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## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

There has been a lot of action and interesting correspondence this fall for our committee. I finished a chapter on family studies, "Social Transformations and the Future of Family Theory, Research and Programs" for the new book Arnaud Sales is editing for the Research council this September. Various committees are looking ahead in each of the areas in sociology.

We have made some changes to the CFR XXXVIII seminar for spring. Because of some unforeseen problems with arrangements in North Carolina we are moving the meeting to Delaware. The situation here will be quite pleasant although we are afraid to promise that spring will be in full glory. At least the daffodils will be out. The Department of Individual and Family Studies and the Center for Community Development and Family Policy at the University of Delaware will be co-sponsoring the seminar. There are still openings to participate and we will accept participants up to thirty in order to have a single session for us to hear all papers and presentations as a single group. (See separate announcement for all the details.)

Bernard Nauck was in contact with me about the papers from the Berlin meeting that focused on migrant and minority families and immigration issues. While we were not able to accept all papers submitted, we are going to be able to publish all that were appropriate for the Journal of Comparative Family Studies. They are publishing both a thematic issue and the other papers in the regular journal. Right now we are pursuing the translation of the abstracts into Spanish and French. We are grateful to Dr. Nauck for following through on this complex project so promptly.

When I was attending the National Council for Family Relations at Minneapolis in November I had a chance to catch up with some of long-term members and to meet some potential contributors. Carol Harvey, who was our program chairperson, at the ISA World Congress in Montreal in 1998 has been busy developing several publication projects based on papers and presentations made at the CFR sessions there and invited chapters. Two books have been published and a guest section of the International Review of Sociology will be forthcoming. (See separate announcement for details on who was involved and the titles and publishers). It takes a lot of effort and negotiation to put together publication of papers from meeting both by the authors' revisions and the

editors' input to style and organization of the papers. Finding an appropriate publication outlet for our diverse and interdisciplinary work is a major challenge, too. I believe that Dr. Harvey is quite satisfied with the outcome although it was a tremendous amount of work and some expense on her own to make it happen. From the perspective of the CFR it is an excellent set of products and a dissemination of the CFR/ISA Congress far beyond the original reach of the meeting.

I also went to the international section meeting of the NCFR and enjoyed their many members who share our objectives and some who belong to our group as well. Gary R. Lee, Ph.D., Bowling Green State University, received the Jan Trost Award for outstanding contributions to comparative family studies. Among those I had an opportunity to visit with was Yoav Lavee from Israel who brought us up to date on the situations they are facing and noted the complexity, which does not always come through in the everyday news. The program had several events of interest to our objectives. Dr. Stephanie Coontz, Professor of History and Family Studies at Evergreen State University, opened the meeting with a moving and well supported presentation "Time after time: Recurring family myths, changing family realities." Dr. Alejandro Portes, is Professor of Sociology at Princeton and past president of the American Sociological Association based his presentation on his long and deep research on immigration in context. He looked at current second generation US whose parents were immigrants and their choices and lives entitled "Public ideologies toward immigrants and the adaptation of the new second generation." Both of these presentations are available on audio and videotape from NCFR (e-mail <[ncfr3989@ncfr.org](mailto:ncfr3989@ncfr.org)> or [www.ncfr.org](http://www.ncfr.org)). Another exciting experience was a play that was done in honor of the memory of John McAdoo and to raise money for the John McAdoo Award Fund. The presentation was at the Penumbra Theatre, "The trial of one shortsighted black women versus Mamy Louise and Safreeta Mae" is a provocative post-modern comedy that deals with history and current issues of African-American women in the United States today. (Dr. Harriette P. McAdoo is CFR member and presented at our seminar in South Africa.)

Moving ahead to think about our plans for the future, I also met with two colleagues from Australia. Robyn Parker of the Australian Institute of Family Studies came to the Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop of NCFR to discuss the challenges a national survey of families in Australia with a panel from the US who are in process of designing such a project. She

will be looking into possibilities for collaboration. Patricia Noller, Ph.D. is a professor of psychology and director of the University of Queensland Family Centre. She presided at a TCRM session reported on research emotional responses of violent and nonviolent couples in conflict interaction. Pat helped me to get a better picture of the opportunities and facilities in Brisbane and we plan to follow up with some interesting events for the International Sociological Association Congress in 2002.

I am pleased that so many of our activities have a larger impact and hope we can continue to build an effective and responsive CFR for the future. Best wishes for a productive new year 2001 (and the new Millennium).

## **HONORARY PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

The Swedish Sociological Association has just celebrated a 40-year anniversary at Uppsala. To look at the program is kind of interesting from a family perspective. There was no session out of the 15 themes, some with several sessions, called anything with a connotation to family studies.

What does this mean? Most of the participants are colleagues with a fairly new Ph.D. or they are doctoral candidates, few full professors. Are they not interested in family studies?

When looking at the titles of the presentations in the program the picture is quite different. For example, in a set of sessions on gender perspectives one can find paper presentations like *Sociological Theory on Family Cohesion and Separations*, *Family Life and Work Life on the "New Work Force"*, and *Special Money in Families' Perceptions of Ownership, Entitlement and Ownership*.

And in the sessions on sociology of health one can find presentations like *Reaching and Listening: Sexually Abused Street Children*.

Do we have a tendency to redefine the contents of scholarly studies, research, and education in the Western world? Clearly, so seems to be the case in Sweden. If what happened in Uppsala is indicative of changes going on elsewhere and also about the future, family sociology as a scientifically labeled field might disappear. But family studies will go on to be an important field even if hidden under other labels.

Even if some labels are changing and some research is carried out under other umbrellas than that of family sociology, the colleagues as well as their research is welcome in the CFR. Many of the research committees, like ours, have many members who come from other disciplines than sociology. That's excellent from my perspective – and in line with the statutes of the ISA as well as of those of the CFR. All members of the CFR do not have to be sociologists and all do not have to classify themselves as family sociologists. What's important is that they work with and/or are interested in our field of studies.

## **FROM THE SECRETARY**

At the time of finishing this Gazette, the membership number of the CFR has reached 292. Out of these there are some, who have not paid, 18 should have paid in 1999 and 13 in 2000. You can see when your membership is due on the address on the envelope. Those who have not paid, please send me a cheque in USD 40.- for the four year period or USD 10.- for students or send NKR 360:- or students NKR: 80:- to

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If you do not want to continue your membership of CFR, please contact me on the e.mail: Irene.Levin@oks.hio.no

## **NEW BOARD IN BRISBANE**

The board of the CFR is elected every four years. The take over happens traditionally at the world congresses of the ISA. Next year will be the year of the world congress, which will be held in Brisbane, Australia, July 7-13, 2002. A nomination's committee has been working and last year it gave us a slate of nominees.

A ballot for elections was sent to all members of the CFR early in the fall of 2000. Deadline for receiving ballots was the last day of December. Out of the almost 300 members as many as 53 voted in due time. The election was very even with all the nominees. One had to cast a dice between Benjamin Schlesinger and Ria Smit. If anyone wants the exact numbers of votes, please contact the secretary. The board of the CFR from Brisbane until the summer of 2006 will be:

President	Bernhard Nauck, Germany
Vice President	Chin-Chun Yi, Taiwan
Secretary/Treasurer	Irene Levin, Norway
members at large	Ruth Katz, Israel
	Rudolf Richter, Austria
	Benjamin Schlesinger, Canada

## FORTHCOMING SEMINARS

The **XXXVIII CFR Seminar** will be held in Newark, Delaware, USA, March 28-31, 2001.

Barbara Settles and Barbara James will chair the program details and Robert Settles will chair the local arrangements. Several CFR and NCFR international section members locally will be included in the program and local arrangements committee.

The theme will be "Families as They Interact with Care Giving Institutions". This theme is openly construed to include care giving institutions such as: health, medical, educational, legal, religious, elder, child and special needs services, in-home services, work place benefits and services, informal support groups and kinship care, and community based services and prevention programs. Focusing on the interface of families with organizations that provide information, diagnosis, services, and support in care giving will be broadly conceptualized. Of course new approaches to medical and health services are central to many of the new responsibilities families are being asked to assume.

However similar issues are occurring in education, work, insurance and benefits, leisure, and community interfaces with families. New sources of information and misinformation and communication innovations are also challenging families in their decision-making and care giving processes. Ethical concerns and informed consent issues abound both for the family caregivers and the professional community. Breakthroughs in treatment and intervention pose many new questions for families and professionals. Differences in policies, programs and interventions in cross-national comparisons are particularly helpful for our discussion. Both theoretical and research/practice papers are

appropriate. Abstracts of papers are being reviewed and processed as received and will be accepted until the seminar is filled. The seminar is limited to 30 participants so that the meeting can be held as a single session and everyone can hear each other's papers and participate in discussions.

#### Local Arrangements:

The seminar will meet at the University of Delaware using their facilities. While it is not so sure to be really spring, usually there are spring flowers and a hint of spring by that time. A block of rooms is reserved at the Embassy Suite Hotel in Newark, Delaware at a reasonable rate. (The hotel is opposite the south campus sports facilities and a reasonable walk, 1 km, to main campus.) They are priced at a flat rate (149.00 + 8% tax = \$162) per room with occupancy from a single up to four adults. Each suite has a microwave and refrigerator and 2 large TVs. Included in the room rate is a cooked to order breakfast for all staying at the hotel, and an evening complementary manager's bar in the lobby with two drinks and snacks. An indoor pool, Jacuzzi and a fitness room are available from 6 AM to 10 PM.

The conference fee will be \$200 for CFR members and \$250 for CFR non-members and includes the other food (Dinner on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; Lunch on Thursday, Friday and Saturday) and the conference expenses. You would be responsible for your own hotel expenses and travel expenses to Newark Delaware. Newark served by the Philadelphia International Airport and there is limo/shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. Additional information will be sent to those when their abstracts are accepted. All questions, inquires and correspondence should be sent to:

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The **XVth World Congress of Sociology** will be held in Brisbane, Australia, July 7-13, 2002. The CFR plans for a pre- or post-seminar in Melbourne

The general theme is *The Social World in the Twentyfirst Century: Ambivalent Legacies and Rising Challenges*. Among of a lot of other activities there will be five plenary "thematic sessions":

Inequity and Exclusion

Knowledge, Creativity and Communication

Sexuality, Families and Forms of Intimacy



The Ambivalence of Social Change  
Difference and Politics.

The CFR will have sixteen sessions.

The Program Committee consists of:

Chair: Rudolf Richter

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John Eriksen (Norway)

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Bernhard Nauck (Germany)

Ben Schlesinger (Canada)

Barbara H. Settles (USA)

Rita Smit (South Africa)

Jan Trost (Sweden)

Linda Henley Walters (USA) and

Chin Chun Yi (Taiwan)

We would like all the members of CFR now to feel encouraged to participate in the world congress in an active way. Anybody who wants to organize a session or a joint session should as soon as possible contact Rudolf Richter, e-mail adress: [cfr.sociologie@univie.ac.at](mailto:cfr.sociologie@univie.ac.at).

With this information the programme committee will put together the session topics and distribute a final call for papers not later than May 31st. More information on the World congress can be found at:  
<http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/congress2002/>

## NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Three major publications have been prepared based on papers delivered at the CFR section meetings in Montreal.

**Harvey, Carol D.** (2000). *Walking a tightrope: Meeting the challenges of work and family*. London: Ashgate.

This book has six chapters, five of which were papers presented at the ISA CFR section in Montreal. These are by Johanna Lammi-Taskula, Finland, on combining work and fatherhood in Finland, by Mikael Nordenmark, Sweden, on unemployment and family life, by Joris Ghysels, Belgium, on the influence of family type on work in Denmark, Belgium and Spain, by Ria Smit, South Africa, on the husbands in White Afrikaner families, and by Chin-Chun Li, Yu-Hsia Lu, and Yun-Kang Pan, Taiwan, on family power in Taiwan and China. Publication details are on the web site of the publisher: [www.ashgate.com](http://www.ashgate.com)

**Harvey, Carol D.** (2001, forthcoming). *Maintaining our differences: Minority families within multicultural societies*. London: Ashgate.

Of the five chapters, four were written by presenters at the congress. They are on Old Order Mennonites by John Peters, Canada, on conservative Christian mothers in the US by Darren Skerkat, USA, on South Asian Muslims in Britain by Fatima Husain and Margaret O'Brien, UK, and on class, culture and household structure by Susan Ziehl, South Africa.

It has been announced that the guest section of the International Review of Sociology, edited by Mino Vianello in Rome, will be published, *Families reinventing themselves*. It will have articles by John Eriksen, Norway, on cohabitation and family policy, Roberta Goldberg, USA, on adoption, Marina Ariza and O. de Oliveira, Mexico, on non-residential family formation in the Caribbean and Europe, A. Abela, Malta, on divorce and marriage values in Malta and Western Europe, and B. Bawin-Legros and A. Gauthier, Belgium, on intimacy of couples living apart together.

**Irene Levin** has been promoted to full professor at the Graduate School for Social Work and Research at Oslo University College, Oslo, Norway.

**Melinda Mills** has published the book: *The Transformation of Partnerships. Canada, the Netherlands and the Russian Federation in the Age of Modernity.* Amsterdam: Thela Thesis Population Studies Series. 2000.

**Caroline Le Navenec's** web site is. <http://westwood.fortunecity.com/calvin/612>

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