

Data archivists, especially those working in isolation from traditional libraries, will want to consider the implications of White's work for their field. Greater acceptance by libraries of access tools to data sets will generate a broader base of potential archive users and, since White argues cogently for the continuing housing of the actual data sets in archives, there is no reason to fear that the very specialized services of archives will be subsumed by libraries without staff expertise to promote their exploitation. We hope that Dr. White will consolidate his groundbreaking findings into articles to be disseminated in the library and data archive press. The thesis itself is a mandatory purchase for library schools and a critical accumulation of data for archivists. We hope that Dr. White's thesis is the first of many dissertations which will explore in greater depth the problems and characteristics of archives and their users.

QUANTUM COMPLETES SURVEY

Quantum members in Germany have completed a survey of completed, ongoing, and planned research projects in quantitative history. This survey has just been published as Volume I in a new series of Klett Verlag, Stuttgart, the HSF, which will be concerned with quantitative social scientific analysis of historical and process-produced data. The book entitled, The QUANTUM DOCUMENTATION, is available from Ernst Klett Verlag, Rotebühlstrasse 77, Postfach 809, D-7000, Stuttgart 1, at a cost of DM 39. The full bibliographic citation is:

W. Bick, P. J. Müller, H. Reinke. QUANTUM DOCUMENTATION: Quantitative historische Forschung 1977/Quantitative History 1977. Stuttgart: Ernst Klett Verlag, 1977.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS / REORGANIZATION

BASS HOSTS CESSDA MEETING TO CREATE IF-DO

Belgian Archives for the Social Sciences Hosts Committee
of European Social Science Data Archives to Create
International Federation of Data Organizations

On the invitation of the Committee of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA), representatives of data organizations from the United States, Canada and Europe gathered together at Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium on the 20th and 21st May, 1977 to discuss and formulate further means of mutual cooperation in the area of social sciences data archiving services.

This meeting was also attended by observers from France, Sweden and Switzerland and a representative of the Division for the International Development of the Social Sciences of UNESCO.

On Sunday, 21st May, they decided on the establishment of an International Federation of Data Organizations (IF-DO), designated Mr. Guido Martinotti (ADPSS, Milan) as its president, and entrusted the duties of secretary to Mr. Erwin Scheuch (ZA, Cologne).

This federation is open to all organizations prepared to participate in the Federation and cooperate in the continuing development of data archiving services in the social sciences.

More information or a copy of the status may be available by contacting the secretary:

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DATA ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Laboratory for Computer Graphics and Spatial Analysis within the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University has just released a new edition of LAB-LOG, its catalog of computer programs, data bases and publications. Research at the Laboratory is principally concerned with the analysis and graphic display of geographic data used in the planning process. LAB-LOG describes various products which have resulted from this work and which are currently available for distribution to universities, government agencies and private organizations.

LAB-LOG includes a description of six different computer programs for use in the graphical display of spatial data via a line printer, line plotter and cathode ray tubes. A wide variety of cartographic (x-y coordinate) data bases are also described. Publications are available on the subjects of automated cartography, theoretical cartography and theoretical geography. LAB-LOG also contains a brief description of the Laboratory's history, research directions and operating policies.

Copies of LAB-LOG are available at a cost of \$1.00 each upon request to:

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