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MINUTES OF THE WORLD FUTURE STUDIES FEDERATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MAY 30/31, 1975 HELD IN BERLIN AT THE ZENTRUM BERLIN FÜR ZUKUNFTSFORSCHUNG

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1) Report by the General Secretary Peter Menke-Gluckert

The General Secretary reported on the status of the WFSF which is formed of 201 Members of which 17 are institutions

He reported on activity initiated by the WFSF in the last year since the March 1974 General Assembly This activity will be described in the Action Programme for 1975 (see item 4 of Agenda)

The formal contact with the Zentrum Berlin für Zukunftsforschung was also reported upon, from which emerged the resolution to organize a one-day conference on "Social Minimum and Social Maximum" on the 30th of May 1975 prior to the General Assembly The possibilities of contact for WFSF with UNESCO specifically as a research input on the "Human rights project" were outlined Reference was also made to the pamphlet distributed at the General Assembly containing other details relevant to the report The Pamphlet contains objectives, statutes (as adopted in Paris on May 26, 1973 and established in conformity with French legislation and relevant to the "association dites étrangères") activities, plus the list of officials as elected at the Paris General Assembly March 29-30, 1974

The General Secretary also reported that the Executive Board met four times during the last year in Paris, Amersfoort, Dubrovnik and Berlin and the General Assembly twice (March 29/30, 1974, May 30/31, 1975)

The Scientific Council met once in Dubrovnik The budget as it stands at May 28th 1975 was approved (see annex 1)

The General Secretary also confirmed that the WFSF will continue to be in the jury of the Berlin Film Award "Prix Futura" recommending a new film award for films on intermediate technology produced in developing countries to face problems of the developing countries

themselves

He ended the report with his resignation and recalled the feeling of friendship which has been developing in the WFSF in the last few years The President, Johan Galtung, thanked Peter Menke Gluckert for all his unstinting work in the last four years

2) The Report of the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee, as elected in Paris in 1974, presented its report through Serge Antoine as Chairman on 30 May 1975 (see annex 2) On the first part of this report (Scientific Council Members) two corrections were made during the Assembly A Kojarov is an individual member and A Beer has confirmed his position as member of the Council To this Scientific Council (now 40 Members) the Credentials Committee on request of the Bureau asked for the addition of 19 Members (see annex 3)

The Credentials Committee's report was accepted by the General Assembly in connection with the by-laws (on the Credentials Committee's report, also see item 7 of Agenda Election of Officers)

3) Continuation of WFSF

On this item the General Assembly voted immediately (14 - 0 - 0) R Jungk pointed out the reasons for the past of the WFSF and underlined the ones relevant to its continuation to be a liaison organization for those working in the field of future studies and to be a means of interrelation among countries of various regimes To these S Antoine added a precise orientation that

- a) permits organizations and institutions to work together and to understand the reason for their support of the WFSF,
- b) facilitates a structure which is really decentralized,
- c) inserts the WFSF among other international organizations in a system of better relations

At this point a general motion of warm thanks was approved by all the present members of WFSF to Stella Tracey, who has hitherto been working in Paris at the Secretariat

4) Action Programme

The action programme presented the following sub-items

A) A Newsletter, with the function of developing a network of inter-communication among the members of the WFSF and between the WFSF members and other centres and individuals, was approved. It will be edited by IRADES, Institute for Futures Research and Education as a separate part of its Newsletter under the name of "Newsletter WFSF". It will work in close contact with other journals (Futures, Technological Forecasting and Social Change, Analysen und Prognosen, Futuribles, 2000, etc.)

B) A Future Forum Bill Board project was also approved which will stimulate the new or just emerging ideas in the field of futures studies so that people interested or working on them can come into contact. This was approved.

C) The Conferences proposed for next year were discussed

a) 5th World Conference to be held in Dubrovnik from 28th March to 2nd April with two specific topics

1) "World alternatives systems versus needs",

2) "Education in the Future, education towards the future"

The preparatory committee will discuss and prepare an agenda in which over and above the two main topics, other topics will be discussed in an open day. Specifically one was decided upon "philosophical and ethical foundations for futures research" and specific workshops will be held according to the interests arising during the General Assembly and which are received in the next few months from the members of the WFSF. This was approved.

It was also proposed that one of the preparatory committee's meetings should take place in Warsaw.

b) A meeting in Berlin is proposed to be held at the ZBZ on "social minimum, nutrition minimum, habitat minimum, educational minimum" at the end of November 1975.

c) A meeting on "education in the future" will be held on 10-13 January in Partinico at the "Centro Educativo" directed by Danilo

Dolci, which will also provide an input in the Dubrovnik conference on this topic.

d) It is also expected that a Conference on "the future of religion" will be held in Rome in the Spring of 1976.

e) A meeting on "global modelling" will be held in Mexico in Autumn 1976, and its specific topic detailed.

D) Two centres work under the auspices of the WFSF

a) The Bucharest International Centre of Methodology for Future and Development which is able to have students for periods of study,

b) The "Centro Educativo" of Partinico where people interested in innovative education may live and work.

Other centres were proposed and will be taken into consideration for cooperation.

E) Three schools/courses are conducted in cooperation with the WFSF

a) The International University Centre of Dubrovnik course on futures studies, which this year had E Masini as its director and B van Steenberg as its co-director, will continue next year from March 15 to April 9 and be directed by B van Steenberg.

b) The course lasting six months at the College for the Future in Denmark, Haderslev directed by Arne Sorensen where students may live in and which will organize winter courses in English and Danish.

c) "La Scuola di studi sul futuro" IRADES has held two courses of two months during 1974-75 and will continue in 1975-76 directed by E Masini. The meetings for Italian university students and university students from developing countries and the meetings for high school students will also continue as in 1974-1975.

F) Research by WFSF members will be coordinated by the ZBZ as coordinating centre. The researches envisaged are

a) needs research, material and non-material

b) alternative life styles in various countries

c) foundation for futures studies (theoretical, methodological, philosophical, ethical) (see also annex 4)

d) world indicators

e) futures of political and administrative systems

It was requested and accepted that the ZBZ, of which O Flechtheim will be research coordinator, will prepare a proposal for the coordination of the research to be presented to the WFSF Executive Board. The Claude Nicolas Ledoux Foundation will continue to give the World Future Studies Federation its support in the following form

- By making available to the Federation a part of its premises in Paris, at 55 rue de Varenne, where the Federation's head office is situated. The archives relating to the constitution of the Federation and the rooms necessary for the work of the Credentials Committee will be provided there.

- By opening the Centre International de Reflexions sur le Futur, situated in Arc-et-Senans in France for meetings, and courses organized by the Federation or its members, charging special rates for the Federation.

But above all it will continue its efforts, announced at the 1974 General Assembly, to

- collect knowledge of experimental work and social innovations making it possible to understand better the response to social needs and aspirations, and the differences in life styles,

- collect materials and expressions of the future and of the future dimension in pedagogy (books for young people in particular),

- finally with the journal "2000" and "Future Information" it will provide French-speaking readers with information on the WFSF and by its members (see item 4 sub-item A on Newsletter)

The action programme was accepted en bloc

5) *The statutes, by-laws, membership dues*

The statutes (*) corrections were approved in

a) point 1, sub-point 3, last item read "assisting relevant national and international future research activities",

b) point 6, General Assembly, sub-point 5, read "No decision may

(*) Please see statutes sent to members dated 20/10/1973 and reproduced in pamphlet

be taken without at least a two thirds majority of the members present"

The by-laws were approved (see annex 5)

Membership fees were accepted as 30 dollars for individuals and 200 dollars for institutions or the equivalent in foreign currency, the Secretary General having the discretionary power to grant exceptions. A finance committee was approved with A Ferrari Toniolo accepting to cooperate with a member of the Swiss Association and of the German Association. The assets and accounts will be transferred to Rome at the end of September 1975.

6-7) *Election of Scientific Council, and Election of Officers*

a) The Scientific Committee was elected as presented by the Credentials Committee with the corrections presented in item 2) and also with the addition of 19 members as in annex 3 who will be requested (14 - 0 - 1)

b) It was agreed that the first experimental year (1974-1975) should be continued as part of a two-year period for which the Executive Board and its officers are elected (see by-laws in annex 5)

c) Johan Galtung was elected President (13 - 0 - 1)

d) Pavel Apostol was confirmed Vice-President (16 - 0 - 1)

e) Peter Menke-Gluckert was elected Vice-President (16 - 0 - 1)

f) Eleonora Masini was elected Secretary General (18 - 0 - 1)

g) The Credentials Committee was re-elected as follows: S Antoine, G Kocher, J Suchodolski, S Ghabbour with S Antoine as Chairman (13 - 0 - 0),

h) K Marquandt and H Buchholz were elected auditors

i) The Preparatory Committee for the 5th World Conference in Dubrovnik was elected as elected in Dubrovnik 1 - 2 March 1975, viz J Galtung, P Menke-Gluckert, E Masini, G Bruckmann, R Nakarada, B van Steenberg, G Kocher. It was requested that R Jungk and A Kojarov, A Toffler (this last still to be requested) be added (13 - 0 - 1)

j) The Executive Board (Bureau) was re-elected with S Antoine, P Apostol, Y Dror, H Eldredge, J Galtung, M Iyengar, R Jungk,

E Masini, P Menke-Gluckert and B Suchodolski, with the addition of A Judge, G Bruckmann and B van Steenberg (13 - 0 - 1)
 The next General Assembly will be held on 1-2 April 1976
 Added are a list of participants in the General Assembly Berlin 30/31 May 1975 (annex 6) and of new members to WFSF (annex 7)

Annex 1

PROPOSED BUDGET PLAN WFSF 1975

<i>Credit Balance as per May 1975</i>	<i>DM 2, 489 03</i>
Expected membership dues	<u>5,000 00</u>
The Dollar equivalent	\$ 3,300 00
<i>Expenses</i>	
Postage, Stationery, Printing	600 00
Secretarial assistance	600 00
Telephone expenses which have not been charged for 1973, 1974 and 1975	300 00
New edition of pamphlet	300 00
Costs General Assembly	1,000 00
Newsletter	250 00
Future research register	250 00
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	\$ 3,300 00

This Budget plan is based on the assumption that at least half of the WFSF members pay their dues and that there will be no charges to be met by WFSF for world conferences, workshops, centres and colleges

May, 28 1975

Peter Menke-Gluckert

Annex 2

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD FUTURE STUDIES FEDERATION - BERLIN, 30 MAY 1975
Members elected for the Scientific Council in 1974

2 Refusals Jan TINBERGEN

West CHURCHMAN

Confirmation The following confirmations have been received by the Bonn secretariat and by the Paris office

Serge ANTOINE, Fondation C N Ledoux, (F)
 Pavel APOSTOL, individual, (R)
 Mihai BOTEZ, Center for the Methodology of Future and Development Studies, Bucharest, (R)
 Gerhart BRUCKMANN, Osterreichische Gesellschaft fur Langfristige Entwicklungsforschung, (A)
 Sam COLE, Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex, (GB)
 Yehezkel DROR International Society of Policy Sciences, (Is)
 Wentworth ELDREDGE, individual, (USA)
 Andrea FERRARI TONIOLO, Fondazione Bordonì, (I)
 Ossip K FLECHTHEIM, individual, (RFA)
 Yona FRIEDMAN, individual, (F)
 Bruno FRITSCH, Schweiz Vereinigung fur Zukunftsforschung, (CH)
 Johan GALTUNG, individual, (N)
 Samir GHABBOUR, individual, (EG)
 Odd GRANDE Norwegian Society for Future Studies, (N)
 Paul HANAPPE Association Plurilingue de sciences regionales de l'Europe du Nord Ouest, (F)
 Axel HÖRHAGER individual, (CH)
 M S IYENGAR individual, (India)
 Anne JAUMIN PONSAR Departement de sciences politiques de l'Université de Louvain, (B)
 Hugues de JOUVENEL, Association internationale Futuribles, (F)
 Robert JUNGK individual, (A)
 Assen KOJAROV, Bulgarian Academy of Science Future Commission (Bulg)
 Gerhard KOCHER, Schweiz Vereinigung fur Zukunftsforschung (CH)

Eleonora MASINI, IRADES (I)
 John McHALE Center for Integrative Studies, (USA)
 Peter MENKE-GLÜCKERT individual (RFA)
 Alexandro NADAL, individual, (Mex)
 Ichiro NAKAYAMA, Japanese Society for Futurology, (Jap)
 Kivuto NDETI individual, (Kenya)
 Chudi NWA CHIL, individual, (Tanzania)
 John PLATT individual, (USA)
 Fred POLAK, The International Society for Technology Assessment, (NL)
 Vladimir POREMSKY Societe pour Nouvelle Theorie Sociale, (F)
 Klaus REPENNING, Gesellschaft fur Zukunftsfragen e V, (RFA)
 M N RUTKEVICI Institute for Concrete Sociological Research, (USSR)
 Andrzej SICINSKI, Committee for Research and Prognoses "Poland 2000", (Pol)
 Bart van STEENBERGEN, Werkgroep 2000, (NL)
 Bogdan SUCHODOLSKI Poland 2000, (Pol)
 Ota SULC, Czech Academy of Sciences Department of Prognoses,
 Anthony WIENER, individual, (USA)

Of the total, 39 answered favourably and have therefore been considered elected for 1974. The Statutes state that the Scientific Council is elected for 4 years but also that the Association has been created provisionally for 1 year, and it can thus be considered that each of these members is a candidate for 1975-1978. Errors omitted, they are 15 individuals (active members) and 24 associates (institutions).

The Credentials Committee requests that the Secretariat sends precise information on these 39 persons as to

1 Individual status (active members) or representing an institution (associated members), as registered in the application. The original application form should be sent to the Credentials Committee in Paris.
 2 The state of the fees of these members, according to the statutes, is obligatory.

8 persons did not answer and not being confirmed they are not elected for 1974 and cannot be considered as candidates for 1975, if not present at the Assembly in Berlin in 1975.

These persons are Alfred Beer, Klaus Wusteneck, Mircea Malita, Chri-

stopher Freeman, Stephan Novak, Stafford Beer, Joen de Rosnay, Edgard Morin

3 The members of the Bureau Serge Antoine, Pavel Apostol, Yehezkel Dror, Wentworth Eldredge, Johan Galtung, Madhur Iyengar, Robert Jungk, Eleonora Masini, Peter Menke-Gluckert, Bogdan Suchodolski

These 10 persons having confirmed are thus considered for 1974 as having formed the Bureau

4 Johan Galtung was elected President at the General Assembly of 30 March 1974, Pavel Apostol was elected Vice-President and Peter Menke-Gluckert Secretary General

The Credentials Committee noted the absence of Pavel Apostol on 30 May at the Berlin General Assembly. However, on 29 May he communicated that he would be unable to attend.

5 With regard to the statutes and their application, the Credentials Committee proposes that from now onwards the names of candidates be submitted to the President through the Secretariat, together with the names of two sponsors able to bear out the interest of the candidature, setting forth the work carried out by the individual candidates or by the institutions they represent (see by-laws item 9 as accepted by General Assembly) (annex 5)

6 Proposals by the Bureau for new members of the Scientific Council for 1975-76. 39 being taken, there are thus 21 vacancies, proposes — with reservations naturally as to their acceptance — the following candidates (numbering 19) (see Annex 3)

The Bureau also requested that the possibility be actively looked into of achieving a better balance of the Scientific Council, by persons or institutions from North America of proven experience, or from developing countries in Latin America, Africa or in Asia, who play an increasing role in these regions.

7 With regard to the Bureau, the Credentials Committee recorded the request of the Bureau to be reelected for 1975-76. It considered here also that it is necessary to obtain a better geographical balance of the members, 7 persons out of 10 coming from European countries.

8 With regard to the Executive, the Credentials Committee recorded the following candidatures or proposals to midday, 30 May 1975

Johan Galtung, President
Peter Menke-Gluckert, Vice President
Pavel Apostol, Vice President
Eleonora Masini, Secretary General

It must be noted that the number of Vice Presidents is not limited in the Statutes, and it would be a good thing for the elections of the Executive by the Scientific Council to provide places for Vice Presidents of regions outside of Europe (North America, developing countries)

Serge Antoine did not wish to be considered as "spokesman", as had been decided by the General Assembly in 1974 This function does not appear to be essential

9 Concerning the new members of the Federation, the Bureau informed the Credentials Committee of its agreement to the 35 persons who have put forward their names (list in annex 7) It requests that in future the description of the candidates' work be more detailed and that the candidates be presented by two sponsors (see by-laws point 9 as accepted by the General Assembly)

10 With respect to the by-laws, the Credentials Committee notes the proposal of paragraph 2 It notes that the period of 4 weeks is reckoned as from the time each member of the Credentials Committee receives the complete candidature (individual or institution, work commitment to pay the fee, sponsors)

11 The Credentials Committee as represented in Berlin by Serge Antoine and Gerhard Kocher hereby sign the present document

Berlin, 30 May 1975

Annex 3

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS OF SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

Igor V Bestuzhev-Lada, Edward S Cornish, James Allen Dator, Roger Garaudy, Olaf Helmer, Lars E Ingelstam, Hidoteshi Kato, Thomas A Lambo, Stanley Lesse, Carlos A Mallmann, Mihailo Markovic, Aurelio Peccei, Hasan Ozbekhan, Hastok Panthasarati, Arthur Porter, Ignacy Sachs, Arne Sorensen, Victor Urquidi, Jermen M Gvishiani

Annex 4

RECOMMENDATION OF THE WFSF GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INITIATE AND SUPPORT WORK ON THE ETHICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR FUTURES STUDIES ACTIVITIES AND FOR SCIENTIFIC WORKERS INVOLVED IN SUCH

Today, "Futures Studies" are considered more important by some people while they are being rejected by many others because of the "hidden" implications and influences of these activities As a WFSF we must be interested in acknowledging such difficulties and in helping to clarify the position of the people involved in futures studies By the concept of "the future", the Federation means the totality of the world's future societies, including all social, economical and political systems and sub-systems and the relationships among them, including the changes and development of potentialities in man at the biophysical, psychological and spiritual level

Hence futures studies, as they appear today, is a field of intellectual and political activity concerning all sectors of the psychological, social, economic, political and cultural life, aiming at discovering and mastering the extentions of the complex chains of causalities, by means of conceptualisations, systematic reflections, experimentations, anticipations, and creative thinking Futures studies therefore constitute a natural basis for subnational, national and international, and both interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary activities tending to become a new forum for the basis of political decision making

The Federation stresses the importance of promoting philosophical research on the fundamental concepts and ultimate aims of futures studies, in order to establish a conceptual and ethical basis if possible capable of being applied by all scientific workers engaged in futures studies, irrespective of their field of specialization, legal status of underlying motivations or the immediate application of their work The focus of this effort should be to

- clarify each generation's responsibility and limits of responsibility towards future generations,
- identify problem areas, objectives and priorities for futures studies activities,
- clarify the obligations and responsibilities the scientific worker

engaged in the field of futures studies has as a political actor in the future societies of the world,

— stress the need for each person in futures studies to state clearly his basic values, and the underlying presuppositions in his work
The WFSF General Assembly asks all members of the Federation to support and to contribute to this work, to elect the members of a steering committee, with the responsibility to initiate and coordinate this work, and to present as a basis for further investigations, a preliminary conclusion to the 5th World Conference of Futures Research in Dubrovnik in Spring 1976

Proposed by Eleonora Masini and
Knut Samset

A small committee was formed on May 31 during the General Assembly (E Masini, K Samset, R Jungk, A Beer, A Kojarov, A Horha ger)

Annex 5

BY-LAWS OF WORLD FUTURE STUDIES FEDERATION

§ 1

The by-laws interpret the statutes for the purpose of facilitating membership participation in activities and formal proceedings of WFSF decision-making bodies

§ 2

The Credentials Committee reports in writing to General Assemblies regarding membership development including candidates for the Scientific Council Prospective members are in principle invited to join the Federation by sending a written application, including credentials and a list of major publications and future research activities Applications have to be sent to the Secretariat of WFSF, which in turn informs the Executive Committee and the Credentials Committee If there is no objection by the Credentials Committee within four weeks the applicant will be considered a full member, and must be informed

accordingly by the Secretary General

§ 3

After having paid membership fees, every member receives a membership card which entitles him to vote in General Assemblies

§ 4

Every member may give his authority to other members not exceeding three to vote on his behalf in General Assemblies As far as possible voting sheets must be prepared by the Secretary General to enable absent members to participate in decisions of General Assemblies and all decision-making bodies of WFSF Voting sheets, questionnaires and other polling techniques should be used as much as possible to ensure the widest participation of all members in all proceedings and activities of WFSF

§ 5

Lapsing of membership must be announced in a circular letter to all members quoting the related provision in the statutes

§ 6

General Assemblies can elect an Assembly Chairman when appropriate General Assemblies can decide to elect a Secretary General and other members of the Secretariat Votes are cast by secret ballot if not decided otherwise by the General Assembly

Add § 7

The term of the Executive Board is for two years Meetings are chaired by the President of WFSF Minutes will be taken by the Secretary General

Add § 8

The Membership of the Scientific Council should include approximately 40 members from institutions and 20 individual members

Add § 9

Proposals for candidates for the Scientific Council must be sent via the Secretary General to the President of WFSF. Candidates representing an institution must produce a letter testifying that the candidate represents the institution.

Annex 6

PARTICIPANTS IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 30/5/1975

NAME	ORGANIZATION	MEMBERSHIP OR NOT IN WFSF
V Poremsky	"Plurilog"	GFZ - WFSF
A Ferrari Toniolo	Fondazione U Bordonì	WFSF
Klaus Rothgaenger		GFZ - WFSF
K Marquandt	ZBZ/FU	
Axel Horhager		WFSF
Helmut Meier	ZBZ	WFSF
Knut F Samset	Systemplan e V	WFSF
Fritz Lienemann	European Cultural Foundation	WFSF
Abraham Beer		WFSF
Hans Buchholz	ZBZ	WFSF
Klaus Repenning	GFZ	GF
Bart van Steenberg	Workgroup 2000	WFSF
Robert Jungk	ZBF	WFSF
Gerhard Kocher	Schweiz Vereinigung fur ZF	WFSF
Jurgen Bommer	ZBZ	
Eva Gabor	EME Phi Lehrst not org	
Assen Kojarov	Institute of Contemporary Social Sciences, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences	WFSF
Johan Galtung	University of Oslo	WFSF
Eleonora Masini	IRADES	WFSF
Serge Antoine	Fondation Ledoux	WFSF

Roberto Vacca

Carlos A Mallmann Fundación Bariloche

Annex 7

WORLD FUTURE STUDIES FEDERATION (WFSF) - NEW MEMBERS

Aroni, Samuel - USA, Ayres, Robert - USA, Brighi, Massimo - Italy, Bush, Heinz - Germany, Cagiano, Raimondo - Italy, Chaplain, Roland - England, Cohen, Suleiman - The Netherlands, van Dam, Andre - Argentina, Dator, James Allen - USA, Dernoì, Louis Antoine - Canada, Gueron, Georges - France, Graul, Emil-Hainz - Germany, Gross Helmut - Germany, Gunawardena, Lalitha - Ceylon, Harkins, Arthur - USA, Hewage, L G Sri-Lanka (Ceylon), Holthusen T Lance - USA, Kumar, Ranjit - Canada, Ide, T Ran - Canada, Landau, Erika - Israel, Landergren, Ulf - Sweden, Lesse, Stanley - USA, Meier, Richard L - USA, Morita, Ichi-Saburo - Japan, Munzadi, Baboli - Zaire, Pace, Pietro - Italy, Puri, Gopal - England, Rattray-Taylor, Gordon - England, Rittel, Horst W J - USA, Rothgaenger, Klaus - Germany, Sethi, Bry Brushan - India, Stack, Jean-Claude - France, Umpleby, Stuart - USA, Wellesley-Wesley, James - Belgium, Zadra, Dario - USA

FUTURES STUDIES AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES - TEN PROPOSITIONS

by Johan Galtung

- 1 Future studies emerged in a situation of stability, and added dynamism producing future images different from the present. In a sense the more stable the period and the less there happens in a country, the more future studies.
- 2 Future studies, not necessarily under that heading, gained in public appeal by also producing crisis images. The crisis in the Western dominated system was converted into, and presented as a resource crisis, local scarcities were seen as global scarcities.
- 3 Since about 1973 this changed the profound dynamism of the Third World spread to the First (and probably also the Second) world.

under the heading of "oil crisis" — and more particularly and significantly under such headings as Indochina and Watergate

Dynamism became too high rather than too low, present studies seemed more relevant than future studies, activities now and here more valid than thinking and experimenting about the future

4 But in this situation future studies should become *more* relevant than ever. The need for alternatives, for visions, for ideas no longer as an intellectual and scientific game or as artistic performance, but as dire necessity — particularly to help avoid regressive, even fascist responses to our predicament

5 Global interdependence before development studies were for the Third world, and about them (done by us), and future studies were for us and by us. Increasingly these two fields of disciplined study will now have to merge and produce a less schizophrenic approach to the human condition. The poor countries also to study the rich

6 One basic reason for this is the underdevelopment/overdevelopment dialectic. One used to see development as a Third World problem, the perspective should now be that we are all maldeveloped, only located on different sides of the social optimum. Moreover, the two worlds are interdependent through increased use of self-reliance: the fight against underdevelopment will affect the rich and industrialized world profoundly, and produce conditions under which a struggle against overdevelopment becomes more meaningful

7 Orientation towards needs: the thinking about development, and — less so — about the future has often been thing —, structure-system-oriented. The plea should be made for a return to the basic unit, the human being and our needs — material as well as immaterial. They are all fundamental, not only food, clothes, shelter, health and education

8 The idea of a social minimum or floor in the poor parts of the world, of a social maximum or ceiling in the rich part

9 The idea of alternative life styles in rich countries as a major research field within future studies — as our contribution in the development studies/future studies alliance

10 A plea for optimism: problems can be solved — our task is

not to contribute to facile pessimism but to solutions

5th WORLD FUTURE STUDIES FEDERATION CONFERENCE

Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik 28/3 - 2/4, 1976

The General Assembly of the WFSF decided at the proposal of the Executive Committee to hold the next World Conference at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik

The themes of the conference will be

"World alternative systems versus needs"

Education in the Future, education towards the future

In addition to this there will also be two "open days". It is proposed to devote the mornings to plenary sessions and the afternoons to working groups, for instance 3 or 4 for each theme. In addition the agenda will include the General Assembly of the WFSF

The IUC facilities include a conference hall with a seating capacity of 200, easily expanded to 300 because of a removable wall. With the experience of the three preceding conferences it should be sufficient — we might also indicate an upper limit on the registration in the letter of invitation

In addition to this there will be four or five large working-group rooms (with a seating capacity from 30 — 60) available, and six to eight smaller rooms (capacity five to eight persons), all of this in the same building. Coffee and other refreshments will also be available. The Executive Committee found the facilities satisfactory, and since the Inter-University Centre will benefit from the conference by making use of some of the participants as resource persons in two of the IUC courses (one of them being organized in cooperation with the WFSF, as this year's Future Studies course, for next year referred to as "Models for the Future: Domestic and Global")

Nevertheless, a registration fee should be charged (25 dollars, 10 dollars for students or the equivalent in foreign currency) to help cover administrative expenses in the preparation of the conference

WFSF will not be in a position to copy papers, and such facilities will not be available during the conference period. Participants, hence are required to bring as many copies of their own papers as they want to have distributed.

It is hoped that much spontaneous group formation will take place during the conference, and it is suggested that only a few of the working groups will be preplanned in any way.

Participants are expected to see to accommodation themselves, making direct arrangements with the hotels. There is one hotel (Imperial) only a few minutes from the IUC; and two other hotels (Lero and Libertas) at walking distance from the IUC (15 minutes). Accommodation with full board costs about \$ 10 - at the Imperial, \$ 7 - at Lero and \$ 15 - at Libertas (rates subject to change, but since the conference will be in the inexpensive seasons the rates will still be very low). It is highly recommended for participants to enquire early into the possibilities of cheap package tours, group travel, etc.

Preregistration will be directly to the WFSF secretariat, in Rome and final registration upon arrival in Dubrovnik.

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"We would like all members to write to us when they have an idea (it may very well be only half-cooked) that can be expressed in no more than twenty lines, and we will publish it.

What we want is to find the ideas which are mostly circulating among members of WFSF and hence indicate the trends of thought in future oriented people.

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