

## Centenary of the Société de Statistique de Paris

The President of the Société de Statistique de Paris sent the following invitation to the President of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland requesting him, or a deputy on his behalf, to attend at the Centenary Celebrations of the foundation of the Société de Statistique de Paris.

17 Juillet 1961.

Monsieur le Président de  
Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland,  
Dublin.

Monsieur le Président,

La Société de Statistique de Paris va fêter cette année le 100ème anniversaire de sa fondation.

Cette célébration, qui coïncidera avec la 33ème session de l'Institut Internationale de Statistique à Paris, aura lieu le Vendredi 1<sup>er</sup> Septembre prochain, à 15 h. 30 au Centre des Conférences Internationales, 19, avenue Kléber, Paris (16<sup>e</sup>). Elle sera suivie d'une excursion en bateaux sur la Seine, à 20 h. 30. En raison des anciennes et très amicales relations qui existent entre nos deux Associations, j'ai l'honneur de vous inviter, au nom du Conseil de notre Société, à participer à cette manifestation.

Nous espérons très vivement qu'il vous sera possible de donner une suite favorable à notre demande. En cas d'empêchement, nous souhaitons vivement que vous voulez bien vous y faire représenter par un de vos Collègues venant participer au Congrès de l'Institut Internationale de Statistique.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'expression de mes sentiments très cordiaux.

(Sgd.) P. DEPOID,  
Secrétaire Général.

Mr. W. A. Honohan, President of our Society, being unable personally to attend, requested me to represent the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland as it happened that I would be in Paris at that time attending the 33rd Session of the International Statistical Institute (I.S.I.) in my capacity as a member of the Institute as well as the official Government delegate from Ireland. I beg to submit a brief Report on the Proceedings.

The Société de Statistique de Paris was founded in 1860. The

Commemoration of its Centenary was postponed for 2 years so that it might coincide with the Congress of the I.S.I. arranged for the Autumn of 1961. In anticipation of the reunion the *Société* issued a special publication *Paris in 1960*, consisting of 368 pages, in which the many diverse aspects of the Parisian Agglomeration (Paris et environs, an area almost similar to what is known in England as Greater London) were studied and analysed. Copies of this work were sent to each member of the I.S.I. and to the Central Statistics Offices of very many countries. The Reunion or Commemoration Meeting was held in the building where the I.S.I. were holding its Congress in the Special International Conferences Halls of the Ministry of External Affairs. The main hall has accommodation for 250 people but it was found to be totally inadequate for the large number of persons who arrived for the meeting.

The Proceedings were opened by the President (F. L. Closon) of the *Société*, who extended a welcome to all those present and referred to the foundation of the *Société* and the objects of the Meeting. He was followed by speeches from M. Boldrini, President of I.S.I. and M. Kendall, Professor, London School of Economics, who replied on behalf of the I.S.I. and the representatives of the many Statistical Societies, respectively. Afterwards the following three papers were read :

- R. Roy. Rôle de la Statistique dans l'élaboration des Concepts.
- J. Rueff. La Statistique, instrument de la Connaissance.
- A. Sauvy. Variations dans le temps, d'une population représentant plusieurs caractères: Application à la population active.

The text of these Communications will be published in the next issue of the *Journal of the Statistical Society of Paris*, which will appear towards the end of November.

The Commemoration Meeting terminated at 6 p.m.

That same evening, all the Congressionists and the members of their families who accompanied them were invited to "*une promenade sur la Seine*." The trip lasted some three hours. The excursion by boat enabled the Statisticians and their friends from many countries to enjoy an excellent social evening together.

It might be opportune to record here that the 33rd Session of the International Statistical Institute was held from 28 August to 7 September, 1961 at Paris. The Session was presided over by M. Boldrini (Italy), who was re-elected President for the coming two years. There were 443 participants of whom 161 were members of the Institute (I.S.I.) and 282 non-members. Many of the latter had been specially invited. Some 55 different countries were represented. A very large number of papers or communications were received for the Congress, but it was possible for only a

limited number to be read and discussed. However, all will appear in the Volumes, to be printed later, of the proceedings to be published by the office of the I.S.I. The next Session of the I.S.I. will be held at Ottawa, Canada, in 1963.

(Sgd.) STANLEY LYON.