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*Yes, as President of WFSF,
I campaign for Democracy and Participation*

*You who feel the same, join me
in Barcelona!*

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EDITORIAL

It has been a great joy and encouragement to learn of all the many diverse futures activities of our members and of your interest to use WFSF as a useful channel and network for cooperation. To us in the office, it gives a feeling of being in the service of a global, humane endeavour.

However, every so often it occurs that even humane aims in the world lead people to contradictions and disagreements with each other, to threats and destruction of life. How can we conceive this from the futures point of view? As futurists, are we unwilling to see human pathologies constraining our future as well as we see our hopes and dreams shaping it? And do these pathologies disappear from the reality as easily as they can disappear from our awareness?

I can't help meditating upon these kind of things during the present period of chaos in many parts of the humankind. Will it advance into a new non-chaotic order or dilute to disorder and loss of coherent human energy and good intentions? Do we have a word to say for the advancement of what is good, beautiful and true for the future?

We have many opportunities to discuss that together during the coming weeks and months in Prague, Bucharest, Sofia and Barcelona.

The theme of Barcelona, *Advancing Democracy and Participation*, becomes more and more tuned to the needs of this moment, the closer the time of the conference gets. The Second Announcement, I suppose, reached you already. Please respond if it didn't.

In the regional conference in Sofia, the same theme dealt with is about the most demanding question facing the Eastern European countries — building bridges, as it is called. Important business matters of WFSF planning are also discussed in Sofia.

You can find a tentative list of the proposed topics of planning discussion in this issue. Please inform us of your opinion on them or of any other matters you want to be put on the agenda. All Assembly and Council matters will, however, be discussed and decided in Barcelona. As you remember, these meetings, such as the one in Sofia, have only a preparatory and advisory role to play in our administration.

If not earlier, see you in Barcelona.

Pentti

WORK IN PROGRESS

MINUTES OF WFSF MINI-COUNCIL MEETING

(preparatory and consultative to the Council meetings)

Monday, December the 10th, 1990
Expo-Hotel, Barcelona Spain from 6 30
p m to 0 30 a m

Chair Jim Dator
Present Katrin Gillwald, Magda
McHale, Pentti Malaska (Secretary),
Jordi Serra, Alexander Tomov, Allen
Tough

1 § *Minutes of the Turku meeting and the measures taken*

The draft of the minutes was
distributed JIM DATOR handed over
his observations for corrections to the
minutes ELEONORA MASINI had
made her observations earlier
The participants discussed various
items of the minutes as follows

11 The Unesco Clearing House Project (1 §)

Pierre Weiss' proposal for the project
and contributions of the different
parties involved, WFSF included, were
distributed to the participants (encl 1)

Because it was regarded to be a
Council measure to decide on the
involvement of the WFSF in the
project, it was advised that Jim Dator
will make a proposal of a positive
decision on the matter in a letter to the

Council members and ask for their
support

12 The Beijing Proceedings (4 §)

Jim Dator informed of the publishing
of the Beijing proceedings by
UNESCO He handed over to the
Secretary discettes to be delivered to
Pierre Weiss

13 Financial Support from UNESCO (5 §)

The Barcelona application for support
from UNESCO was well prepared adn
proceeded JORDI SERRA informed that
the amount would be at least as much
(\$20,000) as for Budapest

TOMOV informed of his efforts to get
funds for the Sofia conference, to
which Pierre Weiss had indicated only
a symbolic support from UNESCO
The total costs of this conference were
estimated to be about \$500,000, of
which about 70-80% were in domestic
money

14 The Sofia Conference

On this occasion, Alexander Tomov
informed of the other arrangements
for the conference, distributing the
Second Announcement (draft) and a
list of foreign participants

15 The Budapest Proceedings

MARIA KALAS-KOSZEGI s report on
accomplishing the preparatory task of
selecting the papers for the
proceedings and sending them to
MIKA MANNERMAA and ANDRZEJ
SICINSKI for editing, and transferring
further responsibility to the European
Center and ERZSEBET GIDAI was
recorded

It was agreed to send a letter of love
and thanks to Maria for her great
contribution

16 European Center

On this occasion, the Secretary General
announced that he has asked Dr Gidai
to give a report on the activities and
future plans of the European Center
Dr Gidai's report was recorded (encl
4)

During the discussion, MAGDA
MCHALE and Jim Dator explained that
originally only a European liaison was
set up and it was not the intention to
establish any permanent regional
organizations The mandate of the
liaison was accredited for a certain
period WFSF is a global organization
and not regionally fragmented The
non-permanent mandate will continue
as long as the European Center keeps
on producing some special tasks to be
accomplished by it within the
Federation

2 § *Gathering And Editing the Accumulated Wisdom of the Pioneer Futurists*

Magda McHale made a proposal to
publish book which would consist of
the accumulated futures wisdom of
the pioneer futurists related somehow
to the Federation or its pre-history

She has collected material and
charmingly insisted ALLEN TOUGH to
assume the charge of editing and
writing the book in cooperation with
her

The proposal was warmly welcomed
by all participants but without Allen
Tough s commitment at this moment

3 § *Interrupting the Meeting*

It was decided to interrupt the Mini-
Council meeting for the time being
and continue on Tuesday, December
the 11th

Tuesday, December the 11th, 1990
UNESCO office, Barcelona Spain
from 12 30 - 1 45 p m

Chair Jim Dator
Present Katrin Gillwald, Robert
Jungk, Magda McHale, Pentti Malaska
(Secretary), Ana Maria Sandi,
Alexander Tomov, Allen Tough

4 § *Items of the Turku Minutes (cont)*

41 The UIA Program (6 5 §)

The UIA Vision 2000 program was
regarded extremely interesting and
official involvement of the Federation
with Jim Dator as the representative
was recommended Jim will inform all
the Council members

42 The Sasakawa Foundation (7 3 §)

It was advised to continue the
discussion with the Japanese people in
order to get more information

43 Europaischen Gesellschaft fur Zukunft-Forschung (7 4 §)

Ana Maria Sandi told that she had not
been involved in any founding
meeting, as was mentioned in a letter

she received (letter encl with the Turku minutes) She had already replied to Prof Schlutow BOB JUNGK, whose name was also on the list of the founding members, said he knew nothing about the matter

It was agreed that the role and purpose of the WFSF is to support all kinds of activities which advance futures studies but in this case, the Federation had not been contacted and the use of the names of its members aroused many doubts

KATRIN GILLWALD and Alexander Tomov indicated that they will be able to ask for more information from their colleagues They will inform the office and the President

4.4 The Prague Seminar (5.3.91)

In Prague, Robert Jungk met with Dr ZEMAN who said that he is involved with the seminar Zeman had indicated that contact with the Federation was lost because of no answer to Dubcek's letter to WFSF Instead, they turned to the Club of Rome while Alex King visited Prague and established cooperation with the Czechoslovakian futures group

Dr Zeman's wish was that the relationship with WFSF could be made operational The office will work on that

5 § The Proposal of the Australian Commission

The proposal was appreciated and Jim Dator will continue negotiations on the practical considerations with Peter Hayes and the Commission

6 § International Futures Foundation
Alexander Tomov told about a Bulgarian plan to establish a new international foundation for futures studies and activities Negotiations with the Soros Foundation and other sources will be in order

Tomov will submit a more detailed proposal and blueprint to the participants for further consideration The initiative was supported

7 § Conference in Finland

The Conference under the theme "Construction Beyond 2000" will be held in Finland in June 15-18, 1992 The draft of the First Announcement and call for papers was distributed by PENTTI MALASKA (encl 5)

As Secretary General, Pentti Malaska was authorized to represent the Federation in the preparations and in the conference The members will be informed of the conference in the Newsletter

8 § Office of WFSF from 1992/93 on

The present mandates of the President and Secretary General will end in 1992, as will also the grant from the Ministry of Education and the Turku School of Economics for running the office in Turku

The need to start searching for new solutions has been raised already in the previous mini-Council meetings Possible alternatives for the site of the office of the Secretary General were discussed

Approved 11 12 1990

Jim Dator President	Pentti Malaska Secretary General
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AGENDA

of the WFSF Mini-Council meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria, at the site of the regional conference Alternative Futures for Eastern Europe 4th of June, 1991

Invitation

to all Council members, honorary members, and to the Head of European Center, and extended to Prof ALEXANDER TOMOV and to other WFSF members present

I Order of the Meeting

1 Participants

Chair JIM DATOR in the absence of ELEONORA MASINI
Secretary General PENTTI MALASKA
Other participants according to the list of names signed to be present
Minutes secretary

2 Approval of the Agenda

3 Deciding on the work approach of the meeting and self-organizing to work

II Agenda

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C Cooperation with other organizations
D World Conferences
E Proceedings
F Evaluation of the Sofia conference
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H Regional conferences
I New Business

Working memo of the Agenda

A Next office of WFSF from 1993
The mandates of the present office, (1) the President, and (2) the Secretary General will terminate by 1993

1 President Jim Dator announced that he is not able to continue It would not be wise to postpone both elections of the officers to the last year of the mandate, and then transfer the WFSF business to new people We need to "train" new officers during the time of normal operation It would be ideal for that purpose and for the benefit of WFSF to find and decide on a President-elect already in Barcelona He could then start working on finding the new office and officer of the Secretary General with our support, and become familiar with the many activities of WFSF

The Sofia meeting will put forward this process according to the notion of the participants aiming at the concrete proposal of a President-elect, at the Council meeting and further to the Assembly meeting in Barcelona

2 The meeting advises on measures for searching for a Secretary General from 1993 onwards and finding facilities for the office

The support granted to the present office by the Finnish government and Turku School of Economics will terminate by 1993. The XIII World Conference in Finland in 1993 makes it possible to use that year as a transition period for the office.

B Cooperation with UNESCO

1 Clearing House program

Report by Jim Dator, Pentti Malaska discussion on the role of WFSF and the mandate of the office of WFSF

2 WFSF representatives to UN

Recognition of the decision made by the office on the nomination of ORIO GIARINI (Geneva) and SAUL MENDLOVITZ (New York)

3 UNESCO supports (Dubrovnik, world conferences, regional conferences, the projects)

C Cooperation with other organizations

1 Policy of cooperation

The meeting will discuss the policy of WFSF for cooperation between WFSF and other societies and associations (Club of Rome, International Peace Research Association, World Peace Association in South Korea, The Japan Association for Future Studies, The European Association for Futures Studies)

2 Policy of charting chapters of WFSF

A need has arisen to form groups of people of futures interest and activity on some specific area, people who would like to join WFSF as its affiliate or a chapter

The meeting will discuss the policy of WFSF, when and how to accept a chapter or an affiliation to WFSF, and how these chapters and their members are organized to work with WFSF

3 Policy of membership of WFSF in other organizations

The issue is what should be the interest of WFSF when it is asked to become a member in another organization? Since it is our intention /pretention to be the "world" "future studies" "federation," we should welcome appropriate future-oriented organizations to join us as institutional members. But WFSF should only join a federation of federations or that level of organizations. At the same time, we welcome cooperating WITH other organizations (such as the Club of Rome, International Peace Research Association, from which we have had inquiries) on common projects as approved by the Council or General Assembly. We would like the judgement of the meeting on this issue.

D World Conferences

1 Barcelona conference

FELIX MARTI will give a short notice of the preparation and state of the business for Barcelona conference. Because there is a special meeting of the International Committee of the Barcelona conference in Sofia, further discussions will take place there. (All members of WFSF are welcome to attend the International Committee meeting.)

2 The XIII World Conference in Finland in 1993

Report by Pentti Malaska on the theme, site, facilities, fees, etc for discussion

Proposal for the International Committee to be decided in Barcelona for discussion

E Proceedings

1 Beijing proceedings,

2 Budapest proceedings, report by ERZSEBET GIDAI

3 Sofia proceedings, report by Alexander Tomov

4 Barcelona proceedings, report by Felix Marti

F Evaluation of the Sofia Conference

Prof Tomov gives a brief announcement to the meeting of the success of the conference so far and expectations for the future of The Bulgarian Future Society

A person will be nominated to write a report on the outcomes of the conference for the Newsletter

G The Dubrovnik courses

1 Dubrovnik 1991/1992

UVAIS AHAMED will give an

evaluation report on the Dubrovnik course 1991 and its prospects for next year. The Council members will give their comments for preparing a report to UNESCO by Uvais Ahamed

2 Australian plans for a Pacific "Dubrovnik" course
TONY STEVENSON's report on these matters and suggestions for further measures for WFSF to do

H Regional Conferences

1 The Thailand conference plans
BART VAN STEENBERGEN will inform on the state of plans so far, and suggests further measures needed

2 Australian conferences
Regional conferences in Australia, Tony Stevenson's report and suggestions for further measures for WFSF to do

TO THE CHAIRS OF THE GROUP SESSIONS IN BARCELONA

Please prepare a brief description of the topics and work of your session in the Barcelona conference to be published in the next Newsletter and in the Third Announcement

Mail it ASAP to the Office of the Secretariat in Turku, Finland and to the conference organizer in Barcelona

Thanks!

Pentti

THE CLEARING-HOUSE PROJECT NEWS ON THE PROCESS

Leena-Maya Salminen from Turku and Trish Jones from Hawaii are in charge of the FUTURESICO project They report on the work so far

In Turku, Finland

The new project with UNESCO (see Pierre Weiss' article in the Newsletter issue 4/90), started with great enthusiasm During the early months of 1991, the division and coordination of duties involved has lead to marvellous activity within the Federation

In Europe, the Secretariat in Turku is in charge of the FUTURESICO project, as it is called The invitation letters to the chosen abstractors have been met with great interest and, as you can see from this article, the majority of them have accepted to be a part in building this historical, future-oriented data base We look forward to including contributions from the following abstractors (country/region)

Silvia Borbely, Hungary, Christian Calude, Romania, KJELL DAHLE, Norway, Attila Korompaj, Hungary, Petr Pajas, Czechoslovakia, Pirkko Remes, Finland, DUSAN RISTIC, Yugoslavia, NADJI SAFIR, Algeria, and Jana Sereghyova, Czechoslovakia

More of the Clearing House project in the coming issues

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In Hawaii

In Hawaii the task of producing material from the Asia and Pacific areas for the bibliographical database, FUTURESICO, got under way in February when the following people were invited to abstract from future-oriented works from their countries or regions TONY STEVENSON, Australia, MESBAH-US-SALEHEEN, Bangladesh, QIN LINZHENG, China, RON CROCOMBE, Cook Islands, ASHIS NANDY, India, MOCHTAR LUBIS, Indonesia, KENJI EKUAN, Japan, LIM TECK GHEE, Malaysia, BRIAN MURPHY, New Zealand, KIM MYONG U, North Korea, IKRAM AZAM, Pakistan, MAXIMO KALAW, Jr, Philippines, TUK-CHU CHUN, South Korea, UVAIS AHAMED, Sri Lanka, and S (NAT) PRABUDHANITISARN, Thailand

We are very pleased to report favorable replies and wonderful cooperation from everyone whom we are sure received the invitation All have agreed to provide at least two abstracts for the database, and ten abstracts have already been received in the WFSF office in Hawaii

Abstracts received thus far are being passed on to the Editorial Committee for review before publication

In addition to the database, some abstracts of the most pertinent works may be selected for inclusion in the bulletin *UNESCO FUTURE SCAN* (No 1)

Another major contribution by WFSF to *UNESCO FUTURE SCAN*, the bibliographical bulletin, will be a synopsis of work undertaken in the futures field relative to the area of Education – the topic of Bulletin No 1

RICK SLAUGHTER in Australia graciously agreed to write this paper on very short notice' His final draft, *An International Overview of Futures Education*, is being prepared for review by the Editorial Committee and then submission to UNESCO

Bulletin No 1 is now scheduled for printing in July ◇

The Seventh International Conference on the future of Higher Education

Visions of Higher Education – Transnational Dialogue *Relevance and Pragmatism in Higher Education*

August 12-16
St Jerome s College, Waterloo/Toronto Canada

TOPICS will be focused upon Historical reason for the desintegration of Higher Education Relevance for Higher Education Relevance in Research Relevance of Basic Research Relevance of Teaching Relevance of the Future of Higher Education Learning from the Future Relevance for Staff members students administrators Relevance of Financing etc

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NEWS AND REFLECTIONS

COMMENTS TO THE ALGERIAN MANIFESTO ABOUT THE FUTURE OF ISLAM

In their letters, Yehezkel Dror, Eleonora Masini and Magda Cordell McHale comment on the decision to publish the Alger Manifesto in the previous issue of the Newsletter

Yehezkel Dror

4 March, 1991

Dear Mr Malaska,

I was very disturbed by an item in the January *Newsletter* and must ask you to take some action on it

The WFSF does a good job by being very careful not to become involved in political debates, by preventing its forums from becoming a platform for propaganda, and by keeping to a general humanitarian, democratic, and peace-furthering posture

But, to my amazement, on page 36 of the above mentioned *Newsletter*, you include sections 8 and 9 of "*The Alger Manifesto*" – which is highly controversial to say the least, if not fanatic and agitational

The WFSF is not a historic society publishing source material for future scholars. Therefore, there was no reason to publish all of this Manifesto, but only those many very fine sections

which are not politically loaded. At the very least, there should have been an emphasized introductory note by the editors stating that the manifesto is published for information, but the WFSF in no way endorses its controversial sections (including additional ones, such as section 11 for instance)

Wishing to preserve the non-political nature of WFSF I refrain from demanding publication of a counter-statement, as in substance required. Rather, may I ask you to publish this letter in your next *Newsletter* together with a clear statement by you that publication of the Manifesto in no way constitutes expression of agreement by WFSF to the controversial sections

Also, please be more careful in the future otherwise the future of WFSF becomes doubtful

Thank you very much

Yehezkel Dror

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Eleonora Masini

April 12, 1991

Comments on the Alger Manifesto published in WFSF Newsletter, January 1991

Many of us are interested in what Islamic people think and hope for their future and the future of the world, so also I was interested to read about the first meeting of the Institute of Islam Futures Studies created by Islamic people

What worried me though, as I read the Manifesto published in the January WFSF Newsletter, was its contradiction with a basic concept which has always been central to WFSF policy namely remaining open to all ideas about the future and, at the same time, bringing to the forefront those elements which will make dialogue possible and not those that will produce conflict

While the Manifesto itself mentions dialogue, it does not build it. The very different approaches that people and groups always have emerge inevitably, when thinking about the future. What has to be underlined by an association which is non-governmental, as WFSF, is that which builds and not that which breaks

From the very beginning, even before WFSF was officially established in Paris in 1973, it has sought to foster dialogue and not conflict. In 1968 in Oslo, at Mankind 2000, the Soviets were able to dialogue with the Americans, later, in 1984 in Costa Rica, the

Chinese sat at the same table as people from Latin America and Tunis

As I see it, this is still the task of WFSF as a non-governmental organization. This does not appear to be the direction of the Manifesto

Eleonora Masini

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Magda Cordell McHale

April 17, 1991

Dear Pentti,

I find it rather surprising to read on the WFSF's Newsletter the "Alger manifesto". I have been an active member of the Federation since its beginning, and have never seen materials included of such discriminatory nature

I am referring to points 8 and even some parts of point 9 of the Alger Manifesto. Furthermore, I was under the impression that we printed material only written by our members. At any rate, I do not wish to create any divisiveness, but I would like you to note my strong objections to these points and hope that in the future we will continue to remain more sensitive about what we include

Cordially yours,

Magda Cordell McHale

DEMOCRACY AND LACK OF DEMOCRACY IN WFSF

Democracy in the WFSF is one of the topics of the Barcelona World conference This is the area where we should be most creative WENDELL BELL is the first to help us to consider the problem as a response to our seeking of guidance from the members In his letter, he writes

"Certainly, by the criterion of competitively contested elections, WFSF fails as a democracy in its governance Personally, if I were a member of the leadership, I would recommend changing the election system so that it was competitive"

"We faced a similar problem some years ago with another organization (and also the problem of not wanting to be overwhelmed by North Americans) What we did (in part) regarding elections was to continue to offer a slate of Council members for election to the membership, but we asked for a vote of up to seven out of a longer list (say, no more than 14)

Thus, only the seven candidates receiving the highest number of votes were elected The membership could reject some of the candidates

De facto the nominating committee was a sub-group of the Council with the entire Council (and the membership earlier) asked for nominees

Some continuity was provided by encouraging members of the Council to run again each year, up to a limit of three years After a year off the Council, they could run again if nominated The same nominating committee picked nominees for Vice-President

(and we made sure there were two, rarely three) This person usually had served on the Council earlier

The Vice-President automatically became President a year later, and, if I remember correctly, served on the Council a year after that as past-President, so more continuity was built in

Write-in votes were asked for at the bottom of the list of candidates, both for Council and Vice-President

Exceptions the Secretary-Treasurer was not competitive in the same way (although his/her election was ratified by the membership), since negotiations with host institutions, etc were involved in locating the Secretariat at a given place

Two other ex-officio members of the Council were allowed, appointed by one President or another (with the advice of Council) the editor of the Newsletter and the Chairperson of the annual conference

There was a lot more to the constitution, of course, but the above can be defended, I think, as meeting the criterion of competitive elections, while also providing for nomination of responsible people who are willing to work and for continuity" ♦

FUTURES STUDIES NETWORK GROWING IN INDIA

Our colleague SATISH SETH from India writes about interesting news and makes a suggestion

"In India, the Futures Studies movement is going from strength to strength We now have a network of 100 odd Universities, Colleges and research bodies, who are engaged in one way or the other in Futures Studies More than 25 Universities are offering M Phil/M Tech, one and half year Course, in Futures Studies "

"In other Colleges and Universities, Futures Studies figures as integral to a discipline, i e Educational Futures or Social Futures in Sociology It is my suggestion that WFSF should prepare

Audio-Visual Programmes It can have World Wide use, specially in the field of methodologies of Foresight Studies "

It may be added to this that Satish Seth, author of books on futures, also produced himself an AV-program on *Youth and Futures* which is well worth of consulting His address is

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Regional Conference of WFSF

Alternative Futures for Eastern Europe

Sofia Bulgaria
3-6 June 1991

Organizers

World Futures Studies Federation
together with The Bulgarian Future Society
Centre for Strategic Business and Political Studies

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COMBATting RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

Jan Martenson, Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights in the UN office at Geneva, is addressing WFSF with the following letter and request for the concern and observation of all members

28 February, 1991

I have the honour to transmit herewith Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities resolution 1990/2 of 20 August 1990 entitled "*Measures to combat racism and racial discrimination and the role of the Sub-Commission*"

In paragraph 4 of this resolution, the Sub-Commission requests the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of replies obtained, inter alia, from specialized agencies and other inter-governmental organizations, as well as from non-governmental organizations, an overview of current trends of racism, discrimination, intolerance and xenophobia affecting the groups mentioned in the resolution (ethnic, national, religious and linguistic minorities, indigenous peoples, migrant workers, and other vulnerable groups), as well as of measures taken by Governments against those phenomena and the effects of such measures and to submit the overview for consideration by the Sub-Commission at its forty-third session

The Secretary-General would appreciate it if any information which you wish to submit pursuant to the above-mentioned request could be sent to

Centre for Human Rights
United Nations Office at Geneva
CH-1211 Geneva 10, SWITZERLAND,

no later, if possible, than May 1991

Yours sincerely,

Jan Martenson
Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights

The resolution

1990/2

Measures to combat racism and racial discrimination and the role of the Sub-Commission

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, recalling its resolution 1989/19 of 31 August 1989, recalling further Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1990/13 of 23 February 1990, and 1990/44, 1990/45 and

1990/46 of March 1990, having considered Mr Asbjørn Eide's study on the achievements made and obstacles encountered during the Decades to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, particularly its conclusions and recommendations (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1989/8 and Add 1), conscious of its special responsibility to give due regard to new developments in the field of human rights, deeply concerned that there are signs of an upsurge of racism, with accompanying manifestations of prejudice, discrimination, intolerance and xenophobia in many parts of the world directed against ethnic, national, religious and linguistic minorities, indigenous peoples, migrant workers and other vulnerable groups, firmly determined to do its utmost to contribute to eradicating these dangerous manifestations which affect the basic human and fundamental freedoms of the above-mentioned groups, taking into account, in this light, the recommendation of the Special Rapporteur to update the study on racial discrimination prepared by Mr Hernan Santa Cruz in 1976 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/370 and Add 1-6 and Add 6/Corr 1),

1 Expresses again its appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Mr Asbjørn Eide, for his valuable, wide-ranging and useful study on the achievements made and obstacles encountered during the Decades to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

2 Decides to transmit the recommendations contained in his study, as revised in the light of the discussion at the present session of the Sub-Com-

mission, to the Secretary-General so that they may be taken into account in further efforts to combat racism and racial discrimination,

3 Emphasizes the need to give an additional thrust towards the achievement of the goals of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and to contribute to the eradication of the recent upsurge of racist, prejudicial, discriminatory, intolerant and xenophobic attitudes and actions against vulnerable human groups in various parts of the world,

4 Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of replies obtained from Governments, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as from non-governmental organizations, an overview of current trends of racism, discrimination, intolerance and xenophobia affecting the above-mentioned groups, as well as of measures taken by Governments against those phenomena and the effects of such measures and to submit the overview for consideration by the Sub-Commission at its forty-third session, under item 5 (a) of its agenda,

5 Decides to give through consideration at its forty-third session, under agenda item 5 (a), and in the light of these new trends, to the recommendation of the Special Rapporteur to update the study on racial discrimination prepared in 1976 by Mr Hernan Santa Cruz

18th meeting
20 August 1990

ELECTRONIC NETWORK FOR WFSF

YRJO SEPPALA, our new member, suggests that those WFSF members who are using electronic mail could form an international WFSF network

The Finnish Society for Futures Studies (FSFS) is eagerly using electronic mail (E-mail), consisting of an E-mail box for each member of the society acquiring an E-mail address and, in addition to that, a common electronic board for discussion, letter, notices and comment

The E-mail boxes are used for private mail and discussion board for semi-public discussions concerning matters important to the society and also on topics of general interest such as the Gulf war. The E-mail is used also in sending preliminary future-oriented reports for discussion on the board or privately

I don't know how many E-mail address owners there are in FSFS but I think we are some 50-70, most of whom are rather passive. The number of active E-mail users is 15-20, total number of members in our society being about 700. The number of active users may seem rather small but at the same time, the same people are the most active and prominent members of our society. This makes the discussions at the board interesting and important

I think that it would also be a good idea to establish a special WFSF E-mail system. It would be global consisting of every individual member of the Federation, or at least a representative

of every futures-oriented society in the world. The Finnish Society for Futures Studies has already made an initiative to find a cheap computer for serving a telecommunication network of WFSF and also FSFS

It would be a great advantage to be able to discuss globally about topics bearing interest to futures researchers in every country. Also to get fast and timely comments concerning the newest reports and results of researchers from all over the world

I hope that as many individual members of WFSF as possible, and at least one member from each member society or institution could require an E-mail address of their own

We may begin to enter into international communication by sending letters to each other. Some E-mail addresses can be found in the WFSF membership directory (Vol 16, No 3, issue 57). I hope that the number of contacts will soon increase. My personal E-mail address is

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Yrjo Seppala

TO BE EUROPEAN - WHAT IS IT?

Peter H Mettler sent us a letter of invitation to participate in writing a book to stimulate broader public discussion on Europe's identity and future on the eve of European integration

According to Peter Mettler, the name of the coming paperback publication will be *Europe Yes and Why*, and it will come out possibly in 1991. In his letter, he asks for contributions, suggestions and advice. Colleagues are invited to contribute, articles already published for reprinting, funding agencies to be addressed, and requests for co-editors for publications in different languages (the book is meant to be published simultaneously in English, French, German, Italian and Russian)

Since it is likely that there will be material much over the capacity of one paperback, Prof Mettler also asks for proposals to either edit a supplementary and probably voluminous sourcebook, or a series of volumes to be published yearly

Attached is a list of possible focal topics of the reader

- What could "European Identity" mean?
- European Futures. What chances are there for a common European culture, media, images for children, philosophy, epistemology, paradigms, notions of Time and Space, everyday life, literature, fine arts and music?

- European Politics
- European Technology
- European Economy
- European World or Super-Power
- European Peace system as an example for a World Peace system
- Another 50 years of Trilateralism?
- Europe and her nation states
- Europe and her languages
- Europe and/or the Occident (Christianity) versus the Muslim World
- European individuals, etc

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NEW UN REPRESENTATIVES

The Federation has nominated SAUL MENDLOVITZ in New York and ORIO GIARINI in Geneva as the UN representatives of WFSF for 1991. ◇

ARTICLES AND BOOK REVIEWS

FUTURE SURVEY

Michael Marien

Michael Marien's *Future Survey*, published monthly since 1979 by the World Future Society (along with the companion *Future Survey Annual*), reviews a wide variety of futures-relevant books, reports, and articles – ideas from various frontiers that are shaping or ought to be shaping our common future. After a brief lapse, the Newsletter is pleased to once again carry an overview of recent *Future Survey* contents, especially prepared so as to focus on global issues of interest to all WFSF members

Future Survey 12 6, June 1990
Environmental Issues

Environmental Problems and Frontiers Begins with 14 items on various environmental ills: Global warming, the threat of mass extinction of species (with specific illustrations of coral reefs, fish species, and the decline of elephants), growing threats to national parks worldwide, tropical deforestation, acid rain, and the impact of air pollution on forests, crops, and people. These insults and others encourage an evolutionary "greening of consciousness," as articulated by WFSF member HENRYK SKOLIMOWSKI. More specifically, 12 items are identified on the necessary greening of business, environment and government, the need to rethink environmental priorities and nature itself, animal rights, sustainable agriculture, and the need to manage the global environment and oceans (a theme raised in the title of

the 1984 Club of Rome Helsinki Conference volume, *Managing Global Issues*)

Six Views of Sustainable Society Anyone who thinks seriously about environmental issues will embrace some vision of a "sustainable society." The June issue of FS abstracts five books and one article offering different visions. Lester R. Brown and Worldwatch Institute Colleagues focus on renewable energy and land distribution in *State of the World 1990*, James Gustave Speth of the World Resources Institute points to six megatrends of global environmental protection (demographic, technological, economic, social, informational, institutional), WFSF member LESTER W. MILBRATH stresses improvements to social learning to ease the transition to sustainability (*Envisioning a Sustainable Society Learning Our Way Out*, SUNY Press, Dec 1989), economist Herman

Daly and theologian John B. Cobb Jr. consider the flaws of economics and the need for university reform (*For the Common Good: Redirecting the Economy toward Community, the Environment, and a Sustainable Future*, Beacon Press, Dec 1989), WFSF member JAMES ROBERTSON also criticizes industrial-era economics and prescribes decentralization and changes in the global economy (*Future Wealth*, Cassell, Jan 1990), anarchist Murray Bookchin argues for a "libertarian municipalism" (*Reinventing Society: Pathways to a Green Future*, South End Press, Jan 1990)

Future Survey 12 7, July 1990
World Futures

Global Changes Four different views are brought together on driving forces behind our rapidly-changing world technology (as viewed by Jacques Ellul), the population explosion (Paul and Anne Ehrlich), the prospect of the Bimillennium, and Jacques Attali on the Order of Money supplanting the Order of Force. Other themes: growing interdependence and diffusion of power, the increasing importance of the Arctic region, a potential United States of Europe, the possible breakup of the Soviet Union and Canada, and possible turmoil in Japan and China. Africa has moved backward in the past decade (*Africa Beyond Famine: A report to the Club of Rome*, edited by Akililu Lemma and WFSF Secretary General PENTTI MALASKA, Tycooly, 1989), and Latin America has suffered a "lost decade" of development.

Redefining Key Concepts Two central concepts must be broadened. The notion of "security" should be extended

to include economic and environmental concerns, as argued by Maurice Strong, Gro Harlem Brundtland, and Ronald Higgins (who pleads for a "new realism"). The notion of "development" must also be expanded beyond the narrow views of economists so as to consider culture, sustainable growth, appropriate services (as well as appropriate technology), democratic and participative strategies, and human rights as a major dimension.

Future Survey, 12 8, August 1990
Health and Education

Modern Maladies Despite undeniable progress in medicine and health care, the August issue offers a disturbing cluster of eight new or growing ailments: AIDS, a resurgence of malaria, air pollution endangering more than a billion people, hay fever, the toxic effects of lead residues (which appear to affect child development), cancer from toxic chemicals, disabling job stress, and – at least in the US – not getting enough nightly sleep (is this true in other countries, or perhaps a harbinger of things to come?)

America's Schools and Universities Proposals for educational reform are flourishing in the US (and in other countries too?). Issues involving the schools include restructuring the system itself, the plight of minorities, good teachers and how they work best, and global education for sustainable development. Universities are criticized for academic professionalism, impoverishment of spirit, a breakdown of community, misplaced priorities, and fragmented perspectives. Reform proposals include alternatives to

faculty tenure, guidance by a larger vision, and futurizing the more flexible institutional arm of continuing education

Future Survey, 12 9, September 1990
Societal Overview, Crime, and Cities

Social Problems and Guidance While many other nations are engaged in serious 21st century studies (two key articles by WFSF member MARTHA GARRETT are abstracted), the US Congress is merely considering the proposed Critical Trends Assessment Act of Senator Gore. Meanwhile, the US flounders in a variety of problems and "big messes" a lack of moral codes, a decaying infrastructure, a widening rich/poor gap, the spread of hate groups, a drug "war" that appears to pursue the wrong strategy, the S&L mess, and an overload of the criminal justice system. In global perspective, there are long-term trends to decriminalize pornography and abortion, complemented by trends to identify and criminalize violence against women and children.

Changing Cities While large cities continue to grow in poor nations, counterurbanization is the pattern in most advanced nations, at the same time that megalopolitan areas are forming. Ideas to promote positive change include a global network to share information about innovations (*the Megacities Project* directed by Janice Perlman of NYU), downtown and waterfront renewal, restoring identity to landscape, protecting resources with growth management strategies, neighbourhood caretakers, goal formulation, and strategic planning.

Future Survey, 12 10, October 1990
Environment, Energy, and Agriculture

Energy and Environment Trends Items on environment-friendly energy, speeding the transition away from oil dependency, the emerging importance of natural gas, disappearing rainforests and species, the new science of restoration ecology, waste management worldwide, progress in recycling, and the inexorable shift to sustainable agriculture.

Environmental Guidebooks and Thinking Two important overviews receive extensive treatment *World Resources 1990-91* (World Resource Institute, with UNEP and UNDP, Oxford University Press, Aug 1990), also issued in six other languages, is an essential overview and reference for any professional interested in global environmental trends and policies, *The Global Ecology Handbook What You Can Do About the Environmental Crisis* (Global Tomorrow Coalition, Beacon Press, April 1990), serving as a supplement to a 13-week public television series, is an excellent overview of sustainable future issues for college students and the general public. Other books and articles covered in this issue of FS discuss radical action for ecology and peace (a Sierra Club handbook), the need to reconstruct major systems of production to make peace with the planet (Barry Commoner), our responsibility to future generations, ecofeminism, and a volume on *Ethics of Environment and Development* (Univ of Arizona Press, June 1990), with essays by WFSF members DENIS GOULET, RAJNI KOTHARI, MIHAILO MARKOVIC and HENRYK SKOLIMOVSKI.

Future Survey, 12 11, November 1990
Communications and Science/Technology

Telecommunications Turmoil A survey of books and articles on the widening gap between the telecommunications rich and poor, telecommunications in a global age, reconfiguration of public service TV broadcasting worldwide, the advent of CNN as a key force in global news, calls for a fiber-optic electronic superhighway, a looming struggle about how to transmit HDTV in the mid-1990s, competition for scarce space on the radio spectrum, and Motorola's proposal for a global cellular telephone system based on 77 satellites (operating in six years if obstacles can be overcome, which is unlikely).

Other Technology Frontiers Exuberant hopes about artificial intelligence, neuro-computers, a new low-cost way to synthesize diamond, new optical materials, environment-friendly mining with microbes, the massive Human Genome Project, and the elusive promises of macro-engineering.

Future Survey, 12 12 December 1990
Global Change and Global Security

Ten Collective Views of a Changing World Among various reports and surveys, the following are notable: the *Global Outlook 2000* overview prepared for the UN General Assembly, and update of the very important 1987 "Brundtland report" by the World Commission on Environment and Development (*Signs of Hope Working Towards Our Common Future* by Linda Starke of the Centre for Our Common Future in Geneva, Oxford Univ Press,

July 1990), UNICEF's *The State of the World's Children 1990* (Oxford Univ Press, April 1990), and the pathbreaking *Human Development Report 1990* by the UN Development Programme (Oxford, June 1990), which should be used as a companion and corrective to any report on economic indicators such as the World Bank's *World Development Report 1990* (Oxford, June 1990), which still utilizes conventional economic indicators that ignore social and environmental factors.

Individual Views of Global Change Adds to the collective reports a very broad historical overview by Isaac Asimov and Frank White, a poll of Nobel Laureates on their views of the future by WFSF member HOWARD F DIDS-BURY JR, an outstanding summation of world population growth by Caldwell Haub (with a warning of recent trends that may raise projections), surveys of human rights concepts, an essay on international cooperation in the new fractured global order by WFSF member FRANCISCO SAGASTI, books on globalization of culture and redefining political community, Walter Truett Anderson on the postmodern world-view as a central element of global culture (*Reality Isn't What It Used To Be*, Harper San Francisco, Aug 1990), WFSF member ALVIN TOFFLER's frenetic account of global Powershift (Bantam, Nov 1990), and David Korten's global transformation agenda for equity-led sustainable growth (*Getting to the 21st Century*, Kumarian Press, July 1990).

Threats to Global Security Prefiguring the ugly developments of early 1991 in the Persian Gulf, books and articles warn of future arms races, a bio-

logical arms race, the spread of Third World ballistic missiles, the growth of nuclear weapons programs and the potential for terrorism, and environmental threats to a sustainable biosphere. Equally appropriate are items discussing the role of UN peacekeeping forces, efforts to build a peace system, and economic conversion to a peaceful economy.

Future Survey, 13 1, January 1991

Families, Work, and Futures Methods

Working Tomorrow Two broad overviews of work are featured. *Creative Work* by WFSF member WILLIS HARMAN and John Hormann (Knowledge Systems, Dec 1990) provides a long-term evolutionary view of transition to a learning society and planetary citizenship, while *Future Work* by JOSEPH F COATES and colleagues (Jossey-Bass, Aug 1990) identifies seven critical forces reshaping work and the work force (including globalization and re-education for a knowledge-based society).

Family Matters 16 books and articles on family trends and issues, some of which apply only to the US (notably, problems of child care) and others that are relevant to many other if not all countries (sex discrimination, the emerging postmodern family, further divorce reform, the next sexual revolution, and the international family planning movement).

Breadth in Futures-Relevant Methods

17 books and articles with the common theme of breadth, including a book on the wholeness principle, a broad view of forecasting and plan-

ning, a call for a broadened view of human nature, planning viewed as a universal process, an argument that strategic planning is becoming more holistic, and a book arguing that learning organizations should promote connection to a larger whole. Also includes an essay on principles of strategic thinking by WFSF member EDITH WEINER (with an emphasis on unlearning old misguided assumptions).

Future Survey, 13 2, February 1991

Environment and Energy

The Great Global Warming Debate

Global environmental change is rapidly becoming a central focus in political thought and scientific research. But is Earth seriously endangered or is there an overreacting panic (as argued, for example, by leading figures in the Bush Administration)? Scientific consensus at this time holds that there is a global warming under way, and the consequences will be serious. Despite uncertainty, many informed commentators advocate a "no regrets policy," additional "insurance actions," and a "slow path" of development. But some advocate broad agendas of social and technological change, while others argue that we should refrain from acting precipitously. Policy gridlock in the US, at least, appears likely until there is a strong public consensus and/or political leadership.

New Environmental Thought Threats of global warming and growing pollution of buildings, cities, nations, and even outer space is forcing a shift in thinking about the relationship of humankind to the planet. This is reflected in a proliferation of research on

the biosphere, and new concepts such as the "global commons" (proposed by WFSF member HARLAN CLEVELAND), energy for planet earth (the theme of the notable Sept 1990 Special Issue of *Scientific American*), and a "plenary paradigm." Our obsolete industrial era economics is due for a refurbishing with concepts such as an environmental damage balance sheet, environmental productivity,

national resource accounting, a recalculated GNP, and a lowered discount rate on investment choices.

Individual back issues of *Future Survey* are available for \$6.50 each from the World Future Society, 4916 St Elmo Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814 USA (301/656-8274). Subscriptions (12 monthly issues plus the *Future Society Annual* cumulation are \$66 per year for individuals and \$99 for institutions/libraries. ◊

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The United Nations and a New World Order for Peace and Justice

17-19 September 1991
the UN's Vienna International Centre

Coverner: Prof. Dr. Hans Koechler, President of the International Progress Organization

Themes: Representing "We the Peoples" including roles of UN Associations. Representation of NGOs in the UN system. Reform and modernization of the UN system. Building a new world order for peace and justice.

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PAUL'S PARLANCE

Hello my name is Paul Hayes and I am not a WFSF member nor do I want to be. My personal vision of the future stretches little further than imagining Manchester United dominating world football. To be honest I am more concerned with looking concerned. A point many WFSF members should note because it is people like me who will have to be galvanized into action if those ecologically sustainable, peaceful futures I read about are to appear.

My involvement with WFSF is that I help out preparing the Newsletter. Occasionally PENTTI MALASKA gives me some articles to review. It is a task I am not entirely comfortable with but as a challenge I find hard to refuse. The following reviews should have gone in the last issue but there wasn't enough space left. Finally if I do misinterpret the aims of somebody's work then don't worry – I usually find that the ensuing argument refines and improves the original ideas.

My first review is of *"The Banned and the Beautiful"*, which is a publication that accompanied a Czechoslovakian film festival of the same name in New York last June. I am sure the reason I was given this to review is because the films included offer a deeper understanding of the society, its past and its culture than most social scientists have.

Also these imaginative films probably offer a more real version of the truth about pre-1990 Czechoslovakian society and are probably as useful a reference point for planning for the future as anything else. That is something to bear in mind when you consider that the films dealt with people's lives rather than GNPs.

Some of the films have been shown on national television networks so watch out for Czech films being shown on your local TV station.

WENDELL BELL and Jeffrey K Olick's *"An Epistemology for the Futures Field"* is concerned with the problems and possibilities of prediction. Bell and Olick analyze disagreements about the use of prediction in futures and come to the conclusion that prediction is a legitimate purpose of the futures field. They try to show that disagreement about prediction is more apparent than real and that prediction is virtually unavoidable in futures research. For me the article makes a lot of sense but then speaking as a layman, the idea that research into the future is not going to be used to predict the future is abhorrent. Those that want to can call me naive.

"Futures Studies in India: A Country Report" by SATISH SETH

In the early 1970's the government of India set up the Department of Science and Technology. In its presidential mandate amongst other items "Futurology" was also entrusted to it. Seth's report examines the development of futures studies in India from that time noting the

successes and failures of futures studies as well as the power and influence it has. The potential growth of futures studies is also assessed and on the whole a relatively healthy picture emerges.

Futures would seem to have deep roots sunk into Indian society even if the initial expansion is not as spectacular as it once was. Caution is however expressed when discussing how long it will take before all institutions and minds in India are touched by future thinking.

"On Futures Studies and Their Societal Context with Particular Focus on West Germany" by ELEONORA MASINI and KATRIN GILLWALD

This article examines the state of futures studies in what was West

Germany and compares the paralysis of futures studies there in the context of development, topics and projects happening elsewhere in the world of futures.

The authors then go on to suggest the major sets of conditions to explain that stagnation of futures research in West Germany and go on to point out that the present methodology used in futures research is insufficient and should be expanded to a more comprehensive multi-disciplinary approach. This article makes interesting reading alongside Seth's and more importantly shows a future for futures studies. ◇



Intercultural Alternative

Centre d'Estudis Joan Bardina in Catalonia has published the results of a survey made among organizations all over the world specialized in alternative futures.

The objective of the survey is to give a global intercultural vision of the possibilities around the planet for solving the serious problems that threaten us and for taking advantage of the great opportunities that are open to us. Some 500 questionnaires were mailed and the publication includes 69 replies.

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GU JING QUING is Director of Shanghai Society for Futures Studies and former Executive Director of the Chinese Society for Futures Studies. Professor of Economy and Futurology, he is presently working at the Shanghai Finance College teaching and studying the theory and methods of futurology, information research, public relations and marketing. Professor Gu has published more than ten books on Futurology, several of his own writings and some translations. He has also taken part in many large projects on forecasting in China and plans a research project on the *Methodology of Financial Forecasting* and is writing a book on methods of Public Relations Forecasting.

LJUBINKO PUSIC received his PhD at the University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia in 1985, his major field being Planning Theory. Presently he is working at the Institute of Town Planning of Vojvodina on an

appraisal of new urban development projects managing and supervising and preparing long-term planning goals in urban development. As an urban planner and researcher, he has participated in more than 35 plans, projects, studies and analyses. A member of the International Federation of Housing and Planning, and a member of the International Society of City and Regional Planners, Dr. Pusic is also planning a research project on *Ecological aspects of settlement organization* and another called *Development Plan for 2010 - Obed marsh as an intricate area of the ecosystem and its investigations*.

YRJO SEPPALA is a Doctor of Philosophy and he has participated in several projects on futures studies concerning cities, municipalities, energy, transportation, and industry in Finland and elsewhere since 1982. He also has studied the methods of futures studies. Doctor Seppala has developed a special scenario method on group work and is currently working as a consultant to Finnish firms and organizations putting his method in practice. His other fields of interest are operations research, management science, management information systems and urban and regional planning.

Dr. Seppala is also interested in build-

ing an international electronic futures network between the WFSF members.

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essment for developing countries.

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After the publication of the last issue of the Newsletter in which Stefano Puddu Crespellani and Martí Olivella Solé were introduced among others as new WFSF members, we received corrected information on these two new members.

STEFANO PUDDU CRESPELLANI is expert in non-violent education for social change, specialized in training. Member of "EcoConcern" (Economy, Ecology & Ecumene) and promoter of a project called *Alternative Visions about Europe as a Continent*, he is doing research on alternative models.

MARTÍ OLIVELLA SOLÉ, Executive Secretary of "EcoConcern" (Economy, Ecology & Ecumene), is also specialized in alternative models. Member of the Academic team of the International Peace University S. Cugat, Barcelona, he is researching new social models, monetary changes and monetics. He also promoted and edited a questionnaire-book called *Intercultural Alternative*. ◇

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Missing members

Kimon VALASKAKIS, Canada



STANLEY LESSE IN MEMORIAM

Eleonora Masini

Stanley Lesse, a long-standing member of the World Futures Studies Federation, suddenly died on December 23 of last year

He had been a member of the Federation since its very beginning, even before it was formally established, and he was present in Oslo in 1968, when the first group of people interested in futures studies met for discussions

Many of us met him at our conferences. At the Budapest conference, he was as lively as ever with his inseparable companion, wife Margie

Through their life, some people give to others, drawing the best from them, provoking thought and action. The giving is not in goods and services but in the non-material, surely the greatest of gifts

Stanley Lesse was one such person. His mind worked for others, which in his case meant working for the future. This is the most generous of gifts since the fruits will be borne in the future, when the giver will no longer be there to rejoice them

I first met Stanley Lesse in 1970 when I was embarking on my career in futures studies in Italy. At the time I

had no contact with the international world of futures studies and was very much in need of understanding and support. I found that understanding and support in Stanley Lesse for many years to come, and eventually became President of the World Futures Studies Federation

Stanley Lesse was a man whose main interest was the human being and his or her needs, his or her future. He theorized this interest in articles and books but was never satisfied only with the theory. Stanley Lesse was the first to think about the future needs of people in terms of their physical and psychological wellbeing. When he was thinking of need in these terms, future thinking was still only about an increasingly better world in material terms, and the medical profession was more oriented towards great discoveries and not people's everyday needs

Stanley Lesse was one of the first to realize that as economics, politics, life style change, so also does the human being, and that the pace of this process was destined to become increasingly rapid in the future, creating difficulties of adaptation

Very early Stanley Lesse foresaw the tremendous changes that technology

would bring to the medical profession which would come to rely increasingly on technology. Computer aided diagnosis and analysis, which sounded like science fiction when Lesse first described it in the Seventies, is now a fact of life

The hope of people who are concerned with the future of the human being in terms also of needs and desires, is that

not only will futurists belonging to the different social sciences work with commitment and love for the future of mankind, but also others, people from various professions, doctors, trying to foresee the needs and aspirations of people in a highly changing and inter-related society. This need which now is so evident in the Nineties, was foreseen by Lesse much in advance. ◇

Professor Qin Linzheng sadly announces that

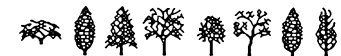
Professor

ZHA RUQIANG

Long-time Member of WFSF,

one of the Vice presidents of the Chinese Society for Futures Studies

**passed away in Beijing on 18th October, 1990
at the age of 62.**



*Colloquium**on Fears and Hopes in Doing Business
with Eastern European Countries*

May 30 – June 1, 1991

Association of International Law and International Relations

Mircea Malitza invites you to Bucharest just pre Sofia Conference

The WFSF members going to Sofia are also welcome to Bucharest before the Sofia conference. For them part of the costs will be covered by the Romanian organizer (instead of the \$600 which represent the conference fees including room and board the WFSF members will pay the half

Please learn more of the colloquium from the following introduction by Alexandru Farcas

The association for International Law and International Relations (ADIRI) in collaboration with the European Cultural Centre Bucharest and the World Economy Institute Bucharest with the support of Rank Xerox Co organizes the above mentioned colloquium in Bucharest from 30 May - 1 June 1991. The meeting is open to economists, business people, academics interested in this topic, etc. Contributions with general and specific considerations are welcome with a view to draw practical conclusions. We hope we might be able to include relevant case studies of successes and failures recorded in the field. The Romanian side will be represented by governmental organizations like the Romanian Development Agency, private firms and banks, the Romanian Chamber of Commerce, as well as by major economic institutes of the Romanian Academy, scholars and lawyers, etc.

The Colloquium will tackle such items as legislation framework, communication facilities, credits, economic opportunities and facilities for investment, protection of foreign investments, profit repatriation, taxes, etc. but will also deal with different world and regional political environment.

The debates are supposed to be informal with a minimum of opening statements. The working language of the meeting will be English.

We hope that the Colloquium will contribute to a better knowledge of the ways to do and develop business in the Eastern countries, of the necessary and possible improvements to establish useful links and contacts, and to identify areas of promising ventures.

More information.

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XII World Conference of WFSF

*Advancing Democracy And Participation:
Challenges for the Future*17-21 September, 1991
Barcelona, Spain**Plenary Topics**

1 Tuesday, September 17

The Futures of Democracy & Participation in the light of recent changes and opportunities

Jordi Pujol (President of Catalonia) Margarita de Botero (Columbia) Jorge Alberto Lozoya (Mexico) Harlan Cleveland (USA) Invited: Vaclav Havel (Czechoslovakia) Rajni Kothari (India) Wagnari Maathai (Kenya)

2 Wednesday, September 18

The Futures of Democracy & Participation in the WFSF

Ibrahim Abdel-Rahman (Egypt) Rolf Homann (Germany) Mika Mannermaa (Finland) Kaoru Yamaguchi (Japan) Katrin Gillwald (Germany) Igor Bestuzhev-Lada (USSR) Peter Mettler (Germany) Michael Marien (US) Robert Jungk (Austria) Wendy Schultz (USA) Invited: Johan Galtung (Norway)

3 Thursday September 19

The Futures of Democracy & Participation in Everyday Life

Ana Maria Sandi (Romania) Eleonora Masini (Italy) Alvin Toffler (Canada) Ricardo Diez Hochleitner (Spain) Invited: Mihailo Markovic (Yugoslavia) Godwin Sogolo (Nigeria)

4 Saturday September 21

What We Have Learned

Pentti Malaska (Finland) Ashis Nandy (India) Jordi Serra (Catalonia) Invited: Antonio Alonso Concheiro (Mexico) Mahdi Elmandjra (Morocco)

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