

TRAINING SEMINARS - SUMMER 1977

Workshop on Management, Library Control and Use
of Computer Readable Information
July 25 - August 5, 1977

This two-week workshop is designed to meet the needs of individuals whose responsibilities may include providing data services or information about computer-readable data files to users. The objective of the workshop is to introduce individuals to data management, data library and data servicing procedures and techniques employed at established data service centers. Specific attention will be given to the practical aspects of making data available to users. The workshop contains two entry points contingent upon the background, experience and interests of the participant.

The first week of the workshop will consider the process of collecting data, documenting data collections, and processing (cleaning) data for primary analysis and use or storage centrally for public access. Hands-on experience with data will be provided at each step of the data cleaning process. Computer experience is not required.

The second week will focus on data library procedures, user services, and the administration and organization of data service centers. Data library procedures will include acquisition of data, transfer of data, accessioning data and bibliographic control.

It should be noted that an intensive format for this workshop will be used. Scheduled sessions will be held both in the morning and afternoon. Additional sessions may be scheduled for the evenings as needed. Enrollment will be limited.

For further information and application forms, contact: Summer Program, ICPSR, P. O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106 313/764-2570.

Summer Training Seminar in Cross-National Data Analysis

The International Social Science Council (ISSC), with the Institute für Soziologie at the University of Vienna, in cooperation with the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna, is sponsoring a SUMMER TRAINING SEMINAR IN CROSS-NATIONAL DATA ANALYSIS, from 3 to 22 July 1977.

For a number of years the ISSC has conducted a program of advanced training in methods and techniques of comparative cross-national analysis. Under a grant from the Stiftung Volkswagenwerk, Summer Schools were organized from 1972 to 1974, for training in the use of data from several countries for comparative analysis. This grant has been renewed and the Stiftung has agreed to finance the preparation of a series of Workbooks for Training in Comparative Analysis. Two draft Workbooks for Data Packages will be available at the training seminar.

One of the Workbooks will cover the Time-Budget Data for cities in four countries: Canada, France, Hungary, and the United States. (The cross-national survey research project directed by the Hungarian sociologist, Alexander Szalai, has resulted in an enormous quantity of data, almost all of them unavailable to data archivists; thus, this Workbook represents an important contribution to the research community.) A comprehensive report on the Time-Budget Study is the A. Szalai edited book, The Uses of Time (The Hague: Mouton, 1972, \$48). [See also Newsletter, Volume 1, Number 19, p. 6, 7, of the Institute of Social Research, University of Michigan, for a discussion on some of the sexual inequalities in the use of time.] The data sets and Workbook texts are being prepared by Andrew Harvey of Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., in cooperation with Philip Stone and Alexander Szalai of the Karl Marx University, Budapest.

The second Workbook covers data on Intergenerational Mobility for five countries: Austria, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States. [The flyer describes "intergenerational mobility" as a classic field of comparative research, an area which the International Sociological Association launched in the early 1950s. "Cross-national data on mobility are of particular interest because they allow precise testing of several alternative models: Blau-Duncan path analysis, Boudon transition matrices."] Thomas Herz of the Zentralarchiv für empirische Sozialforschung Cologne, in cooperation with Raymond Boudon of the Université René Descartes, Paris IV, is preparing the data sets and Workbook texts. Herz will test the data package and Workbook at the Training Seminar in Vienna.

The Training Seminar will be open to graduate students and younger staff members with some training in statistics and some knowledge of computer processing. The Seminar will take place at the Institut für höhere Studien, Stumpergasse 56, Vienna. The Institute's Univac 1106 computer will be available for the Seminar. All data sets will be available in SPSS formats and will have been checked for processing on the computer.

The grant from the Stiftung Volkswagenwerk to the ISSC covers tuition costs. Participants must apply to their own national research councils or other funding agencies to defray the cost of travel and per diem. Participants will be housed in a nearby Studentenheim. The cost of single rooms with breakfast will be about \$10 per night, for double rooms, about \$18. Meals in nearby restaurants cost between \$1.50 and \$3.00. The total cost of the 24 days in Vienna will probably be at least \$400.

Graduate students and others interested in taking part in the Seminar should write to Professor Rolf Ziegler, Institut für Soziologie, Alserstrasse 33, A-1080 Vienna, Austria. Application forms should be returned immediately because the deadline is 31 March 1977. Those selected for participation in the Seminar will be informed by 1 May at the latest. Payment for the first 10 nights must be sent in by the end of May.

Departments and Institutes in Eastern Europe should be aware that efforts are being made to obtain a grant for Stipends in hard currency from UNESCO for students from their region.

Tenth Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection

- Session 1: 15th July to 29th July 1977
Session 2: 30th July to 12th August 1977
Session 3: 13th August to 26th August 1977

The European Consortium for Political Research will be sponsoring the tenth school, to be held at the University of Essex in three continuous but independent sessions from 15th July to 26th August. Special emphasis will be on introductory courses for participants who lack any training in statistics or computing. The Introductory level courses include "Absolute Beginners Course," "Introduction to Data Analysis (SPSS-Based)," and "Mathematics for Social Scientists." Intermediate level courses include regression theory and applications, basic scaling, computer-based simulation, cluster analysis, factor analysis, and content analysis. Advanced level courses include multi-dimensional scaling, network analysis, analysis of nominal-level data, analysis of social processes, and analysis of systems and hierarchies.

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Two courses will be offered in survey design and analysis. This special module is organized in conjunction with the SSRC Survey Archive and runs parallel with the other courses. It is primarily designed for introductory and intermediate level students. Instruction will particularly emphasize the application of these techniques to data collections held by the School. Full supporting interactive computer facilities will be available.

Financial support may be available to participants from their own institutions or National Research Councils. The organizations wish to encourage attendance by graduate students, research assistants and junior staff.

Interested persons should write to: The Organizing Secretary, Tenth Essex Summer School, Department of Government, University of Essex, Colchester CO4 3SQ, England.

DATA NEEDS

Center for the Study of Youth Development at Boys Town

The Center for the Study of Youth Development at Boys Town, Omaha, Nebraska, is a nonprofit organization conducting social science research on youth and youth development.

Ed Meyers writes to ask IASSIST members' assistance in locating information about data collections (catalogued or uncatalogued) which focus on youth, adolescents, and youth development.

Center researchers have asked for longitudinal and cross-sectional data relating to the development of educational and occupational aspirations and attainments and to the antecedents and consequences of age at first marriage. In addition, there is interest in locating data on socialization and diffusion