

# Summary of the Annual Report for 1988 of the Institute of Migration

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The main focus of attention at the Institute of Migration during 1988 was on the 350th anniversary of the settlement on the Delaware, and the Bicentennial of European Settlement in Australia; the Institute was represented, for example, on the national Delaware Committee set up under the Speaker of the Finnish Parliament, Matti Ahde, and also mounted three exhibitions, published two illustrated exhibition catalogs, and in general contributed to publicizing the year's celebrations.

## Documentation, Archives, and the Library

Among migrants and their descendants, interest in genealogical research has been growing. In responding to appeals for assistance in tracing family origins, the Institute has made use of card indexes, catalogs, and a range of written and published sources. Negotiations were continued during the past year on the creation of an alphabetic Register of Migrants, and this project took an important step forward with the announcement on 9 July 1988 in Chester, USA, by the Speaker of the Finnish Parliament, Matti Ahde, that the Republic of Finland was donating to its emigrants, in honor of the Delaware 350th anniversary, a Register for the purpose of promoting and maintaining better links between the old and new countries. The task of setting up the Register was entrusted to the Institute of Migration.

At the end of 1988 the Archives of the Institute of Migration held 542 collections, many of them donated; 41 new col-

lections had been acquired during the year. The photographic archives contain 6244 photographs, 1843 having been acquired during the year. The Archives also hold approximately 800 old gramophone records, mainly acquired from Finnish-American sources.

The Library holdings at the end of the year amounted to 5073 catalogued publications dealing with international and internal migration. The Library was in receipt of 41 periodicals published by Finnish organizations overseas, and 27 other periodicals relating to migration.

## Research

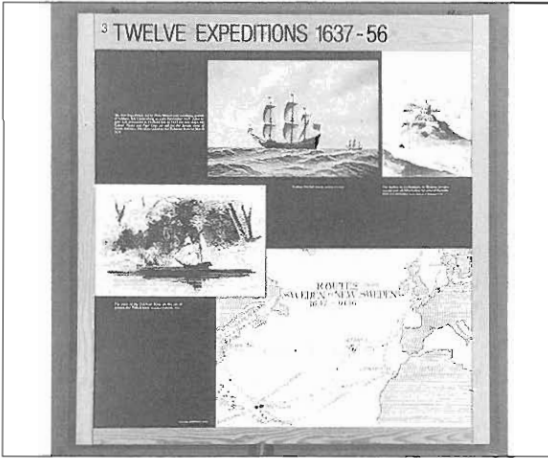
During 1988 five research projects at the Institute were brought to completion; one project started during the preceding year continued, and three new projects were initiated.

## Exhibitions

The Institute of Migration contributed to the celebrations of the 350th anniversary of the Delaware settlement and of the European Bicentennial in Australia by mounting three exhibitions:

- *Delaware 350: The Beginning of Finnish Migration to the New World*
- *Finns in Australia*
- *"I feel such a longing...": an exhibition of Finnish-American postcards.*

Two copies were made both of the Delaware 350 Exhibition, one of which has been sent on tour in the United States, and of the Australian exhibition, one copy being sent on tour around Australia



The "Delaware 350" Exhibition comprised ten double-sided panels, telling the story of this very earliest Finnish migration to North America through copies of documents, photographs, and texts. Two copies of the Exhibition were completed, one of which remained in Finland, where it has been shown in nine different towns, while the other has been sent on tour in the United States.

The postcards exhibition, comprising approximately 300 postcards mailed by Finnish migrants, has also been on display in eleven towns in Finland, and attracted many visitors.



The Director of the Institute of Migration, Dr Olavi Koivukangas, took part in two conferences in Australia, in August and September 1988, and visited New Zealand to collect the stone from Spöring Island which has been donated for the Spöring memorial in Turku. Seen here are Finnish migrants in Auckland.

Professor Jerzy Zubrzycki, emeritus professor at the Australian National University in Canberra, and the Chairman of the Board of the Institute of Migration, Professor Olavi Granö, Chancellor of the University of Turku, in conversation.

### The Finnish Exhibition at the State Library in Melbourne

For two weeks at the beginning of September, the State Library provided a display area for the excellent exhibition, *Finns in Australia*. The beautifully designed and presented exhibition was on show in the La Trobe first floor foyer and attracted a great deal of attention and appreciative comments from the passing public.

The exhibition was mounted in Finland by Olavi Koivukangas, Director of the Institute of Migration in Turku and has been duplicated so as to travel around Finland and Australia concurrently.

The exhibition was a part of the Third International Symposium on Scandinavian Immigration to Australia which was held from 28 August – 3 September at the Melbourne University and also in Ballarat. The symposium is held every four years – the first in Sweden and the second in Finland. We would like to thank the Finnish Community and the Consulate General of Finland for presenting the exhibition.

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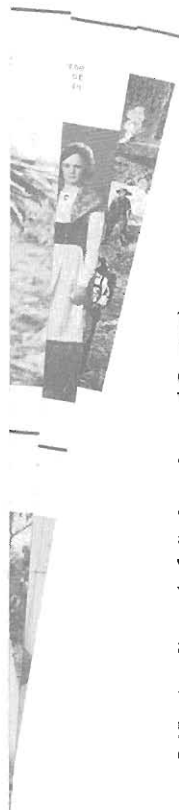
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The "Finns in Australia" Exhibition was mounted in six different towns in Finland. The exhibition consisted of 10 double-sided panels and a 16-page catalog. An English-language version of the Exhibition has been sent to Australia, where it was warmly received, and the Australian National Museum in Canberra has asked to be able to incorporate it as part of the Museum's permanent display on different ethnic groups.

during the Bicentennial year. The Finnish copies of these exhibitions, and the post-cards exhibition, have been on display in several towns in Finland.

### **Publications**

Three new publications were issued during 1988 by the Institute of Migration:

*Olavi Koivukangas*: Delaware 350. Amerikansiirtolaisuuden alku - Amerikaemigrationens början - The Beginning of Finnish Migration to the New World. Turku 1988, 84 p.

*Orvo Bogdanoff & Ismo Söderling*: "Minulla on niin ikävä - Jag har så ledsamt - I feel such a longing": Finnish-American Postcards Exhibition Catalog, Turku 1988, 128 p.

*Michael G. Karni, Olavi Koivukangas, Edward W. Laine* (eds.): Finns in North America. Proceedings of Finn Forum III, 5-8 September '84. Migration Studies C 9, Turku 1988, 536 p.

Four numbers were published of the Institute's journal, Siirtolaisuus-Migration, amounting altogether to 128 pages containing 11 scholarly articles and a range of book reviews and announcements. In addition *Ismo Söderling's* Ph.D. thesis "Maassamuuton ulottuvuudet. Yksilö-, alue- ja yhteiskuntatason tarkastelu Suomessa vuosina 1977 ja 1978 maassamuuttaneista" appeared in the *Acta Universitatis Turkuensis*, Tom. 75, Turku 1988, 288 p.

### **International Collaboration**

During 1988 the Institute of Migration participated in a wide range of seminars and conferences held in Finland, the United States, and Australia. In honor of the Australian Bicentennial, the Institute also hosted a lecture tour in Finland by the Australian demographic scholar Professor Jerzy Zubrzycki.

### **The Kaarle Hjalmar Lehtinen Fund**

No grants were made during 1988 from the Fund, the proceeds being reinvested. At the end of the year the Fund stood at FIM 887 712,81.

### **Finance**

The Institute of Migration operated during 1988 on a grant from the Ministry of Education, and also received support from several other sources, including the Academy of Finland, the Finnish Culture Foundation, the People's Culture Foundation, and the Finnish Post and Telecommunications Administration. Individual research projects were funded by the Ministry of Labor, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the City of Turku, the South-West Finland Regional Planning Association, and the City of Jakobstad/Pietarsaari. The final sum on the Balance Sheet at the end of the financial year amounted to FIM 1 816 139,76.