

While Øyen's discussion focuses on Norwegian developments, the reader will be able to draw parallels to his or her own national situation. Øyen's final caveat,

"It would seem unfortunate if the increasing need for social science research in the policy field, and the expansion of public support and political control of social science developments, were to be linked to efforts to tie the hands of researchers through the introduction of rules which might give the social sciences a serious setback. In fact, such a development might be threatening another integrity requirement, namely, the right to understand."

Øyen's review is an incisive look at the consequences of privacy protection legislation created without consideration of social science needs. It is a sophisticated analysis of issues which will continue to command the attention of researchers and data archivists in the next decade. Recommended as essential reading--an insightful introduction to the problems of privacy protection for the social scientist and by extension, the data archivist.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL SCIENCE DATA ARCHIVES, JANUARY 22, 1977

Meeting of the Committee of European Social Science Data Archives, 22 January 1977

The Committee of European Social Science Archives was established at a meeting in Amsterdam in June 1976 and held its second meeting in Paris on 22 January 1977. The meeting was attended by representatives of the seven member organizations: the ADPSS-Milan, the BASS-Louvain-la-Neuve, the DDA-Copenhagen, the NSD-Bergen, the SSRC-SA-Essex, the SA-Amsterdam and the ZA-Cologne. The meeting agreed to organize one conference a year and to encourage the establishment of a number of time-limited European Working Parties of 3-4 data organizations each. ZA-Cologne, offered to host the 1978 meeting: this will focus on Privacy Legislation.

The Committee also instructed BASS to invite established, public-service data organizations (archives and broader data services offering access for a range of universities, centres) all across the world to take part in the constituent meeting of an International Federation of Data Organizations. This meeting is scheduled for 21-22 May at Louvain-la-Neuve.

The new body would be based exclusively on organizational membership and would commit its members to support concrete projects of co-operation. The Federation will, if established, serve to bring data archives, data services and data centres together as institutions and would offer a parallel structure to the individually-based IASSIST. There was full agreement that the two bodies should complement each other and help each other through joint activities. There was also agreement that the Statutes of IF-DO should give full recognition to IASSIST and commit the Federation to close co-operation with the Association.

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