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25th Anniversary Celebration

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Congratulations and thanks are in order to the 1999 Program Committee. Those of us who were able to attend the meetings at Bishop's University were exposed to an eclectic range of sessions touching on some of the key demographic issues facing Canadian Society as well as the World community. It is impossible to do justice to three days of presentations in a few sentences or paragraphs – therefore, I will not try. However, a few highlights deserve mention.

The level of student participation at these meetings was noteworthy. Their contributions extended beyond the presentations they made. They actively participated in the discussions in each session, making valuable contributions by offering interesting insights on many of the issues addressed by the speakers.

Special mention must be made of the winner of the Student Paper competition. Juhee Suwal's (from the University of Alberta) presentation on the "Determinants of Infant Mortality in Nepal" gave

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The First Word ...

An introduction to the editor

When I was asked whether I would accept the challenge of being the CPS Newsletter Editor I readily agreed. I recognize the important contribution that formal and informal communication make towards ensuring that our society remains relevant, vibrant and forward looking. Certainly the Newsletter has fulfilled that role under Warren Kalbach's tenure as the Editor, and for that we, as a society, should be grateful to Warren. I fully intend to maintain the tradition of excellence that he established.

The subtitle to this section indicated that I would introduce myself and, in a manner of speaking, I will. I will not present my vitae or my professional qualifications. My approach is somewhat different. I would like to present my vision of the Newsletter. First, although I am the editor, the Newsletter belongs to all of us. Therefore, I see myself as a facilitator to ensure that the Newsletter meets your needs and expectations. In that context, I welcome all suggestions and constructive criticism.

Second, I see myself as the editor – not the principal writer or reporter. I will coordinate, assemble, edit and write the occasional article. I will also do some research on topics that need to be covered. However, I look to you for contributions.

Third, as any good researcher, I intend to build on the solid foundation that Warren built. You will notice new sections appearing in subsequent issues. You will also notice a different perspective on the presentation of some of the topics covered in the newsletter. I am blessed with a number of perspectives – an active researcher, a public servant, an academic and a perpetual student. I look forward to my tenure as editor.

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everyone present a different perspective on some of the issues faced in developing countries.

One of the highlights of the meetings was the special 25th anniversary session chaired by Edward Ebanks. The four speakers, T. R. Balakrishnan, Monica Boyd, Karol Krotki and Anatole Romaniuc, gave the audience a great deal of food for thought (and discussion) concerning the directions in which our discipline is moving – and in which direction it should be moving to remain relevant.

The final point to be noted was the media interest that these meetings generated. It is clear that for the discipline to remain relevant our messages and ideas must reach the people who are most affected by our research. We certainly took a giant step in that direction at these meetings.

Photos of the Annual CPS dinner are on the final page of the Newsletter, courtesy of Fernando Rajulton.

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Recent Meetings ...

CANADIAN POPULATION SOCIETY, 1999 ANNUAL MEETING
June 9 – 11, 1999
Lennoxville, Quebec

SOCIETY FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDY OF SOCIAL ISSUES
August 12 – 15, 1999
Toronto, Ontario

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
August 6 – 10, 1999
Chicago, Illinois

Forthcoming Conferences

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL METROPOLIS CONFERENCE
December 8 – 11, 1999
Washington, D.C.

POPULATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
March 23 – 25, 2000
Los Angeles, California

CONGRESS OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
May 24, 2000 to June 3, 2000
Edmonton, Alberta

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
August 12 – 16, 2000
Washington, D.C.

The Membership Committee

(Beaujot, Goldmann, Marr, Rosenberg, Trovato)

Now that the 1999 issue of the Directory is available, we will again invite Canadians who are members of PAA and IUSSP to join CPS. Please direct any other suggestions of people who should be in this directory to the web site or forward suggestions to the Secretary-Treasurer.

From the Secretary-Treasurer

(RBeaujot@julian.uwo.ca)

The FCD Directory has been mailed to all those who had paid dues in either 1998 or 1999. Please let me know if your address is incorrect and make corrections at the time of the next call for membership dues (November 1999).

With regard to the proposition to change the Constitution to add a student position, 60 ballots were received with the following results: 57 yes, 3 no, 0 spoiled. Thus the Constitution is amended by adding "c" to 6.7 reading "One graduate student for a two-year term, and who on completion of that two-year term will not be eligible for re-election as a graduate student."

From Montréal ...

The "Centre interuniversitaire d'études démographiques" (CIÉD) was established by the Université de Montréal and L'Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS) in 1997 with the aim of combining their expertise and capacity in the field of demography. Under the direction of Céline Le Bourdais the CIÉD brings together academics and researchers from the demography departments of both institutions. The mandate of the Centre is to train researchers in the field of demography and to undertake research on demographic, social and economic aspects of the population in developed and developing countries.

The CIÉD offers a Masters and a PhD program in demography as well as continuing education programs and programs tailored to specific requirements. It is in this context that the CIÉD conducted a summer school in 1999 on the theme of "the analysis of transitions applied to the study of the family". This program was attended by participants from across Canada as well as two students from Africa.

The research activities undertaken by the CIÉD may be grouped under the following headings: reproductive health; mortality and morbidity; transitions in the family; aging of the population; the demography of labour; migration and immigration; historical demography; and spatial demography and

population projections.

CIÉD researchers are involved in numerous partnerships and collaborative projects. In the course of its development the CIÉD intends to strengthen and formalize this collaborative framework. You may visit their WWW site at:

<http://www.fas.umontreal.ca/DEMO/cied/>

The International Committee

(Beaujot, Simmons, Vlassoff, Laing)

Action Canada for Population and Development is receiving nominations for the next Board of Directors. Since only one year has passed, the Board is likely to remain largely unchanged. However, anyone interested should make their interests known. Everyone is encouraged to join ACPD: to be a voting member costs \$25.00 for regular members and \$15.00 for students. There is also a non-voting category with no cost. See the web site for this and much other information: www.acpd.ca

The final meetings to review and appraise the Cairo program of action (Cairo+5) were held in New York on 24 June to 2 July. Senator Lois Wilson was head of the Canadian Delegation of some twenty people, which included Colleen Beaumier MP, Carol Vlassoff and Daniele Testelin of CIDA, Ross Hnyes, Adele Dion, Denis Stevens, Elissa Goldberg, and Drew McVey of Foreign Affairs, Gloria Wiseman of Health Canada, Sally Andrews of Citizenship and Immigration, Madeleine Gagne, Catherine Anne Devlin and Gerard Pinsonneault as provincial observers (all from Quebec), Madelaine Dion-Stout and Deborah Barron McNabb as aboriginal representatives, and civil society representatives Shree Mulay (McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women), Ann Phillips (Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre) and Michael Shenstone (Chair, ACPD).

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Others were present representing NGOs that had been accredited in the UN system. Roderic Beaujot represented the Federation of Canadian Demographers with expenses paid by ACPD. Watching the events unfold is somewhat like observing a political convention where a leader is being chosen. It is all very exciting and one wants to be present in the room when important decisions are being made, but one has next to no impact on the proceedings. Many people could learn from this process in terms of conducting large meetings where decisions need to be reached with as much consensus as possible. The Group of 77 (now much more than 77) and to a lesser extent the European Union play important roles in moving toward a consensus, at least across blocks of countries. Compared to its size, Canada speaks up quite often. I was again impressed with the femininity ratio of the Canadian Delegation; as seen from the list above there were 14 women and 5 men.

Sometimes the deliberations seem to be simply posturing to see if one's words can be adopted, as when the wording in the draft which read "the full range of safe, effective methods..." was changed to "a range of methods," then to "a full range of safe, effective methods," then "a full range of," then "the widest possible range of methods" was accepted.

Much of the text re-enforces the Cairo document and one might argue that it was not necessary to go through all this for the difference that it might make on the ground. There is energy coming out of getting people together to articulate important things. New groups who were not present at Cairo can especially profit, including ACPD which was not yet formed. The youth groups were much more active and there were some useful advances in terms of reproductive rights for youth. This came with much debate regarding parental responsibility. As with anything significant there are delicate compromises to be reached. At one point someone asked "What is inter-generational dialogue?". In talking about the rights and responsibilities of parents and children vis-a-vis reproductive questions, a slip of the tongue in speaking a second language changed "the reproductive rights of adults" to "adultery." In the heat of the debate someone proposed that reproductive rights for children made sense if the state wanted to take over the raising of children, but should parents not be involved? For some, "sexual and reproductive education" seemed to mean inducing young people into sex, as if this was the role of education. Aside from the posturing, there was some very interesting discussion of the relative roles of governments, families and individuals in terms of these questions of parents and youth. Let me quote from the final document:

school children at all levels are to be instructed in "sexual and reproductive health issues" in order to teach them "responsible sexual behaviour" and protect them from "unwanted pregnancy" and sexually transmitted diseases. In these and other recommendations, governments are urged to respect "the rights, duties and responsibilities of parents" as well as "cultural values and religious beliefs." They should also "safeguard the right of adolescents to privacy, confidentiality and informed consent" in all such programs.

Once again, the most difficult issues concerned abortion, with some wanting to establish abortion as an international right and others wanting to water down the Cairo language. In the end there was advance here in the wording: where abortion is legal, the document urges governments to "train and equip health-service providers and take other measures to insure that abortion is safe and accessible". The Cairo plan had only called for abortion to be "safe" in countries where it is legal, not specifying access or quality of care.

I am sure the Editor of the Newsletter would be happy to carry debate on questions related to the International Committee, including how demographers in Canada could be better involved in the process leading to Cairo+10.

FROM THE EDITOR

This is an important topic for our society and for our profession. I am prepared to include such a debate as a regular feature in the Newsletter. I anticipate that the readers of the Newsletter will have a great deal to contribute.

Keeping Posted ...

Personal and Professional Activities:

Bali Ram was elected Vice-President of the Research Committee on Sociology of Population, International Sociological Association for 1999-2002. He was also been nominated to serve as the President of the Federation of Canadian Demographers for the next three years. He made a presentation on "Population Growth and Family Change" at the joint conference co-sponsored by Family Service Ontario and Ontario Association of Credit Counseling Services held at Carleton University, Ottawa, June 1999.

K.V. Rao visited Melbourne, Australia to present a paper on "Knowledge and Perception of AIDS among women in India" at the International Conference on Sexualities, Masculinities, and Culture in South Asia: Knowledge Practices, Popular Culture, and the State. Melbourne, Australia, July 6-9, 1999.

Also in July 1999, in his capacity as President of the India Network Foundation, he visited various army hospitals in India and distributed more than \$100,000 relief to wounded soldiers and families of soldiers who died in Kashmir during recent India-Pakistan war. The project is supported by Asian Indian community at large residing in the United States, Canada and many other countries.

K.V. Rao presented a paper on "Dating, Cohabitation, Marriage, Divorce, and Childbearing Practices among Asian Indians in the United States" at the American Sociological Association meetings in August 1999.

Madeline A. Kalbach, Chair of Canadian Ethnic Studies, University of Calgary, received a grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage to study "Multiple Origins, Ethnic Exogamy and the Emerging Canadian Identity".

Susan McDaniel, Professor of Sociology, University of Alberta, participated in a number of sessions at the June 1999 Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities in Sherbrooke and Lennoxville. In addition to chairing one session at the CPS meetings, Susan presented "Canada Reconstructing: Women's Changing Relations to the State and Citizenship" at a session on *Women and Citizenship*, Canadian

Sociology and Anthropology Association and she was invited by the Women's Studies Association to present "Intergenerational Interlinkages and Women". In August 1999 Susan made a presentation on "Born at the Right Time? Gendered Generations and Webs of Entitlement and Responsibility" at American Sociological Association meetings in Chicago. In November Susan will be attending the meetings of the Canadian Association on Gerontology in Ottawa at which time she will make the following three presentations: "Aging and Intergenerational Relations"; "Unemployed Older Workers: Factors Related to Their Re-Employment" (with Shirley Solberg); and "Intergenerational Linkages: Public, Family and Work". She will also be making an address on the last topic at the National Policy Conference in Ottawa (November 25-26). Susan continues as Chair, Advisory Committee on Science and Technology, Statistics Canada and she has been reappointed by the Minister Responsible for Statistics Canada to the National Statistics Council.

Gustave Goldmann, Senior Researcher, Statistics Canada, presented a paper on the determinants of acculturation at a conference on Immigrant Acculturation at the University of Toronto, August 12 to 15 1999. The conference was organized by the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI).

Jim Jackson M.A., Humber College, wrote an article "Demographics, Teachers, or Tories?" which appeared on September 1, 1999 in The Town Crier, a Metroland newspaper. This article deals with the increase in enrollment in York Region's independent and private school system.

Sylvia Wargon made a presentation on "History of demography in Canada and related research" in a Poster Session at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for the History of the Behavioural and Social Sciences, held this year in Ottawa, at Carleton University, June 10-12, 1999. Sylvia Wargon made an invited presentation on "Demography and Official Statistics in Canada. Historical, National and International Aspects," at the international conference, "Internationalisme statistique, pratiques étatiques et traditions

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nationales: bilan des travaux et perspectives d'avenir en histoire de la statistique," organized by the Department of Political Science of the Université du Québec à Montréal in conjunction with a number of participating agencies, and held in Montréal, Sept. 21-23, 1999, at the Université du Québec à Montréal.

Sylvia Wargon also made an invited presentation, "Enid Charles, Demographer. 1894-1972," in the session on "Science and Women," which opened up the biennial conference of the Canadian Science and Technology Historical Association (CSTHA) / Association pour l'histoire de la science et de la technologie au Canada (AHSTC), held Oct. 1-3, 1999, in Kingston, Ontario, at the Donald Gordon Centre.

Recent Publications

Beaujot, Roderic and Tony Haddad

Forthcoming 1999 "Productive activities of Canadian adults at mid-life: work, family and children" in *Canadian Studies in Population*.

Beaujot, Roderic

1999 "L'Immigration et la population du Canada" in M. McAndrew, A-C Decouflé and C. Ciceri *Les politiques d'immigration et d'intégration au Canada et en France: Analyses comparées et perspectives de recherche*, Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité de la France et le Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada, pp 283-304

November 1999 *Earning and Caring in Canadian Families*, Broadview Press

Goldmann, Gustave

1998 "Shifts in Ethnic Origins Among the Offspring of Immigrants: Is Ethnic Mobility a Measurable Phenomenon?" in *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, Volume 30, No. 3.

Kalbach, M.A.

1999 "Birds of Toronto" in Betty Roots (ed.) *Special Places*. Vancouver: UBC Press.

Kalbach, Madeline A. with Warren E. Kalbach

1999 "Becoming Canadian: Problems of an Emerging Identity" in *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, Volume 31, No. 2.

1999 "Persistence of Ethnicity and Inequality Among Canadian Immigrants" in *Canadian Studies in Population*, Volume 26, No.1, pp.83-105.

1999 "Demographic Overview of Ethnic Groups in Canada" in Peter S. Li (ed.) *Race and Ethnic Relations in Canada*. Second Edition. Oxford University Press, May 1999.

McDaniel, Susan A.

1999 "A Tangle of Love and Domination: Challenges of Home Care for the Elderly in a Reconstructing Canada" in *Journal of Canadian Studies*, 34(3).

1999 "What Did You Ever Do For Me?": Intergenerational Interlinkages in a Reconstructing Canada" in Ellen M. Gee & Gloria Gutman (Eds.), *The Overselling of Population Aging: Apocalyptic Demography and Inter-generational Challenges*. Toronto: Oxford University Press

1999 "Sociological Perspectives on Women and Aging" in Dianne Garner & Susan Mercer (Eds.), *Women as They Age* (2nd completely new edition). New York: Haworth, forthcoming.

1999 "Intergenerational Interlinkages: Public, Family and Work" in *Aging and Intergenerational Relations: Policy Trends*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press & Montreal: Université de Montreal.

1999 "The Effects of Demographic and Socio-Cultural Changes on Women in the 21st Century" in Abby Hoffman (Ed.), *Canada-USA Women's Health Forum*. Ottawa: Health Canada, pp. 65-72.

1999 "Capturing the Elusive Social Impacts of Science and Technology: Towards a Research Agenda" in de la Mothe, John and Gilles Paquet (Eds.), *Information, Innovation and Impacts*. Boston: Kluwer. [In the Series on "The Economics of Science, Technology and Innovation" Antonelli, Christiano (Torino) and Bo Carisson (Case Western)].

McDaniel, Susan A. & Neena Chappell

1999 "Health Care in Regression: Contradictions, Tensions and Implications for Canadian Seniors" in *Canadian Public Policy/Analyse de Politiques*, XXV(2):100-110.

McDaniel, Susan A. & Lorne Tepperman

1999 *Close Relations: An Introduction to Sociology of the Family*. Toronto: Prentice Hall

Smith, Peter and Roderic Beaujot

Forthcoming 1999 "Men's orientation toward marriage and family roles" in *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*

Other Publications of Interest

Statistics Canada released the next two in the series of Census monographs. *Education in Canada: Recent Trends and Future Challenges* is a comprehensive analysis of education in Canada, both from the perspective of the clients of the system and of the providers.

Authors: Neil Guppy (UBC) and Scott Davies (MacMaster)

Catalogue No. 96-321-MPE No. 3 or 96-321-MPF No. 3

Canadian Families at the Approach of the Year 2000 examines the family from three distinct perspectives –the household, the individuals in the families and the context in which the families live.

Authors: Yves Péron, Hélène Desrosiers, Heather Juby, Évelyne Lapierre-Adamcyk, Céline Le Bourdais, Nicole Marcil-Gratton and Jaël Mongeau
Catalogue No. 96-321-MPE No. 4 or 96-321-MPF No. 4

A Portrait of Seniors in Canada (Third Edition) presents the most comprehensive statistical picture of the situation of Canada's senior population with data drawn from a wide array of sources including the census, as well as other surveys such as the National Population Health Survey, General Social Survey, and Survey of Consumer Finances.
Catalogue No. 89-519-XPE

Education Quarterly Review is an on-line publication that provides statistical data and analysis from surveys through a combination of articles and summary statistics. Descriptions of data release and new survey developments are included as are data and statistical analyses from elementary-secondary, post-secondary, and adult education and training levels. Characteristics examined include enrolment, staff and finance for schools, universities and

colleges. Variables include age, gender, citizenship, degrees and diplomas, salary and source of education funding.

Catalogue No. 81-003-XIB

Citizenship and Immigration Canada released "Towards a New Model Of Selection - Current Selection Criteria: Indicators of Successful Establishment?" This paper assesses the effectiveness of selection criteria currently used to choose skilled worker immigrants as indicators of successful establishment. The analysis is intended to form the foundation upon which the new model of selection will be built. The document may be found on the CIC web site at the following address under Publications - in the Reference Section:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pub/index.html#reference>

Hot Topics ...

We often encounter topics that are germane to our work and that we feel would be of interest to our colleagues – topics that should be the focus of informed debate. Rod Beaujot raised the challenge at the end of his report from the International Committee.

Lorna Marsden offers the suggestion that "...it might be very interesting to have a submission on the impact of the echo boom on university enrolments..". This is currently a topic of concern in Ontario and it is likely to become an issue in other provinces, if it hasn't done so already. This raises questions such as how do we inform government planners and politicians on issues such as this.

The future of demographic research in Canada is another topic that has been raised in formal and informal discussions. In effect, the presentations by Balakrishnan, Boyd, Krotki and Romaniuc at our 1999 meetings opened the debate and set out some parameters for subsequent discussion.

I propose that we carry these debates and discussions in the Newsletter. I welcome feedback and comments on this idea as well as topics to be considered.

2000 Canadian Population Society Meetings

Call for Papers

The 2000 CPS meetings will be held in Edmonton at the University of Alberta as part of the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities. The dates for the Congress are May 24- June 3, 2000. The exact dates for CPS are not yet final.

The 2000 CPS meetings will follow much the same format as last year. There will be a number of special sessions around themes suggested by members and the Program Committee. In addition, members may submit papers on any topic related to population studies or demography and the Program Committee will group the papers accepted into sessions by broad theme. If there is sufficient interest there may also be a poster session.

At this time the Program Committee invites members to submit ideas for special theme sessions. Persons submitting suggestions should indicate if they are willing to organize or otherwise take part in the session (e.g. chair, discussant). Suggestions should be sent to the 2000 CPS Program Chair, Doug Norris by **November 1, 1999**. If necessary, a call for papers for special sessions will be issued in early November. This will be done electronically and a note will be posted on the CPS website.

Members are also requested to submit individual papers for presentation at the meetings. Papers may be submitted for presentation or for inclusion in a poster session. Papers may be on any topic broadly related to population studies or demography. Persons submitting a paper should include an abstract of approximately 150 words. All submissions must be received by the Program Chair by **November 30, 1999**.

Final decisions on the 2000 CPS program will be made by the end of December.

You are encouraged to submit any questions about the program, suggestions and abstracts electronically to Doug Norris at norrdou@statcan.ca.

We celebrate 6 billion ...



Photos from the 1999 CPS Meetings - Sherbrooke

