



## Alumni Association born at second Reunion

**The second IDS reunion was held over the weekend of July 31 to August 2, 1997. In all, 55 Alumni attended, that is 10% of those who have a degree from Sussex via IDS. Not a bad turnout at all. Mostly MPhils, some DPhils, not too many MAs (we missed you).**

We all enjoyed a very well organised weekend, where we met old friends and made new ones. We talked, laughed, argued and networked like crazy. It was fun, it was interesting, it was worthwhile, and everyone would like to do it again.

As always, Sheila Burgess was the first person we met. She was as warm and funny as ever. One Alumnus said, "It is good that there are some constants in this life", Sheila is one of them. She remembered all our names, and filled us in with the REAL stories behind the brickwork.

The Alumni were welcomed in a formal session by Keith Bezanson, the new Director. He spoke to us warmly and pledged his support for the Alumni Association. Keith participated in the entire weekend, and was seen in the bar, late, on several nights!

There were plenty of events organised. The most weighty event was the Dudley Seers Memorial Lecture. Richard Jolly delivered the lecture, entitled 'Everything you wanted to know about human development but which IDS never told you'. This event was the most well attended, room 120/121 was packed to capacity, standing room only at the back. Reg Green heckled from an armchair at the side, and many comments were made afterwards by Alumni and others, leading to an interesting discussion. It was a distinguished gathering, the great and the good remained for the evening and mingled with the Alumni as well as the IDS fellowship, which was present in force.

Many favourite old IDS topics were broached over the weekend. Gordon White convened a session on Thursday afternoon on 'Globalisation: Thumbs Up for Coca Cola'. This was a typical Gordon White session, provocative, no easy answers, and plenty of conflicting ideas from the floor. The lead speaker was Colin Leys, whose work has appeared on many reading lists over the years. Good stuff, just like the

old days, it sent us all off thinking. Once the cobwebs were blown away, we were ready for some socialising. That was Thursday night.

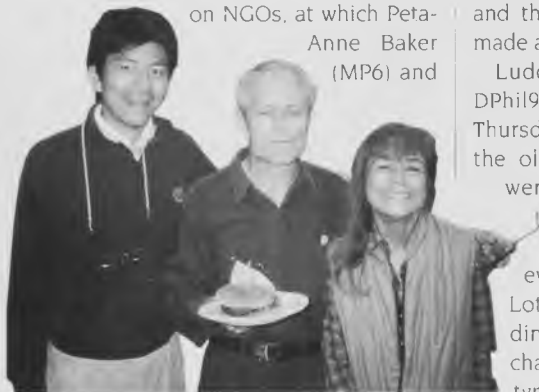
Friday morning began with a session on Corruption convened by Kim Tres (MP14). Kim is now the Spanish Aid representative in Mexico. There were no easy answers here either, many disagreed on what exactly corruption is, and on how much of it should be accepted in a development situation. A heavy session for the morning after, but one which whetted the appetite for more.

Forming the Alumni Association was typically frantic. A lot to say, a lot of ideas, and consensus in the end. Nick Georgiadis (MP14) had drafted a Constitution and this was discussed and amended by the Alumni present (A full version is inside this edition of *Alumnnews*). Tom Lines (MP10) took minutes of the meeting and eventually (very late) we went to lunch.

One of the highlights of the reunion (and there were several) was the session led by Robert Chambers. Robert is retiring as a full time Fellow this autumn, and the Alumni

was (probably) the last group to enjoy Robert's wisdom while he was still a Fellow. Many Alumni had somehow managed never to hear Robert, and his thoughts and ideas on the fate of economists were a revelation to them! But they (the economists) stayed and, yes, participated! It was Robert Chambers at his best. Having been mortally embarrassed by many speeches of praise, and regret on his retirement before his lecture, he took us through all the great ideas and practices, whose reality counts, whose knowledge, whose words. We plotted our environment and ranked its attributes. Wonderful, uplifting and inspirational.

The participatory side of IDS was well represented. Mick Moore convened a session on NGOs, at which Peta-Anne Baker (MP6) and



Alan Fowler (DPhil94) contributed. This was a lively session. John Gaventa, a new Fellow to most of us, convened a further session on Saturday morning called 'The Challenge of Participation'. Both of these sessions drew many participating Alumni, and we were able to share some of our own experiences, post IDS, on participation or lack of it in the development arena. Both of these discussions challenged us, and we were able to reflect on our own work and how it links in with the ideas and philosophies we were first introduced to at IDS. It was healthy to discuss ideas again, having spent years working on more mundane practical problems.

The social side of the reunion was at least as important as the formal academic meetings. Indeed, many ideas were



Keith Bezanson, Richard Jolly and members of the Seers family and former IDS members.

modified, torn apart and put back together again during the late hours of talk. Many glasses of 'Flowers' were consumed in the newly bright revamped bar, and the bar and kitchen staff made all of us welcome.

Ludovico Alcorta (MP6/DPhil91) led a Salsa disco on Thursday night, it was just like the old days. Many people were so busy talking through the last 5 or 10 years that they didn't even have time to dance. Lots of style at the reunion dinner on Friday night, a chance to dress up after a typically casual IDS event.

Mick Moore acted as host for the evening and we had a rare speech from Sheila Burgess,

as well as gems from Anne Marie Goetz, Laura Torvinen (MP9), Worku Lakew (MP6), Stephen Devereux (IDS Fellow) and Keith Bezanson. Debbie Rapson and her staff outdid themselves with the catering, and again, there was a lot of noise in the bar!

The Barbecue on Saturday evening was almost rained out, but not quite. The music was great, children ran around and still everyone just talked talked. It was Kim Tres's birthday, and a cake was produced. Stephany Griffith-Jones and her boys were among the last to leave. Mick Moore, uncharacteristically, left early! Great to see the old favourites propping up the

bar, Martin Greeley (DPhil85) and Alan Fowler (DPhil94) stayed very late indeed, with Nigel Pullen behind the bar.

The verdict? The Second IDS Reunion was a roaring success. Many thanks to Philippa Sankey who has now taken early retirement. Philippa organised the reunion with Mick Moore and Kim Tres. Also a big thank you to Sue Ong and Julia Brown, for all the last minute organising and running around. Nick Georgiadis, Martin Greeley and Hubert Schmitz (MPI/DPhil) were also involved. It was a lot of hard work, organising so much fun. Thanks to all of them. Hope to see you at the next reunion!

Mary McKeown



Ludovico Alcorta, Parvin Alizadeh, Alan Fowler, Angelica Gimpel, Martin Greeley, Tom Hewitt, Edwin Irizarry-Mora, Keith Lewin, Angela Little, Mick Moore, Khalid Nadvi, Yousef Nasser, Layth Rouf, Sumit Roy, Mohamed Samantar, Hubert Schmitz, Akio Takahara

*italic - indicates not in the photo, but attended Reunion*

## The 1997 Reunion...regrets

The following are amongst those who sent their regrets that they could not attend the Reunion:

**John Oxenham** '...the programme looks set to challenge both fashionable diseases and fashionable cures...' **Mohamed DIAB (MP5/DPhil89)** wrote in May to say: 'Unfortunately I will not be able to attend due to my transfer from **Sierra Leone** to **Yemen** during the same period. However, I will be interested to receive a copy of papers submitted... My apologies and greetings to all friends'. Regrets from **Michael HUBBARD (DPhil83)** 'Good luck with the Reunion!' **Frank ELLIS (DPhil78/79)** writes: 'Unfortunately (!) already on holiday then, otherwise would have loved to come' and similarly, **Jonathan KYDD (DPhil85)** regrets he will be bang in the middle of his family holiday 'please keep me on the mailing list - I will turn up one day!' **Dale MATHEWS (DPhil94)** faxed 'Greetings to **Ludovico ALCORTA (MP6/DPhil91)** (did you drag the piano down to the IDS bar again?) Greetings also to **Kim TRES (MPI4)** ...All the best and keep in touch."

**Giulermo WORMALD (MP2/DPhil 87)**: 'Just to say !!HELLO!! from one of the extreme of the South World. I wish the best to you all. Enjoy the gathering and take care of the 'old chaps' especially those belong to the glorious 1975 generation. I would like to propose a special toast on **Dudley Seers** memory: !TO DUDLEY!'

**Dennis PANTIN (MP3)** visited IDS in July but was unable to make the Reunion - he is currently Senior Lecturer and Head, Department of Economics, UWI, **St Augustine**. **Alex VOLKOFF (MP4)** is back in touch but unable to make the reunion. **Yut-Lin WONG (MP6)** faxed as follows in June: 'I regret that, once again, I would not be able to join you at the Reunion as scheduled due to pressing duties at work' However,

**Yut-Lin** visited **Worku LAKEW** in early July, following attendance at a WHO Global Forum on Health Research in **Geneva** and **Worku** brought a video message to the Reunion!

**Aliki MOURIKI (MP9)** wrote 'I really regret not being able to attend the IDS Alumni Reunion at the end of this month - you see this time the timing is bad for me. Thanks for organising it anyway, and I hope I will join you for the next one! Give all my love to the MP9s, the teaching and administrative staff, and have great fun, in spite of the weather!' **Jude HOWELL (MP9/DPhil89)** was in the States at the time of the Reunion and **Roy TRIVEDI (MP9)** faxed from **Mozambique** 'I am sorry not to be able to attend the Reunion which sounds as though it will be very exciting and good fun!'

**Kaneez HAZNA (MPI0)** emailed 'Hello to all the participants of this year's IDS Reunion - more specifically to my MPI0 group - wondering who are attending this year? Sorry I am not with you this time - awfully missing all the fun and food!!! Remember last time I am the one who took most of the photographs - who is in this role this time? Just got back to IDRC from field trip in Africa for my research on gender analysis in urban agriculture. Loads of work - couldn't afford to sneak out. Hoping the weather in **Brighton** is treating you well. I met **Eppie (USHEWOKUNZE)** in **Harare** and she says her good wishes to this year's Reunion team ...' 'Bye for now and enjoy'. **Bohdana DUTKA (MPI0)**, who is currently Senior Development Officer with the West Africa Programme at CIDA in **Quebec**, was looking forward to the Virtual Reunion.

**Joel CLIMACO (MPI6)** 'Let me say I feel sorrowful since I could not attend our Alumni Reunion this

year. I really wanted to join you all and say 'hello' to everyone over there and also join the conferences, BBQ, sport activities, etc that come along with the Reunion. I clearly remember the last one held in 1993 - when I was still there. It was great. I suggest to organise our Reunions more frequently: every two or three years instead of four!! .....I would like to send my best regards to all the Fellows at IDS, the staff (in the administration, the library, the cantina and our pub), all the Alumni and particularly my colleagues on MP16...!!Hola a todos!! I hope we have the chance to see you very soon. Don't forget our meeting in **St Vincent** in December 1999!! Also I would like to send my best wishes to the new administration of IDS. Finally I will ask you not to forget us. I happily support the idea ... to establish an Alumni Association. Let us be in touch with the Institute through the Bulletins and the news about all of us (academic, social). If any of you come over to Mexico, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will be pleased to welcome you.'

**Maria Teresa ZAPPIA (MPI17)** faxed from the ADB in **Manila** to say 'Dear Friends, I am sorry not to be there with you in these days. I am sure it is a real blast.'

News from **Dorica NJERU (MA4)** 'I am working as a Principal Human Resource Development Officer (in the Department of Human Resource Management and Development in **Malawi**). My duties involve coordinating training in the civil service and formulating and reviewing training policies, strategies etc. I have been able to utilise the experience and knowledge gained in the **MA in Gender and Development** while in the new post. Last year I participated in a consultancy which was aimed at identifying gender issues in the civil service with regard to training, recruitment and promotion and

recommending solutions to the problems. I wish you all the best on this day!'

**Greg YEMIN (MA8)** wrote in April 'I am currently in charge of running a preventive campaign against domestic violence in **Geneva** which is scheduled for May 1997. We are running the campaign from the Bureau of Equality which is a department lost somewhere in the labyrinth of the State of Geneva's organic structure. It is altogether quite some fun. I am also in charge of a liaison bureau concerned with coherent youth policies. I will not be able to join what you describe as 'the Reunion' and sincerely regret it.'

**Akiko FUJII (MA9)** was visiting the UK this summer 'but only after 20 August and so will be unable to attend. However, I look forward to receiving more such news in the future.'

**A number of Alumni were prevented from attending at the last minute:**

**Annie POSTHUMA (DPhil92)**: 'I very regretfully will not be able to attend the IDS Reunion. I had been looking forward to seeing everyone again, and to catch up on what has happened during these intervening years. It seems I will have to wait for the next one, or whenever I have a trip planned to England. I would, however, love to be in contact via the 'Virtual Reunion'. It's a brilliant idea, by the way.' **Donnacadh HURLEY (MP9)** 'Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the Reunion this week-end... Regards to **Mick** and others involved who I might know.' 'I regret to tell you that I cannot join the Alumni Reunion due to the urgent assignment in **Japan**. I look forward very much to the next occasion. Please send my warm regards to my friends especially from **MA2 (Atsuko MIWA (MA2))**

From **Nicaragua**, **Gwen SULLIVAN (MP8)**, **Amanda LORIO (MP11)** and **Julio HERNANDEZ (MP12)** sent 'Greetings to all our friends at the IDS Alumni Reunion! We look forward to participating in the Alumni Association and to hearing from each of you.'

# The IDS Alumni Association

Not only did we have fun at the Second Alumni Reunion on 31 July–2 August, but we came away with a strong sense of achievement. We established an Alumni Association after some lengthy but good natured meetings involving about 40 people, agreed the constitution (see page opposite), elected a committee of five people from among eight candidates (see right), established a mechanism for the IDS Accounts Office to collect membership fees and handle funds, and signed up a large number of members. This all took place in a context where IDS Director Keith Bezanson expressed a strong commitment to working with the Association. At the next meeting of the IDS Governing Body, Keith will propose that the Association be given a seat, and so will have a permanent voice in the governance of IDS. The post of IDS Development Officer has now been advertised. One of her/his four main functions will be to liaise with Alumni and the Association.

Is IDS doing this to try to raise money from Alumni? Although several Alumni are

keen to go ahead with trying to raise scholarship money for the MPhil course for a student who would otherwise not have access, there was a clear general understanding that such activities will constitute only a small part of the IDS-Alumni relationship. We have so many other common interests that need to be developed through communication and networking. Alumni want to keep in closer touch with ideas and research in development. IDS needs the contacts, feedback and support that its Alumni can give, for research, advisory work, and course recruitment. To communicate and work more with Alumni is fully consistent with the general direction in which IDS is moving.

So, what will the Association actually do? We don't know. There is no shortage of ideas. We need your active involvement in making it happen. The names and contacts of the committee members are printed below. Feel free to contact them. **Sue Ong** will be the temporary central point of contact at IDS until the Development Officer is in post. We will keep you informed on that.

## What do you need to do?

- 1 Join (membership form enclosed )
2. Send copies of this notice to other Alumni. (Note that, subject to the approval by the committee, membership is open to anyone with a close and enduring association with IDS. Sheila Burgess was one of our first members.)
- 3 Participate

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# • Constitution •

## 1. Name

The name of the association shall be IDS Alumni Association (henceforth referred to as 'Association').

## 2. Aims and Objectives

The objectives of the Association shall be to assist its members to keep in touch with the IDS and with each other; to promote the interests of the IDS; to participate in the governance of the Institute; and to raise and hold funds additional to subscription income in fulfilment of the objectives of the Association.

## 3. Membership

- 3.1 All persons holding degrees of the IDS at the University of Sussex shall be eligible for membership of the Association. The life membership fee shall be £20.00.
- 3.2 Other persons associated with the IDS shall be eligible for membership of the Association on the basis of individual application, and assessment by the Management Committee.

## 4. Management Committee

- 4.1 The Management Committee shall have five members. Among their functions shall be:
- Networking Coordination
  - Publications
  - Fund Raising
  - Preparation of General and Other Meetings
  - Relations with Students
- 4.2 The Management Committee shall be elected at the General Meeting. Candidates, who must be members of the Association, shall be able to nominate themselves for election. The Executive Officers shall take office at the Management Committee meeting immediately succeeding their election and shall serve for a period of four years; they shall be eligible for re-election for not more than one further term.
- 4.3 The Management Committee will elect amongst themselves a Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
- 4.4 The Management Committee shall conduct the business of the Association between General Meetings and act on its behalf.
- 4.5 The Management Committee shall prepare and publish annually a report of past activities and a timetable of forthcoming events and activities.

## 5. Meetings and Ballots

- 5.1 The General Meeting of the Association shall take place at least every four years on a day and date and at a time to be determined by the Management Committee. Notice of the meeting shall be published not less than six months in advance.
- 5.2 On issues of exceptional importance, a membership ballot may be called:
- (i) by the Management Committee, on its own initiative, giving 3 months clear notice or
  - (ii) by 5% of the membership requesting such a ballot from the Management Committee. Upon receipt of such a request (supported by sufficient valid signatures) the Management Committee must announce the ballot to all members immediately and conduct the ballot 3 months later.

## 6. Constitutional Amendments

Amendments or additions to, or deletions from, this Constitution shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the Association convened in accordance with Article 5.1, providing that the Management Committee has had written notice of the proposed change at least 21 days in advance.

## 7. Indemnity

Every Officer, appointee, representative or member of staff of the Association shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Association against all losses or liability which he/she may sustain or incur in or about the execution of his/her office, or otherwise in relation thereto; provided that nothing in this clause shall effect their liability for the consequences of any negligent or dishonest act on their part.

## 8. Definitions

- 8.1 When, pursuant to this Constitution, a vote requiring a two-thirds majority is taken, abstentions shall not be counted.
- 8.2 All periods of time specified in this Constitution shall include Sundays and Public and Statutory holidays.
- 8.3 Members entitled to vote at a General Meeting may carry up to five proxy votes by non-present members supported by valid signatures.

## 9. Conduct of Meetings

The decision of the Chairperson on all matters pertaining to the conduct of meetings shall be final.

# The Timing of the Alumni Reunion

The Alumni Association Committee has agreed that full Reunions should be held every 4 years. We can discuss content and format at leisure, but need to be thinking soon about the timing of the next one. What time of year suits you best? Please tell Sue Ong what time of year is especially good and/or especially bad from your perspective. (Contact Sue on [s.w.r.ong@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:s.w.r.ong@sussex.ac.uk))

## Building The Alumni Association

Guided by sentiments expressed at the formation of IDSAA, the Management committee has no blueprint for building the Association. The constitution does not prescribe any particular way of organising. So, what members do to create an effective Association needs to reflect your priorities and context. The Management Committee can only offer some suggestions and a simple requirement in establishing IDSAA in your country or location. The simple requirement is that one person should be made known to the Management Committee as the point of reference for communication. This obviously does not restrict communication from any member directly to the Management Committee, unless you decide that this should be the case for your group.

A Convenor could be the chairperson or secretary of an IDSAA chapter, if you form one. She or he could be the focal point of an (in)formal

network if that is what you want. He or she could be an office bearer of a society or local/national association if that is what suits your situation. The point is that this person is active and known to you and to the Management Committee. Whatever you do, please inform the Management Committee so that we can keep track of progress and share details of your initiatives with others who are thinking of setting up an IDSAA group.

A Convenor's minimal role is to provide a link between Alumni and the Management Committee. This could include keeping us up to date with member's addresses; gathering opinions about how IDSAA can serve its members; after consultation, providing inputs to committee deliberations, especially on issues to be discussed by the IDS Governing Body; stimulating interaction and initiatives between Alumni; and providing IDS students with a link to the local scene.

In allocating tasks, the Committee asked Alan Fowler and Kim Tres to take the initiative in forming IDSAA groups. If you need advice, suggestions or information on how other Alumni are organising IDSAA in their location please contact them. This can best be done by email to Alan at [alanfowler@compuserve.com](mailto:alanfowler@compuserve.com) and Kim at [aeciquim@compuserve.com.mx](mailto:aeciquim@compuserve.com.mx)

## Specialist Alumni Group on post-Communist Europe and Asia

The Alumni Association is setting up a specialist group for all Alumni interested in the post-communist countries of Europe and Asia.

This reflects a feeling that the IDS country-based, multi-disciplinary approach to development is supremely appropriate in these countries, but so far has been largely neglected there. Much damage has been done by more opportunistic advisors who entered the region with a narrower view and less understanding of the obligation to tailor policies to local needs. With six countries in the region, from **Albania to Mongolia**, officially listed in the World Bank's group of 'low income countries', it is apparent that the IDS mission to assist the

world's poorest must be partly served here.

The first task is to find out who among the Alumni is interested in the region! We already have a list of nine Fellows and 22 others, but we are sure that there are many more who we do not know of yet.

So please let us know who you are and how to contact you. Tell us how such a group can best serve you. Please send me, **Tom Lines** as group co-ordinator, your contact details (address, tel. no., fax, e-mail) and answer the questions below. My address is at the foot of this item. (Or if you prefer, you may contact **Annette Richards** at IDS instead – by post or fax, or e-mail [ids.teaching@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:ids.teaching@sussex.ac.uk) – and she will pass the message on.)

- What makes you interested in this region? Where have you worked, what did you do there, and when?
- What is your specialisation?
- How can the group help you? What concrete suggestions, large or small, do you have for its activities?
- Do you know of any other Alumni, or others with connections with IDS, who might like to know about this group? Tell us how to contact them!
- Which countries shall we cover? The obvious base lies in the **CIS countries, Mongolia, the former Comecon/Warsaw Pact, ex-Yugoslavia and Albania**. But should we also extend to former (or reforming) Communist countries elsewhere, such as **Vietnam, Cambodia, Cuba, Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia**? How about **China**....?
- What should we call the group? No geographic term for the region is adequate (how does **Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, Central and North Asia** sound?), but generic terms – transition countries, ex-Communist, post-Communist... – have their deficiencies too. We thought of 'IDS Cold Countries Group', but then remembered it extended to hot, arid **Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan!**

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## IDS 'MISSIONS': Research for the future

IDS is in a phase of thinking intensively about its future research. This is partly prompted by the harsh reality of the search for funding after the year 2000. Already, most of the core or 'accountable' grant which we previously received from the British Government has been phased out. We have had considerable success under the new regime of competitive tendering, in winning shares in the research programmes advertised by the Department for International Development (as ODA is now called), but the hard fact is that we must live with the prospect of having no continuous or uncommitted research funding in the future.

This means we must galvanise every effort to secure research funding from new sources. Under our new Director, Dr Keith Bezanson – who came to us in March this year from directing Canada's International Development Research Centre, we have all been persuaded that the way forward lies in not spreading our research efforts so widely. We must focus more sharply by selecting no more than three or four priority areas or 'missions' to lead our research. These will be based on key questions for helping to work out what development actually means at this end of the Twentieth Century, and for tackling policy issues that should really make a difference on the ground.

The first step in this process was taken at a Retreat for Fellows and representatives of other groups in IDS, in July this year. After much debate, this produced proposals under the following three headings. The ideas will continue to evolve, in discussion with funders and policy-makers, but these three areas are likely to be our 'big themes' for the next 3–5 years.

### Spreading the Gains from Globalisation

The economic changes resulting from globalisation, and in particular the decline in barriers to international transactions in goods and finance, are having profound effects on income distribution and job security, opening up new opportunities for some, but bypassing or penalising others. This uneven impact is prompting a growing backlash against the whole process, which threatens to undermine the potential benefits that could be achieved.

This Mission will look at both the positive and negative sides of globalisation. Its objective is to identify policies to ensure that the gains from globalisation are more evenly spread, both within and between nations.

The emphasis will be on interventions which improve the earning power of economically active groups, and enhance their ability to

upgrade their skills and productivity so they can continue to prosper in a competitive and rapidly changing world. Three key components in the globalisation process will be scrutinised:

- trade flows
- financial flows
- linkages between firms.

As an analytical tool, the Mission will track winners and losers at various stages of the value chain – from production, through processing and trade, to the final marketing of products. The aim is to find which factors determine success or failure in global markets, and from this to draw policy conclusions about what can be done to enhance the prospects of those who would otherwise be left behind or harmed by the operation of an unconstrained global market.

### Rewriting the Social Contract: Social Policy in the 21st Century

Throughout the world, social policy is in flux. Under pressure from demographic trends, economic liberalisation, and budget shortfalls, old assumptions about the role of the state are being challenged. To fill the gap left by contracting state provision, a range of new and innovative ways of financing and operating social programmes is emerging. But are these alternatives providing effective coverage, particularly to disadvantaged groups? Many believe that the state

still has a crucial role to play in social provision. It is far from clear, however, what new relationships are needed to maximise the synergy between state and non-state providers, and maintain adequate controls and standards.

The aim of this Mission is to understand and assess these trends in order to learn which approaches work best in different circumstances, and what mix of state and non-state provision is most successful in ensuring decent and secure livelihoods for all citizens. Four categories of social programmes will be examined:

- social sector spending on health, education and other basic needs;
- social security schemes such as pensions and unemployment benefits;
- safety nets and other targeted subsidies;
- social services offering care for disabled people, the elderly, and other vulnerable groups.

The research will contrast experience in poor countries of Africa and South Asia with that in rapidly developing economies of Latin America and Asia, and in the transitional societies of Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and East Asia. Instead of the conventional top-down approach, the research will start with the needs and perspectives of ordinary citizens, not merely as passive consumers of services but also as active participants in shaping the political process through which policy is made. A particular focus will be the initiatives taken by community-based and civic organisations to increase the voice of the poor and excluded groups, and to act as agents of social provision on behalf of their members or clients.

# Challenging the Politics of Environmental Policy

Many aspects of the global environment debate are driven by simplistic and stereotyped diagnoses of environment problems which consistently fail to take account of the diversity of local situations, and in particular the views and perspectives of local people. Crude analyses based on Malthusian population predictions, and 'tragedy of the

commons' assumptions, are two extreme examples that repeatedly crop up.

Drawing on detailed case study research, the IDS Environment Group researchers have assembled worrying evidence of how unthinking adherence to these 'environmental orthodoxies' has led to fundamentally flawed policies which, far from solving problems, have in many cases made matters

worse. Under these circumstances, real questions arise as to whether environmental policy is actually good for the environment.

In order to confront this paradox, this Mission will seek to shed light on the underlying processes that influence environmental debates. It will ask:

- how does conventional wisdom become accepted, and why is it so persistent, even when proved wrong?
- how do political and economic factors affect the policy process at various levels, from the

local to the international, and whose interests do they serve?

The aim is to generate new thinking on how environmental policy making can be improved so it becomes more in tune with local realities, and more responsive to different views and analyses, especially those of the people most affected.

The research will cut across a range of core environmental issues, including deforestation, soil erosion, desertification, industrialisation, and the management of water resources, urban sewerage, biodiversity and protected areas.

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## MAnews



**MAs at the 1997 Reunion**  
Irene Hoel, Anne Kuriakose, Rachel Marcus, Malini Mehra, Sachiko Okumura, Amira Awad Osman, Coco Ushiyama

### MA1 (1987-88)

co-directed by **Kate Young** and **Ann Whitehead (UoS)**

News from **Faustina WARD-OSBOURNE** who has a 15 month old grand-daughter courtesy of daughter **Faith** (congratulations). Faustina has moved to **California** and continues to do consultancies with UN Agencies and CFTC in the Caribbean.

### MA4 (1990-91)

co-directed by **Susan Joekes** and **Ann Whitehead (UoS)**

**Rosibel GOMEZ** told us in December 1996 that she is working in **Honduras** for PAHO/WHO as a National Professional. She is responsible for the Women, Health and Development Project and for the Technical Cooperation between Countries Programme. She is also in receipt of an award from the SSRC of New York and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences to do research on poverty, equity and labour market issues in Central America. **Amira Awad OSMAN** is currently a student in CDE, UoS.

Congratulations to **Louise COOPER** and **Charles WILLIAMS (MPI4)** who are married (and living in **San Francisco**).

### MA5 (1991-92)

co-directed by **Anne Marie Goetz** and **Ann Whitehead (UoS)**.

**Malini MEHRA** is International Campaigns Officer at Friends of the Earth International in **Amsterdam**. **Ramesh PANDEY** is Under-Secretary at the Department of Women and Child Development in **India**. **Celia MALE** is with the Colombo International School in **Sri Lanka**.

**Isabelle STORDER** moved in June (with her husband and two year old daughter) to the UNIFEM office in **Quito**,

**Ecuador** which is the regional office for the Andean region (Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru and Bolivia): *'We are only two programme officers and the office head, with a lot of work to be done, meaning intensive work and many travels for each of us. Up to now, I find it very interesting although I still have a lot to learn...In Quito... the surroundings are very beautiful (with the snow covered volcanoes) and the climate is very pleasant.'*

**Miriam ENGELS** has been in **Amsterdam** since completing the MA. She is now back in **Berlin** working on her doctorate.

### MA6 (1992-93)

co-directed by **Georgia Kaufmann** and **Ann Whitehead (UoS)**.

News of: **Meera SHAH** who is still doing freelance work and hopes to start a small NGO resource centre on PRA processes in **Delhi**. Also in **Delhi** **Carolyn SLEIGHTHOLME** has been undertaking assignments as a social development consultant for the ODA health and Population Office on the Sexual Health Project. **Carolyn** has recently had a book published: *'Guilty without Trial - Women in the Sex Trade in Calcutta'* (Rutgens University Press). **Rachel MARCUS** has been

working with SCF as a Research Officer and still intends to undertake a PhD. **Giovanna CAMPELLO** has recently completed a contract with the UN in **Vienna**. **Sachiko OKUMURA**, who attended the Reunion, is Executive Director for Japan's UNIFEM National Committee and also Coordinator of UoS Alumni in Japan: she travels widely for her work. **Silvia CAPEZZUOLI** continues to work freelance for ACORD.

### MA7 (1993-94)

co-directed by **Naila Kabeer** and **Ann Whitehead (UoS)**

In late 1996 the news was as follows: **Sharron MENDELL** had returned to the **US** as a gender and development consultant, now Programme Coordinator of AWID (Association for Women in Development). **Washington Angela HADIJPATERAS** had been working periodically for ACORD in **London** on gender and evaluation issues. **Ayesha BANU** was working for BIDS back in **Bangladesh**. **Bridget BYRNE** had been working periodically for IDS and is currently registered for a doctorate at UoS. **Ezilyn SIBANDA** is working for a women's NGO back home in **Bulawayo**. **Heaven CRAWLEY**

started her doctorate with a teaching assistantship in AFRAS but switched to a PhD at Nuffield College **Oxford**.

### MA8 (1994-95)

co-directed by **Anne Marie Goetz** and **Matthew Lockwood (UoS)**

Similarly at the end of 1996 the picture of MA8 was as follows: **Anne KURIAKOSE** was working with the AKRSP as a gender consultant. **Liz ORTON** was working with Christian Aid. **Anwar SHAHEEN** was working as a lecturer at the Pakistan Study Centre, at the University of **Karachi**. **Christine MWAKA** was with the Animal Industry and Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Agriculture in **Uganda**. **Irene MANDA** was an MP in **Zambia** and **Roy KALINDA** was at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of **Zambia**.

**Coco USHIYAMA** spent some 8 months as a research assistant in the WID section of ESCAP, **Bangkok** and then went to **Nairobi** to work as an associate expert for WFP.

### MA9 (1995-96)

co-directed by **Anne Marie Goetz** and **Buzz Harrison (MA1) (UoS)**

Undertaking further studies are **Buapan PROMPHAKPING**, studying for a doctorate at **Bath** University and **Amira AWAD OSMAN** undertaking the MA in Rural Development in CDE, UoS. **Akiko FUJI** has an internship with a UN agency in **Geneva**. **Dawn STALLARD** has a short-term contract with SCF in **Afghanistan** and **Martha WALSH** is a research officer in AFRAS for 1996-97. **Dilruba BANU** is back in **Bangladesh** working with BRAC on their Impact Assessment Study of their Rural Development Programme. **Golda EL-KHOURY** is working with SCF in Northern **Iraq**.

# MPhilnews



**Dennis Pantin**  
MP3

**Hubert Schmitz**  
MP1/DP79/80

**Noriko Akinaga**  
MP4

**Hiro Hatashima**  
MP14

**Ludovica Alcorta**  
MP6/DP91

**Peta-Anne Baker**  
MP6

**Ariane Hegewisch**  
MP6

**Worwu Lakew**  
MP6

**Akio Takahara**  
MP6/DP88

**Susan Willett**  
MP6

**Tom Hewitt**  
MP7/DP88

**Laura Torvinen**  
MP9

**Dorothy Gordon**  
MP10

**Michael Hughes**  
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**Tom Lines**  
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**Luc Spycckerelle**  
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**Suzuka Sugawara**  
MP10

**Kay Sharpe**  
MP11

**Nicholas Georgiadis**  
MP14

**Mary McKeown**  
MP14

**Kim Tres**  
MP14

**James Blackburn**  
MP15/DP

**Godfrey Yeung**  
MP16

**Jeremy Armon**  
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**Taraneh Azad**  
MP17

**Lindsay Glassco**  
MP17

**Anoma Jayawickrema**  
MP17

**Sam MacPherson**  
MP17

**Mahesh Pant**  
MP17/DP

**Rob Rudy**  
MP17

**Sebastian Espinosa**  
MP18

**Enrique Aldaz**  
MP19/DP

*italic – indicates not in the photo, but attended Reunion*

## MP3 (1977–79)

co-directed by **Manfred Bienefeld** and **Martin Godfrey**

**Abu Naser WAHID** visited IDS in late 1996: for the last five years he has been Minister (Economic and Commercial) at the Bangladeshi Embassy in **Beijing**. He is now back in **Dhaka**.

## MP4 (1979–81)

co-directed by **Chris Colclough** and **Gordon White**

**Bernardo Mendez LUGO** has been in **Atlanta** (with his wife **Christine** and children **Adrian**, 11, **Jonas**, 6, and **Timothee**, 4) since June 1996 where he is Press and Academic Attache at the Mexican Consulate. 'Anyone coming to Atlanta is

welcome to contact me and I would be very happy to see anyone from Sussex or IDS.'

**Saul WIESLIEDER** passed through IDS at the end of June: he is currently Speaker in the **Costa Rican** Parliament which will come to an end in April 1998.....meanwhile his wife **Rebekah** is Vice-President.

## MP5 (1980–82)

co-directed by **Manfred Bienefeld** and **Robert Wade**

**Jeanette LONGFIELD** is still the National Food Alliance Coordinator. The NFA 'represents national public interest organisations including voluntary, professional, health, consumer and environmental bodies working at international, national, regional and community level. Our Aim: to

enable the people of the UK to fulfil their potential through food policies and practices that enhance public health, improve the working living environment, and enrich society.'



**A distinguished alumnus visits IDS. Chris Haiveta, MP8, who is Deputy Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and also Minister of Planning and Implementation, spent a day at IDS after attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Edinburgh in October.**

Belated congratulations to **Peter STOCKDALE** on the completion of his doctorate – 'Pearsonian Internationalism in Practice: the International Development Research Centre' which he is now preparing for publication by the University of Toronto. Based with CIDA he has been working on the feasibility study for a virtual Global Institute for Diversity.

**Brigitte GRANVILLE (nee DELOY)** moved to the investment banking firm JP Morgan in **London** in September. She continues as Senior Research Fellow, International Economics Programme, at the RIIA and also as Visiting Professor at the New Economic School in Moscow.

## MP6 (1981–83)

co-directed by **Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil80/81)** and **Gordon White**

**Peta Ann BAKER** has been 'teaching, teaching, teaching (grad and undergrad), community organisation professionals and community leaders. I am Chair of the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica – one of those debt for nature swap creations. We're the biggest foundation in Jamaica supporting NGO initiatives in natural resource management, sustainable development and child survival and child development. Try to get up to some private mischief from time (smile) in this glorious middle age....'

### MP9 (1984-86)

co-directed by **Robin Luckham** and **Mick Moore**

**Sue FLECK** is busy with new baby (congratulations!) and new job so could not make the Reunion.

**Laura TORVINEN** is back in **Finland** (with husband **Michael HUGHES MP10**) working as an Economist with the Department for International Development Cooperation at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

**Michael HELLER** wrote in May from **Australia** where he is now lecturer in Latin American Studies at the Institute for International Studies, University of Technology, **Sydney**, which is responsible for a new International Studies Program. Michael coordinates the Latin American Major and travels frequently to Chile, Argentina and Mexico. Sadly he could not make the Reunion. Before going to Australia, he was one year in a University in Argentina, and prior to that he was lecturer in South East Asian Studies at SOAS. 'So moving around a little - IDS taught me to be international!'

**Roy TRIVEDI** has completed four years' work in **India** as SCF Country Director and has just started as SCF's Director in **Mozambique** and is keen to meet any IDS alumni or IDS members in Mozambique.

Apologies to **Catherine MULHOLLAND** whom we should have congratulated on the birth of her son **Michael** in March 1993.

### MP10 (1985-87)

co-directed by **Hubert SCHMITZ (MP1/DPhil79/80)** and **Manfred Bienefeld**

**Kaneez HASNA** has been working as researcher to the Gender and Sustainable Development Unit at IDRC. She has just visited **Zimbabwe**,



**MP10 - Dorothy Gordon, Michael Hughes, Tom Lines, Luc Spycerelle, Suzuka Sugawara, Hubert Schmitz with Mick Moore**

**Kenya, Ghana and Uganda** in connection with her research on NGO capacity building in gender analysis in urban agriculture. The research covers issues surrounding rural and urban migration, household level food security and sustainable food systems with reference to gender roles.

**Dorothy GORDON** was back in contact (in May) from **Ghana** where she is currently on leave from the UNDP programme and engaged in research on education policy in Ghana over the last 15 years. **Luc SPYCKERELLE** contacted **Mick** in November 1996 to say that he had just moved to **Dili** as Regional Planning Adviser with an Australian aid-funded project 'Agricultural and Regional Planning Assistance Program East Timor' (ARPAPET).

### MP11 (1986-88)

co-directed by **Martin GREELEY (DPhil85)** and **Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil80/81)**.

**Aya OKADA** recently returned to **India** to complete 6 months fieldwork for her PhD dissertation with her Japan Foundation Fellowship. Her thesis is on the impact of globalisation on the skill development of the urban workforce in India: a case of the auto industry. She is now back at MIT organising her data before

returning to India for more fieldwork in October. She was sorry she could not make the Reunion, wished it a big success and sent her best regards to everyone especially her **MP11** peers. She has good news of **Darlene TYMO** who with her partner since Sussex days **Giovanni Napolitano** had a baby girl, **Sofia**, in January. They now live in **Rome**. Prior to that Darlene was Senior Policy Analyst with the Policy Branch of CIDA in **Ottawa**.

### MP13 (1988-90)

co-directed by **Charles Harvey** and **Gordon White**

Double congratulations to **Ana Paola TEIXEIRA** and **Andres MARINAKIS (MP12)** on their wedding in **Rio de Janeiro** in November 1996 and their forthcoming baby due in October (**Teodoro**, born 12.10.97). Sadly this prevented their attendance at the Reunion. Ana Paola and Andres are now back in Geneva.

Andres continues with his work with ILO with missions to Cuba, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Italy and Austria already this year. Ana is in the third year with McKinsey and Co (the last two years in **Sao Paulo**).

**Robin MEARNS** took up an appointment with the World Bank from September.

**Samuel GAYI** called in at IDS in July with **Didi** and their three children. He is working with UNCTAD in **Geneva**, where the family lives also; unfortunately, he could not make the Reunion.

**Hisaaki MITSUI** who works with the Development Studies Division of the International Development Center of Japan, arranged a special birthday gift for **Hans Singer** when he was given a welcoming reception by Japan's UoSussex Alumni Society in **Tokyo** last November.

### MP14 (1990-92)

co-directed by **Charles Harvey** and **Gordon White**

**David MULOLANI** visited IDS in September 1996 and, by chance, met **Kim TRES** in the Lower Common Room! David has been in **Malawi** for the last two years as Programme Officer with TRAFFIC East/Southern Africa, which is part of the worldwide TRAFFIC Network, which is supported by WWF and IUCN to monitor trade in and utilisation of wild plants and animals, in cooperation with the CITES Secretariat. Congratulations on his marriage to a **Brighton girl!**

## Claude Bart (MP 14)

It is with great sadness that Alumnews learnt of the death of Claude. Claude had suffered from cancer for several years, and died in October 1997. Claude is survived by his wife, Karen Coelho (MP 15). A memorial service was held in IDS in November. Claude was a kind gifted person, he was gentle, and had a great sense of humour. He had a deep commitment to development and in particular to people who are victims of poverty or injustice. He was an inspiration to many who knew him. A memorial fund has been set up to remember Claude. The fund will support a student to study at the University of Arizona, and will also assist rag children in India. Details can be had from Jenny Holland at 6 East Drive, Queen's Park, Brighton, BN2 2BQ.

When **Carlos TALAVERA-WILLIAMS (MP14)** came to IDS in mid-1994 he was working as a consultant to a Danida-sponsored small-scale industry programme in Central America providing audit and technical assistance and fomenting producer organisations:

'The programme is in its pilot phase, operating in **Honduras** and **Costa Rica**, and we hope to take it to its definitive, Central American stage next year. Whilst financial resources for small-scale enterprises (SSEs) are certainly scarce in Central America, it is clear that audit alone is not enough to make SSE development a viable proposition. Isolated

SSEs, by virtue of their scale, must strive in an environment that conditions their access to key inputs: technology and training, raw materials, market outlets. We are exploring the concrete meaning that the words collective efficiency have and may have for Central American small-scale entrepreneurs through the promotion of producer organisations.'

In the previous year, he was involved in a research project entitled 'The Political Impact of European Non-Government Cooperation in Central America in the 1980s and early 1990s' sponsored by the Dutch Transnational Institute (TNI).

'The theme of political impact is difficult to disentangle, particularly through a first research approximation only and the evidence does not support simple conclusions. What is clear, however, is that shifting development cooperation priorities cast doubts upon the sustainability of work aiming to strengthen the organisational and bargaining capacity of necessary grassroots organisations, particularly of farmers (peasants) and industrial

workers, and amongst them of women workers in export processing zones who have very little recognised labour rights. Local NGOs in Central America feel that whilst European development cooperation played an important role in strengthening grassroots organisations and the overall response capacity of civil society in the light of deep confrontation in the area in the 80s, the sole termination of the conflict must not be equated with the ending of the conflict's causes. Ultimately the Southern actors should be allowed a much more significant role in the definition of the development cooperation agenda, certainly perceived as almost exclusively donor-defined.'

#### **MP15 (1991-93)**

co-directed by **Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPHil80/81)** and **Gordon White**

Congratulations to **Jake ROSS** and **Lynne** who married last summer and are expecting their first child in the autumn (**Scarlett** born in October!). Jake is still with Cambridge Education Consultants: 'For three years I have been managing (from the UK) a multi-component 5.5 year ODA-funded middle schooling project in Punjab, **Pakistan**. In July I expect to be posted to **Dhaka**, to coordinate two projects based at the Bangladesh Open University, so our baby will start its life in development from an early age! I am afraid I will be unable to attend the Reunion but wish you the best of success in the event.'

'Unfortunately I shall not be joining the Reunion as I am in Kenya on mission for IFAD. But thanks to the wonders of cyberspace, at least I can make a virtual appearance (well sort of). First of all greetings to all those **MP15** who are attending and to the IDS staff who no doubt have worked hard for this to happen. I hope you are all well and are doing fine.

'What to say? The jolly IDS days do not seem that long ago but it is nevertheless four years. Much has happened since: I moved to beautiful **Rome** two years ago to work as an associate professional officer with IFAD (East and Southern Africa) and am generally enjoying it. Coming from the Danish Red Cross to the UN system was initially mind-blowing: the level of

#### **Tom JORGENSEN** writes:

formality (suit and tie!), the bureaucracy and red tape – but one adjusts I guess.

I am currently working with projects in very exciting countries: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya and South Africa. Our projects are aimed at alleviation of rural poverty through various forms of assistance to smallholders (mainly microfinance, irrigation, input supply, and capacity building). We are supposed to be a highly innovative institution through support to experimental project design and to disseminate best practices.

My job is to provide implementation support, meaning trying to identify and solve implementation problems in the four countries, and I can assure you that there is plenty of work. Although I am also

from time to time involved in project design (currently finalising an appraisal report for a water and sanitation project in Ethiopia). For all the PRA followers I can tell you we tested a new approach – trying to combine a logical framework approach with PRA, with some degree of success. It is actually possible to use a simplified LFA with smallholders, in the sense that they are perfectly capable of doing all the problem analysis, identification of possible interventions, and advice on organisation and management issues. The main problem, though, is that it is difficult sitting in Rome and keeping the momentum going, as another 6-8 months will pass before things start to happen in the field.

#### **MP16 (1992-94)**

co-directed by **Robin MEARNS (MPI3)** and **Gordon White**

**Joel CLIMACO** wrote to say that after leaving IDS he got a temporary job at a social security institute. In January 1995 he became adviser to the

Senator President of the Finance Commission at the Mexican Senate: 'dealing with the economic and social issues in the parliamentary arena proved to be very exciting and challenging'. In January 1997 the Senator concerned was appointed as Director General of Nacional Financiera, 'the most important development bank in the country'

and Joel was again appointed as his adviser. Nacional Financiera promotes the development of micro, small and medium size industry in Mexico, through direct loans, training, consultancy, project preparation and participation in the stock exchange market. Congratulations to **Joel** and **Tania** (a former EDB postgrad

student) on their marriage last December.

**Roy MANABE** joined the DAC (Development Aid Committee of OECD) in September 1996 where he has responsibility for a new project, Policy Coherence, whose purpose is to check the economic policies (such as agricultural

and trade policies) of DAC members which have not until now been accepted as accountable when assessing DAC members' ODA performance.

**Godfrey YEUNG** has been doing his fieldwork back in **Hong Kong** for his Cambridge-based PhD.

## MP17 (1993-95)

co-directed by **Chris Stevens** and **Gordon White**

Congratulations to **Jeremy ARMON** and **Kirsti** who tied the knot on 3 May this year. Jeremy is working with Conciliation Resources (An International Service for Conflict Prevention and Resolution) in **London** and was heavily involved in researching, writing and editing its new publication of which future issues are planned.

News from **Maria Teresa ZAPPIA** in May: 'Hi there! I have just landed in the **Philippines** where I work as a Young Professional in the ADB and in particular in the Programs East

Department, Division III, in charge of the Philippines and the CARS (KAZ, KGZ and UZB). I would love to receive your news, please drop me a line.'

**Ariana CALZA BINI** is working for the Delegation of the European Commission in San Jose, **Costa Rica** (as a Junior Expert in the Economics Department for the next two years). Congratulations to **Ariana** and **Jorge** (who met on Ariana's internship in **Equatorial Guinea**) on their marriage last year.

Working for Comic Relief, **Kimberley OGADHOH** went to **Uganda** and **Kenya** last October to evaluate a project for the World Bank. She and husband **Shem** are based in **London** for the next year or so.

## MP18 (1994-1996)

co-directed by **Gordon White** and **Mark Robinson**

Hearty congratulations to **Patricia CANTO** and **Asier MINONDO (MP17)** on their marriage last autumn. Patricia has been working since the beginning of this year on a



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project for the establishment of a Research Unit on East Asian Studies at the University of Deusto at **San Sebastian**. Congratulations also to **Eva RAMOS** and **Jesus** who also married last year (in **Madrid**).

**Sherryl BURKE** is back home in **Barbados** working for the Ministry of Trade and Business. **Mai FUJITA** wrote in October to say that she is very pleased with her job as a researcher with the Institute of Developing Economies in **Tokyo**. **Mikiko NISHIMURA** returned to **Japan** in

December after working in the International Education Unit of ACTIONAID in **London** for some months.

**Sebastian ESPINOSA** is Deputy Editor, Latin American Region, at the Economist Intelligence Unit in **London**. **Lucy STEVENS** is working in **South Africa** for a year from January 1997 as a researcher for the NGO C.A.S.E. **Constanza de TOMA** went on a scholarship to the European Parliament in **Luxembourg** in January. **Marc FRIEDRICH** is about to go to **Uganda** for three years with ACTIONAID.



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| Ulrich Bartsch  | Germany      |
| Ann Hudock      | USA          |
| Rob Jenkins     | USA          |
| Claudia Manning | South Africa |
| Khalid Nadvi    | Pakistan     |
| Parmesh Shah    | India        |

**Dale MATHEWS (DPhil94)** has been awarded a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship to the **Dominican Republic** where he will be teaching – at INTEC – for the first six months of 1998. Prior to that he presented a paper based on his DPhil thesis at the Latin American Association of Sociologists Congress in **Sao Paulo** at the end of August where he expected to meet **Annie POSTHUMA (DPhil92)** and **Afonso Fleury**

**Lucy NICHOLS (DPhil94)** visited IDS in early summer with news of her forthcoming marriage to computer programmer **James Farquhar** at Sandy Springs Friends Meeting House, **Maryland** in the fall. Lucy is working as a development consultant, mainly with the IDB and World Bank.

**Muhammad ISHTEYEH (DPhil90)** continues as Managing Director of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR), the principal Palestinian development agency. We are pleased to be back in contact with **Parvin ALIZADEH**

**(DPhil84)** who has worked as a lecturer/senior lecturer at the University of **Kent** and since 1990 at **London Guildhall University**. **Parvin** has also worked as a freelance consultant for UNCTAD, UNIDO and the World Bank.

**Surendra VETTIVEL (DPhil90)** is currently Director of the India NGO Centre (INC) in **Delhi** where he has recently produced a series of Policy Discussion Papers (on the lines of IDS Policy Briefings). **Akio TAKAHARA (MP6/ DPhil88)** moved to the Japanese

Embassy in **Beijing** in October 1996 **Richard STRICKLAND (DPhil90)** has been working at the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRAW)

since September 1996, directing a grants program which supports operations research, pilot interventions and advocacy activities for issues of women in development around the world.

**Elizabeth PARSAN (DPhil88)** has relocated to the **Cayman Islands** where she is working in the Economics and Statistics Office in **Grand Cayman**.

We now have an email address for **Richard NEURATH (previously LUEDDE-NEURATH) (MP3/DPhil84)**.

**Tuula HEINONEN (DPhil94)** has returned to teaching in social work and development studies at the Faculty of Social Work, University of **Manitoba**

## Willy Parsalaw

It is with great sadness that we must report the death of Dr Willy Parsalaw. Willy completed his DPhil at IDS (as part of the SIDA-supported DPhil programme for African students) in 1995 and returned to his job as lecturer at the Cooperative College in Moshi, Tanzania. He contracted a rare form of meningitis earlier this year and died in September. He had recently married and has a baby daughter. Willy will be remembered as a delightful person and a very conscientious and able student.





**James THORNLEY (DPhil87)** who obtained his first degree externally and spent a lifetime in education wrote the following:

and quality. Only my experience in Northern Nigeria might be of interest to others embarking on a similar venture.

How fortunate I was in applying to IDS. **John Oxenham** was my tutor and he soon assured me that with dedication and hard work I could and would succeed. I have nothing but the highest

praise for **John Oxenham**. He lifted me out of my lethargy; I began enjoying my life once again now that I was doing something with a purpose. When my thesis had to be typed **Sue Konchak** promised to do this for me. With the direction and encouragement of **John** and the forthright efficiency of **Sue** my thesis was completed and presented.

My family decided, in 1988, that although I had a DPhil my domestic abilities were a complete disaster. As a consequence of my failure in housekeeping I went to **Canada** as a landed immigrant and live very happily with my son and his wife in **Hamilton, Ontario**.

Whilst in **Canada** I have been a volunteer at the McMaster University Medical Centre Division of Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals, being a dogsbody in the long-term care ward. Later, after that ward was closed, I was transferred to the Psychology Department at the university, where they were studying the effects of ageing by setting various tests to ageing volunteers. Unfortunately I am told my results do not fit my correct age bracket. So now

at 88 I don't know whether I passed or failed which I suppose is just the usual controversial psychological diagnosis. I am afraid my academic activities since I left Sussex have not been of a very high order. For my reading I return to my youth and enjoy the classics I read as a chore for my early examinations.

I can only express my sincere thanks for the time I spent at IDS. I realised a life's ambition, was shaken out of my torpor and thoroughly enjoyed the process. Perhaps soon when more 70 year-olds enrol for courses at IDS and realise that they can still achieve success by their endeavour, my record as a 81 year old will be broken. I sincerely hope so!

'For some 50 years my ambition had been to attend a university as a student and the opportunity arose in 1983/84 when I enrolled as a DPhil student. Living alone for some time I had become rather restricted in my activities and had come to assume that at 77 years of age my future efforts could only be of very limited use

**Richard STRICKLAND (DPhil90)** sent us this interesting reflection on his 'meandering professional path' since completing his doctorate in 1990:

'As I finished my DPhil, I got a contract to work with **Andrea Cornia** at the UNICEF International Child Development Centre in **Florence** for six months, assisting in a multi-country study of the impact of structural adjustment on Sub-Saharan Africa. Upon my return to the **USA** and an extended job search, I was employed for a year at the Eastern Caribbean Center at the University of the **Virgin Islands** to conduct socio-economic research (in a setting somewhere between the first and third worlds!).

My primary project there involved a collaboration with a marine biologist as we sought to measure the environmental and economic linkages to the marine recreation services sector, with implications for the model of development of that sector employed by the territorial government. Island economies are certainly

unique! From there, I roamed in search of work, ultimately spending three summers with kin in the mountains of **Western Wyoming** (just south of Yellowstone National Park) working part time in an inn, meeting a surprising number of transient professional contacts (all on holiday as I laboured!) and doing a bit of writing and persistent job hunting on the side. I eventually had a winter contract for six months with the International Institute for Sustainable Development in **Winnipeg, Manitoba** to assist with a project on structural adjustment, poverty and sustainable development. I endured Winnipeg's coldest winter in 75 years (lows of -40°C were the highlight of that January!) while managing to learn a lot about sustainable development and initiatives under way around the world.

I came to **Washington** in January 1995 for the annual conference of the Society for International Development, and while here began working the reliable IDS network that spreads across the city. After several months, I landed a 5 month contract with a freelance writer to assist in research for UNICEF's 1995 State of the World's Children Report. As that was winding down, I was invited to join the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) to direct a four-year grants program called 'Promoting Women in Development' (PROWID). The first year was largely administrative, setting up the multi-million dollar programme, coordinating a complex web of institutional linkages with USAID. The Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA, our implementing partner agency) and assorted NGOs in

Washington and elsewhere. We conducted a global request for proposals and received an enormous response (over 500 submissions). Only now are we in the act of initiating the first projects funded through the programme.

I remain busy, as you can imagine ... I remain in touch with many of the other alumni here in Washington. I also remain in touch with many others around the world, and appreciate the updated contact information you've provided. Most notably I forged a strong link between ICRW and **Jocelyn DEJONG (MPI0)** at the Ford Foundation office in **Cairo** as part of the Ford-funded Fellows Program at ICRW... for which the current round has drawn Fellows from **Egypt** and **Palestine** **Mohammad SHTEYYEH (DPhil90)** now working at PECDAR in Jerusalem, was also instrumental in that regard.'

# The IDS Library

I am sure that all of you remember with fondness and respect the resources and services of the IDS Library. Some of you may have heard a number of rumours about the situation it presently finds itself in. This brief overview should help put things into context. For some years the ODA (now DFID) have evaluated the aims and performance of the Library. A recent consultancy analysed the usage made of its resources and concluded that the statistics did not support the perception that the Library served a national role. Beyond the year 1999, DFID will provide no funding for the Library either as an IDS/UoS or a national resource.

The IDS now has to fund a Library to suit its own teaching and research needs and DFID has indicated an interest in the development of an international service that builds on the

reputation and experience within the Library. Considerable thought has been given to the form such a service might take and a proportion of our existing DFID grant, which amounts to approximately £500,000 a year over the next two financial years, is being allocated to the investigation of requirements for the establishment of a service that might involve document delivery, information broking and search services based on our knowledge of online and Library collection services worldwide. The concept is ambitious, but if achieved should ensure that we can reach parts of the developing world that are currently starved of information.

With regard to IDS Library services, we have begun an exercise of consulting Fellows and RAROs about information needs, so that we can provide as full and efficient a service as possible within the constraints

of what can be afforded by the IDS. The existing software system will be replaced with one more efficient in library management and more user friendly. Consultation has begun with the University about possible collaboration and investigations have begun into ways of organising the older material in the collection, possibly into an accessible archive.

Nobody could claim that these are not difficult times as the existing budget has meant a considerable reduction in staff numbers over a two year period. However, we have ideas and the financial resources to test and develop them and, in the meantime, we have been able to operate most services as normal. You will be kept informed of developments through the pages of *Alumnews* and hopefully those of you who revisit IDS will also make use of the Library. Any ideas or observations will be gratefully received.

**Maureen Mahoney**  
Librarian



## Hi, yes it's me, forced into print!

visited Washington for the first time, and that was a very long time ago. Nick (Georgiadis) and Kim (Tres) moved in combined, neck-breaking efficiency to set up the 'Alumni

Association', start sending your membership monies and make it a world wide club. It was so nice for me to see everyone again, and to see them enjoying their visit back to the old place, and getting to know people from other years, and really enjoying each others stories and company. During one of our fabulous dinner evenings, I asked our new Director, Keith Bezanson, if he was impressed by our Alumni representatives (I'll translate, he is Canadian)

'Yes, very very impressed'. We are impressed by him too. IDRC did a good job on him. I have just received the 'expected' list of incoming MPhils and MAs. It's much longer than I can ever remember, I hope I can remember all of their names this time. Do you all remember Room 120, the Lecture Room? It has been refurbished, and it looks wonderful with a blue and green tartan carpet and very smart furniture. The price of beer has gone up at the IDS bar (it's still the best bar on Campus) but I'm told the two aren't connected. On a personal note, as from October 1st I won't be on the end of 606261 on a Friday, just Monday to Thursday.  
Love, **Sheila**.

I thought that I would just tell you a bit about the Alumni gathering in July: between fifty and a hundred people were here at various times during the three days, enjoying the programme that included the Dudley Seers Memorial lecture – given by Richard Jolly. Mrs. Seers and family came too. It was great to see Alumni families, the Alcortas and the Takaharas and their growing children. I am still using a tea mug that Akio gave me when he

## Internship/ summer placement programme

The 2-year MPhil course provides a valuable opportunity for summer placements and the IDS undertakes to help students find such opportunities in overseas and UK based development related work. Recent experiences have included work with NGOs, international development organisations and overseas research institutes. We, of course, rely heavily on our contacts, more especially you the Alumni, to make this possible. If you are in a position to offer a summer placement or have any suggestions, please contact Sue Ong at the Institute.

In the next issue of *Alumnews* we hope to bring you reports from the '97 internship programme. This included 5 MPhil students taking part in a Participatory Poverty Assessment project as part of research for a human development report for the Shinyanga region of Tanzania. They spent 4 weeks training alongside local government staff, 6 weeks field work in rural villages, writing up and helping to synthesize reports – (and two weeks well-deserved holiday!)