

Summary of the Annual Report for 1989 of the Institute of Migration

The Institute of Migration is Finland's only institution for documentation and research work in the field of international and internal migration. The purpose of the Institute is to collect research material connected with migration, to carry out and to promote research on migration, to publish scholarly studies and to disseminate information about migration-related matters. Furthermore, the tasks of the Institute include collaboration and exchange of information with various institutions, research institutes and organizations active in this area both in Finland and abroad.

One of the main tasks during the past year was the establishment of a Migrants Register. When the Register was at its initial stage Dr Olavi Koivukangas, the Director of the Institute, and the members of the Administrative Board paid a visit to the Emigrantinstitutet, Växjö, Sweden. Representatives of the City of Turku, Finland and the Finnish Tourist Board accompanied by. The purpose of the visit was to learn more about the Register in Växjö which has already been in operation for several years. The visit also gave ideas about the premises and operation in general.

With regard to international collaboration the Institute also hosted a lecture given by the Australian Emeritus Professor Jerzy Zubrzycki on 20 September.

A group consisting of five people from Suomi College, led by the President, Ralph Jalkanen, USA, visited the Institute on 9 October in order to find out more about the activities of the Institute and to discuss the possibility of promoting cooperation.

Documentation, Archives and Library

The Institute of Migration collects and stores archives and museum material relating to international and internal migration. Furthermore, the Institute maintains contact with general archives, various private archives and research institutes and keeps itself up-to-date with migration-related material stored by them.

At the end of 1989 the Archives of the Institute of Migration held 587 collections, most of them donated, and some otherwise acquired.

The photograph collections contained altogether 6685 pictures (an increase of 441 over the previous year's total) and about 600 slides. The catalogued photographs fall into the following national categories: USA 3188, Australia 1240, Sweden 478, South and Central America 447, Canada 382, Africa 137, New Zealand 127, Norway 43, Soviet Union 34, Denmark 19 and other countries 10. In addition, the Archives contain 580 pictures relating to Finland and the activities of the Institute of Migration itself. The pictures form an alphabetically arranged up-to-date card index of identified persons and a reference file based on the respective themes.

The Institute also stores 884 records, mainly old Finnish-American records (84 more than in the previous year). A considerable number of these records have been transferred onto cassettes.

Library

At the end of 1989 the Library of the Institute of Migration contained 5287 titles of

catalogued studies dealing with international or internal migration or other publications. In addition, there are about 150 copies of uncatalogued publications. So far the cataloguing has been done manually in accordance with general library practice. The Library answered numerous inquiries made from home and abroad for works of reference, etc. There was a considerable increase in the information-related and international activities of the Library during the period.

The Library received annual subscriptions to 42 newspapers published by Finnish emigrants in different countries round the world, 29 annual volumes of other periodicals and magazines dealing with international and internal migration and 73 annual volumes of other periodicals.

Further, the Institute also documented Finnish emigration by collecting newspaper clippings concerning this theme. Due to staff shortage this work has been

restricted to the main daily papers, and the material collected is still uncatalogued.

Register of Migrants

In connection with the 350th anniversary of the Delaware settlement celebrated in 1988 the Ministry of Education gave the Institute a grant for setting up a Register of Migrants. The aim of the Register is to promote and maintain links between the new and old home country and to serve research on migration and genealogy.

The setting up of the Register took place during the period of the year. The programs for the data files based on passport registers and passenger lists were made during the first half of the year. The first computing officer started in June and was joined by another in August.

At the end of the year the Register contained 30 000 records. Initially material is being collected from the end of the 19th century up to the 1920's.



The Emigrant Register on computer was started in 1989. Bureau Secretary Matti Kumpulainen collects data of the passport records. (Photo: Institute of Migration, Photographic Collections.)

Research

During 1989 there were six research projects in progress at the Institute of Migration. The research was focused on the following themes:

- language of the Finnish-Australians,
- mobility of labour in the context of societal structural change and internal migration,
- refugees in the Finnish, Swedish and Swiss press in 1918–87 and

- the experiences, adaptation and return willingness of emigrants from Turku

During the course of 1989 a study on the return migration of Finnish-born elderly people in Sweden was initiated. The Institute also received as a visiting research worker a second-generation Finnish-German student, whose studies concerned the experiences of the Finns in America.

The Institute also followed the research done elsewhere by collecting information about it for its research register.



The Council of the Institute of Migration, led by Chancellor Olavi Granö, had an annual meeting in November 1989. (Photo: Institute of Migration, Photographic Collections.)

Exhibitions

During 1989 the Institute continued with the tours of the 350th anniversary of the Delaware settlement. This was carried out in co-operation with the League of Finnish-American Societies. The exhibition was mounted in six towns. In addition, the "Finns in Australia" exhibition was sent on tour in collaboration with the League of Finnish-Australian Societies to four towns.

The exhibition displayed in the Institute's own premises was visited by 20 groups and several private persons, altogether about 1 000 visitors.

Seminars and Conferences

The 350th anniversary of the Finnish Delaware settlement and the Bicentennial of the European settlement in Australia were celebrated in 1988. The Institute of

Migration organized on 21 April 1989 the international conference "Delaware 350 and Australia 200: Retrospect and Future in Research". The lecturers on the conference came from Finland, Sweden, USA and Australia, the total number of participants being 45.

The conference's aim was to discuss the events of the festival year and sum up the experiences. Similarly it was discussed what kind of new challenges the memorial year had brought to light, above all for the migration research. It was concluded that there still exist unexamined areas concerning the Delaware settlement and emigration to Australia; especially an up-to-date bibliography of respective literature and archives is urgently needed. The papers of the conference were published in *Siirtolaisuus-Migration* No 2/1989.

Publications

1989 saw the publication of a book by Jouni Korkiasaari, "Suomalaiset maailmalla. Suomen siirtolaisuus ja ulkosuomalaiset entisajoista tähän päivään." (Finns Abroad. Finnish Emigration and Finns Abroad through Ages). Institute of Migration, Turku 1989, 170 p.

Four numbers of the periodical *Siirtolaisuus-Migration* were published containing altogether 168 pages. The edition was 1 600 copies per issue, of which 600 went abroad.

The Kaarle Hjalmar Lehtinen Fund

Nine migration research workers were awarded scholarships from the Kaarle Hjalmar Lehtinen Fund during the year 1989, a total of 40 000 FIM. Further, the Administrative Board of the Institute gave 6 000 marks as an advance subsidy mainly

for the printing costs of the history of the Finns in Colorado. The Fund also subsidized the Proceedings of Finn Forum 1984 with 10 000 marks. The total sum of the balance Sheet for 1989 amounted to 916 575,38 FIM.

Premises

The Institute of Migration operates on premises (451 m²) rented from the City of Turku. These premises were expanded by 110 m² during the year.

The extra floorspace is reserved primarily for the use of the Migrants Register; it comprises four work rooms and a hall for exhibitions. The negotiations with the City of Turku resulted in an agreement on an expansion of the exhibition hall in 1990. This will give the new hall with office rooms a total area of 230 m².

Finances

The Institute of Migration operated on the basis of funding from the Ministry of Education. Besides this the Ministry gave the Institute a grant for the founding costs of the Migrants Register. The City of Turku also granted as in the previous years a rent subsidy.

From the Ministry of Labour the Institute received for the purpose of employing relief staff. In addition, funds were received for various research projects from the Ministry of Labour, Ministry of the Interior, the City of Turku and from the Regional Planning Association of Varsinais-Suomi. In 1989 two research projects funded by the Academy of Finland were in progress.

The accounts of the Institute of Migration showed a balance at the turn of the year of 1 572 111,60 FIM.