
INTRODUCTION

Since the last edition of the *Canadian Review of Social Policy/Revue canadienne de politique sociale* was published Lorna Hurl who was the *Review's* Research Editor has resigned and has moved to the United States. We would like to record our thanks to Lorna for the time, effort and foresight she put into developing the research section of the journal and wish her all the best south of the border. Ernie Lightman has assumed responsibility for the research section until such time as a new editor can be appointed.

There have been two Editorial Board meetings one of which was held in conjunction with the Learned Societies Conference in Victoria last June and a second meeting took place at Bishop's University between the Regina editors and the editorial collective from Quebec. We would like to thank Health and Welfare Canada and Bishop's University for underwriting certain of the costs associated with these meetings. Both were successful and you will note that suggested changes arising from these discussions are being slowly incorporated into the style and format of the *Review*. We refer you particularly to the "Notes to Contributors" section and also to the fact that abstracts are now being required for all refereed articles. In the next issue we plan to have all abstracts written in French and English in our attempt to develop further the bilingual nature of the journal.

We would also like to remind you of the upcoming 5th Conference on Social Welfare Policy to be held at Bishop's University, August 25-28, 1991. Its theme is "Continuities and Discontinuities in Social Policy" and there are three sub-themes: political economy in transition; new faces of poverty; and target groups. The deadline submission is January 15, 1991. Please remember the *Canadian Review of Social Policy/Revue canadienne de politique sociale* and *Nouvelles pratiques sociales* when thinking about where to publish your paper.

You might also be interested in knowing that a workshop on Social Research and Social Responsibility is being planned for the next Learned Societies Conference at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. It is being organized as part of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Section. Those of you from the field of social policy and administration with an interest in contributing should contact Gordon Ternowetsky (306-585-4574) at the University of Regina who is responsible for arranging the program.

This issue of *CRSP/RCPS* engages a number of critical debates that bear on the development of social policy in Canada. The intention is not to summarize

them here but to reflect that though the specific topic of each article or analytical approaches employed may differ there is nevertheless an implied and/or explicit concern to advance a more progressive understanding of the issues being addressed and of policy implementation. These are difficult times to be engaged in the field of social policy but this makes it all the more important that in the struggle of ideas that debates that engage the question of 'whose side are we on' are kept alive.

The Editors