

## Editorial

The General Assembly of the International Social Science Council approved the CROP Plan-of-Action 1995-1996, along with appraising words of the CROP programme. The praise is forwarded to all of you who have contributed academically, practically and financially to CROP during these first important years.

Before writing the Plan, there were thorough consultations within the CROP Standing Committee and the CROP Program Committee, inputs from participants in the eight CROP workshops/conferences, and feed-back from members in the CROP network. The almost unison advice to CROP was to continue along the same line as that of the previous two years. The objectives, as stated in the first Plan-of-action, are still to be our guidelines. The instruments used so far to create an international arena for comparative and multi-paradigmatic research, are to be developed further. The Secretariat is encouraged to continue with regional workshops and a yearly international conference, financing allowing. Networking should be intensified, and better links should be established with groups doing national and disciplinary poverty studies. Research material should be made more available. Although it is appreciated that CROP facilitates ongoing research, it is also argued that CROP is now ready to initiate research projects of its own. It is likewise argued, that the expertise gathered within CROP should be made available to a larger circle, as for example through courses in the methodology of doing poverty research. There is a clearly expressed concern about the future financing of CROP, and how CROP can move from an ad hoc economy to a more stable economy which allows long term planning. CROP has had two hectic years. Initiatives have been pouring in and carried out at high speed, and the interest shown for CROP activities has been very rewarding. Now time has come for consolidation and long term investments. The idea of an international institute of poverty research is also one of the ideas put forward.

On behalf of the new CROP Standing Committee and the Secretariat, I can assure we shall do everything possible to follow up initiatives and concerns, as they have been expressed by the members of the CROP network.

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In December 1994, the CROP Standing Committee 1995-1996 was presented to the ISSC General Assembly. Most of its members are the same as in the last period but one person has stepped down and two persons have been added. The Standing Committee now has the following members:

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**P**apers presented at the CROP/UNESCO Scientific Symposium on: "The Regional State-of-the-Art-Reviews on Poverty Research", Nov. 30th to Dec. 2nd 1994, Paris, France.

**Poverty Research in South Asia: A review of literature from 1980-1994**, by K. Tudor Silva and K. Athukorala, University of Peradeniy, Sri Lanka

**Poverty Research/Asian Chapter**, by Syed Abdus Samad, ADIPA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Reviews on the Poverty Research in China**, by Yan Ruizhen, Yan & Wang Yuan, Peoples Univ. of China

**Review on P.R. Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia & Singapore**, by Luzviminda B. Valencia, University of the Philippines.

**An Overview of Recent research on Poverty in New Zealand**, by Charles Waldegrave, The Family Centre, New Zealand

**Poverty in India Revisited**, by Nilakantha Rath, Indian School of Political Econ., Pune, India

**Poverty in India**, by Bhaskar Dutta, Indian Statistical Inst., New Delhi, India

**The state of Poverty Research in Anglophone West Africa**, by Dayo Akeredolu-Ale, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

**Poverty in the United States**, by S. M. Miller, Commonwealth Institute, MA., USA

**The Study of Poverty in North America**, by Ramesh Mishra, York University, Atkinson Coll., Ontario, Can.

**Research in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia**, by Mojca Novak, Ljubljana Univ., Slovenia

**Research in Greece, Turkey and Cyprus**, by Maria Petmesidou, Univ. of Crete

**Poverty Research in the Nordic Countries**  
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**Poverty Research Latin/America**, by Laura Golbert and Gabriel Kessler, CIEPP, Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Poverty Research in Eastern Africa: An overview**, by Ali Abdel Gadir Ali & Mohamed Salih, ISS, The Netherlands

**Poverty and Poverty Research in the CIS and the Baltic Republics**, by Alastair McAuley, Univ of Essex, UK

**Poverty in Israel: Research and Policy**, by Rivka W. Bar-Yosef, Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem, Israel

**Investigaciones de Pobreza en America Latina**, by Roberto Urmeneta. Progr. de Economia del Trabajo, Santiago, Chile

**Poverty Research in Western-Europe**, by Jürgen Kohl, Univ. of Mannheim, Germany

**Overview of Poverty Research in South-Africa**, by Francis Wilson, Univ. of Cape Town, South Africa

**Poverty Research in Polen**, by Ludmila Dziewiecka-Bokun, Univ. of Wroclaw, & Ewa Toczyska, University of Gdansk, Poland

**Poverty Studies in Korea**, by Hakchung Choo, Soon-Il Bark & Suk Bum Yoon, Korea Development Institute

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