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FROM OUR NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER Nico Frijda

I would like to extend sincere thanks to Joe Campos for his work as Executive Officer in getting ISRE off the ground. I am looking forward to giving my best to see that ISRE continues its healthy development. One of my first endeavors is to try to improve communication among members. To this end, I am exploring the possibility of setting up an electronic mail network among ISRE members. If you have an electronic mail address, please send the information to me or to the newsletter editor. The newsletter will publish these addresses as they are received. My bitnet address is as follows: frijda@mcvax!uvapsy.uucp.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT DUES

Your annual dues statement is included with this issue of the newsletter. Now the good news: In response to many suggestions of ISRE members, the Society can now accept Visa/Mastercard numbers as payment for ISRE functions such as dues and conference registration fees. Our Visa/Mastercard agreement with the bank involves no cost to the Society, given our tax-exempt status. The account will greatly facilitate the transfer of funds to the Society because the bank will charge each member's Visa or Mastercard in the currency in which the member's charge account resides. See the dues statement for information on how to charge ISRE payments.

MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION PROCEDURES

At the last ISRE meeting we agreed to modify the manner in which we admit new members into the Society. Instead of obtaining four endorsements from members of the Board to induct a new member, we decided to try a membership committee which would be charged with the responsibility of reviewing each applicant's qualifications and to ensure that comparable criteria would apply to each nominee. Nominees are still expected to be individuals who have made or are currently making a major contribution to our understanding of emotion, and who are willing to make a commitment to the objectives of our society.

At present, Steve Gordon and Joe Campos are serving as the working membership committee. To nominate a candidate for ISRE membership, Steve and Joe will need from the nominator:

1. A current curriculum vitae
2. A brief statement of the importance of the candidate's contribution to the study of emotion.
3. A list of some of the ISRE members whom Steve and Joe can contact in order to determine the quality of the candidate's work.

Soon, Steve and Joe will expand the membership committee to make it more representative of the international and interdisciplinary scope of ISRE.

ELECTIONS

The results of the mail ballot Joe Campos sent out last fall resulted in some changes to the Society's by-laws. All the amendments voted on were passed overwhelmingly by the membership. The changes are as follows:

--The terms of the members of the executive committee will be staggered.

--The terms of the present members of the Executive Committee will expire in 1987 (Steve Gordon), 1988 (Tony Manstead), and 1989 (John Lanzetta).

--The Board of Directors will consist of 20 members, elected for staggered 2-year terms.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Enclosed in this issue of the newsletter is a flyer from the press describing recent books of interest to ISRE members. For the insertion, the press will donate \$125 to ISRE. Including such flyers seems a good way to inform the membership of recent publications on emotion while at the same time adding to ISRE's financial wellbeing. If you have any objections to the inclusion of flyers, please let me know as soon as possible. -- S. Shields

TWO TENURE-TRACK POSITIONS

This summer the Psychology Department at the University of California, Davis, will begin recruiting for two assistant professor level positions, one in human cognition and a second in personality development. I am eager to have a colleague whose interests also focus on emotion. Please contact me for more information. -- S. Shields

EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOCUS OF NEBRASKA SYMPOSIUM

Ross A. Thompson

I will be editing the 1987-88 Nebraska Symposium on Motivation, which will be devoted to the topic of Socioemotional Development. This Symposium (the 36th annual) is the first in ten years to be devoted to a developmental topic, and thus I am especially pleased that the theme of socioemotional development has been selected.

I have selected participants who can contribute to the goal of integrating perspectives across the life-span and with diverse developmental populations. The speakers for the fall, 1987 session (which will take place October 29-30, 1987) will be Joe Campos, Inge Bretherton, and Carol Malatesta. The speakers for the spring, 1988 session (which will take place March 10-11) will be Carolyn Zahn-Waxler, Carolyn Saarni, and Dante Cicchetti. As is customary, their presentations will be included as chapters in an edited volume which will be published shortly afterward by the University of Nebraska Press.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

The Institute for the Study of Child Development at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey has a postdoctoral fellowship open for Fall 1987 in the area of infant affect and cognition. For further information contact Michael Lewis, Institute for the Study of Child Development, Department of Pediatrics, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, One Robert Wood Johnson Place, CN 19, New Brunswick, NJ, 08903-0019.

HELEN BLOCK LEWIS, 1914-1987

Helen Lewis died on January 18 in her home in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She began her career as a research psychologist, investigating the relationship between perceptual processes and personality. In mid-career she trained as a psychoanalyst, distinguishing herself in that field. Each of her many publications show her to be the true researcher-clinician. Her most prominent contribution to the field of emotions was Shame and Guilt in Neurosis (1971). In this work, she transformed psychoanalytic theory into a theory of emotions, and established a methodology based on second-by-second microanalysis of audiotapes of psychotherapy sessions. In this way, she was able to trace sequences of emotions, both those aroused within the participants and those exchanged between them. Her later books and articles grew out of the finding established in that work, that session outcomes were determined by shame dynamics, which were so pervasive and disguised as to be all but invisible to both patient and therapist. The results themselves and their implications, many still to be investigated, are a rich heritage she has bequeathed to the field. Her brilliance, magnanimity, and vision will be sorely missed by her co-workers in the study of emotions. -- Thomas J. Scheff

FROM THE EDITOR
Stephanie Shields

ABSTRACTS TO CIRCULATE

One of the greatest advantages of participating in ISRE is the opportunity it offers for keeping up with what's going on in the international and multidisciplinary field of emotions research. In the past the society has compiled abstracts of recent work and prepared a mailing to go out to the membership just before the annual meeting. There seems to be a good deal of interest in continuing this tradition. So --- Please send abstracts of your most recent work, whether work-in-progress or just-about-to-be-published, to me (the editor) by the end of June. Be sure that the copy you prepare can be photocopied as is and that you've included your name on the abstract. (I won't be doing any editing or retyping!) Depending on the number I receive, I will either attach them as an appendix to the next newsletter or send them out as a separate mailing.

Learning the world of desktop publishing has been something of an adventure in mixing formats and juggling files. While far from mastered, a system is now in place, and I hope to produce a newsletter at quasi-regular bimonthly intervals -- so, the next edition will reach you in advance of the summer meeting at Clark University. Please send newsletter contributions to me by the end of June. I'd especially like to receive titles (and abstracts, if possible) of your recently completed or published work. (See adjoining announcement.) All sorts of contributions are welcome, however, including the informational, the humorous, the opinionated, and the simply clever. Please let me know if your mailing address is incorrect, has changed, or is misspelled. My address: Department of Psychology, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. My telephone numbers: (916) 752-1853 or 758-8364. (I don't yet have a bitnet number.)

NEWS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT CLARK UNIVERSITY, AUGUST 24-27

Joe de Rivera

The program committee has met a second time and reviewed over 30 suggestions from our members from Peking to Paris (and anthropology to zoology). The final version of the program will be mailed to all members in May. There will be panels on the latest research in psychobiology, cross-cultural studies, and the implications of studies on distinct emotions. Workshop/discussion groups are planned for the topics of emotional development, the emotional basis of social psychology, emotions and the peripheral nervous system, and emotions and psychotherapy.

Everyone seems to like the idea of having one evening devoted to conversation/poster tables (with an open bar), and we have already arranged tables for:

- Temperament, emotion, and mother-infant attachment
- Emotion socialization
- Emotion-management processes
- The development of fear of heights
- The development of knowledge about emotion episodes
- Provoked and evoked expressions of emotion
- Identity-linked appraisals and emotional experience

We are also planning an expedition to Old Sturbridge Village (a replica of an American town as it existed about 1810). After exploring the village we'll retire to its excellent tavern for dinner and an after dinner address by the historian John Demos, who will talk with us about guilt and shame in Early America.

There is interest in forming Arbeitsgruppen for our August conference. We want to try to organize these groups before the conference so that people can exchange prepared drafts or data relevant to the issues. See the last page of the newsletter for more information.

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RECENT ABSTRACTS AND TITLES

Editor's note: In what, I hope, will become a regular section of the newsletter, ISRE members' and colleagues' work on emotion will be featured. If you are interested in seeing a column like this one appear regularly in the newsletter, please send information about interesting recently published work that you know of -- including, of course, your own. I'd also like to hear from readers about the most useful format in which to present this information -- e.g., would you like to see partial tables of contents? Cost of books or ordering information?

ASA SECTION ON EMOTION

The American Sociological Association has approved a newly-formed section on emotion. Over 200 members of ASA have signed up to participate in the section, thus guaranteeing that ASA convention program slots will be reserved for programs on emotion. Steve Gordon is co-chairing the section with Candace Clark (Montclair State College, New Jersey). The section clearly reflects a growing interest in the emotions within sociology. The August meeting of ASA in Chicago (held just before ISRE's meeting) will feature at least five sessions on emotion, including two paper sessions. Non-sociologists are welcome to join ASA's emotions section, but they must be members of ASA to do so.

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ISRE COORDINATOR FOR ASIA AND NORTH AMERICA

The Executive Committee has named Joe de Rivera ISRE's Coordinator of North American and Asian Affairs. What this means in practical terms is that Joe will handle the society's finances for these geographic regions. Asian and North American ISRE members should therefore send dues payments directly to Joe. He will also serve as liason to our Executive Officer, Nico Frijda. This type of arrangement should help to maintain communication across our international membership.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the preparation of ISRE's red membership directory, 14 new members (representing 8 countries) have joined the society. A more complete description of their research interests and publications will be included in future newsletters. Our new members are:

--Adrian A. Perachio (University of Texas Medical Center, Galveston)

--R.W. Hunsperger (University of Zurich)

--Marvin Zuckerman (University of Delaware)

--Anne Fernald (Stanford University)

--Alberto Zanchetti (University of Milan)

--S.M. Hilton (National Institute of Medical Research, London)

--Tapio Nummenmaa (University of Tampere, Finland)

--J.P. Huston (University of Dusseldorf)

--Lembit Allikmets (Tartu State University, Estonia USSR)

--William Lyons (University of Glasgow)

--Jean Intermaggio (National Science Foundation, Washington D.C.)

--Don Tucker (University of Oregon)

--Michael Apter (University of Cardiff, Wales)

--Walter Everaerd (University of Amsterdam).

MORE ISRE CONFERENCE NEWS
Joe de Rivera

A number of Arbeitsgruppen have been suggested for our August conference. We want to try to organize these groups now before the conference with prepared drafts or data relevant to the issues. The topics for work groups that have been suggested are listed below. If you have an interest in working on one of these topics please let me know as soon as possible so that I can put people in touch with each other.

<u>Arbeitsgruppe Topic</u>	<u>Suggested by</u>
The constructive (cognition) processes underlying the experience of emotion	Nancy Stein
The genetic base of emotion	Robert Plutchik
Gender and social class differences and emotion	Peggy Thoits
Self-conscious emotions	Michael Lewis
Infant emotional facial expressions	Linda Camras
Eliciting situations of emotion	Matty Chiva
Individual differences in sensitivity to emotional signals	Joe Campos
The "externalizer-internalizer" distinction	Tony Manstead
Emotions and social justice	Joe de Rivera

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I'd like to join the Arbeitsgruppe on _____
(topic)

Your name: _____

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