As we announced in the previous issue of the Newsletter, the 1974 edition of SOCIAL AND HUMAN FORECASTING DOCUMENTATION 1974, giving vital statistics on persons and institutes engaged in futures research, is now being printed.

We wish to thank all our readers who have assisted us in compiling this volume by giving the information asked for in our questionnaire, and urge you to keep us abreast of your latest activities so that, beginning with the next issue, we shall continue through our Newsletter to update and exchange information regarding the Social and Human Forecasting Documentation.

Thus, we aim to fulfill, to the best of our ability, our purpose of functioning as a world center for the dissemination of information of the latest developments in the sphere of futures activities, which are currently expanding notably all over the globe.

One month ago, our School for Futures Studies opened, and three-fourths of the first introductory
course have now been completed. We should appreciate any suggestions sent us by our readers toward advancing this project from its present experimental stage to a more institutionalized status.

We would like to underline that the Newsletter is not simply a means of information but a way of intercommunication a service between the people who send the information and the people who receive it.
This publication is a letter through which all may communicate to all.

1) any information which is considered to be of particular interest and relevance to the efforts now being made to anticipate needs means appropriate goals and interesting and relevant with regard to our emerging world community.

2) any idea which may be usefully exchanged with others or concerning which information is required.

The editing group will always be glad to meet any of the readers who happen to pass through Rome.

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The Marga Institute (Sri Lanka Centre for Development Studies)

has been founded to allow non-political professionals concerned with development, to engage in studies and research on economic and social problems.

Founded in April 1972, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, non-profit organization aims to meet the need for more extensive socio-economic research, to become a useful center for discussion, to publish studies, to analyze development problems in Sri Lanka and improve the knowledge and understanding of development issues among the public.

Activities carried out: study, research, information and documentation, training.

Project undertaken by the Institute and completed in 1973 unified approach to development analysis and planning, a comparative study of agricultural and population changes, study of non-formal education in Sri Lanka.

Project in progress: job expectations of unemployed youth, with special reference to self-employment among rural youth, work motivation in the private and public sectors, a survey of youth organizations which organize youth for productive enterprise and other development activity, with special reference to the cooperative movements, transfer of technology in developing countries, study of the needs of children and adolescents in Sri Lanka.

The Institute organizes seminars and conducts a series of evening groups in the selected fields which have priority for social and economic development of the country.

Periodical publications: Marga Journal, Directors: G Funatilleke, G Soysa
75 Ward Place, Colombo, 7, Sri Lanka (Cevlon).
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Reykjavik, Iceland, Laufasvegur 6

INDIVIDUALS

ROBERT ALLEN
interested in social sciences problems in developing countries, and particularly in human ecology
Cooperates with The Ecologist, New Scientist, The London Times
Present professional activities British Department for the Environment (advisor), Council of Europe (advisor)
Author of The Ecological Death
Information from Il Tempo, November 5, 1974

ARTHUR HARKINS
Change of address
College of Education, University of Minnesota, 2038 Burton Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455, USA

It is the deepest regret that we inform our readers of the loss of Sig Pietro Ferraro on September 25th. An eminent lawyer, Sig Ferraro first introduced the “Futuribili” concept to Italy, and opened up a new cultural direction toward the science of the future. His worthy activities over the past decade are documented by the periodical Futuribili and by his personal achievements and innumerable initiatives in the sphere of futures studies. His personality and contributions to this discipline will be sorely missed in Italy, but his thought and spirit of endeavor will continue to inspire and spur us on.
Born in Venice, 1908, he was Director of Futuribili, President of the Istituto di Ricerche di Economia Applicata (IREA), and Vice-President of the Association Internationale Futuribles.
Between 1972 and 1974, he wrote La costruzione del futuro come impegno morale, Rome, A. Armando, 1973, Arte e libertà di espressione, in Futuribili, 42, 43, 1972, Verso la società del tempo libero, in Futuribili, 44, 1972, Politica demografica per un mondo libero, in Futuribili, 46, 1972, Comunità e comunicazione, in Futuribili, 49, 50, 1972, Potere eco-

EARTH METABOLIC DESIGN SUMMER WORKSHOP 1975
Place Philadelphia, Pa., USA
Date June 1975
Organizers Earth Metabolic Design
(Further information Medard Gabel, Earth Metabolic Design, Box 2016 Yale Station New Haven, Conn 06520, USA, tel. 2037764921)

FUTURIZING EDUCATION
Place Bethesda, Maryland, USA
Date October 46, 1974
This conference included several workshops on such subjects as science-fiction and value change. Among the selected materials distributed to attendants are lesson plans and syllabi which teachers have successfully employed in teaching the future on the secondary level. A variety of exhibits and a continuous display of films were given during the conference.
(Further information Sally Woodhull Cornish, World Future Society, 4916 St Elmo Avenue, Washington D.C. 20014)

GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, QUALITY OF LIFE - GLOBAL AND REGIONAL SOCIAL SOLUTIONS
Date October 1975
Place Prague, Czechoslovakia
Organizers* International Institute for Peace, Vienna, jointly with the Institute for International Relations, CSSR
(Further information International Institute for Peace, Mail Waldplatz 5, A-1040, Vienna, Austria, tel. 654371)
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SOLVING GLOBAL PROBLEMS FOR SAFEGUARDING PEACE
Date 1976
Place Vienna or Novosibirsk
Organizers International Institute for Peace, Vienna, jointly with the Peace Science Society, USA and the Institute for World Economy and International Relations or the Central Economic-Mathematical Institute of the USSR Academy of Sciences
(Further information International Institute for Peace Mollwaldplatz 5 A 1040 Vienna, Austria, tel 656437)

METHODOLOGY OF THE PROGNOSTICS AND PROGRAMMING OF MODERN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
A symposium organized by the International Institute for Peace (Vienna) jointly with the Institute for Politics and Economic (Haus Rissen)
Place Hamburg, Germany
Date 5-7 December, 1974
(Further information International Institute for Peace Mollwaldplatz, 5, A 1040 Vienna, Austria, tel 656437)

METHODS OF SOLVING INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS AND CRISES
Date 1976
Place Frankfurt/Main or Vienna
Organizers International Institute for Peace, Vienna, jointly with the Hessen Foundation for Peace and Conflict Research
(Further information International Institute for Peace Mollwaldplatz 5 A 1040 Vienna tel 656437)

PLANNING FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER-CENTURY
A conference sponsored jointly by the International Affiliation of Planning Societies and the Planning Executive Institute

PLACE San Francisco, California, USA
Date May 21-24, 1975
The conference program will be divided into four “tracks”, as follows
Track 1 corporate planning for resources and environment: a) natural resources and agriculture, b) human resources, c) capital resources, inflation, d) the environment (1 social, 2 physical)
Track 2 planning systems and technology: A Long-range strategic planning systems (1 economic, 2 industry, 3 corporate, 4 government), B short range planning systems (1 budgeting and controlling, 2 forecasting, 3 reporting, 4 organization, financial)
Track 3 planning effectiveness and appraisal techniques: A Quantitative approach, B behavioral approach, C diagnosis of planning failures and successes, D integration of strategic and operational planning
Track 3 planning and governments: A impact of the US Government on US corporation planning (1 regulatory impact, 2 economic impact, 3 participation by corporations in government programs such as health care, transportation, etc.), B impact of world governments on multinational corporations (1 Third World development, 2 planning for international trade, 3 government business partnerships)
(Further information Dr S H Achtenhagen Conference Program General Chairman Stanford University, 720 South California Avenue, Palo Alto California 94306, USA, tel 415 497 2821)

POPOLAZIONE, AMBIENTE, RISORSE NELLA DINAMICA INTERNAZIONALE – 7° Convegno sui problemi internazionali (Population, Environment, Resources in the International Dynamics – 7th Meeting on International Problems)
A meeting organized by the Centro Studi “Nicolò Rezzara”
Place Recoaro Terme, Italy
Date 12-15 September 1974
The meeting reviewed the demographic explosion in terms of the earth’s limited natural resources and proposed a cultural alternative, offering a different approach to the problem of population increase
Program
12 September Population, Environment and Resources Deep Causes of Tension among People (L. Guli)
14 September Use and Abuse of Resources, Common Patrimony of People and Generations (P. Schmidt Muller), round table on Perspectives for an Alternative Development (chairman: M. Pedini), Contemporary Thought at a Cross-road (S. Cotta), Population Dynamics and International Balance (P. G. Schulte), New Perspectives of World Economy (A. Cechella), For a Culture Fit to Planetary Man (G. Guariglia)
15 September Synthesis of the Working Groups (A. Cechella), Synthesis of the Emerging Trends of the Meeting (B. Colombo)
The conclusive lesson has been held on The Power of Man over Nature from a Perspective of Social Justice (A. Luciani)

(Further information Centro studi "Rezzara", contra delle grazie 14, 36100 Vicenza)

SECOND IIAASA SYMPOSIUM ON GLOBAL MODELLING, LATIN-AMERICAN WORLD MODEL (Fundacion Bariloche, Argentina)
A symposium organized by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
Place Baden, Vienna (Austria)
Date 7-10 October 1974

SEMINARS OF THE FOURTH TERM OF THE CAF, CLUB D'AMIGOS DE LA FUTUROLOGIA
Seminar on Education in the XXI Century
October 21, 1974 Permanent Education and Informal Education (A. de Serch)
October 28, 1974 Politics of the Future (Rosa Menasanch)
November 4, 1974 Causes of the University's Troubles (Joseph Perena)
November 11, 1974 Conservation of Nature (Roser Nos)
November 18, 1974 Mental Development and Application of Forecast-
SESSION 162 – ENERGY POPULATION AND AFFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF THE EARTH’S RESOURCES
Place Schloss Leopoldskron, Salzburg, Austria
Date June 15-July 5, 1975
Organizers Salzburg Seminar in American Studies

Emphasis will be put on the search for solutions to problems facing all mankind in an age of predicted scarcity, with some nations affluent and some not. Among the subjects considered will be opportunities for resource development by international management, environmental protection and the settlement of transnational environmental disputes, and the imbalance between population growth and the world supply of food. The approaches to the subject will include scientific inquiry, economics and internation
Current Debate on World Problems, coordinated by V. Urquidi
Development (Author J. Tinbergen, presented by H. Linne mann), Food
(Author L. Brown, presented by M. Guernier), Population (V. Urquidi),
Human Settlements Habitat 2000 (Author B. Ward presented by S.
Nilsson), Oceans (E. Mann Borgese), Science and Technology (A. Buzzati
Traverso), Energy and Climate (Wilson and King)
Second session
Mankind at a Turning Point. Presentation of the Project
Charting a Path for World Society (E. Pestel), Strategy for Change (M.
Mesarovic)
Third session
Panel Discussion Reflection of Mankind’s Future. coordinated by H.
Jaguaribe (Panel of Humanists, including H. Jaguaribe, K. Deutsch, G.
Bastos de Avila
Fourth session
Features and Feasibility of an Equitable Society (report by Bariloche
Work Team, presentation by C. Mallmann, A. O. Herrara), Problems of
Population Doubling The World Food Problem (report by Dutch Work
Team, presentation by H. Linne mann), The Energy Food-Materials Com-
xplex (report by Gabor Colombo-King Work Team, presentation by A.
King), North-South Economic Relations and Industry Transfer (report by
Japan Work Team, presentation by Y. Kayla), Strategies of Development
and Underemployment in West Africa (report by German Work Team
presentation by Gert von Kortzfleisch), closing remarks (A. King)

THE EXPANDING FUTURE CFF—PRODUCED SMITHSONIAN SEMINAR
October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 1974
Respective topics What Makes Futurists Think?, The New Dimensions of
the Human Mind, Alternative Cultures, Future in Space, Large Scale So-
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New Images for the Future, Future Institutional Opportunities, Policy
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EARTH METABOLIC DESIGN
was established to take the initiative in developing the Design Science Information System and other projects founded in 1970 at a World Game workshop jointly sponsored by the Design Department of the University of Southern Illinois and R. Buckminster Fuller’s World Resources Inventory, a non-profit corporation.

Organizer: Earth Metabolic Design

Aims:“All the activities of Earth Metabolic Design are concerned with recognizing our problems, determining what needs to be done, and acting to meet the needs of 100 per cent of humanity.”

E M D seeks new global decision-making tools through the development of a globally referenced systems for collecting, organizing and retrieving information.

The Design Science Information System (DEISIS) is intended as a practical alternative to present decision-making methods.

Furthermore, “E M D distributes specific information about the environment, human needs and resources which can be used for the benefit of humanity. Some of the programs, both planned and under way, for utilizing media in the distribution of information are:

- publication of workbooks and papers which can aid in recognizing, defining and solving global problems;
- publication of a newsletter, Earth Metabolic Design, which includes articles and information about design science activities,
- production and distribution of audiovisual materials,
- development of computerized data storage and retrieval systems.

In addition, E M D sponsors ongoing programs for direct education and training in the design sciences:

- workshops and seminars
- the Design Science Fellowship Program (3 to 12 months in residence work sessions at Earth M D),
- Curriculum Development and Educational Aids, designed for all levels of educational institutions interested in incorporating a design science approach to their curriculum.

Director: Medard Gabel, Howard Brown.
President Gail Ziegelmeier
Research associate Jerry Sturmer

(Further information Medard Gabel, Earth Metabolic Design, Box 2016 Yale Station, New Haven, Connecticut 06520, USA, tel 203 776 4921)

IRADES

Having opened on 28 October last, the IRADES School for Futures Studies has now completed the third of the five weeks scheduled for the preliminary course. Designed to give the participants a general introductory to futures studies, this course will be followed by a second course, during which they will explore particular themes and methods used in futures studies. The ensuing third course will be dedicated to exercises in simulation.

Some 22 graduates and graduating students of various disciplines are enrolled in the first course. Most of them are recent graduates or graduating students, mainly in the social sciences, the others in contemporary literature, mathematics, physics and architecture.

Classes held three times a week for two-and-a-half hours each session, follow approximately this program:

- a short introduction to the theme of the lesson (first steps to futures studies, utopia, etc.),
- a synthesis of the exercises, presented by the animators, to explain each participant's viewpoint to the entire class,
- group exercises, generally three groups are formed to develop three alternatives to the theme under discussion,
- a discussion of the alternatives.

The purpose of the instruction — to cultivate in each student a futures-oriented mentality in terms of alternatives — has apparently appealed to the participants and succeeded in involving them actively in the proceedings. This approach sets the standard also for the rest of the course and the two courses to come, thus enabling the members of the group to confront the future in terms of their various disciplines. Briefly put, the themes treated in the introductory course are:

1) the history of futures studies (first steps, utopia, the results achieved over over the past 20 years in America, Europe and the socialist countries),
2) methods followed (general presentation, System dynamics probability calculations, the Delphi method, extrapolation, scenarios),
3) particular problems, to which the participants try to apply the ideas of the first and second communication, information, population, food supplies, natural resources, gaps between developed and developing countries, advanced and intermediate technologies,
4) a review of what has been achieved and not achieved during the course.

This course of instruction aims to provide each participant with a broad solid platform on which to base his own efforts in exploring the future.

(Further information IRADES, via Paisiello 6 00198 Rome, Italy tel 866 346 7)

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FUTURE

has been invited by NASA to present a long-range space goal to its newly-formed Study Group on "Outlook for Space". The Committee will outline a comprehensive set of policy directions, to include a dynamic space goal for the years 1980-2000.

Sponsored by the Committee, a "Choiceful Future Syncon" will be held in Washington November 22-24, 1974, to examine the impact and timing of a "choiceful future goal" on various social aspects — the economy, social welfare, international cooperation, security, environment, energy and the food crises, etc., and the purpose motivation and spiritual breakthrough such an evolving goal suggests.

Serving to develop the proposal for NASA, the work will be released to the general public as a "platform for the future".

(Further information from Barbara Marx Hubbard, The Committee for the Future, Inc 2325 Porter St, NW Washington, DC 20008, USA)
THE ECOLOGICAL STUDY OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN THE HOT ARID ZONE

A project headed by Dr. Samir Ghabbour, of the Department of Natural Resources, Institute of African Studies at Cairo University

With preparatory work already advanced on several levels, the research will include a detailed study of Cairo's ecology. It will also relate to the study area on large metropolitan systems. A committee of Egyptian scientists, engineers and planners has been assembled to formulate and conduct this phase of the project.

Information from Intecol Newsletter

TREND ANALYSIS PROGRAM

About 125 members of the New York Institute of Life Insurance are given a specific publication to monitor on one of the following subject areas: science and technology, social sciences, business and economics, politics and government. They abstract any article which indicates a trend in the social, political or economic spheres.

Every month, Institute staff members meet to discuss the abstracts and decide the contents of the Trend Analysis Reports. Consultant to the Trend Analysis Program is Ted Gordon, President of the Futures Group.

The Trend Reports, issued three times a year, are presented in thesis, scenario and statistical forms. Some of the topics which have appeared to date are: corporate responsibility, post-industrial society, attitudes toward political institutions, changes in family structure, privacy, national planning, the ecological crisis, technology assessment, education and the corporation, communications, aging and the aged, the employee, the life cycle.

(Further information: The Institute of Life Insurance, 277 Park Avenue, New York 10017, USA)

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN FUTURE STUDIES: A MARK III CRITIQUE

by H. W. Wentworth Eldredge

After the Mark I Report (presented at the Second World Future Research Conference, Kyoto, 1970) and the Mark II Report (presented at the Third World Future Research Conference, Bucharest, 1972), the Mark III Report will be published in fields within fields, in Bowm 1974, and in Futures, February 1975. The three reports have been funded by the World Institute Council, Inc., while Dartmouth College supported the endeavor.

(Further information: H. Wentworth Eldredge, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, USA)

'76 WEEK

A program developed to finalize the EXPO '74 (U.S. bicentennial celebration) and which is making use of the context provided by the EXPO to involve a substantial number of citizens in thinking about their future. It is organized by R. Theobald, N. Bell Coe and others.

Place: Spokane, Washington, USA
Date: October 28 - November 3, 1974.

There have been a series of meetings on changes in thinking which are evolving at the present time. Changes in basic patterns of understanding in such areas as communications, science, etc., changes in our understanding of the frontier questions in such areas as the sea, population, food, etc., changes in patterns of education, communities of '76, ways in which communities have been able to help their people understand the new world in which they are living.

Information from Futures Conditional.

(Further information: The Registrar, EXPO '74 Symposium Series, P.O. Box 1974, Spokane, Washington 99210, tel. (509) 456-7351)
DIE QUALITAT DES LEBENS
by Helmut Swoboda
Frankfurt, Suhrkamp, 1974

CITIZENS IN CONFLICT – THE SOCIOLOGY OF TOWN PLANNING
by J M Simmie
Published by Hutchinson Educational Ltd, London, 1974
Society wags a continuous battle to acquire scarce resources and power. This creates ideological disputes between groups and social classes with opposing interests. Town planners cannot serve the public interest because in conditions of social conflict, no such single interest exists. The planning of significant social change requires alterations in the distribution of resources and power and in ideology. A radically different system of planning is required.

FUTURE STUDIES IN SWEDEN A REVIEW OF RECENT PLANS AND EXPERIENCES
Stockholm Swedish Cabinet Office, Secretariat for Future Studies, 1974
This booklet reviews recent Swedish experiments in futures studies, and considers the need for such studies in an international perspective. The conclusion in depicting world futures through its futures studies, each country should give its own views on national and international responsibilities and obligations.

FUTURICS
A new quarterly journal, published jointly by the Minnesota Futurists, a chapter of the World Future Society, and the Science Museum of Minnesota. The first issue is planned for late spring of 1975. Futurics will be a medium for facilitating communications among organizations and individuals interested in alternative futures. The articles will be
written by regional, national and international authors. The contents will include original essays, research summaries, reports, letters, reviews and the like on subjects of alternative futures.

Some typical subjects to be covered:
- futurics, the group of sciences (including forecasting, planning, assessment, etc.) studying alternative futures
- humanistic futures
- preferable futures
- explorative and normative futures
- synthesized futures
- symbiotic and synergistic futures

During its first years, Futurics will devote a significant number of articles to future-focused treatments of important themes relating to the 1976 American Bicentennial.

The Directors of the Minnesota Futurists will serve on the editorial board.

(Further information: Arthur Harkins, College of Education, University of Minnesota, 203B Burton Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455, USA)

LISTA DE PUBLICACIONES FUNDACION BARILOCHE
Fundacion Bariloche, 1974
A list of publications, records, films and videotapes issued thus far by the Bariloche Foundation.
This Bibliography encompasses selected subjects such as energy, hydrology, geology, soils, ecology, sociology and technology and science transfer.


MANUALE PER UNA IMPROBABLE SALVEZZA
by Roberto Vacca
Milan, Mondadori, 1974, p 287
We are approaching a serious economic, political and organizational crisis throughout the world.

The only way to save ourselves is to begin at once improving ourselves and our actions.
But individual efforts are not adequate. To achieve positive results, the behavior and actions of the great masses must improve.
Toward this end, we must explore in depth mens’ opinions, character, decisions, knowledge and communications.

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION IN SRI LANKA
Marga Research Studies 1, p 250
Describing and analysing the needs of adolescents and youth in relation to non-formal education, this study focuses on the current pre-vocational curricular reform as an example of the reorientation to the formal education system. It also describes and analyses the work of selected voluntary organizations engaged in community education.

(Further information: Marga Institute (Publications Unit), P.O. Box 61, Issipathana Mawatha, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka)

ON LEARNING TO PLAN—AND PLANNING TO LEARN
by Donald N. Michael
This is a systematic analysis of the behavioural and structural necessities of long-range social planning. It examines the likely responses and resistences of people and organizations to vital change and suggests an alternative to technocratic planning and social engineering, long-range social planning based on humane values and conceived as a social learning process.

PER UNA SCIENZA DELLA SCELTA POLITICA
by Yehezkiel Dror
Rome, Edizioni Previsionali, 1974, p 240, L 5 000
This is the Italian issue of Yehezkiel Dror’s “Design for Policy Sciences”,
PUBLICATIONS

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published by IRADES

(further information IRADES via Pansello 6, 00198 Rome, Italy)

PROSPETTIVE INTERNAZIONALI PER LA SCUOLA DI DOMANI
Published by OTV Stoechiero, Vicenza, 1974
Proceedings of the 6th meeting of international problems, organized by the Centro studi "N Rezza" in September 1973,
A renewed school is proposed, better suited to man and more in harmony with life, according to the indications of the Faure Report Learning to Be, the school must be able to interpret social reality and answer man's natural need to know
If we want to realize this trend in education development, the whole community must be totally engaged in learning and teaching

RELIGION AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASIAN SOCIETIES
published by The Marga Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka, p 291
This book contains a series of papers presented at a seminar discussing the search for a strategy of effective social action for development, based on truth and love. The discussion also reflects the significant change that has recently taken place in the religious response to social environment

(order from Marga Institute, Publications Unit, P.O. Box 601, 61 Issipathana Mawatha, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka)

THE LIFE CYCLE
TREND REPORT 8-TREND ANALYSIS PROGRAM
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This report follow trends in life stages and living patterns
It isolates one aspect of the human condition, the life cycle, and examines transitional changes involving the primary unit of the social structure: the individual
The familiar model of the life cycle is reexamined

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MYTH GAME
The Myth Game was designed by Ken Davis to illustrate how certain elements and patterns recur in myth, literature, society and dreams. It can be played by two to six players, or by teams of players. Different story topics are suggested to use in the game. Among them are a current news event: the greening of America, the Ching in the family. A futuristic book, the zodiac, 2001, a space odyssey, a science fiction story, Jesus, Buddha, John Kennedy etc. The story elements are discussed and the discussion then moves to the larger patterns formed by the individual elements. For further discussion one can refer to such works as
Alan Watts, Myth and Ritual in Christianity
Joseph Campbell, The Hero with a Thousand Faces
Lord Raglan, The Hero
Northrop Frye, Anatomy of Criticism
Carl Jung, Man and His Symbols
Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich's series, Literature Uses of the Imagination
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The 14th world conference of the Society for International Development was held in the second week of August in the Ivory Coast, and was attended by over 700 development experts from 70 countries. Perhaps inspired by the ecological, monetary, energetic, demographic and food crisis which all combine to put the entire subject matter of development in a new perspective, the futurity of the development process was put in the limelight.

The meeting combined intellectual dialogue with field-trips, and provided an exceptional opportunity for interdisciplinary work sessions which alerted many participants to the need for fresh insights. In other words, I came away from Abidjan under the impression that each year the breaking away from the past is greater, and that a more intense search is on for a ‘sui generis’ development model for the various countries. The Chinese, Tanzanian, Brazilian, Yugoslav, Peruvian and South Korean models are some of the most discussed — not because they are copied or exportable, but precisely because they are ‘sui generis’ — something new and different.

It is noteworthy that, judging from the literature, more development experts are interested in futurology, than futurists in development. This is perhaps so because the entire field of “prospective” has been dominated by the industrial countries on the one hand, and by the technical specialists on the other hand.

The Abidjan meeting brought out very clearly the message that a most fertile field of interdisciplinary research awaits those institutions and researchers who wish to mix future-oriented research with development studies, ideally on-the-spot, that is, within the Third World and with the dedicated and valuable cooperation of experts raised in the developing countries.

The Abidjan meeting, with its heavy African imprint, demonstrated the great insights of African leaders in all fields to search for a different future, and not to lean more on the old European models than is necessary for a start. The Abidjan meeting also demonstrated how little Africa, Latin America and Asia know about each other, how few contacts there are on a personal base between these continents, and how much
they have in common despite language and other barriers
If anyone joins the writer in professing keen interest in interdisciplinary
research in the future of the development process, I take the liberty to
suggest that you write to Monsieur Hugues de Jouvenel, Maison des
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with a copy to Monsieur Paul Varc-Henry, President, Society for Interna-
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or write to M Henry copy to M de Jouvenel, depending whether
you are primarily a futurist or a development expert. It will be greatly
appreciated if you would also copy the undersigned

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