The sociology that was never established? Gustav Steffen

and early modern Swedish social science], pp. 75-116, Sociologisk Forskning 2/3 1997.

## News and Notes

In Freiburg from 14-18 September 1998 there will be a meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie, the Österreichische Gesellschaft für Soziologie and the Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Soziologie. At this meeting the section 'Sozial- und Ideengeschichte der Soziologie' of the DGS will be organising two sessions, jointly with the section 'Geschichte der Soziologie' of the ÖGS. They will be on 'Die Bedeutung des Protestantismus für die Entstehung der modernen Welt - Max Weber und Ernst Troeltsch' and 'Amerikanisierung der deutschsprachigen Soziologie nach 1945?' For further information, please contact either Prof. Dr. Carsten Klingemann, Universität Osnabrück, Fachbereich Sozial-wissenschaften, Seminarstrasse 33, D - 49069 Osnabrück, or Prof. Dr. Peter-Ulrich Merz-Benz, Universität Zürich, Soziologisches Institut, Rämistrasse 69, CH - 8001 Zürich.

An international conference, with invited participants, is being held in Lublin in September on 'Florian Znaniecki's Sociological Theory and the Challenges of the 21st Century'. This year marks the 40th anniversary of his death, and the 80th anniversary of the publication of The Polish Peasant in Europe and America. In Znaniecki's approach the sociology of knowledge is closely bound to the theory of social action. The conference aims to contribute to the integration of the heritage of the 20th century by exploring the relevance of his stance in the now largely forgotten methodological debate of the 1930s to vital contemporary problems. It is hoped to publish a book arising from the conference papers.

The 17th annual conference of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences (née Cheiron Europe) will be held at the University of Durham, England, on Aug. 28 - Sept. 1. Papers are invited on any aspect of the history or historiography of the human sciences, and should be submitted by April 30. Further details from the local organiser, James Good, Dept. of Psychology, University of Durham, Science Laboratories, South Rd., Durham DH1 3LE; fax +44 191 3747474, e mail [j.m.m.good@durham.ac.uk](mailto:j.m.m.good@durham.ac.uk)

The 30th annual meeting of Cheiron will be held at the University of San Diego, California, on June 18 - 21. By the time this newsletter reaches you it will be too late to submit papers. The local organiser is Prof. S. Gelb, School of Education, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, CA 92110-2492, USA; fax, (619) 260-6835, e mail [sgelb@acusd.edu](mailto:sgelb@acusd.edu)

The centennial of the publication of Durkheim's Le Suicide was celebrated by a meeting organised by the Polish Sociological Association in Warsaw in November 1997. Three papers were given: Jerzy Szacki discussed what was new and what was not new in Le Suicide, Antoni Sulek spoke on Le Suicide as a living classic of empirical sociology, and Maria Jarosz showed how Durkheim's ideas can be applied to the analysis of suicides in contemporary Poland. A Polish translation of Le Suicide is being planned.

Changes of address: Dr. Susanne Lang's address is now Hansastrasse 60, D 20144 Hamburg, Germany; e mail, [PuhLang@aol.com](mailto:PuhLang@aol.com)  
Terry N. Clark's e mail number is now [tnclark@midway.uchicago.edu](mailto:tnclark@midway.uchicago.edu)

## Members' Work in Progress

Anna Larsson Ken Morrison	The establishment of Swedish sociology in the 1940s and 1950s. Conceptual history of Durkheim's formulation of the egoistic-altruistic types of suicide.
Stephen Schecter applied	Explanation of postmodernity as a mode of social reproduction, to the debates in 20C sociology.
Per Wisselgren history	The Lorèn Foundation (1885-1903) and the social question: the of modern social science in Sweden.

## New Members and their Interests

*The purpose of this list is to enable members with related interests to contact each other. If new members have not yet sent any information, they are not listed here. Anyone who has not done so is warmly invited to send details of their historical interests and work in progress for a future listing*

Felicitas Doerr-Backes	Simmel, Weber and interpretive sociology (Dept of Sociology, University of München, Konradstrasse 6, 80801 München, Germany.)
Wsevolod Isajiw	East European sociology; general sociological theory.( Dept of Sociology, University of Toronto, 203 College St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1P9.
Anna Larsson	Societal expectations and receptions of sociology as a new discipline (Dept of History of Science and Ideas, Umeå universitet, S-901 87 Umeå, Sweden)
Alissa Levine	Influence of ideas on the general masses; psychoanalytic influences on construction of the concept of female sexual response. (4114 rue St-Hubert, Montréal, Québec, H2L 4A8 Canada)
Lois Monteiro	Medical, Florence Nightingale (Dept. of Community Health, Box G-A4, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912, USA).
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