Call for Papers

CONGRESS THEME:

Within the overall theme of the XVth World Congress of Sociology, which is the great quadrennial event of international sociology where more than 50 Research Committees and several Working Groups and Ad Hoc Groups will organize a total of well over 700 sessions in different fields of sociology, RC 51 will organize up to 16 sessions on **Sociocybernetics**.

SESSION TOPICS:

At this point the following topics for sessions were proposed and accepted. At an appropriate time a reorganization may be necessary depending on the papers which will actually be proposed.

Session 1: Sociocybernetics and the Social Transformation of Health Care  
Session Organizer: James G. Anderson  
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Session 2: Art and Sociocybernetics - Bourdieu versus Luhmann  
Session Organizer: Mario Vieira de Carvalho  
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Session 3: Chaos Theory in Economics and Social Sciences  
Session Organizer: Tessaleno Devezas  
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Session 4: Modeling the Social World by Using Computers  
Session Organizer: Cor Van Dijkum  
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Session 5: New Paradigms for Understanding Society  
Session Organizer: Vladimir Dimitrov  
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Session 6: Goal-Orientation, Self-Steering, and Self-Organization  
Session Organizer: Bernd R. Hornung  
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Session 7: Knowledge and (In)Equality - Inequalities in the Production, Access, and Use of Knowledge  
Session Organizer: Karl-Franz Kaltenborn  
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Session 8: The Subject Oriented Approaches to Knowledge and Learning  
Session Organizer: Arne Kjellman  
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Session 9: World-Systems Analysis in the Twenty-First Century  
Session Organizer: Richard E. Lee  
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Session 10: Ethics of Transition and Transition of Ethics  
Session Organizers: Matjaz Mulej and Vojko Potocan  
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Session 11: Axiological Systems Theory: Its Applications to Organizations  
Session Organizer: Francisco Parra-Luna  
E-Mail: sosol03@sis.ucm.es

Session 12: Systems Theory after Niklas Luhmann  
Session Organizer: Raf Vanderstraeten  
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Session 13: The Impact of ICT Developments on Educational Institutions, Business Organisations and Communities  
Session Organizer: Bernard Scott  
E-Mail: bernard.scott@lews.uhi.ac.uk

Session 14: Modelling Society-Environment Interactions  
Session Organizer: Karl-Heinz Simon  
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Furthermore, two special language sessions are planned, a Spanish session and a French session:

Session 15: Les Acquis de la Systémique et Sociocybernétique dans le Monde Francophone  
(Achievements of Systems Science and Sociocybernetics in the French Speaking World)  
Session Organizers/Responsables: Diane Laflamme and Bernd R. Hornung  
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Session 16: Un Enfoque Sociocibernético al los Retos del Siglo XXI  
(A Sociocybernetic Approach to the Challenges of the 21st Century)  
Session Organizers: Dario Menanteau Horta and Chaime Marcuello Servós  
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In addition several pre-congress tutorials will be organized.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:
For presenting a paper, membership of RC 51 and of ISA is mandatory. As RC 51 largely operates in cyberspace on a zero budget, membership does not involve any fees. All that is necessary is to fill out a membership form and a questionnaire, both available at our website: http://www.unizar.es/sociocybernetics/brisbane.html. A four-year individual ISA membership will be automatically included in the World Congress fee for non-ISA members.

ABSTRACTS, ABRIDGED PAPERS, AND THE REVIEW PROCESS:

Abstracts for papers should be 500 to 1000 words detailed abstracts for the review process and the definitive assignment to a particular session. At a later point 250 words regular abstracts are needed for publication in the Internet by ISA. All abstracts should be sent to the RC 51 World Congress Session Coordinator. On the basis of the abstracts the papers will be assigned either to the session requested by the author or to an appropriate session selected by the Session Coordinator in consultation with the respective session organizer. In either case the session organizer will make a preliminary and tentative decision on acceptance of the paper for the particular session. Abstracts should preferably deal with one of the session subjects mentioned above, although there will be miscellaneous sessions for accepted papers dealing with different subjects.

DEADLINES:

November 30, 2001: 500-1000 word detailed abstracts, indicating the preferred session if possible
January 31, 2002: 250 word regular abstracts, in view of February 28 deadline of ISA
February 28, 2002: Preregistration, if authors want to be mentioned in the World Congress program and have their abstracts published in the Internet
April 30, 2002: Payment of fees

CONTACTS AND INFORMATION:

For any further questions and information you may consult the RC 51 website at http://www.unizar.es/sociocybernetics/brisbane.html or the ISA Brisbane website at http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/congress_2000/calls.htm. These may already answer many of your questions, or you may also directly contact the RC 51 World Congress Session Coordinator or any of the members of the International Scientific Committee.

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