

ASSOCIATION NEWS

A complete list of the newly elected members of the SSHA Executive Committee and the newly elected members of the various SSHA standing committees will appear in the next issue of *Social Science History*.

Forthcoming Conferences

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| 22-26 February 1978 | Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section of International Studies Association (CISS of ISA), Washington, D.C. |
| 13-16 April 1978 | International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations, University of Wisconsin, (ISCSC), Milwaukee |

Johns Hopkins Summer Seminar

The Johns Hopkins University's Department of History will again hold its "Summer Seminar on Quantitative Techniques in Historical Research," May 30 through July 21, 1978. The seminar is designed for faculty members and graduate students, but advanced undergraduates have also successfully taken the course. The program will emphasize the acquisition of basic statistical and computer skills and the fundamentals of project design. Total tuition is \$500.00 and applications, which must be accompanied by a \$25.00 deposit, are due on April 1, 1978. Write to Professor Richard Goldthwaite, Chairman, Department of History, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland 21218 for further information.

Sessions on Sociology and History—Ninth World Congress of Sociology Uppsala, 14-19 August 1978

Symposium 2 of the congress will deal with sociology and history. There will be two sessions:

1 Historical Context and National Development.

Principal questions to be considered: a) How does a country's historical experience shape its subsequent path of development, and the social structure which emerges from that development? b) In what ways does the international economic and political structure prevailing at a given time influence the character of apparently recurrent processes such as urbanization, industrialization, proletarianization, statemaking and population growth? c) Under what conditions and in what regards can we reason validly from the historical experiences of western countries to those of the contemporary Third World?

2 Transfer of Ideas and Procedures between History and Sociology.

Principal questions to be considered: a) Under what conditions, if any, is it valid to use historical evidence to test sociological theories? b) To what degree is it possible to formulate valid general theories of large-scale social change which apply to widely differing historical settings? c) In what fields are the most valuable syntheses of historical and sociological inquiry currently going on?

The organizers will give preference to papers which raise one or more of these questions directly, but do so through an analysis of a particular historical situation or process rather than through a general argument or survey of the literature.

As deadline is pressing, please contact one of the organizers directly:

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