

# PLANNERS NETWORK

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**PN MEMBER SERVICES:** The response to our ad for *Critical Perspectives on Housing*, at a discount, was extremely gratifying. Over 75 copies (including those for course adoption) were ordered. The ad brought the Network some income, helped get the book out, and apparently was a benefit to members.

This raises a question of whether PN ought to be providing more of these and other related services to its members. Should we make similar arrangements with publishers of other books by PN members? Would planning-related tours be something to explore? What do you think of such ideas, and what other ideas do you have?

**FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT:** Contributors and contributions seemed to drop off remarkably after the October newsletter. Since October, 27 Networkers contributed \$496. Our thanks to these stalwarts. And our urgent pleas to others for continued support. One thought: You might include some "Member Update" news with your check.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AFAR:** This is a note about financial contributions from members living outside the United States. We'd like to repeat an earlier request that funds sent to PN

by people living outside the U.S. please be in a form that will not result in a service charge of \$15 being levied by our bank (and by all U.S. banks now). U.S. cash is acceptable, of course, and so is any check or money order that has an American Banking Association identification code for a U.S. financial institution (e.g., 3-4077/156, usually in the upper right corner of the check). If a check/money order does not have such a code number, which permits computerized processing through check-clearance mechanisms, a service charge is levied by the collecting bank. Our practice is to return un-coded checks to the maker, and to request one that will not eat up all (or a large part) of the contribution. This is a pain for everyone, and we can all avoid it by using what banks now regard as an acceptable instrument for the costless transfer of funds. So: Please look for that identification code fraction. If it's there, you're golden; if it's missing, we'll be in touch.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Chester Hartman's book, *The Transformation of San Francisco* (Rowman & Allanheld, 1984), has just won the Paul Davidoff Award, given by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

## The Planners Network

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic system.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We oppose the economic structure of our society, which values profit and property rights over human rights and needs. This system perpetuates the inequalities of class, race, sex and age which distort human relationships and limit the potential for a decent quality of life. We advocate a shift in current national budgetary priorities to favor human services, social production and environmental protection over military and other nonproductive expenditures.

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.

The Planners Network Newsletter is published six times a year as the principal means of communication among Network members. Annual financial contributions are voluntary, but we need funds for operating expenses. The Steering Committee has recommended the following amounts as minimums for Network members: \$10 for

students and unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of \$20 plus \$1 for each \$1,000 earned above \$10,000.

Members of the Steering Committee: Chester Hartman, DC, Chair; Emily Achtenberg, Boston; Eve Bach, Berkeley; Bob Beau regard, New Brunswick, NJ; Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; William Goldsmith, Ithaca; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joochul Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, Buffalo; Jacqueline Leavitt, LA; Peter Marcuse, NYC; Jackie Pope, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Tony Schuman, NYC; Andree Tremoulet, Pittsfield.

Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsher.

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# Passing the Word

□ DEVELOPMENT INTERNS: Applications for 1987-88 community economic development internships are now available from the Development Training Institute, 518 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201, 301/727-5161. Contact: Susan Williams or Jeff Nugent. Applications deadline is February 27.

□ ECOLOGICAL INSTITUTE: The Elmwood Institute (Box 5805, Berkeley, CA 94705, 415/848-1127) works to foster a shift from a mechanistic, patriarchal, industrial society to a post-industrial society, subscribing to an ecological, holistic, world view. It sponsors symposia, and publishes a quarterly newsletter and special reports.

□ DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: "Towards a National Strategy for Community Economic Development" was the title of an address by Council on Foundations President Jim Joseph at a mid-year conference of the National Congress for Community Economic Development. For copies: NCCED, 2025 Eye St. N.W. #901, Washington, DC 20006, 202/659-8411.

□ ORGANIZING MANUALS: The Center for Community Organizing (c/o Community Service Society, 105 E. 22nd St. #401, New York, NY 10010, 212/614-5371) has issued four "how-to" manuals: *Introduction to Organizing*, *Power Analysis and Research*, *Selecting an Issue and Strategy*, and *Leadership Development*. Contact: Roger Hayes.

□ POVERTY REPORT: *How the Poor Would Remedy Poverty* is a 39-page report on interviews and surveys of poor families on jobs, welfare, food stamps, etc. Copies are \$7, from: Coalition on Human Needs, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20007, 202/342-0726.

□ GM's SATURN PLANT: Early analyses of the impact of GM's Saturn plant in rural Spring Hill, Tenn., are beginning to emerge. One is featured in the October/November *Southern Changes* (\$1.50), from Southern Neighborhoods Network, Box 121133, Nashville, TN 37212, 615/320-5757. Another is *Lessons for Public Officials from Saturn's Recruitment to Middle Tennessee* (\$1.50), also from SNN. A case study is available from the Rural Coalition, 2001 S St. N.W. #500, Wash. DC 20009, 202/483-1500.

□ MEMBER UPDATE: Jon Pynoos (Andrus Gerontology Center, University Park, MC0191, Los Angeles, CA 90089, 213/743-6060) has been promoted to Associate Professor of Gerontology and Urban Planning at the Univ. of Southern California. He has also completed a book, *Breaking the Rules: Bureaucracy and Reform in Public Housing* (Plenum Press).

□ SOUTH AFRICA FILMS: Third World Newsreel (335 W. 38th St. 5th Fl., New York, NY 10018, 212/947-9277) has a brochure of films and videos for rent and sale on South Africa and Namibia. Some titles: *Generations of Resistance*, *Nelson Mandela*, and *Namibia: Independence Now*.

□ MEMBER UPDATE: From Donna Bird (37-A Smith Rd., Mechanicsville, NY 12118): I traveled from Albany to the Midwest this summer, and then came back and picked up the pieces of my job at the local health systems agency. That's been a

strange scene, with the repeal of federal health planning legislation.

At the end of August, I began coordinating for Action Linkage development of a knowledge system on change in the health care system, and in our concepts of healing. Action Linkage is an international organization of people committed to facilitating positive social and cultural change. Write me for Action Linkage contacts and publications.

□ CDF PUBLICATIONS: The Children's Defense Fund (122 C St. N.W., Wash. DC 20001, 202/628-8787) has a 14-page publications list of resources and sales items. Its all-time best seller, *A Children's Defense Budget: An Analysis of the Federal Budget and Children*, is an annual review of White House budget proposals.

□ INTERNATIONAL STUDIES: Cornell offers a graduate program on International Studies in Planning, designed to meet the specific needs of persons wanting to work in professions related to development planning in the third world. Details: Porus D. Olpadwala, Director, Program on International Studies in Planning, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853, 607/255-6852.

□ NETWORKING: The Networking Institute (296 Newton St. #350, Waltham, MA 02154, 617/891-4727) offers publications, computer-based systems, and seminars on networking, as part of its research and consulting operations. Annual membership are \$75.

□ HOMELESSNESS: *Right to Housing Report* is a newsletter from the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing, 1047 Amsterdam Ave., New York, NY 10025, 212/316-3171. It identifies important issues of concern to people of faith committed to establishing just and equitable housing policy in New York City. Annual donation is \$15.

□ MONTREAL ELECTIONS: From PN Member Andy Melamed (494 Victoria Ave., Montreal, Quebec H3Y 2R4): Euphoria reigns for progressives in Montreal. Election results exceeded all expectations, as the Montreal Citizens Movement took 55 of the 58 City Council seats as well as the Mayorality (Jean Dore, a 41-year-old labor lawyer). All 15 of the MCM's women candidates were elected to City Council. A referendum to make Montreal a nuclear-free zone is high on the agenda. It's the least expensive promise to fulfill. Hopefully it will pass as easily as the election victory. (*For background, PN #59, p. 8.*)

□ PUBLIC HOUSING: *Public Housing Today* is a 40-page report from the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (7 Marshall St., Boston, MA 02108, 617/742-0820). It is a helpful resource on the 1.3 million public housing units for low-income families and elderly in more than 2,500 communities.

□ TOURISM DEVELOPMENT: From PN Member Maria Varela (Box 7505, Albuquerque, NM 87194): Ganados del Valle, an agricultural development corporation in northern New Mexico, is developing a research project to assess the impact of the down hill ski resort industry in Taos on structural poverty in Taos Valley. We are interested in studies on economic effects of capital-intensive tourist development on local unemployment rates, per capita income and/or income distribution. We are also  
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# PN Conference Proposes Initiatives for National Agenda

Some 600 persons filled the National 4-H Center outside Washington, D.C., for the December 12-14 conference, "Housing and Economic Development: State Local and Grassroots Initiatives," sponsored by Planners Network and a dozen other national organizations.

As part of the conference, first steps were taken towards developing a national agenda on housing and economic development, with specific initiatives at the federal, state, local, and grassroots levels.

Throughout the conference, spontaneous regional and issue-based caucuses gathered, including a meeting of some 50 Networkers.

The four plenary sessions and 40 workshops were organized around four themes: "Why We're Here Together," "Organizing for Community Control," "New Windows of Opportunity," and "Where We Go from Here."

Plenary speakers were Gar Alperovitz, President of the National Center for Economic Alternatives, Washington, D.C.; Elena Hanggi, National President of ACORN; Mayor Raymond Flynn of Boston; and New York City Councillor Ruth Messinger.

In the opening plenary, Gar Alperovitz placed current housing and economic development efforts in the historical context of the federal government's changing role and spoke to the prospects for gains in the post-Reagan era. Related follow-up workshops covered such issues as the changing role of community-based organizations, minority perspectives on housing and economic development, and shared issues, problems and perspectives in housing and economic development.

In the Saturday morning plenary, Elena Hanggi emphasized the value of direct action and the importance of people relying on their own skills rather than entrusting themselves to professionals. A range of related workshops then dealt with such community organizing topics as tenant management and ownership of subsidized housing, preventing displacement, housing as a right, employee ownership and plant closings, rent control, and organizing around rural housing and economic

development issues.

On Saturday afternoon, Mayor Raymond Flynn talked of Boston's accomplishments and related them to the need for national support for local housing and economic development efforts. Workshops that followed dealt with such topics as limited-equity co-ops, homeownership opportunities, homelessness, women's economic development, business incubators, Native American economic development, and public/private partnerships.

The final session, on Sunday morning, heard Ruth Messinger give an inspiring look at the future and its possibilities for our work, ending with the fine phrase: "Remember, it's not rebels who make trouble, but troubles that make rebels." Workshops dealt with such issues as new political alliances, models from progressive cities, redefining the business climate, and the future of subsidized housing.

Throughout, Planners Network played a key role in the conference and its planning. Network Chair Chester Hartman gave the conference welcoming speech; and lots of Networkers organized, led, and were resource people for the workshops: Eve Bach, Bill Peterman,

### PN Special Feature

In its Special Feature, *Planners Network* presents thoughtful, provocative writing about substantive concerns and issues in the planning professions. Essays typically highlight a single issue, and illuminate it with examples and insights.

The Special Feature editor is Bob Beauregard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201/932-4053; 932-3822).

Networkers wishing to contribute a Special Feature essay or commentary should contact him.

We are grateful for Networkers' support of this feature, and encourage continued ideas, suggestions, commentary, and dialogue.

Michael Stone, Peter Marcuse, Judy Kossy, Bonnie Brower, Jim Carras, Bob Kolodny, John Atlas, Al Heskin, Brian Sullivan, Herb Levy, Conrad Levenson, Rick Surpin, Yale Rabin, Peter Dreier, Pierre Clavel, and others. Prentice Bowsher, our Newsletter Editor, along with Susan Herrera, were conference staff.

To carry out the conference goal of developing a national agenda on housing and economic development, each workshop brainstormed suggestions, appropriate to the workshop's topic, for federal, state, local, and grassroots level initiatives.

In January, the Conference Planning Committee (representing the 13 sponsoring organizations) will meet to review the workshops suggestions. The Committee will then begin the process of formulating the suggestions into a preliminary draft agenda, to be circulated to conference participants for comments and further suggestions on content and appropriate political strategies. A revised document and associated action plan will then be distributed widely.

Members of the Conference Planning Committee are: Andy Mott, Center for Community Change; Amalio Madueno, Community Information Exchange; Bill Schweke and Meriwether Jones, Corporation for Enterprise Development; Moises Loza, Housing Assistance Council; and Chester Hartman, Institute for Policy Studies and Planners Network.

Also: Farley Peters and Jeff Tryens, National Center for Policy Alternatives; Martin Sloane, National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing; Bob Zdenek, National Congress for Community Economic Development; and Onka Dekker, National Federation of Housing Counsellors.

Also: Andrea Hill and Barry Zigas, National Low Income Housing Coalition/Low Income Housing Information Service; Bob Rapoza, National Rural Housing Coalition; and Woody Widrow, Shelterforce/National Housing Institute/National Tenants Union.

On Saturday evening, Architects and Planners in Support of Nicaragua presented slides and other materials on their work in building cooperative housing, providing building materials, and training construction workers in rural Nicaragua. They raised enough funds from conference participants to build

another house there. Folksinger and community organizer Si Kahn then led the group in union, civil rights and other songs.

All in all, it was a dynamite conference, with enormous energy and productive work. It also begins a process of building a national agenda and political action

program around housing and economic development, in which Planners Network likely will play a key role. We'll keep the entire Network posted on developments.

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interested in the effect on land tenure patterns, the agricultural economy, and use of water.

**DOWNTOWN:** The National Main Street Center, a special program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation (1785 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20036, 202/673-4219), is designed as a clearinghouse for information on downtown revitalization ideas across the country. A one-year membership is \$195.

**WOMEN/SOCIAL WORK:** *Women and Social Work* is a quarterly journal committed to the discussion and development of feminist values, theories, and knowledge as they relate to social work research, education, and practice. Subscriptions are \$25, to: Women and Social Work, c/o The Feminist Press, Box 334, Old Westbury, NY 11568.

**ARGENTINE PROJECT:** From PN Member Alejandro Rofman (Malabia St. 384 Apt. 18, 1414 Buenos Aires, Argentina): I am director of the Center for Urban and Regional Studies, and am working on a project sponsored by the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research on "Development Alternatives in the Argentine Regional Structure." It is concerned with new paths of development based on a participatory process, taking into account the economic crisis we are facing.

**HUMAN SERVICES:** *Augustus* is a highly readable and illustrated journal of progressive human services. A recent issue featured articles on de-institutionalization. Subscriptions are \$22 for individuals, from: National Center on Institutions and Alternatives, 814 N. Asaph St., Alexandria, VA 22314, 703/684-0373.

**U.S. INCOME STUDY:** *Declining American Incomes and Living Standards* is a 44-page report on a seminar by Frank Levy, Barry Bluestone, Lester Thurow, and Ralph Whitehead Jr. on income stagnation and its impact on families and households. For copies (and a related briefing paper, "Family Incomes in Trouble"): The Economic Policy Institute, 1424 16th St. N.W. #501, Wash. DC 20036, 202/667-0400.

**UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS in the New York Metropolitan Area** is a 292-page report on a five-year project to examine unapprehended, undocumented aliens, and to explore their social and labor market incorporation. It includes findings and policy implications. Copies are \$17.95, from: Center for Migration Studies, 209 Flagg Pl., Staten Island, NY 10304, 718/351-8800.

**HOMELESSNESS POLICY:** From Networker Susan Powers

(Assistant City Manager, Economic Development, 3400 S. Elati St., Englewood, CO 80110, 303/761-1140): I am also on the American Planning Association board; and as part of the APA legislative agenda-making process, I have prepared a draft, three-page Policy Implementation Principle on "What Should APA's Position Be Regarding Planning and Zoning Considerations in Housing for the Homeless." Please write for copies; I'm interested in comments.

**NYC COURSES:** The New School (66 W. 12th St., New York, NY 10011, 212/741-5690) offered a series of Fall courses on housing and neighborhood development. Topics included the homeless, neighborhood revitalization, and urban planning case studies. It's too late for this series, but you might check with The New School for future plans.

**NICARAGUA TRIP:** The fifth Nicaragua trip by Architects and Planners in Support of Nicaragua (Box 1151, Topanga, CA 90290, 213/455-1340) is scheduled January 7-17. Space limits the trip to 21 persons, with "architects" and "planners" very broadly defined. The schedule includes time in Managua and in the Matagalpa region. (*For a Network's report on the fourth trip, PN #60, p. 8.*)

**NON-MOTORIZED TRAVEL:** A diverse group of transportation and development specialists have formed the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (Box 5595, Wash. DC 20016) to be an assistance and advocacy organization to promote non-motorized transportation for basic travel needs in developing countries. Details: Networker Michael Replogle, 301/495-4703.

**HOUSING TRUST FUNDS:** Occasional updates on housing trust fund activities across the country are available from the Housing Trust Fund Project, 570 Shepard St., San Pedro, CA 90731. A recent update featured New York, Boston, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.

**LOAN FUND:** Preliminary steps are underway to establish a community development loan fund in the Washington, D.C., area to provide affordable financing and technical assistance to projects benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. Such funds seek loans and grants from socially responsible investors, and make loans to community-based enterprises. Details: Marie Grosso, Center for New Creation, 845 N. Lincoln St., Arlington, VA 22201, 703/528-1446.

**ZONING WATCH:** In Hartford, the Citizens' Research Education Network (32 Elm St., Hartford, CT 06106, 203/249-1416) is working on a study of zoning and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Its interest is in studies on zoning that have addressed any and all of the following: preservation of historic structures and neighborhoods, granting an over-abundance of use variances,

adequate monitoring and enforcement, decisions incompatible with a Comprehensive Development Plan, and reduction of residential units due to office conversion.

□ **RECREATION PLANNING:** A query from PN Member Dom Nozzi (Box 12125, Gainesville, FL 32604, 904/374-2269): I'm currently in the final stages of drafting the recreation/open space element for a moderately-sized and rapidly growing urban area. I'm looking for assistance in the areas of fine-tuning standards, enhancing an equitable provision of recreation for low-income areas, liability, innovative funding sources (such as impact fees), and facilitating public input.

□ **ECO-TOURISM:** From Networker Katharine Coit (42 rue du Moulin Vrt, 75014 Paris, France, 1/4543-5917): Next summer, I am organizing an unusual trip to Dominica in an effort to develop a form of tourism that combines the agreeable and the useful. It will include a week's cruise on a replica of a Colin Archer wooden sloop, hiking to hidden waterfalls, boiling lakes, through tropical rain forests, swimming on deserted beaches and the like. It will also encourage a new ecologically minded tourism, and give participants an introduction in the field to the development problems of less-developed countries. There will be discussions with local leaders, and visits to housing programs, farmers cooperatives, women's cooperatives, and different development projects. We may meet some of the last Caribe Indians, and other local farmers. Write or call for details.

□ **CIVIL RIGHTS FILM:** *You Got To Move* is a prize-winning, hard-nosed retrospective retelling of the Southern civil rights struggle, told by southern blacks and whites, and updated to deal with contemporary social problems. It is available for sale or rent in a variety of formats. Contact: First Run Features, 153 Waverly Pl., New York, NY 10014, 212/243-0600.

□ **HUNGER NETWORK:** The End Hunger Network (4221 Wilshire Blvd. #170, Los Angeles, CA 90010, 213/930-9203) needs leads for a video documentary on grassroots anti-hunger efforts, and also needs updates for its resource action handbook on international development, *Yes, We Can*.

□ **PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY:** The Public Philosophy Project (Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th St. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455, 612/625-5509) publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *American Commonwealth*, on its efforts to further the revitalization of public life and public participation in America. A recent issue ran 18 pages, and included articles/essay/notes on a range of topics, including community boards, the church and the public, American voluntarism, and citizenship and the community.

□ **SLIDE/TAPE SERIES:** World Microfilms Publications (62 Queen's Grove, London NW8 6ER, England) offers a range of English-language taped lectures by prominent authorities and related slides on architecture, planning, design, and related fields. Each lecture cassette and related slides is packaged separately. Prices are in the \$80-\$85 range. Detailed catalogues are available.

## Upcoming Conferences

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□ **ENVIRONMENTAL LAW:** The Environmental Law Institute (1616 P St. N.W., Wash. DC 20036) is sponsoring the 17th annual American Law Institute-American Bar Association Course of Study on Environmental Law, February 19-21 in Washington, D.C. Registration is \$375.

□ **CHILDREN:** The Child Welfare League of America (440 First St. N.W. #310, Wash. DC 20001) will sponsor a national conference March 17-20 in Washington, D.C., on "Children '87: Speak Out for Children." Registration is \$230 before February 13; \$245 afterward.

□ **SOCIALIST SCHOLARS:** The fifth annual Socialist Scholars' Conference will be held April 10-12 at Borough of Manhattan Community College in New York. The theme is "Against Domination: Race, Class, Gender, State." Details: R.L. Norman Jr., Dept. of Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center, 33 W. 42nd St., New York, NY 10036.

## Calls for Papers

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□ **STUDENT COMPETITION:** The Community Research and Development Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems is soliciting papers by graduate students in competition for the 1987 Roland L. Warren Prize for the best original work on a community issue. Deadline is January 15. Contact: Professor Nancy Kleniewski, Sociology Dept., State Univ. of New York, Geneseo, NY 14454, 716/245-5207.

□ **COMMUNITY ISSUES:** The Community Research and Development Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems invites papers for its session at the 1987 meetings in Chicago. Among prime topics: women and community organizing, homelessness, small towns' response to capital investment and disinvestment. Contact: Nancy Kleniewski, Sociology Dept., State Univ. of New York, Geneseo, NY 14454, 716/245-5207.

□ **CANADIAN STUDIES:** The University of Winnipeg's Institute of Urban Studies is seeking papers and suggestions for sessions for a February 1988 conference in Winnipeg on Canadian urban and housing studies. Topics might include housing, economic development, urban design, and social structure. Contact: Alan F.J. Artibise, Director, Institute of Urban Studies, Univ. of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2E9, 204/786-9409.

## Conference Reports

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□ **PEACE TAX:** Eighty persons from 12 countries, including the United States, attended the first international conference on individual conscience and taxation to support war. The conference was held in Tübingen, West Germany.

The three-day conference heard reports on national campaigns to re-channel military taxes for peacemaking, and explored the

potential for networking among campaigns.

Follow-up: National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, 2121 Decatur Pl. N.W., Wash. DC 20008, 202/483-3751.

**BIOTECH RESEARCH:** Tighter legislative and regulatory restrictions, and greatly increased public awareness of biotechnology research and development led an agenda for action at a Washington, D.C., conference on "Creating an Agenda for Biotechnology: Food, Health, and the Environment."

The conference was sponsored by the Committee for Responsible Genetics, 186-A South St., Boston, MA 02111, 617/423-0650. Attending were representatives of public interest and labor organizations, and scientists and academics.

A key conference consensus was that current regulation and law are inadequate to oversee the continued safe and socially responsible development of biotechnology research.

## Jobs

**PN REMINDER:** Some of the jobs we list may have application deadlines earlier than when you receive the Newsletter. But deadlines can be adjusted sometimes. So we urge you to phone first, if a number is listed, and check on the deadline schedule.

**SMALL-SCALE AGRICULTURE:** Ganados del Valle is an agricultural development corporation in northern New Mexico seeking a small-scale agricultural specialist with feasibility- and market-analysis skills to assist in determining the viability of agriculturally related enterprises suggested by the community. We are particularly interested in someone with experience in small-scale livestock projects (as livestock is our main agricultural product), who has had successful cross-cultural experiences in remote rural areas. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful. The position will be for 12-18 months. Must own a car, like chile, and not mind outhouses. Contact: Networker Maria Varela, Ganados del Valle, Box 7505, Albuquerque, NM 87194.

**FOUNDATION STAFF:** The Shalan Foundation (10 Lombard St. #250, San Francisco, CA 94111, 415/433-4545) is seeking senior experienced candidates for a new position, Media/Public Education Director. The position is to benefit both the foundation and its grantees. Salary is \$30,000-\$36,000. Contact: Catherine Lerza, Acting Director.

**UCLA TENURE TRACK:** The Urban Planning Program in the Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning at UCLA is searching for a tenure-track appointment at the Assistant Professor level in the field of Rural Development and Environmental Planning. Contact: Chair, Staffing Work Group, Urban Planning Program, GSAUP, Univ. of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** The Los Angeles Community Design Center (634 S. Spring St. #300, Los Angeles, CA 90014, 213/629-2702) is seeking experienced candidates for Executive Director of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corp. The West Hollywood Community Housing Corp. has been newly formed to rehabilitate and construct affordable low-income housing. Salary is \$28,000-\$30,000.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Old St. Mary's Housing Committee (660 California St., San Francisco, CA 94108, 415/398-0724) is seeking an experienced Executive Director for its housing counseling and tenant organizing activities. Salary is \$1,750-\$1,999 a month.

**CORNELL FACULTY:** The Department of City and Regional Planning in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning at Cornell is seeking candidates for two faculty positions: an assistant or associate professor to teach and conduct research in urban development; and an assistant or associate professor to teach and conduct research in urban and regional economics, regional science and regional planning. Contact: Search Committee DCRP, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853.

**HEALTH PLANNING:** The Office of Planning and Project Management of the New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services has openings from time to time for Planning Analysts. Preferred candidates have appropriate Masters Degrees and excellent written communication skills, as well as analytic capacity. An interest in health or mental health care issues is desirable. Salaries range from \$26,000 and up. Contact: John Kastan, Director, Office of Planning and Project Management, 93 Worth St. #1203, New York, NY 10013.

**FIELD REP:** The Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20007) is seeking an experienced field representative to provide on-site technical assistance to community organizations from Minnesota to the Pacific Northwest. Contact: Andy Mott, 202/342-0594.

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** The Federal Reserve Board is seeking a Community Affairs/Economic Development Specialist for its community affairs program. Responsibilities include advising banks on community development programs. Salary is \$31,000-\$37,000. Contact: Suzanne Crult, FRB Division of Personnel, 20th and C Sts. N.W., Wash. DC 20551.

**DIRECTOR:** A Berkeley, CDBG-funded, nonprofit housing corporation seeks an experienced director. The emphases are on assisting low-income residents to acquire properties and form cooperatives, on development of affordable housing, and on generating socially conscious private investment. Salary is \$25-

### PN Participation in Socialist Scholars' Conference

The fifth annual Socialist Scholars' Conference will be held April 10-12 at Borough of Manhattan Community College in New York. The theme will be "Against Domination: Race, Class, Gender, State."

As usual, the Planners Network has been invited to organize a panel. From past experience, it appears that the optimum format is either two presenters or one presenter with two discussants.

If any Networkers have suggestions for topics or speakers, please contact Nancy Kleniewski, Department of Sociology, SUNY-Geneseo, Geneseo, NY 14454, (716) 244-4328 or 245-5207/5335.

30,000. Send resume: Resources for Community Development, 1801 Delaware St., Berkeley, CA 94703, by January 19.

## Ex Conferences

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□ **TRANSPORTATION:** The National Association for Transportation Alternatives (c/o Don Bretthauer, Univ. of Kansas, Div. of Continuing Education, Shawnee Mission, KS 66207, 913/864-3968) sponsored a conference November 5-7 in Durango, CO, on rural, small, and specialized transit operations.

□ **BUILDING COMMUNITIES:** Community Architecture Information Services Ltd. (5 Dryden St. Convent Garden, London WC2E 9NW, England) organized an international conference November 27-28 in London on community architecture, planning, and design. The conference theme was "Building Communities."

## Etcetera

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□ **FEBRUARY PN DEADLINE:** The arrival deadline for copy for the February *Planners Network* is Monday, February 2 (Ground Hog Day). We're now back on our first-Monday schedule. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. Our thanks always to those who type their notes. It's a great help in production, and it reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

**Arrival deadline for #62 copy: Monday, February 2.**

□ **TALK UP PN:** Please don't be shy about sharing news of the Planners Network with others. Let them know about us. Probably the best outreach we have is when you educate and recruit your friends, co-workers, acquaintances, and others. We have a good, one-page introductory sheet, "The Planners Network—What It Is," which we can send you in any quantity you wish. "What It Is" includes a statement of our principles, a brief organizational history, a list of Steering Committee members (who also double as regional contacts) and the method for calculating contributions. If you wish, you can also send us a list of prospective Networkers, and we will contact them for you.

□ **PERSONAL UPDATES:** There are a number of short communications in this issue from Network members, letting us know about new jobs, projects, what's happening in their lives, etc. We encourage this. Sharing this kind of "where-I'm-at" information helps create a sense of community, provide contact, generate support, and generally act like the network we strive to be.

□ **ADDRESS CHANGES:** Many Networkers seem to move around a lot. When you do, please let us have your old address and zip code as well as your new ones. Names (like luggage) sometimes are identical, and we want to be sure we change the right address card. Moreover, our cards are maintained in zip code order (because that's the way the Post Office wants the mail); so if we don't have your old zip code, we can't find your old card; and we wind up paying postage for phantom recipients. So please help out and send both old and new addresses.

□ **"CALL" STATEMENT:** We have a one-page, broadside version of the "Call for Social Responsibility in the Planning and Building Professions," which appeared in PN #49. Copies are available on request. It makes a good addition to "The Planners Network—What It Is" in recruiting members.