This issue of our Newsletter in Social and Human Forecasting is the sixth and we are pleased to say that the information for it and the comments sent on it are increasing every month. It may also be noted that this issue is able to offer "ideas on the future" sent by the readers. We very much hope this may really become an informal and easy forum of exchange between the readers from various parts of the world, of various ages, from the various contexts.
We would like to underline that the Newsletter is not simply a mean of communication but a way of intercommunication, a service between the people that 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 to our emerging world community.

2) Any idea is useful to exchange with others, of concerning which information is required.

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

The International Society for Technology Assessment (ISTA) is a new world membership organization concerned with the conduct of these activities and studies Technology Assessment gives a means for developing options which will allow society to find democratic ways and means to preserve and improve the quality of human life. The growing awareness that scientific and technical growth have undesirable and dangerous consequences has led to movements within and without science to find means for predicting these consequences and producing options which minimize the bad and maximize the desirable effects.

ISTA is established as an international society. Its offices are located in The Hague, The Netherlands, and in Washington, DC, USA.

ISTA will publish its own periodical “Technology Assessment.”

ISTA will also sponsor an international conference program.

The First International Congress will be held at The Hague, The Netherlands, in March of 1973.

Members will receive:
1) Journal (Quarterly), 2) Consultative Referral Service, 3) Trips-on-site, 4) Discount at First International Meeting.

The newsletter:

(Further information: The International Society for Technology Assessment, P.O. Box 9058, The Hague, The Netherlands)

A Center for Policy Alternatives has been established in the School of Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to foster the application of technology to the solution of social problems and Dr. J. Herbert Hollomon, former president of the University of Oklahoma, has been appointed its first director. The new Center will study and investigate substantive issues related to society, particularly those in which technology and engineering...
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could play significant roles, and will seek close cooperation from throughout the Institute in pursuing its research. The Center will consist of associated faculty members and students and will have a small permanent core staff and part-time participants from throughout the Institute and from the outside world. (Further information: School of Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139 USA)

INDIVIDUALS

INTENTIONS, CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Ivan Ma'lek, Academician, University professor, Za'br'eh (Czechoslovakia)

Present professional activities and specialization in the field of forecasting Biology for the Future of Mankind Education for the future especially from the point of view of development of Human Creativity, Human Environment and its preservation and formation.

(Further information: Ivan Ma'lek, Institute of Microbiology, Czechoslovak Acad. of Sciences, Budejovicka 270/c Praha 4 – Krc, Czechoslovakia)
The Association for the Advancement of Psychotherapy, under the presidency of Stanley Lesse, M.D., has sponsored a series of meetings that have attempted to bring light to changing psychosocial patterns. In March, 1971, it sponsored a meeting entitled “Women and our Changing Family Structure.” On March 16, 1972, it sponsored a dealing with “The Changing Image of Masculinity in our Current Society.” On April 30, the Association for the Advancement of Psychotherapy sponsored a meeting entitled “Prophylactic Psychotherapy – Theoretic and Procedural Considerations.” This meeting is the first to be held on the subject of the use of psychotherapy as a preventative tool in the attempt to avoid future psychic decompensation by individuals or groups. This meeting was held in the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

(Further information: Mr. Stanley Lesse, M.D., American Journal of Psychotherapy, New York, N.Y., 10024 USA)

Brain, Consciousness and Human Survival is the seventh annual conference of the Teilhard Centre for The Future of Man to be held at St. Pancras Assembly Rooms, Euston Road, London, N.W.1 on October 20th and 21st, 1972.


October 21st, 1972 “The Humanisation of Consciousness - An African viewpoint” Prof. T. Adeoje Lambo, “Consciousness and the Collective Operating the Noosphere” Dr. Joel de Rosnay, “Can Determinism and Freedom be Reconciled?” Prof. John R. Platt,
“Convergence and The Future” Prof John R Platt

(Further information The Teilhard Centre, 3 Cromwell Place, London, SW7 2JE, UK)

The Common Future of Men, will be organized in București, Romania from the 4th to the 11th of September 1972

The Romanian Organizing Committee

President Professor Manea Manescu, President of the Economic Council of the S.R. of Romania, Vice-presidents Professor Miron Constantinescu, President of the Academy of Social and Political Sciences and Professor Mircea Malita, Minister of Education, Members Pavel Apostol, Mihai C Botez, Ion Cornea, Ion Desmireanu, Emilian Dobrescu, Gheorghe Dolgu, Emanoil Floreșcu, Erno Gall, Dumitru Ghise, Ion Goliță, Constantin Ionescu, Cezar Lazarescu, Roman Moldovan, Edmond Nicolau, Ion Niculescu, Constantin Petre, Remus Raduleț, Valter Roman, Cristoșor Simionescu, Nicolae Teodorescu, Constantin Vlad, Stefan Voicu

Address of The Romanian Organizing Committee

Third World Future Research Conference, Bucharest I, Calea Victoriei 125, Romania Phone 14 51 90 and 14 79 55

Conference Offices

The Secretariat will function in the Conference building and the address mentioned above

Special information bureaus of the Conference will be open at Bucharest - North Railway and the Otopeni - Bucharest Airport during 1-4 September

Working Sessions and Organization of Proceedings

The Conference will proceed according to the following general outline

- Ceremonial Opening Session - Plenary sessions where introductory lectures will be presented
- Working groups, seminars, and round tables where introductory lectures, invited comments and papers will be delivered
- Closing Session

The Directorate, in its meeting of April 22, 1972, has worked out the final program of the Conference, as follows

General theme The Common Future of Men

The topics of the plenary sessions are

- The Role of Science in Social Innovation - Methods to Approach the Future - Education for the Future - Representations of Different Peoples on their own Futures - The Future of Interindividual Relations - Future Research A Second Look

Special Program There will be one free morning, and for those interested in participating, there is scheduled a joint debate with the International Marketing Federation on the topic “The Future of Consumption”

The topics of the working groups, panel discussion, seminars and round tables are

Languages of the Conference
The official languages of the Conference are English, French, German and Russian
The Newsletter of the Conference will be printed in English

Other Activities
A large round table is planned to be held concurrently with the Conference on the Conference on The Future of Youth And Youth Of The Future Participants can attend this round table with a special invitation issued by a separate Youth Organizing Committee
During the Conference there will also be a working meeting of the Futurology Commission of the International Sociological Association
The Romanian Center for Information and Documentation in Social and Political Sciences will organize an exhibition of World Literature in Future Research as well as a special meeting on Information And Documentation in Future Studies
A Future Creating Workshop will also be available to Conference participants

Registration
Persons wishing to take part in the Conference should register not later than August 1, 1972

(Further information Third World Future Research Conference Bucharest I, Calea Victoriei 125, Romania)

Engineering Involvement Is organized on June 19-22, 1972 at Texas Tech Universities, Lubbock, Texas
The subject of discussion at the 80th Annual Conference of the American Society for Engineering Education moves on to another level — to examine the what and how of teaching and practice so that present and future engineers and technicians can play an adequate role. This introspective look includes many sessions dealing with what to teach and how to teach it, as well as new research to support the teaching

(Further information Asee Annual Conference 1972, American Society for Engineering Education, Suite 400, One Dupont Circle, Washington DC 20036, USA)

EVAF/ETED 4 — incorporating the 4th Annual Conference of the EVAF European Technological Forecasting Division, International Congress Centre RAI, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, organized by EVAF, 2-4 King Street, St James London W1

(Further information 2-4 King Street, St James London W1)

The Human Prospect — a "Programme for Survival" is organized by The World Education Fellowship in cooperation with its Scottish Section as an International Conference on August 1st-8th 1972
The aim of this conference is to foster already developing forms of education, which anticipate the needs of tomorrow’s society. These approaches are enabling children to become thinking questioning adults, willing and able to make their individual contribution to the community which they will be helping to form

(Further information The World Education Fellowship, 55 Upper Stone Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, U K)

Sciences Humaines pour ingénieurs "Human sciences for the engineers" is a course organized for 1972-1973 by the enterprise responsibles and professors of the University of Louvain. Will consist of a series of seminars centered on the spirit of
psychosynthesis on the basis of the need of educating engineers towards the future

(Further information Mr Joseph Basle, Avenue de Meyssse 3, 1020 Bruxelles)

Summer School for prognostication, for participants from Socialist countries, will be organized by the Committee for Research and Prognoses “Poland 2000”, Polish Academy of Sciences, in Poland, September 12-22, 1972 Director/Andrzej Sicinski

(Further information Andrzej Sicinski, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warszawa, Nowy Swiat 72, Poland)

Technology assessment and quality of life is the 4th General SAINT – Conference to be held September 24-28, 1972, Schloss Leopoldskron, Salzburg, Austria

This international conference, covering a wide spectrum of presentations and discussions, will be an attempt to correlate the Technology assessment movement with those elements and dimensions of Quality of Life for which new technologies have a particular bearance.

Problem-oriented scientists from various disciplines as well as experts working on the “front” of technology planning in government, industry, national and international organizations will display the conference theme with respect to its conceptual, methodological, and empirical aspects, including scenario development and case studies for demonstration and specification

Preliminary Programme Outline

Opening Session  The Problem: “Landscape”
Topic 1 The Development of New Technologies – The Two Faces

Regarding Quality of Life
Topic 2 The Process of Industrial Production and its Impact on Quality of Life
Topic 3 Assessing the Distribution and Consumption of New Technologies
Topic 4 Institutional and Organizational Patterns and Mechanism of Technology Assessment
Closing Session New Concepts of Social Commitment in Technology Assessment

(Further information Mr Louis Turner, Secretary of SAINT, Department of Sociology, Salford University, Salford 5, Lancashire, U K)
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(Further information Mr. Louis Turner, Secretary of SAINT, Department of Sociology, Salford University, Salford 5, Lancashire, U K.)
Future Oriented Psychotherapy This is a technique that has been gradually evolved by Stanley Lesse, M D, Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of Psychotherapy

(Further information Stanley Lesse, M D Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of Psychotherapy, New York, New York 10024, USA)

The Group of Social Prognoses, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences On going research and studies 1) problems of changes of 'style of life', 2) indicators of cultural changes, 3) prognostication and planning in culture, 4) basic methodological problems of social prognostication

(Further information Mr Andrzej Scienski, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warszawa, Nowy Swiat 72, Poland)

Problem possibility focusers are a new type of document They are not designed to set down the views of single person about an issue, rather they attempt to set out the present state of knowledge about the problem possibility under discussion — in this case, the future Current agreements and disagreements are stated as clearly as possible Ideas being advanced to settle the present disagreements are also developed In addition, resource material which may help to clarify the nature of the present disagreements are listed

The process of attempting to state the agreements more clearly and to resolve present disagreements is continuous

(Further information Problem/Posibility, Swallow Press, 1139 S Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605, USA)
ACTIVITIES

ON GOING RESEARCH AND STUDIES

SYNCON — a synergistic convergence to explore a proposal for a positive future — a new process for individuals and groups from all backgrounds to examine their own “next step” forward in the context of the growing capacities of mankind as a whole — an experiment in democratic decision-making to overcome the adversary mode of conflict resolution — an exercise in anticipatory problem-solving

Sponsored by the Committee for the future, a non-profit organization of citizens from many fields of endeavor advocating “new worlds on earth — new worlds in space”, through the employment of all man’s evolving capacities (tech, psych, spir) to achieve a positive future. All functions, interests, talents, needs included. SYNCON will take place in Southern Illinois University, located in Carbondale, SIU-Carbondale is an ideal environment for the first universal SYNCON, May 17-21, 1972

(Further information Advanced Registration New Worlds Week, Department of Higher Education, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901, USA)

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(Further information Editions Armand Colin, 103 Boulevard Saint Michel, 75 Paris V, France)


(Further information Joseph F Coates, room 404, National Science Foundation, 1800 G St., N.W Washington, D.C 20550, USA)


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Samuel Warren Cochran, N. Dalkey, B. Brown, La prevision a long terme par la methode Delphi, Dundod Publisher, Paris France, 1972

(Further information Samuel Warren Cochran, East Texas State University, Department of Psychology, Commerce, Texas, 75428, USA)
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Contracultura, is a little irregular publication which Miguel Grinberg puts out from time to time
(Further information Miguel Grinberg, Contracultura, C C C 1332 – Capital – Argentina)

(Further information Ewert H Cousins, American Teilhard De Chardin Association, 157 East 72 St New York, N Y 10021, USA)

Norman C. Dalkey, La Prévision à Long Terme par la Méthode Delphi, Dunod, Paris, 1972
(Further information Norman C Dalkey, 1700 Main St, Santa Monca, California, USA, 90406)

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(Further information Norman C Dalkey, 1700 Main St, Santa Monca, California, USA, 90406)

James Allen Dator, co-edit with Megoroh Maruyama, Human Journal Futuristics, (Social Science Research Institute, 1971)
(Further information James Allen Dator, Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, USA)

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(Further information James Allen Dator, Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, USA)

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James Allen Dator, Teaching Futuristics, address before the World Future Society meeting, May 1971, appearing in the published proceedings of the conference, 1972
(Further information James Allen Dator, Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, USA)

Selwyn Enzer, Cross-Impact Techniques in technology Assessment, (prepared for delivery at the Engineering Foundation Research Conference on “Technology Assessment Management,
Manpower, and Method”, Andover, New Hampshire, August 30–September 3, 1971)
(Information received from the Institute for the Future)

Selwyn Enzer, Dennis L Little, and Frederick D Lazar, Some Prospects for Social Change by 1985 and Their Impact on Time/Money Budgets, March 1972, 145 pp
(Information received from the Institute for the Future)

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(Information received from the Institute for the Future)

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(Information received from the Institute for the Future)

Miguel Grinberg, Precursos de Futuro (Futures Forerunners) for a local publisher (It may come out this year)
(Further information Miguel Grinberg, Contracultura, C C C 1332 – Capital – Argentina)

Institute on Man and Science, Technology and the People
(Further information Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville, N Y, G A Enk, IMS, Rensselaerville 12147 USA)
(Further information Nilo A Lindgren, Innovation, Technology Communication, Inc, 300 East 42 St, New York, NY USA)

Nilo A Lindgren, co-author of *Pavilion*, (The story of a collaboration in Art and Technology), Dutton, New York, in English, this spring 1972
(Further information Nilo A Lindgren, Innovation Technology Communication, Inc 300 East 42 St, New York, NY USA)

Andrew J Lipinski, *Toward a Framework for Communications Policy Planning*, December 1971, 33 pp
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(Further information Miss H Yoman, IEEE Office, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 19104 USA)

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Man, announces that the vol 2 June 1972 issue of the Teilhard
Review will be devoted to an International Symposium on the
Blueprint for Survival from 'The Ecologist'
Copies of the June Issue of Teilhard Review can be ordered in
advance from The Teilhard Centre for the Future of Man at 50p
($1.50) per copy, postage paid

(Further information The Teilhard Centre for the Future of Man, 3
Cromwell Place, London, S W 7 U K )

2001, periodismo de anticipacion It is a monthly journal,
published by Editorial MBH, Av Cordoba 1367, 13 Floor,
Buenos Aires, Argentina Its current issue is No 46

(Further information Miguel Grunberg, Contracultura CCC 1332 –
Capital – Argentina)

"I am afraid that there will no answer to the problem posed by
'Social Forecasting versus Elite Forecasting' in 5 of this
Newsletter, because people do not want to discuss it ."

Ruggero Boscu, Rome, Italy

The lay public for the experts or the experts for the lay public?

Is this possible, is this thinkable, is this welcomed, at all?
Indeed, there is much talking and writing about broader
participation of the public in decision processes Radio, TV,
computer democracy, etc are discussed and tested Well, button
democracy is in the making – this way or the other way Yet,
what is changing? Will the little man in the street really be
more capable to participate in decisions than before? If the
button is pressed without getting fundamental learning
possibilities, information or illumination then there will be no
qualitative change

How can progressive communication methods and techniques be
used in learning processes
– Which are tied to the particular needs and interests
– so that a mutually satisfactory communication process can be
taking place
– in order to create an equal information level as the
pre-requisite for more participatory and democratic decisions?

N.M. Ralf B. Ziegler
Dokumentation fur Graue Leturatur Zukunftsforschung, 1, Berlin
15, Kurfurstendamm 196, VI Germany
Meditation – Therapy

In the developed countries of the Western hemisphere people are suffering from intense tension that results in cerebral and respiratory diseases, often with fatal results. The causes are part of environmental pollution, but social and psychological breakdown is no less important in this. Mental disorders are on the increase and people need to be re-assured of their own potential power, energy and health. Out of the general method that have been tried in group study one that has worked wonders is Meditation that gives in the persons a feeling of relaxation, inner glow and confidence in carrying on their day to day activities more purposefully than before. Hundreds of people have derived benefits in this Meditation-Therapy. It is fully scientific and the success of the treatment is certified by the person concerned rather than by those who give them treatment.

Dr Puri, with his colleagues is running regular weekly classes with the attendance that varies between 50-60.

(Further information Dr Gopal Puri, Liverpool Polytechnic, Liverpool 3 UK, 3 SF)
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