

On 26 August 1975, more than fifty scientists gathered at the Sir Frances Drake Hotel in San Francisco to found the Society for Social Studies of Science. Two hours later the assembled, under the chairmanship of Warren Hagstrom, had amended and ratified the Charter of the Society (see page 2), elected officers and a Council, and adopted The Sociologist of Science as its newsletter (hence the change in masthead). Elected (for terms that expire at the close of the annual meeting in the years indicated) were: President Robert K. Merton (1976), Secretary-Treasurer Robert McGinnis (1978), and Council members Bernard Barber, Nelson Polsby (both 1976), Nicholas Mullins, Derek de Solla Price, and Arnold Thackray (all 1977).

On the evening of the 26th, President Merton chaired an informal problematics session, attended by approximately fifty, featuring a brief presentation by Derek Price and reactions to it by a panel consisting of Joseph Ben-David, Warren Hagstrom, Nicholas Mullins, and Daniel Sullivan. Prior to Price's remarks and the ensuing discussion, Eugene Garfield, on behalf of the Institute for Scientific Information, presented a \$500 check to the Society for start-up activities. Secretary-Treasurer McGinnis gratefully accepted the gift.

At noon the following day, the first Council meeting was convened with President Merton presiding. The report that follows is based on the minutes submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer:

Newsletter. The 4S shall publish a periodical Newsletter, to be called "SSSS--The Newsletter of the Society for Social Studies of Science." This Newsletter hopefully will take over and build from the privately distributed The Sociologist of Science (SASS--Cornell). To arrange this and to further the publication policies of 4S, a Publications Committee was appointed by the President (under Article IV, 4S Charter) to consist of the following members: Bernard Barber (Chairman), Daryl Chubin, and Arnold Thackray.

Dues. It was agreed that the initial annual schedule of dues should be the U.S. dollar equivalent of: a) \$10 for professional members including faculty; b) \$5 for students; with c) \$x additional being welcomed as "burnt offerings" from members. A list of those who took part in the founding meeting of 4S will be placed in the Society's archives. It was agreed that the category of Founding Member should not be limited to these participants since a number of others communicated their interest in sharing in the formation of the Society, but were unable to attend the organizing session. The council of 4S, therefore, voted to establish the category of Founding Member which is available to any eligible person (see Article II, 4S Charter) who elects to join the Society within one month (two for those with European addresses) of the initial invitation to membership. The Council will explore the notion of a category of "Sponsoring Members," but will not act upon it until after the first responses to membership invitations are received.

Standing Committees. It was decided that the following should comprise the Society's initial standing committees (with their original membership as indicated):

- a) Publications
(See Newsletter above)
- b) Membership
Derek de Solla Price, Co-Chairman
Robert McGinnis, Co-Chairman
Nelson Polsby
Ian Mitroff
Robert Cohen
Melvin Kranzberg
(Others to be appointed by Council, especially an economist)
- c) Nominations
(To be named according to Article IV of the 4S Charter)
- d) Program Committee
(To be named by the President under Article III.A., President Merton, Chairman)
- e) Archives Committee
Arnold Thackray, Chairman
(Other members to be named by Council)

4S First Annual Meeting. President Merton is exploring with Joseph Ben-David (Chairman, ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Science) the co-sponsorship of the international conference to be held in the U.S. in October, 1976. The conference could also serve as the first annual meeting of 4S, including its annual business meeting (see Announcement page 6).

Amendments to 4S Charter

The following two articles of the 4S Charter were amended by a majority vote by those attending the founding meeting in San Francisco. The articles read in their entirety:

III.B. THE SECRETARY-TREASURER. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records of the Society and shall receive and have custody of funds of the Society. The accounts shall be subject each year to an audit by members chosen by the President of the Society or by a certified public accountant. At the end of each three-year term the accounts must be audited by a certified public accountant. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for communicating the agenda of coming Council meetings to members through the Newsletter and for presenting any responses or suggestions received from members at such Council meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform such other duties as the Council shall assign.

V.C. FACILITATION. The Society, acting through the Council, may receive and disperse funds in order to carry out its activities.

Copies of the ratified Charter are available on request from the Secretary-Treasurer.

Meetings: Past and Prospective

YORK CONFERENCE. A sociology of science conference was held at the University of York (England) on 16-18 September 1975. The Newsletter received a list of participants and topics (eleven papers were presented) from Nigel Gilbert. For a final program and other details contact him at the Department of Sociology, University of York, Heslington, York YO1 5DD, England.

PRODUCTION OF CULTURE SYMPOSIUM. Richard Peterson (Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235), coordinator of the Symposium on the Production of Culture (20-21 November 1975 at Vanderbilt) offers further information on the Symposium (originally announced in the Winter 1975 issue of TSOS). Papers by Warren Hagstrom (Wisconsin, Madison) Paul Hirsch (Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago) and Max Heirich (Michigan, Ann Arbor) will focus on science, the arts and religion respectively. Each will consider the range of work contexts in which symbols are produced (i.e., pure, applied; elite, mass), the cycle of production from creation to distribution, and the evolving relationship with the environing society. Each of the other presenters will focus on a particular subject cutting across at least two of the three substantive areas. They include: a comparison of the reward systems in science, art and religion by Diana Crane (Pennsylvania); the labeling and development of deviant knowledge by William Bainbridge (Washington, Seattle); the establishment and evolution of social conventions among culture producers by Howard S. Becker (Northwestern); and the role of the government and other patrons in shaping symbol production in science and the arts by Michael Useem (Boston University). Paul DiMaggio (Harvard) is putting together a bibliographic essay dealing with recent and ongoing research in the production of culture area. He would appreciate hearing about any and all efforts which should be noted.

SEKTION WISSENSCHAFTSFORSCHUNG. The German Sociological Society has established a "Sektion Wissenschaftsforschung" (research committee on sociology of research) which met for its first time during the 17th meeting of the German Sociological Association last November in Kassel. Erwin K. Scheuch (University of Cologne) was appointed as the first president of the Section for the next two years. The Section is aimed to be a forum for communication and cooperation among sociologists of science in Germany as well as internationally. The Section is expressly interdisciplinary in its approach, while its main activities will be the organization of conferences and meetings. Five topics have been chosen by the membership to be of primary interest during the next two years:

- The organization of scientific work
- Forms of institutionalization in science: the development of the research institute
- The relationship between science and technology
- The interrelationships of internal and external factors in scientific development
- Internationalization of science.

The next meeting will be held in Cologne at the end of November 1975 and will deal with the problems of institutionalization in science. For information regarding either the "Sektion Wissenschaftsforschung" in general or the next meeting, write to: Erwin K. Scheuch, Institut für angewandte Sozialforschung, Universität zu Köln, D 5000 Köln 41, Greinstr. 2, West Germany.

Meetings: Past and Prospective (continued)

CHEIRON. The eighth Annual Meeting of CHEIRON: The International Society for the History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences will be held 28-30 May 1976 at the National Museum of History and Technology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. Papers will be considered that deal with aspects of the history of any of the behavioral and social sciences, with related historical or social science methodology, or with the philosophy of history as applied to the study of the history of the behavioral and social sciences. The emphasis of the meeting will be interdisciplinary. Address submitted papers (20 minutes maximum) to: Michael M. Sokal, (Department of Humanities, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609). The deadline for abstracts is 15 November 1975 and for papers, 31 December 1975 (please enclose two copies and return postage). Address requests for further information about the program to: Gisela Hinkle (Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, 1775 South College Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210).

PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE ASSOCIATION. The philosophy of Science Association will hold its Fifth Biennial Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, during October 1976. Exact dates and hotel will be announced shortly. The program will include symposia on selected topics as well as sessions devoted to the presentation of contributed papers. Those wishing to submit contributed papers should send two copies of the entire paper, with a 100-word summary abstract, to the chairman of the Program Committee, Frederick Suppe, Committee on the History of Philosophy of Science, 1131 Skinner Building, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742, USA. Closing date for submission of papers is 1 February 1976. Papers on any topic within philosophy of science, including philosophical treatments of methodological or foundational issues in particular sciences, are eligible for consideration. They may be written from any philosophical standpoint and should be limited to a reading time of about 20 minutes (3500 words). Although arrangements are being made to publish at least portions of the 1976 Biennial Meetings, acceptance of contributed papers for placement on the program neither guarantees nor automatically precludes publication in the proceedings.

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Publications

GUIDE. Melvin Kranzberg (Editor, Technology and Culture, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30332) reports that plans to produce a Guide to the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science and Technology through the concerted effort of several learned societies and individuals have been initiated. It is proposed that the Guide consist of a series of "state of the field" articles by recognized experts in various disciplines. Funding is being sought for the project. To offer suggestions or elicit details on the organization of the project--an advisory committee is being constituted--contact Professor Kranzberg.

SOCIAL INDICATORS RESEARCH. Alex Michalos (Department of Philosophy, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada) informs the Newsletter that Social Indicators Research welcomes manuscripts that deal with measuring the quality, utility, and social impacts of science and technology. The quarterly journal features (1) reports of empirical investigations, (2) studies of methodological problems, (3) philosophical analyses of basic concepts and/or principles, and (4) prescriptions or policy recommendations.

NEW COLLECTIONS. Two long-awaited volumes, graciously loaned to the Newsletter by Robin Williams (our copies have yet to arrive), comprise some must reading for social scientists of science. The Idea of Social Structure--Papers in Honor of Robert K. Merton (edited by Lewis A. Coser) features 20 essays contributed by "friends and former students", "an affectionate dialogue" between Coser and Robert Nisbet, and an astounding bibliography of Merton's writings. The middle section of the Festschrift, entitled "On the Shoulders of Merton," includes Bernard Barber's "Toward a View of the Sociology of Knowledge," Jonathan Cole and Harriet Zuckerman's "The Emergence of the Scientific Specialty: The Self-Exemplifying Case of the Sociology of Science," and Stephen Cole's "The Growth of Scientific Knowledge: Theories of Deviance as a Case Study." A final observation: Harcourt Brace's elegant packaging of the volume is becoming of the scholarship and the man it honors.

The first Annual Review of Sociology contains 16 surprisingly parsimonious chapters. Of immediate interest will be Joseph Ben-David and Teresa Sullivan's "Sociology of Science," Gerald Gordon and Edward Morse's "Evaluation Research," and Tom Bottomore's "Competing Paradigms in Macrosociology." The publisher, Annual Reviews, Inc., is to be commended for finally adding sociology to its roster--the twentieth since biochemistry was first reviewed in 1932.

SPIEGEL-ROSLING. Having secured a copy (courtesy of Derek Price) of I.S. Spiegel-Rosing's Wissenschaftsentwicklung und Wissenschaftssteuerung, part of Athenaum Press's (Frankfurt/M, 1973) Social Science Special Series, Perspectives on Scientific Research, the Newsletter can now report that besides 130 pages of text, it includes a multilingual bibliography of comparable length and an author-year index for handy cross-referencing. It promises to be a comprehensive guide to the international social science of science literature of the past quarter century.

Publications (continued)

SHORTER NOTICES. (1) Jerry Gaston reminds the Newsletter that Warren Hagstrom's out-of-print classic, The Scientific Community, is now available in paperback from Southern Illinois University Press (Carbondale, IL 62901) for \$4.95; (2) An enlarged edition of another classic, Derek de Solla Price's Science Since Babylon, has also recently been published by Yale University Press. The price of the paperback is \$2.95; (3) Science and Technology For International Development: A Selected List of Information Sources in the United States and Bibliography of Selected Materials (Second Edition) can be obtained from Cornell University's Program on Policies for Science and Technology in Developing Nations (Ithaca, NY 14853) for \$4.00; (4) "A Bibliography of Positive Alternative Futures" compiled by Dennis Livingston (Department of History and Political Science, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY 12181) can be purchased from him for \$1.00.

Announcement

A joint conference of 4S and the ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Science in early October, 1976, is being planned. The preliminary Program Committee for the Conference consists of Bernard Barber (Chair), Michael Mulkay, York University (England), and Tad Krauze, Cornell University.

Some suggested session topics for the Conference include: the development of scientific disciplines, historical studies of scientific growth and change, norms and deviance in science, scientific organization and policy, and methodological problems in the social study of science.

Those interested in contributing a paper should write to Bernard Barber (Barnard College of Columbia University, 410 E. Milbank Hall, 606 W. 120th St., New York, NY 10027) and describe its theme, theoretical framework, and data base. The prospect of publishing the presented papers in book form is also under consideration. Support for the Conference is being sought from various funding agencies.

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