

What's happened since you left?

IMPORTANT

Unless you tell us by the end of December 1990 you do not want your address included, vour address will appear the **Alumnews** Address List to be distributed to all alumni in January 1991. Please have corrections/changes of address as soon as possible. If you know any alumni who have not received Alumnews please let us know as soon as possible so that they can be included.

Mick Moore

When I first took over as Chair of Teaching about five years ago, one of the things I promised to do was to produce another, better edition of our alumni newsletter.

As I retire from the Chair the first half, at least, of that promise has now been fulfilled - due in part to the persistence of Philippa Baxter, who as the administrator in charge of the Teaching Area for seven years now, represents the real continuity in the programme. In mitigation of our lateness, I can only point to your collective refusal to stay still long enough for us to produce a newsletter which could reasonably claim to be accurate and fairly comprehensive. You all keep moving around so fast — new countries,

new jobs, new doctorates, new partners, new babies — that we have finally abandoned any claim to be up-to-date. Please respond with a little annovance if you have been omitted or misreported and write to us: Philippa; myself; the current Chairs of Teaching (John Humphrey and Hubert Schmitz); or anyone else you know at IDS. It is largely according to the size of your response to this newsletter that the frequency of future editions will be determined. And don't think solely of sending in personal news (about yourself or other comrades who are out of touch) we should very much like to publish short pieces of general interest to other alumni. IDS staff and future students especially on your reactions now to your experiences at IDS



Philippa Baxter

This is our latest attempt to launch a regular alumni/ alumnae newsletter - the first in six years. Apologies to contributors: despite best intentions this issue has taken a year in its gestation and many of vour articles are now very out of date, but we were keen to include all those articles contributed in response to requests to write 'something' for this long-awaited newsletter.

Ideas for future editions: book reviews by alumni, of alumni books? National or regional features could you get together and produce a 2 page spread with photos for the next edition? Guesteditors: would you like to take on this exciting task?

To those of you who have kept in touch thank you for your letters.

We hope to produce IDS-Alumnews annually so be sure to complete the newsform at the back in time for inclusion in the mid-1991 edition. This is your newsletter so keep the information flowing and keep the local alumni associations burgeoning!

Having done my best to shift blame and burdens on to vour shoulders, let me give, from my personal perspective. the news from IDS. The place is not, of course, what it used to be But to use a well known cliche amply validated in the course of my own embarrassingly-long service at IDS, it never was. You studied here during different golden ages. Ill confine my comments largely to the last four years or so.

Who is still there?

The first thing most people enquire about is people. The current list of Fellows (see p.13) will help answer that question. as will the list of people who have completed doctorates at the last count 122 (see p.15). With the exception of Philippa. the history of the Teaching Area staff is all change' (more than once) The staff member likely to be known to the largest number of readers is Sue Konchak: Wilds of Wales tells you what she is now doing Jill McCabe beloved by many former doctoral students in particular, is working in a theatrical agency in London Alison Tesfachew did extremely well in a Master's course in Development Administration at the University of Birmingham during 1987-88, and now works in London recruiting volunteers for VSO. She, Tes and Tessema have finally left the warden's flat for London from where Tes commutes to his job with UNCTAD, Geneva.

Fellows normally find some way of speaking up for themselves. The one person about whom I do want to give you an up-date is Gordon White For he is undoubtedly the IDS Fellow who commands the

among you, and perhaps also the person about whom you are most likely to have heard rumours in recent years. Over a period of almost two years Gordon was very ill and spent months at a time in hospital He has made an excellent recovery and still makes major contributions to IDS' intellectual and social life. He is at present busy orchestrating a major research project on the evolution of civil society in socialist countries. More significantly perhaps, he has produced an IDS Pantomime of vintage quality every Christmas.

What about the teaching programme itself? One straightforward piece of good news is that the MA in Gender and **Development** which we share with the University, has become well established. The fourth annual round has 18 students

A DPhil is still a DPhil

And therefore as painful as ever to most of its victims. We have somewhat fewer of them around IDS at present. We found a few years ago that we were accumulating a large backlog of students who were making rather slow progress. That backlog has been substantially reduced as a result of the application of a certain amount of gentle 'pressure' at both ends of the DPhil process. We began to accept fewer new students, restricting ourselves mainly to those whose research proposals conformed closely to the research and interests of an IDS supervisor. Over the past three years only four new research students per year have entered the programme. Numbers of entrants will tend to increase again now, not least because of Charlie Harvey's greatest affection and respect | success in obtaining funding for



by African students on structural adjustment (see p 4).

The other kind of pressure' applied to the doctoral programme is one about which the recipients have rather pronounced feelings. It is not in fact an IDS policy at all. As a result of strong signals and sanctions from on high, Sussex, like all British universities has had to pay much more attention to the organisation of research degrees and the monitoring of the progress of individual students. One major policy objective has been that all doctoral students should complete within four years. We have become more 'bureaucratic' in the sense that we continually peer over the shoulders of both students and supervisors, and keep nudging them ever onward and upward. I hope we have also organised ourselves to provide a better supervision service, and that all the petty irritations have been more than justified by reducing the stress associated with some projected DPhils - the sacrifice of prime life time to research projects which are too ambitious. inadequately planned and inadequately supported.

25th Anniversary **Celebrations**

Watch this space.

IDS is 25 years old in 1991 and we are busy considering ways of marking this auspicious event. An anniversary conference is provisionally planned for 6-8 November

How about an alumnae/i reunion in late July?

New style MPhil

The MPhil has also seen substantial changes; these were made on our own initiative and are very positive. A new IDS Director, John Toye, took ovel from Mike Faber in mid-1987 John established as a major





priority a shift of the focus of IDS activities back to innovative research, and therefore away from consultancy and teaching. A major review of our teaching commitments was undertaken. It was decided that the curriculum and organisation of the MPhil, which had undergone substantial ad hoc changes over the years, required a thorough examination To provide us breathing space, there was no MPhil intake in 1989. Once the review was completed, the Fellows voted very clearly in favour of continuing the annual intake. The syndrome is not unusual: one grumbles about something familiar, but realises how valuable it really is when someone threatens to take it

What does the revised MPhil look like? It remains broad-based in the sense that it attempts to be inter-disciplinary and ideologically pluralist, and to cover a broad spectrum of theoretical, historical and policy issues. The main innovations in the curriculum are: (a) the first year courses are more explicitly organised around the three component disciplines (economics, political science and sociology), while the second year is organised around particular policy areas (industrialisation, rural development, social development and international policy issues); (b) specialisation begins from the start of the second year; (c) space is made in the core course during term one for teaching introductory economics or introductory socpol for those who do not have the relevant background; and (d) training in quantitative methods — initially rather elementary, and mainly through hands-on experience with micro-computers — becomes an established part of the course and, in a tiny break with tradition, students are required to demonstrate an elementary level of competence in this area.

Technocratic', one or two

people have said. And they become even more anxious when they hear that the separate unit on the Marxian paradigm has disappeared from the course (although the unit on Reading Capital and its ancillary lectures is being retained). Moreover, Marxist analysis — and gender — are to be an integral part of the new disciplinary units. I could not begin to even summarise here the long arguments over these issues. What guided the debate was above all the perception that the clientele for the course had gradually changed over the years and, while still diverse, dominated by one relatively distinctive group: people who had little or no economics training, saw the MPhil as a professional qualification for a career in the development field. and would find jobs as relatively generalist 'development bureaucrats' - even if they were 'bureaucrats' of the NGO rather than the UN or national government variety The revised course is primarily oriented to such people. I personally do not think that it will be any less exciting an intellectual and social experience than most people have found it in the past. What impresses and pleases me is how strongly most of the MPhil alumni/alumnae seem to believe that the course was the best one available for their needs. This conviction sometimes increases over time. In their first job after graduation from the course, some people regret that the breadth of the course left them no space to become expert in, say, statistics, Spanish, international finance or cost-benefit analysis. A few years later they value even more the fact that employers recognise and value it also.

IDS - its intellectual future

The ultimate determinant of whether or not the MPhil is to become more narrow or technocratic' will probably not be the formal structure and content of the course but the pattern of IDS' intellectual and professional activities. For the course is to a very high degree the communal property and responsibility of the Fellows. Almost all participate in the teaching. Here I see little cause for concern. It is certainly true that it is difficult to find a Fellow who does not feel that as much as possible of value has now been milked from 'dependency theory', and that we have learnt as much as we can from the Marxian approach to development issues. While no longer dominant, these concerns have been incorporated into a more complex. multifaceted approach to development.

What are the kinds of issues that intellectual command attention in IDS these days? As ever, they are diverse. Some might be construed as relatively narrow. The Health Unit tells us that the intellectual battles about strategy - e.g. the need to focus on primary health care - have been won, and that the real need now is to concentrate on the nuts and bolts of policy implementation. 'Structural adjustment', especially in sub-Saharan Africa, remains a major concern. While many of the debates do become technical. the basic issues about strategy are highly general and significant. How plausible are the neo-liberal ideas about the incompetence, corruption and weakness of states and the need to shift to much more marketoriented strategies? question has formed the unifying theme of much IDS research and consultancy work over recent years. The Fellows held a mini-conference on the issue at the end of 1988, and the resultant book, which addresses neo-liberalism both in general terms and in relation to specific sectors, is soon to appear from Oxford University Press. The reader will find more indications of sympathy with some of the ideas of economic liberalism than would have been evident in the IDS Fellowship in the 1970s, but also a trenchant desire to challenge some of its tenets on its own ground. Most significant is the open pluralism within the Institute and the continuing focus on major strategic themes in the development debate. We know that the development doctrines which became dominant in the early 1980s needed rethinking in the light of development experience. We think we are meeting this challenge and that the failures of neo-liberal doctrine have opened the way for more openness in development debates, and that we have a contribution to make.

IDS - its financial future

As I write, the major issue on IDS' organisational agenda is, once again, its financial future. Our current quinquennial grant from the Overseas Development Administration. which now covers about half our budget, expires in 1991. There are strong pressures to abandon entirely the principle of a core grant and require IDS to compete with other demands on the aid budget for funds allocated to specified research programmes and other closely defined areas of work such as the Library, and international collaboration. We look forward to the day when we can inform you that this question has been resolved so as to us substantial guarantee autonomy to think and research about issues other than those which occupy officials' attentions at any particular moment. Better still, we would like to tell you in person: come and admire the new IDS Library reading room (built on top of the old one)! Walk the new floorboards, hear them creak, and imagine how you would have reacted if you had been a student trying to work there! Buy an 'IDS sweatshirt' or an 'IDS folder' from our new dedicated retail outlet! See almost everything else much as it was - except many of the trees on and around campus, which were uprooted in thousands in our first-in-three-hundred years hurricane in October 1987. You will be very welcome

The Library Goes Hi-Tech

Alan Hopkinson, Information Systems Manager

The Library is now over three years into its automation programme with an ODA grant towards the purchase of a Hewlett Packard 3000 computer (model 42B) and the acquisition of the MINISIS software. The computer came in December 1986, the software was installed by a member of staff of the International Development Research Centre, Ottawa (IDRC) in February 1987 and, after staff training, cataloguing began in earnest in October 1987. The old card catalogues remain for acquisitions made before that time, but cards are never added and it is hoped eventually to add all the data on the cards to the computer database. Library issues and returns have also been recorded on the computer since 1988.

MINISIS is particularly suitable for IDS Library. It was developed by IDRC specially for use in information systems in developing countries and it is also used by agencies in the development field such as the IMF. World Bank, USAID and many organisations in the UN family. At the same time, the system is compatible with international standards for the exchange of bibliographic data between computers. IDS, by using MINISIS is contributing towards the more efficient use of information in the development field, but because of the

software's adherence to standards, IDS is not cutting itself off from the rest of the UK library community. Indeed, IDS is giving assistance to IDRC to implement the latest library automation standards on MINISIS and staff are involved in training courses in the use of the software.

The MINISIS software is a database management package and not solely for library purposes although it has been designed with bibliographic requirements very much to the fore. IDS is also using the software for the Teaching Area



mailing list and the Publications Section database will shortly begin to use it.

As the catalogue records are now in machine-readable form, it is quite easy to copy them so that other libraries can have subsets of the IDS library database. As the MINISIS package is compatible with Unesco's widely available CDS/ISIS package, it is possible to provide users in developing countries with subsets of the IDS Library package in the format of a CDS/ISIS database, thus providing a bibliography on any particular subject covered

Hard at work in the newly extended library: reading area, issue desk and catalogues are all located on the new floor (on top of the old library).

by the IDS library collection.

In future, the library database will be available on line to external users having the necessary equipment to dial up the IDS computer.

But, for the moment, the main advantages are to users of the library who, since summer 1989, have been able to make their own searches into the library catalogue database.

New DPhil Programme

Charles Harvey

The IDS has received funding from Swedish Aid (SIDA) for a programme of research and training on structural adjustment in sub-Saharan Africa. It includes finance for a programme of joint research by seven DPhil students from Africa, and by their supervisors from IDS. The SIDA finance is specifically

for DPhil students from SIDA programme countries in the region. Charles Harvey is organising the programme, together with Chris Colclough, Mike Faber, Stephany Griffith-Jones and John Toye.

The programme will pay for the selected DPhil students' travel to Sussex, fees, living expenses, the shared use of an office and computer at IDS, return trip to Africa and research expenses for fieldwork, and

eventual return to Africa on completion of the DPhil thesis.

The programme also includes finance for research by the IDS supervisors on related topics. The students will therefore work closely with their supervisors. It is planned that supervisors will do research in Africa timed so as to enable students to be supervised during their fieldwork. Preference will to given to students wanting to do research closely related to

the research interests of the IDS Fellows taking part in the programme.

The students will be working on closely related topics. with a common core concerning structural adjustment, so that the programme will include lectures and seminars, some given by the students, of common interest to all those on the programme.

Students will be expected to complete their research and

The Wilds of Wales

Sue Konchak, Llanfairynghornwy, Anglesey



At last I begin to understand the meaning of the phrase 'subsistence farming'! After just over a year of struggle against natural elements and man-made obstacles, I am still in business, and slowly making headway.

I am still at the stage of experiencing tremendous elation on seeing through the successful birth of all types of animals — calves. lambs. piglets, chicks. kittens, the wide variety of wild birds living alongside us on the farm. I never cease to wonder at

the tenacity of these tiny creatures in the face of what would seem to be enormous odds — lambs born in freezing cold temperatures; tiny piglets, instantly aware on being born, but in grave danger of being crushed to death by the sow at any stage; calves less than a week old going through the trauma of the weekly salevard – the list is endless. Of course it has its heart-breaking side: the lamb that is born dead after every possible effort on my part to help it into the world; the calf that survives a week or more and then gives up, sometimes for no apparent reason — it is

Who would have thought that in Wales (where everyone says it always rains!) we would spend the summer desperate for rain, seeing vast areas of burnt grass; bringing in half the normal crop of hay and silage, with the consequent worry of

not a way of life for the

faint-hearted.

not having enough fodder for the winter. In this respect our style of farming, i.e. mixed livestock, has left us better off than the dairy farmers, who have had to start feeding crops as soon as they were brought in off the field. We still have not had enough rain, but I gather we have had a lot more than those of you in the South-east.

As regards man-made factors, as a farmer I have become much more aware of the impact external forces can have on a business. For instance. the dock strike this summer depressed the price of lambs. over half of which are exported. This was partially offset by the EEC lamb subsidy scheme, but this is to be discontinued next year, and there will be a premium on breeding ewes instead of lambs, and a limit on eligible numbers. As small farmers we welcome this, as it gives us a chance to get a bigger slice of the EEC cake. On the negative side, large sheep farmers will be looking to diversify, possibly into suckler cows, which will affect us adversely. There is a huge divide between the large farmer and the small.

On a more personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed this year - I have increased my stock (reduced my bank balance!), most recently by 14 piglets produced by one of my sows; I have learnt an enormous amount; I am learning Welsh at night school; and, perhaps most important to me, the farming community is beginning to appreciate that I have drive, determination and capability, in spite of being a woman! In this part of the world a woman's place is definitely in the home I have struggled to make a stand, and am coming to be regarded as a farmer in my own right, but there is still a long way

It was lovely to see so many of my friends when I paid a flying visit to IDS the other week. But I must confess to having no inclination whatsoever to return! I'll take my chances in wild, windy, beautiful Wales

This article was written in late '89.

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present their theses by the end of the third year. The programme starts in October 1990.

In short, the objectives of the programme objectives are:

— to investigate why some African countries suffering from severe economic decline show signs of recovering while others continue to suffer from low or negative growth, and to investigate the impact on income distribution of recovery programmes.

— to do research on this subject entirely independently of the IMF and the World Bank, because of their involvement in designing and implementing recovery programmes.

— to provide an alternative to the present lonely and lengthy process of working for a doctorate by attracting students to a programme of joint study and research with supervisors at IDS, over a three year period with a definite deadline.

MA1 (1987-88)

co-directed by **Kate Young** (who took leave of absence IDS in 1988 to help set up a new charity Womankind) and **Ann Whitehead** (UoS)

Lily BANU was very busy in the year after returning from Sussex, doing a variety of gender-related consultancies and research projects in Bangladesh working closely with Nordic donors Pauline ECCLES is back with the Irish Council for lustice and Peace but travelling widely Bettina GILL has made a good recovery from her car accident. is working for a TV company in Delhi and planning to do a doctorate. Buzz HARRISON is a Research Fellow in AFRAS (at Sussex) working on the social barriers to the development of aquaculture in Southern Africa and also trying to do a DPhil. She has visited Lorenia PARADA who is doing a doctorate back in Mexico City.

No recent news of **Daphne OBANG-OYWAY**.

MA2 (1988-89)

co-directed by **Naila Kabeer** and **Hilary Standing** (UoS)

Nalla is meeting Preetl BHAT in October (back in India working on women and development) as part of a Ford Foundation funded 'training for trainers' workshop Irene HOEL passed through IDS recently from Oslo where she is working again with NORAD on their Zambian programme She met Joyce YU (with UNIFEM in New York) en route to Mongolia to consult with the national women's organisation on appropriate Women in Development interventions Charlotte KANSTRUP is a Counsellor and

MAnews

The MA in Gender and Development is now in its fourth year and goes from strength to strength; around 16 are expected to register this October for MA4. It has drawn on students from widely dispersed regions in both First and Third Worlds and from a variety of professions in the development field. Its aim is to give participants a strong analytical framework within which to formulate gender-aware approaches to the issues of development. As the role of gender as a keycategory in development is increasingly recognised, the calibre and professional expertise of the candidates we attract has also grown. The MA has become an exciting aspect of the learning process at IDS and UoS.



Group Worker with the Sussex Aids Centre **Pingla UDIT** is doing a doctorate at Essex University No recent news of **Atsuko MIWA** or **Madhu TULADHAR**.

During 1989 Faustina WARD-OSBORNE (MAI) was working for UNIFEM with the government of St Kitt's and Nevis preparing a national policy for women and also working with the women on its implementation, this year she has been working on a research and information project on women in Antigua and Barbuda. Faustina writes 'Of course the challenges are numerous, not the least being the almost total absence of any reliable or accessible form of



data on anything There has not been a census here since 1960. My project is expected to conduct a survey on women to establish their current status in the economy, their needs and barriers to meeting those needs. We are also asking questions to determine autonomy as well as the level of involvement of women in decision making in the home and also to get an idea of interrelationships (male/female). There will be questions on division of house-hold labour and on women's involvement in organisations politically etc

MP1 (1973-75)

co-directed by **Ron Dore** and **Geoff Lamb. Ron Dore** left IDS in 1982 to help set up the Centre for Technical Change; he now divides his time between Harvard University and Imperial College London **Geoff Lamb** joined the **World Bank** in 1980 where.he is now working as a Strategic Planning Adviser.

Marjorie FERNANDES was a participant on Angela Little's last education Study Seminar in 1987 and as far as we know is still with the University of Delhi Doug HINDSON (DPhil83) has moved from the African Studies Institute to the Institute for Social and Economic Research at Durban University. He keeps in touch with Alan LEATHER who is currently with Public Services International in France. Bhanwar SINGH (DPhil82) is now Director of

MPHILnews

The AluMPhil population (in line with global population growth?) has roughly doubled since the last newsletter: as MP7 ended numbers stood at 125, now the departing MP13 swell the ranks to roughly 250. But news — especially of earlier rounds — is getting thinner so please bring us up to date.

the Centre for Social and Technical Change in **Bombay**

No news of **Quazi ALAM**, **Edilberto CERVANTES GALVAN**, **Chitta- ranjan ELANGASEKERE**, **Susil FERNANDO** (at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka) **Manuel FOMBONA**,

Kimihiro KAKU (with the ADB in Manila), Alfredo NUNEZ BARRIGA; Alimur RAHMAN (DPhil78), Blas TOMIC (DPhil78) and Hubert SCHMITZ (DPhil80) appear in DPHILnews. No address for Jorge VIVAS.

MP2 (1975-77)

directed by **Dudley Seers** (who sadly died in 1983) and **Robin Luckham**, still attached to IDS but spending six months of the year at ANU (Australia National University).

Roger RIDDELL works at ODL London: last year he and Abby (nee RUBIN) added twin girls to their family. They keep in touch with George SCHARFFENBURGER who must now have left the Peace Corps in the Gambia?

Diane WILDERSPIN is now back in New Zealand working in Personnel for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Last year she visited her country s embassies in Bonn, Paris, London and Moscow.

In 1987, after time in Botswana and with CIIR, **Paul SPRAY** moved to Christian Aid in London where he was responsible for its overall

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funding policy. His account of the role of NGOs appears in the 1988 IDS Annual Report

Guillermo WORMALD (DPhil87) and Kimmo KILJUNEN (DPhil85) appear in DPHILnews.

John SAMY is thought to be with the UN/Economic Commission for South East Asia.

No recent news of Isabela BUDZYNSKA (at the Institute of Developing Countries, University of Warsaw) Gonzalo JORDAN, Aaron KATAYA, Paul KESTERTON, Alan LINDOUIST, Fabian SANDOVAL MUREANO, Horacio SANTA MARIA, Rui Cezar DOS SANTOS, Nazy SEDEGHAT, Kelth SMITH (still at Keele University); no addresses for Abdul bin Muhamad AZIZ or Syed All Kauser ZAIDI.

MP3 (1977-79)

co-directed by Manfred Bienefeld (who left IDS in 1986 to take up a chair at Carleton University in Ottawa) and Martin Godfrey (recently returned to IDS after extended leave of absence in Indonesia with an ILO employment creation project)

Hassan HAKIMIAN (DPhil87) is lecturer in agricultural development in the Dept. of Agricultural Economics at Wye College (University of London) and involved with the department's world-wide distance-learning programme for students leading to a postgraduate Diploma and MSc in agricultural development. His DPhil thesis has just been published by Harvester-Wheatsheaf): Labour Transfer and Economic Development: Theoretical Perpectives and Studies from Iran

He has news of **Sarah BARTLETT** who is a journalist with the New York Times in New York.

Also in print, just ahead of Hassan, was Eoin O'MALLEY (DPhil83) with Industry and Economic Development: the challenge for the latecomer (published by Gill and MacMillan): under 'acknowledgements' he pays tribute to his 'fellow students when I was at IDS some years ago' Eoin is a research officer at the Economic and Social Research Institute of Ireland.

Gordon White recently met Tony HILL who is Programme Officer with the Non-Governmental Liaison Service of the UN in Geneva.

Richard LUEDDE NEURATH (DPhil84) married to Chris. works for a large multinational accountancy consultancy company and is about to go to Brazil for 2 months.

Hock Beng CHEAH (DPhil84) has taken a new direction joining the Australian Defence Force Academy at the end of 1989, he passed through IDS last summer en route the University of Pennsylvania with the spent some months.

Ennio RODRIGUEZ (DPhil 84) was Mouster for External Finance and

Debt in Costa Rica for a period where he specialised in multilateral and bilateral negotiations. He has published a book Crossroads and Future of Costa Rica, teaches every other term and is in touch with Manfred Bienefeld and Stephany Griffith-Iones. In the late 80s he joined an independent research centre. Alternatives for Development where he has been directing a research project.

Of the rest, so far as we know Shukri ABDULLAH is still with the Universiti Sains Malaysia: Xavier KHADAHI is still in Zimbabwe but now with the Ministry of Finance. Economic Affairs and Development Planning as Deputy Secretary Policy: Steve McClelland is with the Trades Union Advisory Council of OECD: he is married to Bushra FARUQUI (sometime DPhil student) and they have a small daughter Denis PANTIN is at UWI Alexander SULEIEWICZ is with the Research Institute for Developing Countries in Warsaw; Abu Naser WAHID is back in Bangladesh after a spell at the Bangladesh High Commission in Nairohi. We have no news or addresses for Raimundo FLORIN. Asuncion SANTOS or Luis Carlos Elcheenberg SILVA.

MP4 (1979-81)

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

Caroline ALLISON worked for six months in early 1989 as Oxfam's regional development officer for Southern Africa. Since July 1989 she has been Oxfam's rep for Namibia (with her young son Ikeni) and is still working on her doctorate Ah Eng LAI is also working on her PhD (in Cambridge).

Hans Singer keeps in touch with Ricardo CARCIOFI who is in Argentina

Jose EGUREN has had a number of UNDP postings; his latest concerns Equatorial Guinea

More news of Upananda VIDANAPATHIRANA (DPhil85), Ahmad JAZAYERI (DPhil86) and Mammo MUCHIE (DPhil87) in DPhilnews.

Cesar VIEIRA is in touch with the IDS Health Unit: he worked with PAHO in Brazil for a while and is now with PAHO in New York

No recent news of Fermin ADRIANO, Yaba BADOE (still with the BBC?). Bernard CHARLES, Magdalene DAVID, Yusupha DIBBA, Zofia KOZAK, Eduardo MARTINEZ-GARCIA, Bernardo MENDEZ-LUGO, Francisco PAREJA, Duru TOBI, Alexander VOLKOFF, Wendy WALKER, Norlko AKINAGA (nee YAMAMOTO), (retrained in computer studies and now living in Sweden with her Swedish husband) or Saul WIESLIEDER.

MP5 (1980-82)

co-directed by Manfred Blenefeld and Robert Wade (who went to the World Bank in 1984 and moved more recently to Princeton University where he has been teaching)

No recent news except of the following three who recently obtained their doctorates. Mohammed DIAB (DPhil89) returned home with his wife and child to his job at the Economic and Social Research Council in Khartoum where Simon Maxwell has recently seen him. Layla SIMSAA (DPhil88) preceded him a year earlier - she is working in the Dept. of Economics at the University of Khartoum Moazam MAHMOOD (DPhil88) and Norine returned home to Pakistan where Moazam is working at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics. Islamabad. We also understand that Navi NAISORO is Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Trade and Commerce in Fiji

Nasir Uddin AHMAD was last heard of at the University of Chittagong, and Adnan AMIN at the Office of the Executive Director. UNEP Nairobl. No news of Bernardo ALVAREZ HERRERA, Brigitte DELOY, Spiros

FILARETOS, Robin JACKSON (last heard of in Paris) Gall LEWIS, leanette LONGFIELD, Amar SIABDELHADI, Kaighn SMITH or Peter STOCKDALE. No addresses for Maria BALTHAZAR, Paul ENSOR (last heard of in Seoul as a journalist), or Barbara STEIN.

MP6 (1981-83)

co-directed by Raphie Kaplinsky and Gordon White

No news again except of **Akio TAKAHARA** (**DPhil88**) who has been in **Hong Kong** for the last 13 months with the consulate of Japan – see below – and **Lori Ann THRUPP** (**DPhil89**) who returned to the **States** to work for the World Bank

You can still contact **Ludovico ALCORTA** c/o the IDS DPhil pigeonholes' but not for much longer: all friends and colleagues will be pleased to learn that Ludovico plans to submit shortly' and he is in fact home in **Peru** Isee **Ricardo LAGOS's** glowing tribute to **Ludovico** under MP12).

Congratulations to Anita MORITZ and Hans-Christian VOIGT – still in Senegal – on the birth of their second child Aisha Mona in June this year



Perhaps this picture might jog some memories?

IDS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION established in HONG KONG

Message from **Udo Janz (MP8)**. As of March 1990 the first informal IDS alumni association has been set up in Hong Kong. In line with IDS hierarchy **Akio Takahara (MP6 DPhil88)** was (unbeknown to him) declared President of the Association. **Bob Behull (MP7)** is the future Treasurer (and Fundraiser to enable us all to have access to **Yellow Monday**) and **Udo Janz (MP8)** was given the portfolio of External Relations Officer. Should any IDS staff or student pass through Hong Kong en route to needler countries we'll be delighted to host a modest alumni get-together. Advance notice to: Udo Janz c/o UNHCR, Yan Ma Tei Bldg, 250 Shaghai Street, Kowloon. Hong Kong. Tel. 780 9271, Fax: 770 5504.

What does the MPhil offer to students who have chosen to study development? What does one gain from two years at the IDS that one didn't have before? Obviously I can't answer for everybody in MP9, but in my case I believe that the MPhil did a number of different things:

I It gave me a much deeper understanding of economics than I had before starting (equipped only with a basic course in first year university economics which taught me the meaning of supply and demand and to draw pretty graphs). The proof of my having learned a little is that on my very first set of papers, Carlos and Stephany gave me an excellent mark on my paper on the Latin American Free Trade Association. As Carlos put it, he remembered me for being the person in the class who knew so little economics that I raised my hand one day to ask what a capital good was. I think that I was rewarded for having written a decent enough economics paper for someone who at the beginning didn't even know most of the basic terms!

2 The MPhil gave me the theoretical underpinnings necessary to look at situations of underdevelopment and attempt to understand what causes them, in what direction they are going, and how the outcomes

Is the MPhil any use?

Catherine Mulholland (MP9) wrote the following piece in late 1986 (for a proposed earlier version of this newsletter).



can be directed or not. At times we didn't like the theory much, especially in the first year. It all went pretty fast and we were still trying to figure out what Manfred meant by the last sentence when he had already moved on to something completely different. But somehow with a lot of knotted eyebrows, heated discussion and shaking of heads, it all seemed to come together and we became instant experts as we looked at different case studies in our second year.

3 The MPhil teaches one the meaning of 'multi-disciplinary'. I went into it with the ability (at times doubtful) to understand the world from a political science

point of view: political actors and institutions and how they control the outcomes of actions in political forums; the politically powerless and how they can change their situation. All this and a smattering of economics as I mentioned before. At the end I sometimes felt as if I could never again approach a problem without looking at the anthropological, political, economic, linguistic, psychological, and gender-related issues involved all at the same time!

4 But more important than anything else the MPhil was valuable in bringing all four corners of the world to me without leaving the IDS. Of course you can spend all your

time in the library tracking down the books and articles on the inevitably late reading lists with Lyn, or you can relax a bit and spend some time in the Upper Common Room or in the bar chatting with the newest visiting fellow from Nepal. Or there is always the DPhil student who will talk your ear off for hours about the intricate problems of their thesis on labour migration in the Punjab.

But it is all worth it because this is the real world of development. It is a world that does not have its answers in the books and articles that line the IDS library and change from season to season as one theory goes out of fashion and a different way of looking at things from a different discipline or different perspective takes precedence. The MPhil and the IDS experience give one some of the theoretical bases, help fill in some of the gaps in previous education, and help one get a better grasp of what development might be all about. But the MPhil doesn't give any answers and, in many cases, one comes out with more questions than one had at the start. But that's fine because for me working in development is 90 per cent listening to others rather than presuming to know all the solutions, and learning to ask the right questions before giving all the answers. I still have a long way to go.

MP7 (1982-84)

directed by Kate Young and David Evans

Ghulam BARI is working in insurance Brighton while Farzana completes her doctorate: they have a second daughter Mavra Tom HEWITT (DPhil88) is also working in the UK at the Open University as a lecturer in Development Studies while Inez and Freddie have been based at ISS. The Hague, where they see Azfar KHAN (DPhil89), married (with a baby son) and lecturing on population and development. Also in the academic field Shamsul AHMAD is doing doctoral research at the University of East Anglia joining Onalenna SELOLWANE also doing a doctorate at the University's School of Development Studies: Antigone LYBERAKI (DPhil88) is married to George, expecting a baby and working at her old University in **Greece; Euclid TSAKALOTOS** is teaching and doing research at the University of Kent **Redha AHMAD** was last heard of lecturing in the Faculty of Economics at the Universiti Malaya. **Sepali KOTTEGODA** has just returned home to **Sri Lanka** having virtually completed her doctorate.

Yusuf NIAZI returned to work for the government in Baluchistan. Pakistan. Bob BEHULL returned to Hong Kong in 1984 and is currently with the Trade Development Council (see p.7) and Rachel GARST has been working as a journalist in Guatemala City since November 1989 Ken INOUE was last heard of as a IPO with UNDP in Bangkok

No recent news of Aziz Wan ABDULLAH, last heard of in the EPU of the PM's office in Malaysia; Gertrude BANDA (she has finished lecturing as the University of Zambia); Maria CARDOSO; or Jo

CHITEYEYE (still with the Ministry of Finance in **Malawi?**)

MP8 (1983-85)

co-directed by **John Oxenham** and **Charles Harvey**



This round divides fairly equally between practitioners and those pursuing academic goals. Out in the real' world. Obert NYAWATA joined the African Development Bank in Abidjan as a Young Professional in 1987 and moved to the IMF in 1989. Udo JANZ has been working as a researcher with Amnesty International and has just re-joined the office of the UNHCR and is working with Vietnamese asylum-seekers in Hong Kong for the foreseeable future (see p. 7). Helen DALTON is in Sudan with Save the Children Chris HAIVETA is Chief of Staff to the PM of Papua New Guinea where Marj HINAWAEOLA returned to the Department of Finance and Planning (after a brief spell at IDS as a research assistant). Marny GIMSON is in Indonesia: Ronnie WILLIAMS living in Brighton

Meanwhile **Cissy WALLACE** has completed her doctorate at LSE or





Soviet-Third World relations and Sandy BOYSON (based in Puerto Rico but visiting from time to time with wife Margarita) has just completed his Sussex-based DPhil. Shin Yuan LAI is also working on her Sussex DPhil Gwen SULLIVAN has recently returned from Nicaragua and is now writing up and Boyd GILMAN is working on a doctorate on development at Boston University

No recent news of **Claudio BAGU** (back home in **Mexico**. his wife was here briefly last year completing her doctorate); or **Pravin RANIGA**

MP9 (1984-86)

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

Adebaya ADENINI was last heard of pursuing a law degree whilst working for the Central Bank in Nigeria Also in Africa Alison PYLE spent the last year in Sudan conducting research into famine issues and is now homeward bound for the States Laura TORVINEN continues her work in Mozambique where she was recently joined by Jude HOWELL (DPhil 89), who is at Eduardo Mondlane University for six months before taking up a lectureship at East Anglia University (after completing her doctorate in a record three years).

Adrian FERNANDO has been supporting Nicaragua for the last two years with his computer skills. Nearby, Sue FLECK – see her piece on this page – is in Honduras for a year (until November 1990) with a Fulbright grant. She sends greetings to Shafinaz HASSENDEEN who continues her work with NORAD in Sri Lanka despite current difficulties.

Back in the UK. Hailesalassie **GIRMAY** is successfully promoting the cause of economics Paddington College, London; Mike **HELLER** is in the final stages of his DPhil at Sussex ('from satellite to metropole by satellite') and is beginning to test the murky waters of the labour market: Harriet LAMB continues to defend workers' rights as a researcher in the Low Pay Unit. Roy TRIVEDI is employed in the research department of the Labour Party and was recently quoted in the Financial Times. Donnacadh **HURLEY** has returned to his native **Eire** but escapes frequently to Asia as part of his job with the NGO Trocaire Further afield in Greece Aliki MOURIKI continues her work as a sociologist - and unpaid parttime tourist guide - with the help of her daughter Phaedra

Finally, congratulations to **Catherine MULHOLLAND** who married **Lyonel DESIRE** in **Vancouver** on 25 August 1990 and has been working for WHO in **Geneva** since late 1987 (see her article opposite).

No news of: **Bahman ABEDINI, Orrin NINVALLE** or **Jesoni VITU** (last heard of at the Fiji Development Bank).





Life in Washington DC

Sue Fleck (MP9) wrote this contribution from Washington DC, USA, in December 1988 where she was working for the International Centre for Research on Women. Sue headed for Honduras at the end of 1989 with a Fulbright grant to begin research on the impact of the economic crisis on female headed households.



Ever since Mick Moore suggested a newsletter in 1986, I have said that I would contribute. Well, because it now looks as if the endeavour will finally get off the ground, I willingly set fingers to keyboard.

First of all, I apologise to all my friends and used to be friends for writing little or not at all. The fast pace of Washington life has limited my letter writing capabilities. (I know, that's no excuse.)

Seriously, though, I would like to reflect on a couple of things connected to my education at IDS. These are: the vagaries of the job market and the political atmosphere of development work in the US.

When I finished at IDS in October 1986, I moved to Washington in search of work. Being a US citizen and having no long term experience in a developing country. I found I

was at a disadvantage. First, I had never been a Peace Corps volunteer, and secondly, I had never interned in DC. The Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) alumni organisation is the network for people interested pursuing development oriented work in the US. Most people in positions of management/authority/decision making in development have had Peace Corps experience. It contributes to Dore's Diploma Disease'. Because the emphasis among all NGOs and consulting groups is on practical experience and not on analysis, an MPhil means little without experience. The USG (as Ollie North liked to call the government) is more willing to accept young impressionable types with little or no experience, if young impressionable types are willing to work under a Republican administration

The fact that I had never interned in Washington meant that I was six months to a year behind anyone who had already lived here, worked here, or gone to school here. Many graduate students are able to take advantage of work/study programs that allow them to take advantage of work/study programs that allow them to work for less than minimum wage for NGOs, think tanks, etc. Thus, they have a foot in the door, a known reference to draw on, and a feel for the work possibilities in the area. In the networking scene of Washington, these students are savvy and quickly employed. Furthermore, there is an attitude of employers in this town that if one has not done his her slave work as an intern for six months to a year, then one has not acquired the requisite understanding of our nation's capital in order to apply for a real job

After one and a half years. I found a job that I thought I could benefit from and enjoy. Given my lack of experience in a developing country, my position is OK But to go any further, I will need to find the experience on my own, since no one is willing to pay for me to represent them in the field. despite all the other skills I may have. Admittedly, though, I didn't try to get work at the Bank, where I could have probably found a better paying research oriented job.

The politics of development in Washington is a funny thing. It is an ironic twist of fate that many of the actors -USAID, Congress, NGOs, consultancies, international NGOs, banks (IADB, WB, IMF) -- in international development have established their offices in one of the US' colonies. Washington DC. Only since 1974 have citizens of DC been able to vote for President. Furthermore, DC's Congressional representative has no voting power, and the Congress is able to overturn local decisions by a simple majority. These policies come as no surprise when one realises that 70-80 per cent of the people who live in Washington DC are Black American. We need to work for equitable sustainable development in the North as well as the South.

Ever since Reagan's rule began, the US government has succeeded in decentralising its activities — arguably for cost effectiveness — but also it allows for political control of the development agenda. The tendency of NGOs that depend on the mega-contracts of USAID for their budgets is one of creeping conservatism. At the dawn of the Bush years, the trend does not seem to be reversing. All USAID contractors must sign the 'Mexico City Clause', which prohibits contractors from working with, funding or sponsoring any

organisation which has any part of its budget referring for or engaging in abortion. As a matter of public health policy, illegal abortions account for innumerable maternal deaths that could otherwise be prevented. But when it's a moral question for the Right's agenda, women's lives don't matter.

Sometimes, becoming an expatriate sounds like a great idea.

At the organisational/staff level, I find the gender, race, and class barriers frustrating. In almost all organisations, white men are the directors, women of all colours are the support staff, and white men and women, along with foreigners, staff the research component at midlevel. The majority women organisation where I work is better, but still has its problems with representation. There are constraints on finding work in the NGO community — people aren't paid well initially, interning is an activity that many people simply cannot afford to do, and the supply of well-educated experienced applicants is ever increasing. If one is economically strapped, one takes better paying administrative jobs, even though they pigeon hole a person into an area of work she does not desire. With that in mind, it is better to be picky — if one has no dependants — than to just take anything that comes along.

So, what's the bright side of living in the US? I have a broad range of consumer products from which to choose, now that I earn a decent income, I can use my credit card to make a long distance phone call, family is just a phone call away, people speak American English, (as well as Spanish, Amharek, French, Korean, etc.), and I just won a local (very small) political office working on neighbourhood development issues in a culturally diverse section of the district.

Is that enough, Mick? Thanks for your listening ears. Any comments, observations, discussions, or methodological questions can be directed to me for further orientation, discussion, or just plain fun.

News from Nicaragua



Arturo GRIGSBY (MP10) was working in the Economic Planning Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture and is now in the Central American University. Adrian FERNANDO (MP9) is an FAO consultant in the same Ministry. Amanda LORIO (MP11) is back in the Research Centre on Agrarian Reform and Julio Ricardo HERNANDEZ (MP12) returned in 1989 to work in the Ministry of the Economy. Betty MUNOZ and Ricardo GUEVARA both from MP13, are returning shortly. Gwen SULLIVAN (US DPhil student) is back at IDS after completing her fieldwork on Nicaragua's industrial sector.

Other Nicaraguan Sussex (Economics) students include **Rene ESCOTO** working at the Regional Coordinator of Social and Economic Research, **Armando REYES** at Nicaragua's tourism institute and **Gerardo MENDOZA** pursuing graduate studies in **Spain**

MP10 (1985-87)

co-directed by **Hubert Schmitz** (new co-Chair of Teaching) and **Manfred Bienefeld**.

Bo DUTKA is working (until April 1991) as a Development Specialist/ Planner with CIDA in Accra. Ghana, for two years, conducting a study of donor activities in Ghana, setting up a local consultant database and preparatory work on a proposed study of women and agriculture, after one year's internship in Ontario's Legislative Assembly (Canada). Moving south. Michael HUGHES went to work as a financial assistant at Mozambique's Ministry of Agriculture in early '88 funded by the Mozambique Nordic Agricultural Programme (MONAP) and Epple USHEWOKUNZEL is working at the Ministry of Health in Zimbabwe

Travelling north and west, William LOCKWOOD-BENET (as of late 87) was working in the Governor's Economic Council in Puerto Rico where he presumably sees Sandy BOYSON (MP8). Not far away, after her spell with OECD, Isabelle van Notten (see her piece opposite) is enjoying Costa Rica (since early 1989) but finding UNIDO 'bureaucratic'; and Arturo GRIGSBY returned to Nicaragua (see above).

Bill MACDONALD was last heard of (in mid-88) several thousands of miles due north working for the Department of Fisheries ('interesting

Just as important . fun most of the time) on **Prince Edward Island**, Canada: his and **Cec's** second child **Mora** was born in April that year.

Moving south again, congratulations to Mariko HIGASHI who married Izumi in early 1989; Mariko has been working for UNDP New York, as has Dorothy GORDON who was last heard of in UNDP's NGO section. Also in New York, Suzuka SUGAWARA (after a spell with Nippon, the Japanese Television Network Corporation! Joined UNICEF in early 1988 working in the Evaluation Office as a JPO and will shortly be moving on, possibly to Chana or Afghanistan (see opposite)

Jocelyn DE JONG has just left the World Bank after working for two years on health, education and nutrition issues to start a PhD at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on Health Policy in Developing Countries Also engaged on their doctorates are Shunchen DUAN (at IDS) and Tariq TELL, writing his dissertation on Jordanian development at 45th Antony's College, Oxford Also in

the UK, **Grenfell THOMAS** is teaching International Economics and International Organisations at an American College based in **London. Steve NARTEY** has recently completed a professional accountancy qualification and hopes that with the unique blend of accountancy and development studies he can 'go places'.

Tom LINES has recently left these shores to join the support staff for the Socialist Group in the European Parliament after a spell as lecturer in Edinburgh. Also in Europe, Rohan PONNIAH is working for the South Commission in Geneva (joined there by Carlos FORTIN in mid-1988) where his wife Gowrie gave birth to a son, Skandha in July 1989 Kaneez HASNA also spent 15 months (until July 1989) in Geneva with UNDP/UNV as Associate Area Officer in the Asian and Pacific Section of the Programme Operations Division.

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At the end of 1988 **Suzuka Sugawara** (MP10) sent Hubert Schmitz this report of her first ten months at UNICEF New York.

After I spent two years in | relaxing and peaceful atmosphere in Britain, it seemed awful to be surrounded by skycrapers looking down upon me and to hear piercing sounds of ambulances in the middle of night, but after all New York is not that bad a place, and I even started liking this city which has various faces. In UNICEF, I am belonging to Evaluation Office where my main work is to maintain evaluation database, to review evaluation/annual reports, to prepare materials for Evaluation Newsletter, and to participate in one or two evaluation missions a year. Since they are mainly desk work, I sometimes feel as if I still continued a student life, but given an opportunity to have access to various evaluation reports. I am realising how important and how difficult project evaluations are. After ten months of my work here. there are two issues which I am particularly concerned about: one related to social mobilisation component of project and the other regarding sustainability issue of projects. These two issues became more realistic and more important after I participated in the Malawi EPI evaluation, where I found it extremely difficult to mobilise people, especially the poor to participate in the project, at the same time to have a well-considered project design which takes into account of what would happen if the funding starts phasing down and eventually cease.

Though I quite often complain that this is too much deskwork. I should admit that I could absorb a lot through it. This year, I hope, I can add some taste of my own to what I absorbed here last year.

A year in the life of an AluMPhil



It was like I'd never been away. Sheila was in the reception office; Sue was doing 50 things at the same time; some DPhils were hanging around the common rooms; Mick Moore and Robin Murray were involved in a heavy discussion about the disciplinisation of development studies; Simon Maxwell was hurrying to a Rupag leminar; Barbara, Hazel and Lyn were still ready to look for iny books and, yes, the new library extension was (almost?) finished.

The following article was written by **Isabelle van Notten** (MPI0) in October 1988. Isabelle has been working for UNIDO in Costa Rica as a JPO since March 1989.

Is it really a year ago since most of us left? I can hardly believe it and yet it also seems a century ago with all that has happened in the past year. The most significant result for me of this past year is that I have made a few (obvious to many?) discoveries: that most organisations are different from what they seem from the outside. No matter how 'practical' the teachand theorising experiencing the development 'business' is very different from writing termpapers about it. Some questions seem more acute and relevant as well now that I am in this 'developmental world'. Can a relatively privileged First Worlder ever grasp, let alone help to change, the realities of the lives of poor Third Worlders? Can the distance (geographically, culturally and in terms of power) between the field and large headquarters ever be bridged? Is there really a role for foreign aid, when its effectiveness is so uncertain? To what extent are aid agencies

self-serving? (Sounds like termpaper topics!)

One of my close MP10 friends said to me last year: 'Please don't become cynical once you have started to work in development.' He probably saw how naïve I was and what was at stake for me once I started work in this field. I have not become all that cynical yet, but I must say that it is hard not to.

In a nutshell, since September 1988 I spent six weeks in Northern Tanzania, four weeks in New York where I saw Iocelyn, Mariko, Dorothy and Chandran, three months with the OECD in Paris and over four months now with a Dutch NGO (NOVIB) in The Hague. I will stay with NOVIB until I am sent to Costa Rica with UNIDO as a IPO, in March 1989. (This sounds like I am already a jet-setting consultant!)

In Tanzania, I stayed with a friend who is working with a participatory research methodology and has become involved in a struggle for land rights with a group of pastoralists Their land is being taken from them by encroaching neighbouring peoples and is appropriated by the Tanzanian government with CIDA (Canada) aid for a largescale agricultural project. This is happening without adequate compensation or real dialogue with the affected people. This brief experience at the microlevel in the African bush made me very motivated and committed to development work. I suppose, especially because I saw that it is possible for an outsider, who has access to information and the necessary institutions, to assist others in their fight for their rights.

Late February. I moved to Paris to work for the OECD Development Centre as a research assistant. I hoped that after this six month job I would be sent out as a IPO with the UN. Whereas my stay in Tanzania was a stimulating experience, my job at the OECD was a disillusioning and discouraging one.

The Development Centre is a strange place in that it is neither an academic institution, nor a policy-making/advistory body, but something in between. The Centre is partly concerned with establishing and main-

taining a very extensive network with and between institutions, bodies, NGOs, etc. involved with development all over the world. Secondly, it is concerned with research (on subjects such as structural adjustment, agriculture, investment and finance, technology) with the aim to influence policies.

Many of the researchers have been there for at least 10 years and the place lacked dynamism or liveliness. It was my impression that the researchers worked little together and that power games about research budgets were not uncommon. (But then, where don't they happen?) The OECD as a whole also seemed affected by the ailments of which most large bureaucracies suffer: wastage, dissatisfaction, cynicism and inertia. I ended up leaving the OECD, as I felt I had not much to contribute because of my lack of practical experience and because I found it too stifling to do sterile research in such an uninspiring environment.

This experience made it, however, clear to me how far removed such bodies are from the field and day-to-day concerns of the Third World poor. Simultaneously, such institutions are of course very involved

at the governmental level and can be influential What interests do they really represent? The OECD Development Centre is, for instance, funded by the governments of the OECD countries. How significant is this?

Since August, I have been working for NOVIB in The Hague. NOVIB is one of the four main Dutch NGOs and has a left-wing label. NOVIB has about 150 employees and works almost exclusively through Third World counterparts. It spends yearly about 28 million in aid. About 84 per cent of its funds come from the Dutch government. However, 56 per cent of this money can be spent without any interference from the Dutch government, while the remaining 28 per cent are tied to certain conditions. I am working in the Financial Administration Dept. where I assess and verify financial and progress reports from NOVIB's counterparts.

My experience at NOVIB is mixed. On the one hand, it is an organisation where there is a great deal of commitment and motivation. People work hard and tend to be too busy to really keep up with changes in development policies and

thinking. All project staff have Third World experience or are from developing countries.

On the other hand, it is also an organisation which at this point has outgrown itself. NOVIB's staff has increased from 50 to 150 in three years. As a result, internal coordination and cohesion has diminished. leading to inefficiency, disorganisation and bureaucratisation To deal with this, NOVIB has been reorganising and trying to professionalise its operations, inevitably creating hierarchies and procedures. This has led to internal debates and arguments about financial accountability, responsibility, donor-recipient relations, aid effectiveness and NOVIB's diminishing progressiveness and pioneer's role.

It is clear that compared to the Development Centre, NOVIB is much closer to the so-called sharp end of development. However, my experience at NOVIB has high-lighted other problems. There is for instance a real problem of aid agencies becoming self-serving. At a certain point they employ so many people and have made such large investments in their administration, that they have to continue to fund more and

more projects to obtain their overhead fees. This happens, while the ultimate aim of a development agency should be to cease to exist! A second major problem is assessing the effectiveness of aid. NOVIB is so overstretched, that it spends far too little time on monitoring and evaluating projects. This way it learns too little from past successes and failures. There is clearly much room for improvement

My contribution to the first newsletter has become long enough. A little cynicism is already showing up, I guess. The bottom line is that I have many questions about this kind of work. I have not yet figured out what work 'development people' should be doing or whether they should do any at all. However, I am keen to start my JPO job and to get some practical experience. (Even if it is at the UN level.) The first aim is to remain critical and selfcritical and never to stop asking questions. And then we'll see! A year from now the tone of my newsletter contribution maybe very different. If you have any reactions or even if you don't, I would be happy to hear from all of you ex-MP10s.■

Furthest away from home, but a regular IDS correspondent, **Luc SPYCKERELLE** is working (until October 1990) on a master plan and project proposal for the expansion of the water supply in Palu. **Indonesia**

No news from Elmar BARR (Action Aid?) Chandran BARTLETT, Hong GANG (returned to China). Fernando JUAREZ (who returned to his previous employment with the Mexican state oil company) and Heather NEUN

MP11 (1986-88)

co-directed by Martin Greeley and Raphie Kaplinsky

Razia AZIZ, Joanna CHATAWAY, Wayne FOORD, and Kay SHARP worked as research assistants at IDS for various periods Razia is working in London for a legal collective Rights of Women and starting a part-time DPhil at Sussex on race, gender and class: Joanna joined the Open University where she is re-vamping their Development

Studies Unit and developing teaching materials on biotechnology. She is proposing to do a doctorate in the same subject area; Wayne is working in Brent Council Community Relations Department, Kay is in Sudan for the next 2-3 years working on agricultural planning and food security. Mary DELANEY also worked briefly for Hans Singer before Christmas

1989; we are not sure what she is doing now.

In the academic sphere: **Gerardo BRACHO** is working on his PhD at St. Antony's College, **Oxford** (with **Tarlq TELL (MP10)**) as is **Edmundo MAGALHAES** at DPU, **London** University, since October 1988 **Janide SILVA** is also thought to be working on a doctorate (no address).

Diane HENDRICK is lecturing on a Peace Studies in Development course at the Centre for Peace Studies in Dublin, Ireland and Avril JOFFE is lecturing in sociology at Witwatersrand University, South Africa and planning to do a doctorate

Meanwhile development practitioners are: Antonia BOWRING



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who was a research officer with the Canadian Parliament and is now with the World Bank working on the autoparts industry: Jerker EDSTROM who was in Srl Lanka and then with the UN Department of International Economic and Social Affairs where he wrote up the findings of a four country study on population planning and development planning: he and Marisa are now married and expecting a baby in the autumn: Liisa LAAKSONEN who is working with UNIFEM and based in Mexico City for two years from early 1989; Aya OKADA who has been working in the Philippines with the UN Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and was appointed Assistant Planning Officer with UNICEF New York from November 1989 where she has been working on the database for measuring progress at the country level towards UNICEF's goals and strategies for children in the 1990s She joined Darlene TYMO who joined UNICEF during 1988 and worked with Richard Jolly for four months last year before going to Laos with UNHCR: Ann O'NEILL who is on an ODI Fellowship working as a Planning Officer at the Ministry of Health in Botswana. Charles Harvey sees her frequently. Ann hopes to return to Ireland in the autumn.

Jason PALOCAREN returned to his job with CHAD Hospital in Tamil Nadu, India. Jagath SENARATNE married Sonali in mid-89 and is now in the Netherlands writing up as a book his earlier work on militarism in Sri Lanka Fawzia AHMED worked with War on Want before returning to Pakistan. Geng SU NING completed her Sussex MA in International Economics and has returned to China. (no address).

Ricardo TORRES is planning to work with Martin Greeley on a joint biotechnology research project between the Colombian government and IDS. We are sorry to report that Andrea MICOCCI lost his leg in a farming accident last summer; he works with FAO in Rome. Oscar CETRANGOLO returned home to Argentina (to work with the government), as did Embert CHARLES (back home in St. Lucia), Marco URGARTE DIAZ (Peru), Simon NZARAMBA (Uganda), and Amanda LORIO (Nicaragua)

No news of Mark PRIESTLEY, last heard of in Washington DC, or Janet WILLIAMSON who took a media course (working with videos).

MP12 (1987-89)

o directed by Stephany Griffithlones and John Humphrey

MP12 seem to be a positive hive of multivity: working, studying, marrying and having babies all around the world.

Mathrin BRUCHMANN has been working for the Hypo-Bank in

Munich, **West Germany** since lanuary 1990, first as an economist and now on the bank's internal training programme; **Monica von KOSCHITZKY** passed through IDS recently, she is working for DED – the institution for training German aid personnel in **Berlin** Also in Europe, **Theodore PELAGIDIS**, works as a research assistant at the University of Thessaloniki, **Greece**

Kethan GORDHAN has just done a two week course at the London Business School, but is mainly conducting independent research in South Africa on economic issues for the trade union movement as part of a labour and economic research project

John GUSTAVESON is married and is working as consultant in Seoul, Korea Julio HERNANDEZ is back in Nicaragua (see p. 10); Machiko and Tomoo HOZUMI should now be in Bhutan with their new baby. Tomoo is with UNICEF for two years. Cathy HURST is employed by the US State Department



Congratulations to Kate MEAGHER who has been in Northern Nigerla since January and marries Raufu MUSTAPHA in August; Kate plans to work at a rural development college in Zaria; meanwhile Bolaji OGUNSEYE is working at the International Institute of Environment and Development in London, he and his wife expect their second child in September.

John MALUDA is pursuing his PhD at Manchester University, but is back in Malaysla from the middle of this year; while Vassilis PAPAGEORGIOU has been pursuing his doctorate in the School of European Studies at Sussex, since February.

Juma OKUKU has returned to his position as lecturer in political science at Makerere University, Uganda

Andres MARINAKIS is working for UNCTAD in Geneva, where Ricardo LAGOS spent three months working for ILO last autumn and expected to return there this January. He writes to Mick Moore Regarding your reference to the meagre attendance of my MPhil to IDS discos I must tell you that I attended all of them until late. Proof of this is the fact that several times I ended speaking with the essential element of IDS discos (the mythological Ludovico (MP6)) about the world, the people and, of course, his thesis'

No recent news of Suzanne
BAUSTAADT, Julio GODOY,
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We are deeply saddened to record the deaths of Juliet TAN (MP11)

Bernard MARAMWID7F (DPhil student)

Bernard MARAMWIDZE (DPhil student) both in 1987:

Newton GUNASINGHE (Sussex DPhil) in 1989; and Patrick MBULO (MP6) in 1990

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Do those who have been through the traumatic 'DPhil experience' have features in common? Are you 'marked for life?

Certainly those who never managed to sever the umbilical cord and chose to remain at (or return to) IDS, seem to share certain characteristics: a tendency as part of the IDS teaching hierarchy to extract their revenge (for experiences suffered) on successive waves of students: John HUMPHREY (DPhil77) returned to IDS in 1987 after a period at Liverpool University and is now co-Chair of Teaching, John and Sheila recently had a baby girl, Eleanor, John joined the four other distinguished IDS alumni Hubert SCHMITZ (MP1/DPhil80) now co-Chair of Teaching. Mick MOORE (DPhil80/81 and ex-co-Chair),

Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil80 81) and Martin GREELEY (DPhil85) co-directors of MP11. Some of these are also noted for the relish with which they implement the new 'finish your doctorate as quickly as possible or else' policy.

An inclination to teach is certainly a characteristic of ex-DPhils and it would be nice to think that the many who have gone forth to teach around the world were imbued with some common, identifiable IDS stamp still on campus **Keith LEWIN (DPhil80/81)** teaches in the EDB and **Luc SOETE (DPhil78/79)** was working until recently at the Science Policy Research Unit and is now at the Rigaksuniversiteit Limburg in Maastricht, **Netherlands**

Scattered around the UK are Frank ELLIS (DPhil78/79) lecturing at the School of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia where Ruth PEARSON (DPhil81) also works, on gender relations in the context of Central and Latin America Mammo MUCHIE (DPh1187) based at Middlesex Polytechnic but taking a sabbatical as Associate Professor at a college the USA Richard BATLEY (DPhil80/81) and Michael HUBBARD (DPhil83) both teaching in the Development Assistance Group at the University of Birmingham Maureen MACKINTOSH (DPhil80/81) senior lecturer in economics at Kingston Polytechnic. London: Parvin ALAZIDEH (DPhil84), undertaking consultancies for UNCTAD and teaching economics at the University of Kent where Jonathan KYDD (DPhil85) also teaches - in the Department of Agricultural Economics of Wye College: and Tom HEWITT (MP7/DPhil88), at the Open University Sumit ROY (DPhil80/81) is still in Brighton and visits IDS regularly

Overseas alumni/alumnae are scattered widely or in some places clustered thickly in Srl Lanka we have Wijekoon TILAKARATNE (DPhil80/81) teaching in the Department of Economics, University of Peradeniya Jayantha PERERA (DPhil81) working for Development Alternatives Inc. but currently (90-91) a Visiting Fellow at the Refugee Studies Centre, QEH, Oxford Upananda VIDANAPATHIRANA

(MP4/DPhil85), heading the Industry section, Research Department. Central Bank of Sri Lanka, where N. L. SIRISENA (DPhil74) – the earliest DPhil of whom we have news – and H. RANDENI (DPhil78) also work Raneela COOMARASWAMY (DPhil89) was a Visiting Fellow at IDS in 1990 and now lives in London

In Bangladesh we have Alimur RAHMAN (DPhil78): Mohammed ASADUZZAMAN (DPhil79/80); Mahmud al ALAM (DPhil82) and Raisul MAHMOOD (DPhil84) continue their careers in BIDS Amin Muhammed ALI (DPhil87); Sujjad HUSSAIN (MPhil82)

Of the Chilean group Emanuel de Kadt sees Blas TOMIC (MP1/DPhil78) who was with the Development Bank and is now in the private sector; and - on a plane en route for Chile in March -Pancho VIO (DPhil79/80) who is president of the International Association of Adult/Further Education: also in Chile in March he saw Guillermo WORMALD (MP2/ DPhil87) at Osvaldo Sunkel's son s wedding He is also in touch with Gabriel (João) TEIXEIRA (DPhil83) who teaches in the Department of Sociology at the University of Angelica GIMPEL (DPhil89) has just returned home

Of the South African contingent, Raphie Kaplinsky reports that Dave Kaplan (DPhil78) (head of the Department of Economic History at the University of Cape Town) and Mike MORRIS (DPhil81) (researching at the University of Natal) together with Doug HINDSON (MP1/DPhil83) are key members of the Economic Trends Group providing analytical support for COSATU. Duncan INNES (DPhil80/81) is at the University of Witswaterand: Dan O'MEARA (DPhil78/79) is lecturing at the University of Montreal in Quebec: Martin FRANSMAN (DPhil78/79) is director of JETS, a major British research initiative on Japan. They are being joined by returning MPhils-NGOASHENG (MP13) planning to work for the trade union movement as well as working for the ANC's department of economics and planning: Kethan GORDHAN (MP12), undertaking independent research on economic issues for the trade union movement; and Avril JOFFE (MPII) at the University of Witswaterand.

In Sudan Richard LONGHURST (DPhil80/81) is completing his term as Ford Foundation representative and returning to the UK with wife Judy and two children: Layla SIMSAA (MP5/DPhil88) is back working at the University of Khartoum and Mohammed DIAB (MP5/DPhil89) is at the ESRC. No recent news of Khalid AFFAN (DPhil82) or Ibrahim IBRAHIM (DPhil88).



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Also in Africa, Nuhu YAQUB (DPhil89) wrote in March to say that he was hospitalised shortly after his return to Nigeria, but was now recovering and back at work at Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto Pau! BENNELL (DPhil83) is married to Nicola Swainson and teaching in the Department of Economics at the University of Zimbabwe. Jude HOWELL (MP9/ DPhil89) is working for 6 months at the Eduardo Mondlane University in Mozamblque before taking up an appointment with the University of East Anglia in the autumn.

Teaching elsewhere around the world are Liz PARSAN (DPhil88) who keeps in touch with Hans Singer and is back at UWI (Trinidad & Tobago) involved in a regional project on the future prospects for Latin American-Caribbean trade. Pilwa CHANG-MICHELL (DPhil88) who teaches at Ewha Women's University. Seoul, Korea; Wadan NARSEY (DPhil88) Senior Lecturer and Acting Head of the Department of Economics at the University of the South Pacific, Fiji

Involved in world-wide operational activities are

John WYETH (DPhil78/79), working as an agricultural economist in Indonesia; Nigel BROOKE (DPhil79/80), still in the Minas Gerais. Brazil; Jamil SALMI (DPhil81) rising rapidly in the World Bank, until recently in the Europe. Middle East and North Africa Dept; he was recently joined at the Bank by Lorl Ann THRUPP (DPhil89).

Philip MAXWELL (DPhil81) is actively engaged running his father's newspaper empire. Jonathan UNGER (DPhil78) and married to Anita CHAN (DPhil80/81) is Director of the Contemporary China Centre, ANU, Canberra where Clive HAMILTON (DPhil84) was also working (for the Centre for Development Studies) and is now thought to be working for the Australian government. Jiang-Jang GUO (DPhil88) is an IDS research officer currently working on an ESRC-funded IDS project in **Talwan**. Finally, in Europe, Kimmo KILJUNEN (MP2/DPhil85) Director of the Institute of Development Studies in Helsinki and a leading luminary of EADI (the European Association of Development Institutes) where he has worked closely with Emanuel de Kadt in the Executive Committee: he and Marja-Liisa returned to Finland in 1980 with their two sons and two daughters and Marja works in WIDER: Richard LUEDDE-NEURATH (MP3/DPhil84) is working in accountancy/consultancy in Germany and Ahmad JAYAZERI (MP4/DPhil86) is working with

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Ionn Humphrey	UK
1978	
R Berry	UK
Dave Kaplan	Zimbabwe
Alimur Rahman (MP1)	Bangladesh
A. Randeni	Sri Lanka
M. Somarriba	Brazil
B Tomic (MPI)	Chile
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P West	UK

1977

I. O'Brien

1978/1979	
Roger Churnside-Harrison	Costa Rica
Frank Ellis	UK
Martin Fransman	South Africa
D. H. Kortright Davis	Antigua
Alan Middleton	UK
Dan O'Meara	South Africa
Luc Soete	Belgium
John Wyeth	111

1979/1980	
Mohammed Asaduzzaman	Bangladesh
Nigel Brooke	UK
Fawreya Issa	Egypt
Ethlyn Prince	Guyana
Hubert Schmitz (MP1)	W. Germany
Francisco Vio	Chile

1980/81

Syed Ahmad	Pakistan
Richard Batley	UK/Hong Kong
Anita Chan	UK Hong Kong
Gonzalo Falabella	Chile
Duncan Innes	South Africa
Raphie Kaplinsky	UK
Keith Lewin	UK
Richard Longhurst	UK
Patrick Low	UK
Maureen Mackintosh	UK
Mick Moore	UK
Francis Perkins	Australia
Sumit Roy	India
John Solomos	Cyprus
Wijekoon Tilakaratne	Sri Lanka

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Jayantha Perera	Sri Lanka
Jamil Salmi	Morocco
lumanne Wagao	Tanzania
Michael Morris	South Africa
Ruth Pearson	UK
Layth Raouf	Iraq
Philip Maxwell	UK
1982	
Khalid Affan	Sudan

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Mahmud al Alam	Bangladesh
Enrique Bautista- Villegas	Mexico
Sujjad Hussain*	Bangladesh
Bhanwar Singh (MP1)	India
*MPhil by research	

Paul Bennell	UK
Douglas Hindson (MPT)	South Africa
Michael Hubbard	UK
Shahida Lateef	India
Hasa Mlawa	Tanzania
Eoin O'Malley (MP3)	Ireland
David Okwudili	Nigeria
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1983

Curt Unger

1984	
Richard Bryan	Australia
Hock-Beng Cheah (MP3)	Singapore
Parvin Alizadeh	Iran
Clive Hamilton	Australia
Richard Luedde-Neurath (MP3)	W Germany
Raisul Mahmood	Bangladesh
Ennio Rodriguez (MP3)	Costa Rica

1985	
Yasanuri Baba	łapan
Kwasi Boakye	Ghana
Martin Greeley	UK
Kimmo Kiljunen (MP2)	Finland
Ionathan Kydd	UK
Upananda Vidanapathirana (MP4)	Sri Lanka

1986	
Ahmad lazayeri (MP4)	Iran
1987	
Amin Muhammed Ali	Bangladesh
Daniel Baku	Ghana
Charles Fortin	Brazil
Hassan Hakimian (MP3)	Iran
Haleen Lone	UK
Mammo Muchie (MP4)	Ethiopia
Halim Bin Salleh	Malaysia
James Thornley	UK

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Guillermo Wormald (MP2)

Roger Zetter

1988	
Hacer Ansal	Turkey
Pilwha Chang-Michell	Korea
Jorge Giordani	Venezuela
liann-lang Guo	Taiwan
Tom Hewitt (MP7),	UK
Ibrahim Elnur Ibrahim	Sudan
Grigoris Kafkalas	Greece
Antigone Lyberaki (MP7)	Greece
Moazam Mahmood (MP5)	Pakistan
Cressida McKean	USA
Wadan Narsey	Fiji
Elizabeth Parsan	Trinidad
Layla Simsaa (MP5)	Sudan
Akio Takahara (MP6)	lapan

1989	
Raneela Coomaraswamy	Sri Lanka
Mohammed Diab (MP5)	Sudan
Angelica Gimpel	Chile
lude Howell (MP9)	UK
Edwin Irizarry Mora	Puerto Rico
Susan Jacobs	USA
Azfar Khan (MP7)	Pakistan/Canada
Gabriel Palma	Chile
Mahmoud Shabandar	Iraq
Lori-Ann Thrupp (MP6)	USA
Ariane van Buren	USA
Nuhu Yaqub	Nigeria
Marta Zabaleta	Argentina

1990	
Raul Monteforte	Mexico
Henrique Rollemberg	Brazil
lim Tarrant	USA
Taffere Tesfachew	Ethiopia

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News of the newly graduating MP13 (1988-1990) co-directed by Charles Harvey and Gordon White and MA3 (1989-90) co-directed by Hilary Standing and Pepe Roberts is hard to come by, but from MP13 congratulations are due to Hisaaki MITSUI marrying Renata in Warsaw on 8 September and Miguel NEVES marrying Rosa in Portugal on 29 September. Robin MEARNS is now Research Fellow at IDS working on the environmental aspects of rural development Liz CARTY's message is visit me!

From MA3 Fawzia HAMOUR returns to the Development Studies and Research Centre at the University of Khartoum where she plans to take part in the establishment of a Women's Studies Centre. Vera QUAYE (née ARYEE) returns to her job as senior Research Officer at the National Council on Women and Development in Accra, Ghana. Teresa HANLEY, after a month's holiday in Thailand starts work in mid-September as Project Officer with Medical Aid for Palestine, based in London.

Bernardo MENDEZ LUGO (MP4) sends greetings and a warm welcome in Mexico City to all colleagues and teaching staff passing through; he's still working at the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana but is about to join the Mexican Foreign Office; he is married to **Christine** who is French and works for the French Embassy and they have two children: **Adrian** almost six and **Jonas** (three months); their home phone no. is 5366707.

Newly returned **DPhil Jim TARRANT** (**DPhil90**) writes to say that he is working as a freelance environmental consultant and currently has short-term consultancies with the World Resources Institute and USAID. I. **Cissy WALLACE** (MP8) and **Lori-Ann Thrupp** (**DPhil89**) are setting up an **IDSalumni Association DC Chapter** soon!

Alison CHAPMAN well known to so many former students hopes you will keep in touch with her at: Saltire House, Ripe, nr. Lewes, East Sussex BN8 6AX.

Hong GANG (MP10) is missing Sussex but enjoying being home in **China** and working for the China Venturetech International Investment Corporation in Beijing.

Edwin IRIZARRY MORA (DPhil89) writes to say that 'all my affairs personal and professional, are all right. At the moment I am the Director of the Economics Department at the University of Puerto Rico... also teaching... and doing some private consultancy'. His family (wife **Elisa** and two children) are happy to be home but 'miss a lot the IDS, Sussex and England in general. We all agree that our best years were spent at the IDS'.

Sheila Burgess, still offering a warm welcome to old and new students says. 'Hello, how nice to be able to talk to you all at once!! have been at IDS for every MPhil round and still hear from lots of you. My greetings to you all and your families'.



