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CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

~~ from the International Sociological Association's RC46 ~~

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From Jan Marie Fritz, RC46 President

Dear RC46 Clinical Sociology Members,

Thank you to the many members who sent in abstracts for our meeting in Argentina. We are looking forward to seeing you in Buenos Aires. The RC46 Program Committee members – including Tina Uys, Emma Porio and Viviana Arbelo - are ready to help you with your participation.

This past month RC46 submitted an application to the ISA for some funding. Several of the board members were very helpful in the development of the application. We are able to submit an application once during a four-year period. While the amount of funds available from the ISA to a small RC is not very much, the money would help us a little with the conference and allow us to see if we can expand our website capacity. We will let you know if we do receive some funding.

The most recent membership list from the ISA indicates that we now have 79 members. (I understand that a few additional membership applications still are in process.) We would like to welcome our newest members: **Tetyana A. Basina** (Kharkiv, Ukraine), **Hans Petter Sand** (University of Agder in Kristiansand, Norway), **Aleksandr Serdyuk** (Kharkiv, Ukraine), **Johan A. Van Rooyen** (Middelburg, South Africa) and **Saeid Yarmohammadi** (Tehran, Iran). We look forward to working with you!

If one of our members has design talent, it would be nice to have a logo for the next newsletter. If you have some ideas or can provide a design or two, please get in touch with me. I also want to let you know that we are looking for a little translation help with sections of future newsletters. If you can help with English/Spanish or English/French translation, please let me know. Thanks.

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Announcement of RC46 Award Winners

Our three RC46 award committees have completed their work. The awards will be presented at our business meeting/award ceremony this coming August.

Our RC46 Distinguished Career Award will be given to **Robert Sévigny** (Canada), the first president of our organization, for his exceptional contributions to the field of clinical sociology. The

Outstanding Early Career Award will be given to **Olga Guzhva** (Ukraine) and the Distinguished Book Award will be given to *International Clinical Sociology* (contributors include RC members Jacques Rhéaume, Vincent de Gaulejac, Yuji Noguchi, Anastasia-Valentine Rigas, Andriani Papadaki, Robert Sévigny, A. Halim Wan, and Walda Katz Fishman; the volume was edited by Jan Marie Fritz and published by Springer.)

The awards will be presented at our 2012 conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina (August 1-4, 2012). The ISA has not yet determined the date and time of the RC46 business meeting/award session.

Thank You to Members

Many members helped with RC activities these past months. The board members who chaired or were members of one of our award committees were **Tina Uys, Robert Sévigny, Catherine Montgomery, Jan Marie Fritz, Vincent de Gaulejac, Norma Takeuti, Massimo Corsale, Emma Porio and Jenifer Cartland**. We are very appreciative that they took time to review and deliberate about the nominations. All members of the award committees are assessing the award descriptions, guidelines and processes so that we can improve how we do this next time. This was the first time that we offered awards, and we expected that changes would be suggested and will be made before our next nomination period. Our next awards will be in 2014 and presented at the World Congress in Tokyo.

We also wish to give a very big thanks to board member **Nicole Aubert** for taking on the challenging job of translating the award guidelines from English into French.

Thanks also to the Program Committee – **Emma Porio, Tina Uys, Viviana Arbelo and Patricia Guerrero Morales** – for the offers to help members who are participating in the 2012 meeting in Argentina.

And, finally, thanks to board members **John Cultiaux, André Suchet and Jan Marie Fritz** for reviewing the applications for ISA grants so that members get a little help to attend our RC46 meeting in Argentina. The review committee has to turn in its recommendations to the ISA by March 1. The ISA makes the final selection after checking, for instance, on membership status and that each applicant applied to only one group for funding. The ISA will be in contact with the applicants after its review.

Program for our Conference in Argentina

The International Sociological Association's (ISA) Forum will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from August 1-4, 2012. Our RC46 Clinical Sociology will be meeting at the Forum, and we hope you are going to be joining us. Our sessions are as follows: Essentials of Community Intervention; Community Development and Social Justice; Gender, Sexuality, Race and Social Justice; Corruption and Globalization: Health and Justice; Human Rights and Diversity; Work Settings and Clinical Sociology; The History and Current Status of Clinical Sociology in Nations and Regions; Open Discussion; Accreditation of Clinical, Applied, Engaged Public Sociology and Interdisciplinary

Programs in the US and Other Countries: Open Discussion; RC46 Business Meeting and Award Presentations; Social Justice and Democratization in Organizations and Using Clinical Sociology to Improve Society.

Our program was sent to members through the listserv in December. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Jan Marie Fritz at jan.fritz@uc.edu to receive a copy.

All participants should remember that they need to register for the conference by April 10. If a presenter does not register for the conference by that date, the ISA will delete the presentation from the program.

Our Program Committee members are offering help to RC46 program participants. **Emma Porio**, an RC46 member as well as an Executive Committee member of the ISA, will be advising those participants who might need assistance on joining the ISA, RC46 or registering for the conference. Emma can be contacted at eporio@ateneo.edu **Viviana Arbelo**, who lives in Buenos Aires, will be advising participants about housing possibilities for the conference. Viviana can be contacted at viviabelo@gmail.com **Tina Uys**, an RC46 member as well as the ISA's Vice President for National Associations, will be writing, on behalf of our Program Committee, any official letter (e.g., invitation, confirmation of participation) that may be needed regarding participation our RC46 program. If you need such a letter, please contact Tina at tuys@uj.ac.za

News from Regional Representatives

RC46 has four regional representatives. Their job is to let people know about both RC46 and clinical sociology as well as to find opportunities for our members. Two of the regional representatives sent in reports for this newsletter.

Anastasia Valentine Rigas is a full professor of social clinical psychology and methodology at the University of Crete (Greece). She is the editor of the forthcoming *Social Clinical Psychology and Creativity: The Psychology of Art and Literature Perspectives* from Gutenberg – Dardanos. Anastasia has encouraged colleagues in psychology to join RC46. Anastasia organized or participated with colleagues in many seminars and symposia in Greece in 2011. If you are interested in attending or taking part in a seminar, symposium or conference in Greece, please contact Anastasia at ros_pana@yahoo.gr for information about upcoming events.

Maryann Mason (US) writes that she is currently serving a three-year term on the board of the American Sociological Association's Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology. The Section will meet as part of the American Sociological Association's annual conference that will be held this year in Denver, Colorado from August 17-20. Maryann says that she assists in planning Section events such as a reception at the annual ASA meeting and issuing calls for paper submissions for several paper sessions. She says the Section has a listserv and a website where opportunities are posted that may be of interest to RC46 members (see <http://sspps.wordpress.com/>). Maryann is very open to putting together an informal gathering for RC46 members at the ASA annual meeting. Please contact Maryann if you are interested at mmason@childrensmemorial.org

If you would be interested in being a regional representative for RC46, please contact Jan Marie Fritz at jan.fritz@uc.edu