

## News Items

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# Circle of Human Systems Management

### Attention HSM circle members!

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*Important!* Both the membership fee of \$ 15 and the subscription of \$ 20 must be forwarded directly to HSM Policy Coordinator, *not* to North-Holland Publishing Company. The address: Dr. Milan Zeleny, HSM Policy Coordinator, 560 Riverside Drive, Apartment 13-C, New York, NY 10027, U.S.A. (Payments should be made in US \$ only.)

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I am a Circle member and would like to take advantage of the special membership price. Enclosed is:

- \$ 15 to cover by membership fee for 1981
- \$ 20 to cover the volume subscription to HSM Journal

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- HSM Circle membership form
- Any available past issues of "Co-Enzyme"

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## Conference on 'Model Realism'

A working conference on *Model Realism* is to be held in April 1982 near Bonn/W. Germany. It will deal with the modeling characteristics of different methodologies and is intended to be a first step in an ongoing comparative discussion of the extent to which these methodologies can be used or combined in order to contribute to solutions of *real world problems*. A relevant question is whether these methodological approaches model key phenomena and aspects of the real world systems adequately; e.g., how do they keep track of uncertainty in observations, of concurrency of events, of a (partial) autonomy, or of a multifunctionality of system components.

In order to promote a coherent and reliable discussion, a set of problems (Call for Papers is available on request) has been formulated, each from a different background. A set of questions common to all problems is also given. Papers will be solicited from people asked to answer as many of these questions as possible.

There will be no parallel sessions. The submitted

papers will be analyzed (after the evaluation by the program committee) by respondents who are not closely identified with the particular methodology in question. The analysis should provide some insights both into the range and strength of a given methodology and into its limitations and weaknesses.

Due to the requirements of paper evaluation procedure, the deadline for *full-draft versions* cannot be later than *October 20, 1981*. It is planned that the proceedings of the conference will form the basis of a book to be published by Academic Press.

This book should document the state-of-the-art of contemporary systems modeling and design methodologies, and point out the problems and gaps in current approaches. For further information write to:

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## Computerization and Social Research

The impact of computerization on social research is the main topic of a Conference to be held at the Université des Sciences Sociales, Grenoble, France, 14–18 September 1981. Among the conference themes are:

- *New Types of Research* (complex data, computer mapping, aggregation and disaggregation)
- *New Institutions* (data banks, long-term storage, machinereadable data banks);

- *New Tools* (networks, mini-computers, artificial intelligence, compatibility and translation);
- *Relations between Data Producers and Users* (anonymization of data, public opinion polls, government and commercial data);
- *Social Science Teaching* (statistical packages, summer schools of statistics and computing, data services and technological development).

One-day workshops include:

(1) The Assay/Evaluation of Survey, Ecological, Satellite, and Cartographic data;

(2) The Organization and Management of Data Services;

(3) The Formation of a Professional Data Archivist and Librarian.

For more information about the conference or the workshops write to:

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