

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK NEWS

Executive Committee Meeting

THE Executive Committee of the International Conference will meet in Oslo, Norway on August 27, 28 and 29 under the chairmanship of Lester B. Granger, ICSW President. The major item on the agenda will be development of the programme and plans for the conduct of the 1962 Conference in Rio de Janeiro. Other items to which the Committee will give its attention include: possible regional activities of the ICSW; budgetary and financial questions; strengthening of the work of the ICSW with the United Nations and the specialized agencies; and consideration of applications for recognition as ICSW National Committees from groups in several countries. As usual, the intergovernmental organizations with which the ICSW has official relations and the international nongovernmental organizations that are affiliated with the ICSW as Associate Members have been invited to send observers to the meeting.

Representatives of the National Committees in Denmark and Finland and several individuals from Sweden have been invited to meet with the Executive Committee in order to discuss ways and means of strengthening Scandinavian participation in the ICSW.

ICSW National Committee

National groups in five countries were given status as "provisional" National Committees at the Rome meeting of the Executive Committee in January. They are: Argentina, Denmark, Mexico, Norway, and Thailand. The Singapore Council of Social Service, which had been a "provisional" Committee previously, was recognized as an "active" Committee at Rome. This makes a total of 30 "active" and 6 "provisional" Committees at the present time.

Study of the Rome Conference

Mr. David Smith, a consultant on conferences and executive secretary of the Canadian Conference on Social Work, attended the Tenth International Conference of Social Work in Rome and the pre-Conference Working Party in Milan, as a consultant to the ICSW Secretariat. He has prepared a report based on his observations, which has been distributed to members of the Conference committee and others. It contains many suggestions and recommendations which should be helpful to the Executive Committee in formulating plans for the next International Conference in Rio. It is hoped that they will also be useful to other groups and organizations interested in improving the effectiveness of international conferences and meetings of all types.

Mr. Smith's participation was made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Douglas Henderson of King, Ontario and the Tippet Foundation of Toronto, Canada. An article containing the highlights of the report is published else where in this issue.

Bibliography on Community Development

An international bibliography on community development has been prepared for the ICSW by Professor Arthur Dunham, Professor of Community Organization at the School of Social Work of the University of Michigan and a recognized authority on the subject. This has been distributed to the National Committees to assist them in their preparations for the 1962 Conference in Rio de Janeiro, the theme of which is to be "Rural and Urban Community Development."

Interested persons can obtain copies of the bibliography by writing to the ICSW office in New York City.

Report of Milan Working Party

Copies of the report of the Milan Working Party, which met just prior to the Rome Conference, are now available from the New York office of the ICSW. The title of the report is "The Function of Social Work," which was the theme at Rome.

Advisory Committee on Study Tours

In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee Mr. Granger has appointed a new Advisory Committee on ICSW Study Tours, consisting of representatives from all parts of the world. The membership of the Committee, which will advise on the educational program and other aspects of the study tours conducted by the ICSW, is as follows:

Wayne Vasey, Dean, Graduate School of Social Work, Rutgers University, U.S.A., *Chairman*

Europe — Nancy Rice-Jones, British National Conference on Social Work

Hanna Behrends, Deutscher Landesauschuss der Internationalen Konferenz für Sozial Arbeit

Asia — Maria Luisa A. Vicente, Council of Social Agencies, Manila, Philippines

Latin America — Umberto Stramandinoli, Tourservice, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

North America — Phyllis Burns, Bureau of Social Affairs, United Nations (formerly of the Canadian Welfare Council)
Jane M. Hoey, former member of ICSW Executive Committee, New York City.

Philip Ryan, National Association for Mental Health, New York City.