

NOTE

An International Working Group for the study of Social and Behavioral Aspects of Disasters was established at a meeting of disaster researchers in Uppsala, Sweden in August 1978. This Group is seen as an initial step towards the development of some more formal association in the future. At present, however, the Group is visualized as existing primarily for the purpose of establishing more systematic linkages and communication between the students around the world interested in social and behavioral aspects of disasters.

The primary means of communication to be used by the Group will be *Unscheduled Events*, the quarterly newsletter of the Disaster Research Center at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 43210, U.S.A. *Unscheduled Events* will be the newsletter of the Group through the end of 1979 at least. *Unscheduled Events* will carry announcements of research, publications produced, meetings planned, and other information especially relevant to an international network of disaster students around the world.

Information for *Unscheduled Events* will be provided by liaison persons in the different countries in which there currently are continuing studies on the social and behavioral aspects of disasters. The following persons (or their designated representative) will be the disaster study liaison person in the indicated country.

Australia	Roger Wettenhall
Belgium	Michel LeChat
Canada	Burke Stannard
France	Charles Chandessais
Great Britain	John Seaman
Holland	Uriel Rosenthal
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Japan	Kitao Abe
New Zealand	Arnold Parr
Sweden	Jan Trost
West Germany	Stephan Metreveli
United States	E.L. Quarantelli (newsletter coordinator)

The first issue of the newsletter for the Group (to be dated the December 1978 issue) will be sent to all those on the current *Unscheduled Events* mailing list that the newsletter coordinator believes might be interested in the new group. In that first issue of the newsletter, a notice will be inserted which allow all persons receiving the newsletter to indicate whether they wish to be thought of as members of the International Working Group for the Study of Social and Behavioral Aspects of Disasters. Other persons can become members of the Working Group by notifying the liaison persons in their own countries or the newsletter coordinator.