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The European Sociological Association

History

The European Sociological Association's first conference in Vienna in August 1992 attracted 631 sociologists from East, West, North and South Europe, and from a total of 33 countries. The conference was organised by both international and local programme committees with the cooperation of 38 panel organisers from 19 different European countries. Papers from this lively and successful conference are about to be published.

It was at this conference that a meeting of representatives from the national sociological associations of Europe and other interested parties endorsed the desire to form a European Sociological Association and charged a Steering Committee with the task of building this.

This Steering Committee of around 20 people drawn from all corners of Europe has been meeting regularly over the last two years drafting Statutes and planning activities. The members of the Steering Committee have been: Sylvia Walby, University of Bristol (Chair); Thomas P. Boje, Roskilde University (Finance & Membership); Bart van Steenberg, University of Utrecht (Conference); Ildiko Hrubos, Budapest University of Economics (Conference); Giandomenico Amendola, University of Bari (Statutes); Martin Kohli, Frei Universität Berlin (Research Networks); Bernard Kruithof, SISWO, Amsterdam (Mobility); Robert Miller, Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland (Bulletin); Ursula Müller, University of Bielefeld, Germany (Research Networks); Christine Antonopoulou, University of Athens; Elena Bashkirova, Institute of Sociology, Russian Academy of Sciences; Anette Borchorst, University of Aarhus; Eva Cyba, Institute for Advanced Studies, Wien; Sabine Erbes-Seguín, GRASS-IRESCO, Paris; Ayse Güneş-Ayata, Middle East

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The draft Statutes and other information were sent to national sociological associations for comment. At the International Sociological Association XIIIth World Congress in Bielefeld on 18 July this year another meeting of national representatives of European sociological associations unanimously endorsed the Statutes of the Association and its programme of activities.

Aims

The European Sociological Association (ESA) aims to facilitate sociological research, teaching and communication on European issues.

Europe is being transformed: national and ethnic national groups are both integrating (within the European Union) and fragmenting (war in central Europe); the relations between women and men are changing rapidly, with women gaining citizenship in some countries and becoming impoverished in others.

Sociologists have currently no forum in which to discuss changes at a European level, being organised on either a national or global scale. The new European Sociological Association seeks to fill this gap, with debates about European questions in a European forum.

The European Sociological Association has been formed at a moment of major changes in Europe, in the context of the changes in East-West relations consequent on the revolutions of 1989-90, and increasing integration among those European nations

which are members of the European Union. The changing social relations between women and men, as well as those between diverse national and ethnic groups, are a further major focus for European sociology. The ESA will focus on sociological analysis of Europe, rather than being a forum of European sociologists. It was felt that Sociology needed a European association, to facilitate sociological debate at a European level, in parallel with those of many other social sciences. While there are several other developments among sociologists on a European level these networks were by design restricted in scope and membership: we need a broad open forum for debate.

Conferences

Conferences, to be held every second year, will be the main focus of the European Sociological Association. The second conference of the European Sociological Association will be held in Budapest August 28-September 2 1995 around the theme 'European societies: fusion or fission'. This theme reflects the divergent dynamics of an increase in the significance of ethnic and national projects and identities on the one hand, and increasing economic and political integration of the European Union via the Single European market and Social Chapter following the Maastricht Treaty on the other. The conference will have five main sub-themes: nationalism, ethnicity and racism; gender and class (in)equality; gender, citizenship and the welfare state; models of transition and transformation; culture. About 50 sociologists drawn from all parts of Europe will co-ordinate the selection of papers for 25 groups of sessions. We print here a call for papers.

Newsletter

This newsletter of the European Sociological Association, *European Sociologist*, appearing three times a year, will become our major means of communication with sociologists of Europe: containing details of the developing structure of the organisation, including news of an evolving net of research networks; news of

conferences, seminars and events; regular features such as opportunities for funding and occupational mobility in a European context and so forth. An electronic "bulletin board" version of the newsletter is under discussion.

Research Groups

Research groups on specific themes will be formed within the association. Some ideas have already been put forward and more suggestions are welcome. We will take decisions on these at the conference in Budapest.

Membership

We are now in a position to welcome individual members of the association. Membership is open to the broad categories of all individuals who 'actively contribute to the scientific development of sociological knowledge in or on Europe'. There are three kinds of members: regular, affiliated and students.

Regular membership is open to scholars who either:

- carry out sociological research
- teach sociology
- have sociological jobs
- are members of European national sociological associations
- have academic degrees and training in sociology

An application form and further details are printed within.

Governance

The Statutes provide for the European Sociological Association to be governed by an Executive Committee whose selection reflects a balance between two constituencies: individual members participating through the biannual conferences; and the national associations of Sociology whose representatives form a Council. We wish to avoid the bureaucracy of some larger international associations and have direct input from individual members at the conference, while recognising the importance of national associations in maintaining broad representative links. We print the full Statutes in this number.

Future

The European Sociological Association can only be what its members wish. We hope that the biennial conferences will be the key event for sociologists who are actively seeking to understand changes in European societies. The forthcoming conference in Budapest provides an opportunity for participation in deciding the future direction of the sociology of Europe.

Sylvia Walby
Chair, European Sociological Association

Where the Action Is: Research Networks in the ESA

The research networks will be an essential part of the intellectual life of the ESA. They will be the groups "where the action is": confrontation between different approaches; comparison between societies and between national sociological traditions; continued discussion and collaboration. They will organize regular meetings among their members and other interested sociologists and will have a key role in preparing the program of the large ESA conference.

In this respect, the ESA follows the good practice of the International Sociological Association and many national sociological associations, where research networks are usually the most important institutional infrastructure. Research networks are focussed sufficiently to enable and motivate people really to work with each other. They meet more frequently than is possible within the framework of general conferences and meetings tend to be much smaller, and thus more suited to intellectual debate.

The new ESA Statutes provide for research networks to be proposed by a minimum of ten members from at least three different countries and to be approved by the Executive Committee. In all other

organizational and substantive matters, it is anticipated that the research networks will have the liberty to proceed as they see fit. However, certain criteria for approving research networks are rather obvious:

research networks should be set up so that they can continue to work productively over a long period. This requires topics or foci that are not narrow and specific to passing fads. Topics should generate sustained interest from different perspectives and on different levels. At the same time, it is expected that at least some research networks will have a limited goal envisioned from their beginning and deliberately will cease operations after a definite span. Similarly, it is inevitable that some research networks will sooner or later stop being productive; and in that case they should be discontinued;

the goals of the ESA privilege those topics which bear directly on Europe as an emerging social, cultural, political and economic entity, or on comparative research among European societies. This means that the ESA will not necessarily cover the whole range of sociological themes. Still, most of the core sub-fields of sociological research should be represented;

some of the the International Sociological Association Research Committees have active European sub-groups, and these might be a starting point for some ESA research networks. However, we will not want to duplicate too highly the differentiated organizational apparatus of the ISA (with at present 47 Research Committees plus seven Working Groups and six Thematic Groups). The ESA will need to remain considerably more selective.

Research networks will be instituted formally by the Executive Committee to be elected at the Budapest conference. Until then, formal decisions on research networks are neither possible nor desirable. But proposals for research networks are welcome now. Also, we hope that some of the working group sessions at the Budapest conference will develop into research networks.

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ES ? LOGO competition

*could you ...
design a LOGO?*

for *European Sociologist*
& the European
Sociological Association

You will note that the "masthead" of the bulletin has its title, but no logo. When the Steering Committee last met during the summer, it agreed that the ESA should have a logo. No one, however, was artistically inspired enough to create an appropriate design. The Steering Committee did decide to initiate a competition open to anyone who wished to attempt a logo. If you wish to try your hand, please submit your entry by the end of the year. All that is required is a black ink drawing and/or digitized graphic. A sub-group of the Steering Committee will judge all entries. The lucky winner will be announced in *European Sociologist* and will receive the satisfaction of seeing their design appear on the stationary used by the European Sociological Association and at the top of each number of *European Sociologist*. The winner will also receive a very good bottle of Irish whiskey.

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Second ESA Conference

“European Societies: Fusion or Fission”

Budapest, 30 August - 2 September 1995

First Announcement and Call for Papers

Introduction

The First European Sociological Conference took place in Vienna in August 1992. It is a pleasure for us to announce that the second European Sociological Conference will take place in Budapest from August 30 to September 2 1995.

This first announcement of the conference will give information on: the general theme; the themes of the plenaries, semi-plenaries and working groups; the time table; etc.

This announcement is meant to inform interested academics about the development of this conference, to advise them to block the dates in their calendar and to give them an opportunity to show interest by early registration and/or by sending in abstracts of proposed papers. (See below on 'call for papers').

General Theme

The theme of the conference is: 'European societies, fusion or fission'.

It is a commonplace to say that European societies are in a stage of transition or transformation. This is most obvious for the countries of central and eastern Europe but is certainly also true for the welfare states of western Europe. Naturally it is impossible for us to forecast the outcome of this process (or better these processes), but what we, as sociologists, might do, is detect the basic societal forces behind them. Borrowing terms from nuclear physics, many, if not most, of these

processes can be brought under the general rubric of the tension between 'fusion' and 'fission'. In a social sense, fusion may refer to the related processes of integration, unity and convergence; whereas 'fission' deals with the opposite: divergence, pluriformity, disintegration and diversity.

Naturally the conjunction 'or' between the two concepts should not be taken literally. We deal here with oppositional tendencies which in many areas of societal life are taking place at the same time. Moreover an interesting question here is to what extent we deal with spontaneous processes, or with a form of steering from a center (for example, from Brussels). How much room is there for 'free choice' or are these processes determined by certain basic developments, such as the growing power of the market (capitalism as we used to call it), which are taking place in all European societies?

In order to make this theme a real *leitmotiv* for the conference each plenary and semi-plenary speaker will be invited to develop some reflexive thoughts on that tension between 'fusion' and 'fission' in the area or on the topic he or she is dealing with.

Let me illustrate this theme with the following examples:

Ideology.

Is there convergence in the sense of what Bell and recently Fukuyama forecasted towards a non-ideological form of (social?) liberalism in all European societies,

or are new ideologies emerging, creating a multi-color landscape where the colour "green" dominates? Moreover, what is the significance within this context of growing nationalism and racism?

Class.

Is the notion of a growing underclass, an increasing discrepancy between the top and the bottom of society, a so-called 'two third society', a general European phenomenon, or is this process taking place in some countries and are others more capable of keeping society integrated?

Welfare State.

Does the economic integration of the EU have implications for a so-called 'social Europe'? Is there convergence of welfare state regimes (Wilensky, de-Swaan) and will that be in the direction of a minimal welfare state? Or, is there still room for different types of welfare regimes (Esping Andersen)?

Culture.

Are we in Europe developing towards a sort of postmodern culture with great emphasis upon plurality of lifestyles and cultures or can we envisage more unity in this respect - a new European Renaissance or (a more negative picture) an American-influenced 'coca cola culture'?

The Subthemes

In order to have a certain structure in the conference five subthemes (or better clusters of topics) have been selected; each of these subthemes will function as a sort of umbrella for working groups with a certain elective affinity for each other and will have four or five working groups "under its wings". These subthemes will be discussed during the semi-plenary sessions. There is also a heading for 'other topics'. (It should be emphasized that the heading 'other topics' has no belittling intent. Rather it only signifies that the topics in that category do not fit easily under one of the other five headings.)

The selection of these subthemes is primarily based on the

question of whether we deal here with a real "burning problem", that is, an issue of significance in many if not most European societies. Moreover it is intended that these subthemes should be of an encompassing nature. In most cases there cannot be one single word which labels a subtheme.

Working Group Themes

The following working group themes were selected:

Cluster/Subtheme 1

(Nationalism: ethnicity, migration, social exclusion, racism and genocide)

- 1.1. Construction of National and Ethnic Identities.
- 1.2. Explanation and Consequences of the Rise of Nationalisms.
- 1.3. Inclusion and Exclusion in Europe.
- 1.4. Changing Patterns of Migration in Europe.

Cluster/Subtheme 2

(Class and gender (in)equality: industrial relations and employment, labour market, underclass and poverty (old and new), privatization)

- 2.1. Gender Relations and the Labour Market.
- 2.2. The New Underclass: A question of minorities and women?
- 2.3. New Structures of Employment: Industrial relations and privatization,
- 2.4. Social mobility: Integration or differentiation?

Cluster/Subtheme 3

(Citizenship and gender in relationship to the welfare state, civil society and the market.

- 3.1. Welfare Pluralism in Europe.
- 3.2. Gender, Citizenship and Social Policy.
- 3.3. Changing Demographic Structures and the Consequences for Citizenship (Aging in Europe).
- 3.4. Changes in the Relation of State and Market: Consequences for civil society.
- 3.5. Changes in Household/Family Structures.

Cluster/Subtheme 4

(Different models of social and economic transformation and transition in Europe and new forms of integration.)

- 4.1. Theorizing Structural Changes in Contemporary Europe.
- 4.2. Transition or Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe.
- 4.3. The Transformation of Rural Structures
- 4.4. Is the European Union Creating Convergence in Europe?
- 4.5. Ecology and Environmental issues in Europe.

Cluster/Subtheme 5

(Culture: (post)modernism, lifestyles, everyday life, urbanism and religion.)

- 5.1. Religion and Politics.
- 5.2. Postmodernism or Late Modernity?
- 5.3. Cultural Industries: The production of culture and information.
- 5.4. Consumption, Everyday Life and Urban Cultures.
- 5.5. Sexuality, Lifestyles and Politics.

Others 6.

- 6.1. Methodology: Comparative European research,
- 6.2. Biography and Society
- 6.3. Education and Gender in Europe.
- 6.4. Teaching Sociology in Europe.

As one can see from the programme (below) each working group will have a maximum of four sessions.

In general a decentralized procedure will be followed for the organisation of the content of a working group's sessions will be followed. Each working group will be organized by two conveners (preferably from different geographical regions) who will decide upon the precise topics of their meetings, select the papers that will be presented, nominate the people who will chair their sessions etc.

The Organisation of the Conference

The Budapest conference will have five types of sessions:

Full plenary sessions at the beginning and the end of the conference

Short plenary sessions. (late afternoon)

Semi-plenary sessions or subtheme sessions. (These sessions deal with the five subthemes in general terms)

Working group sessions.

- Panels or roundtable discussions.

The form of the conference will be as follows:

Tuesday August 29:
from 18.00 pm on - early registration.

Wednesday August 30:
8.30-10.30 am. Registration.

10.30. - 13.00. Grand Opening. Full plenary session, words of welcome by distinguished guests, keynote speakers.

13.00.-17.30. pm.: Semi-plenary/subtheme sessions (five), (three speakers in each session).

Late afternoon, early evening: reception.

Thursday August 31:
9.30.-12.00. am.: First round of working group sessions,

13.30.-16.00. pm.: Second round of working group sessions,

16.30.- 18.00. pm.: Short Plenary session.

Evening: Cultural Programme.

Friday September 1:
9.30.- 12.00. am.: Panel/Round table discussions

13.30.-16.00. pm.: Third round of working group sessions.

16.30.- 17.30. Short Plenary session.

17.45.- 19.30. General Assembly of the European Sociological Association

Saturday September 2:

9.30.- 11.00. am.: Fourth round of working group sessions.

11.30.-13.00. Closing of the Conference. Full plenary Session,

(Semi-) Plenary Speakers.

At this stage (September 1994), the following scholars have already agreed in principle to be a speaker in one of the plenary or semi-plenary sessions:

Göran Therborn (Sweden), Samuel Eisenstadt (Israel), Ivan Szelenyi (Hungary), Deniz Kandiyotti (UK), Margaret Bertilsson (Denmark), Rudolf Andorka (Hungary), Abraham de Swaan (Netherlands), Gyorgy Csepeli (Hungary), Godfried Engbersen (Netherlands). Others have been invited but have not yet given a definite reply.

Call for Papers

This first announcement is also a first call for papers.

The outline of a proposed paper should be sent and/or faxed to both: Imre Kovachs in Budapest (the Secretary of the Local Organizing Committee) and Bart van Steenbergen in Utrecht (Chair of the Programme Committee before January 1 1995).

These outlines will be sent to the Conveners who will decide whether the paper will be presented or a contributed paper for the conference.

The outlines should have the following form:

full title (in capitals),

full name of author(s) plus **institution(s)** and **country(ies)**,

proposed for working group:.....

abstract (350 words, no more than one page).

We regret that all of the conveners of the working groups have not yet been appointed so we cannot publish their names at this date.

Reproduction capacities in Budapest are limited. Each author is kindly requested to take multiple copies (a minimum of 30) of his or her paper to Budapest.

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Protocol of the Meeting of the ESA Council of National Associations of Sociology

Bielefeld, Germany
18 July 1994
17:30-19:00

Official representatives from nineteen European national sociological associations were present at the Council meeting:

Thomas P. Boje, Denmark; Jiri Burjanek, Czech Republic; Eva Cyba, Austria; Dusan Davidovic, Serbia; Ayse Güneş-Ayata, Turkey; Elina Haavio-Mannila, Westermarck Society, Finland; Ildiko Hrubos, Hungary; Maca Jogan, Slovenia; Teothosis Katsoulas, Greece; Martin Kohli, Germany; Maaren A Mentzel, Netherlands; Milan Mesic, Croatia; Robert Miller, Ireland; Janusz Mucha, Poland; Aldis Paulins, Latvia; Manuel Perez Yruela, Spain; Juraj Schenk, Slovakia; Ivan Velez, Bulgaria; Peeter Vihalemm, Estonia.

Minutes

1. The Constitution of the European Sociological Association - Statutes.

The Statutes were accepted unanimously. The European Sociological Association has been established formally.

2. Election of the Chairperson of the Council of National Associations of Sociology.

Thomas P. Boje, Danish Sociological Association, was proposed and elected.

3. Election of a Nomination Committee for the Executive Committee of the ESA.

Following the procedure laid out in the Statutes, nine persons were elected by the Council: Eva Cyba, Austrian Sociological Association; Ayse Güneş-Ayata, Turkish Sociological Association; Elina Haavio-Mannila, Westermarck Society, Finland; Ildiko Hrubos, Hungarian Sociological Association; Martin Kohli, German Sociological Association; Maaren A Mentzel, Dutch Sociological Association; Janusz Mucha, Polish Sociological Association; Manuel Perez Yruela, Spanish Sociological Association; Peeter Vihalemm, Estonian Sociological Association.

At a meeting of the Nomination Committee on Wednesday, 20th of July 1994, Elina Haavio-Mannila (Finland) was elected as Chairperson of the Nomination Committee.

The ESA Executive Committee will be elected at the time of the Second European Conference of Sociology at Budapest, August/September 1995. Proposals for candidates for the ESA Executive Committee should be sent to:

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or to any other member of the Nomination Committee.

— Thomas P. Boje

Statutes of the European Sociological Association

Article 1

We, European Sociologists, aware of the diversity and complexities of European societies, have decided to create an Association. Its name is the European Sociological Association (ESA). Its focus is the development of sociological knowledge. The Association will facilitate European sociological research, teaching and communication between sociologists and other scientists. It hopes that its work will contribute to understanding and solving social problems improving the quality of life in Europe and facilitating the co-operation of peoples. In this respect, the Association will cooperate with other sociological and non-sociological scientific association.

The ESA is a scientific, independent organisation, with no religious, political or any other kind of affiliation. The Association shall be conducted on a non-profit basis.

Article 2

The above objectives will be implemented through the holding of conferences, the promotion of research networks, the publication of newsletters and scientific journals and other scientific activities.

Membership

Article 3

Membership is open to scholars who actively contribute to the scientific development of sociological knowledge in or on Europe.

There are three kinds of members: regular, affiliated and students. Regular membership is open to scholars who do one of:

- carry out sociological research
- teach sociology
- have sociological jobs
- are members of European national sociological associations
- have academic degrees and training in sociology

Affiliate membership is open to academics in other disciplines who take an interest in the activities of the Association.

Student membership is open to all university level students in sociology and related subjects.-

The fee for every category of membership is determined by the Executive Committee.

Article 4

Institutional membership is open to all institutions which actively contribute to the development of sociological knowledge in or on Europe.

Article 5

The European national associations are represented by the Council of National Associations.

Governing Bodies

Article 6

The organs of the Association are:

- the General Assembly
- the Council of National Associations' representatives
- the Executive Committee
- the Research Networks
- the President

The General Assembly

Article 7

The General Assembly consists of individual members in good standing. It meets during the European Sociological conference, that has to be organised at least every four years. The functions of the General Assembly are:

- to formulate the general policy of the Association
- to elect the Executive committee
- to approve and change statutes and by-laws
- to discuss the activities report by the President of the Association and/or the outgoing Executive Committee
- to approve the treasurer's report

The General Assembly is called by the President, who announces the agenda six weeks in advance. The General Assembly may add new items to the agenda.

The Council of National Associations

Article 8

The ESA acknowledges the importance of the national associations of Sociology in accomplishing the objectives in Article 1.

A Council of National Associations of Sociology, formed by one representative of each European national association of Sociology, is established as a body of the ESA in order:

- to give suggestions and formulate proposals to the Executive Committee about the themes of the conference;
- to advise the Executive Committee about research policies in Europe and in the national and linguistic areas;
- to appoint the Nomination Committee for the election of the Executive Committee.

The national associations that will take part in the first meeting of the Council of national associations are the ones that met in 1992 in the Vienna conference to found the ESA (the list of their names is attached and is part of these Statutes).

The Council will decide on the admission of other European national associations.

The Council is chaired by one of the national representatives.

The chairperson of the Council will be elected by the Council for a three year term.

He/she calls the meeting of the Council and decides the agenda.

The chairperson of the Council takes part in the meetings of the Executive Committee without voting rights.

The Executive Committee

Article 9

The Executive Committee consists of sixteen (16) members, who elect from its members:

- the President
- a maximum of three Vice-Presidents
- a Treasurer
- a General Secretary

The period of service on the Executive Committee is to be a maximum of two terms, except for the President, who can serve no more than one term as a President.

Any vacancies in the Executive Committee will be filled by the next person with the highest number of votes. In the case of the vacancy of one of the offices in the Executive Committee, the Committee will elect someone to the position.

The functions of the Executive committee are:

- to implement policies and manage the Association's affairs in-between elections;
- to organise conferences and take care of the publications of the Association;
- to set the agenda for the plenary sessions and the General Assembly;
- to approve the creation of research networks;
- to formulate and approve the budget, to manage fund raising and to fix membership fees.

The Executive Committee deals with all remaining issues, except the ones related to amendments to statutes and by-laws.

The Executive Committee has the authority to decide whether the ESA joins other associations and organisations.

The Executive Committee may appoint non-standing Committees and ad hoc groups.

The Executive Committee will meet at least once between General Assemblies.

Duties of Officers

Article 10

The President represents the ESA at all events. He/she chairs the Executive Committee. In the event of the President's absence, he/she is replaced by one of the Vice-Presidents. The President may delegate some of his/her functions to any other member of the Executive Committee.

The General Secretary keeps the records of the Association. He/she is in charge of relations and communication with the members and other associations.

Research Networks

Article 11

Research Networks are proposed by a minimum of 10 members from at least three different countries and approved by the Executive Committee. They may decide their own by-laws in accordance with the general principles of the ESA statutes. Each Research Network elects its own co-ordinator.

Elections

Article 12

Regular members in good standing elect the members of the Executive Committee. The elections start during the General Assembly. In order to allow members not attending the conference to vote, the polls will remain open for six weeks after the conference. During this period regular members may vote by mail using according to the same method as during the conference. The election procedure will be implemented by a committee which will be appointed by the General Assembly.

The Nomination Committee

Article 13

The Nomination committee for the election of the Executive Committee consists of 9 persons elected by the Council of National Associations. After the widest consultations, it collects proposals for candidates from national associations, individuals or groups of members. It proposes a slate of 30 candidates, fifteen of each gender, taking into account region and fields of research.

Voting Procedure

Article 14

Every member may vote for a maximum of 10 candidates. In order to express his/her preference, he/she may cross out any names from the slate and may substitute others for them.

Headquarters

Article 15

The headquarters of the ESA will be determined at each term by the Executive Committee.

Statutes and By-Laws

Article 16

The dissolution of the Association may be proposed by:

- the Executive Committee with a 2/3 majority;
- the Council of National Associations with a 2/3 majority;
- by 50% of the regular members of the Association.

The proposal must be approved by a majority of 2/3 of the regular members in good standing.

New Journal

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Preliminary registration should take place before October 10, 1994. The conference fee will be 750 FIM (about US\$150), including lunch and coffee.

The deadline for abstracts (200 words) and final registration is March 15, 1995. Papers should be ready for distribution by the 1st of May 1995.

Registration forms, information about the working groups and other information can be obtained from the Conference Secretary:

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