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**Activities Report for the period September 2010 – June 2014  
ISA Research Committees, Working and Thematic Groups**

Please submit to ISA Secretariat by **9 June 2014** by e-mail [isa@isa-sociology.org](mailto:isa@isa-sociology.org)

**1. Name of the Research Committee / Working Group /Thematic Group: RC34**

**2. Names of the current**

President: James Côté

Secretary: Howard Williamson

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Election / Appointment Start / End of Term</b>
President	James Côté	2010-2014
Past President	Ngan-Pun Ngai	2010-2014
Secretary/Treasurer	Howard Williamson	2010-2014
<b>Vice-Presidents/Board</b>		
Europe and the Russian Federation	Maurice Devlin, Natalia Waechter	2010-2014
Asia, including Japan and China	Shen Jie, Tomahiko Asano,	2010-2014
Africa, Near East and Middle East	Sharlene Swartz	2010-2014
North America	Jeylan Mortimer	2010-2014
Central and South America	Rosa Maria Camarena	2010-2014
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania	Ani Wierenga	2010-2014
Newsletter/Website Editor	Clarence Batan	2010-2014

**3. Date of the next Board elections. 2014 (ongoing – nominations called for)**

**4. Delegate and Alternate to ISA Research Council Meetings and the Assembly of Councils at the World Congress Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, July 2014 (*Observers in the case of WGs and TGs*)**

Delegate: Howard Williamson

Alternate: James Côté

**5. Affiliated members**

N° of affiliated /associate members, who belong to the RC/WG/TG, but do **not** belong to the ISA – **None**

If possible summarise geographical distribution of your affiliated / associate members.

### rc34 membership analysis @ March 2014

49 countries; 166 members [members' countries recorded by institutional affiliation].  
84 men; 82 women.

Number of members	Countries	Male	Female	Male-Female per country
21	Japan	13	8	
13	India	7	6	
11	Australia	4	7	
10	USA	4	6	
9	UK	6	3	
21 (7x3)	Brazil, Mexico, South Africa	10	11	2-5, 4-3, 4-3
15 (5x3)	Canada, Philippines, Spain	11	4	3-2, 4-1, 4-1
16 (4x4)	Argentina, Austria, Finland, Italy	4	12	1-3, 1-3, 1-3, 1-3
12 (3x4)	Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland	4	8	1-2, 2-1, 1-2, 0-3
16 (2x8)	China, Ireland, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Norway, Romania, Russia, Uruguay	9	7	2-0, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 2-0, 1-1, 0-2
22	Algeria, Bulgaria, Columbia, Estonia, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, Hong Kong, Latvia, Malta, Malaysia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam, West Bank & Gaza, Zambia, Zimbabwe	12	10	1-0, 0-1, 1-0, 0-1, 0-1, 0-1, 1-0, 1-0, 0-1, 0-1, 1-0, 1-0, 0-1, 1-0, 0-1, 0-1, 1-0, 0-1, 0-1, 1-0, 1-0, 1-0
166	49	84	82	

### 6. Past Activities September 2010 – June 2014

Brief report and state how many RC members participated in each conference (participation can include both paper presentation and attendance.)

Do not include programs.

#### Event

No. ISA members

No. non-members

#### **“Interrupting Transmission: youth | change | policy | practice”**

Sydney, Australia, May 30-June 1, 2011

With The Australian Youth Research Centre

No. ISA RC members: approx: 7

No. non-members: approx: 340

#### **“Making a success of an international and integrated blended learning degree course”**

Closing conference, M.A. in European Youth Studies curriculum development project (EU Lifelong Learning Programme)

Oslo, Norway, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

No. ISA RC members: 7

No. non-members: approx. 10

#### **“New Directions in Youth Research: European and Global Perspectives”**

Joint workshop of ESA Research Network 30 Youth & Generations and ISA RC34  
10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Sociological Association  
Geneva, Switzerland, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2011  
No. ISA RC members: approx. 10  
No. non-members: approx. 10

**“Open frontiers of Latin America”**

RC34 meeting with the Working Group 22, Sociology of childhood and youth, in the XXVIII International Congress of the Latin American Association of Sociology (ALAS), Pernambuco Federal University, in Recife, Brazil, September 2011  
No. ISA RC members: approx. 11  
No. non-members: approx. 220

**“3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Enhancing Competencies of Adolescents and Youth: A Life Skills Approach”**

Sriperumbudur, India 22-24<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
With the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)  
No. ISA RC members: approx. 2  
No. non-members: approx. 350

**“Youth Culture, Identity and the Public Sphere”**

Conference sponsored by Japan Youth Study Group, where some RC34 members abroad were invited as presenters  
Tokyo, Japan Nov. 2011  
No. ISA RC members: 9  
No. non-members: approx. 40

**“Transitions”**

RC34 with RC04 regional conference  
Tampa, Florida, January 13-15, 2012  
No. ISA RC members: approx. 30  
No. non-members: approx. 30

**“Representing Young People: Voice, Image, Practice Power”**

2<sup>nd</sup> Maynooth International Youth Studies in association with the International Sociological Association  
National University of Ireland, Maynooth, June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2012  
No. ISA RC members: approx. 20  
No. non-members: approx. 130

**“Hope and Crisis in Japanese Youth”**

Conference sponsored by Japan Youth Study Group, focusing on the latest research in Japan from comparative perspective with invited speakers from Finland and Taiwan.  
Tokyo, Japan, Nov. 2013  
No. ISA members: 4  
No. non-members: approx. 50

**“Collaborative Research for Youth in Japan and South Korea”**

Workshop where Japanese RC34 members and some Korean researchers led by Prof.Kang Myungkoo at Seoul National University.  
Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 2013  
No. ISA members: 4  
No. non-members: 6

**“Youth and Online Identities”**

NYRIS 12: 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Nordic Youth Research Symposium Tallinn, Estonia, June 2<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Overall theme coordinator (Natalia Waechter) and session chair (Maurice Devlin); promoted as an RC34 session

No. ISA RC members: approx. 10

No. non-members: approx. 50

#### **“Professional Education and Training for Youth Work: An International Forum”**

National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland, June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

No. ISA RC members: approx. 10

No. non-members: approx. 40

#### **Further activities**

Several (current and former) board members of the RC34 (Howard Williamson, Lynn Chisholm, Reingard Spannring, Carmen Leccardi, Helena Helve, Maurice Devlin) were involved as teachers and/or organisers in the residential pilot course of the **M.A. in European Youth Studies** that took place in the European Youth Centre, Budapest, in February 2011.

The **International Youth Research Training Seminar** on young people's ethnic, European and other identities has been prepared but was not implemented yet. The syllabus, developed by Natalia Waechter and Lyudmila Nurse, contains several lectures and workshops led by (current and former) board members of the RC34: Howard Williamson, Ladislav Machacek, Lyudmila Nurse, Natalia Waechter, and Claire Wallace. It is planned to take place at CEU in 2015.

#### **7. Finances September 2010 – June 2014**

Treasurer: Howard Williamson

Bank account and financial report: Natalia Waechter

Regarding incoming amounts, above all, we have received the **RC34 dues** and the **ISA grant** in two instalments.

- In May 2011 we received **1,546 €** from ISA Madrid (= **US\$ 1,500** RC34 dues + **US\$ 700** first instalment ISA grant),
- in March 2012 we received **413.75 €** from the “RC04 & RC34 Conference on Transitions” in Tampa, Florida
- and in December 2012 we received **2,640 €** from ISA Madrid (= **US\$ 2,015** RC34 dues for the period 13 May 2001 to 10 December 2012 + **US\$ 700** second instalment ISA grant<sup>1</sup> + **US\$ 725** grants increased approved by ISA RCC).

Regarding outgoing amounts, we have used the budget for **promotion and dissemination** as well as for **supporting junior scholars**.

- For promotion and dissemination, in 2011 we spent 530 € on the IBYR newsletter and the same amount (530 €) on printing and mailing the new RC34 folders; in 2013 we spent 520 € on the IBYR newsletter.
- The junior scholar prize was given to Dan Woodman (688.68 € in August 2010) and a travel grant to the 2012 Forum to Siri Hettige (614,66 € = 750 US\$ in September 2012).

Since April 1, 2014, the actual balance is **7,674.42 €**.

Graz, May 21, 2014

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<sup>1</sup> The total ISA grant allocated to RC34 for the period 2011-2014 was US\$ 1400.

## 8. Awards granted by your RC

List regular awards granted by your RC.

None

## 9. Grants allocated by your RC

List grants offered by your RC: on regular basis or for a specific conference/event.  
(Excluding ISA grants provided for Forum and World Congress)

### *For the 2012 Forum:*

ISA for travel/registration grants:

Smita VERMA (Country C) - \$1200 travel grant

Natalia WAECHTER (Country A) - \$270 registration grant

From RC34 funds:

Siri HETTIGE (Country C) - from the \$750 grant RC34 received from the ISA last year for the support of a country "C" person to attend the Forum

*For the 2014 World Congress:* (not reflected in the above budget statement)

RC34 ISA WC 2014 registration grant requests and allocations	From ISA	From RC34
Casimir Raj	111	500
Siri Hettige	121	
Clarence Batan	121	500
Vinod Chandra	121	
Maurice Devlin	325	
Natalia Waechter	325	
David Imhonopi		611
TOTAL	1124€	1611€

## 10. Special activities for Junior Sociologists

List of activities designed by your RC to encourage junior sociologists' participation.

Junior scholars competitions: Young Scholar in Youth Sociology and Youth Research Competition (2010 and 2014)

## 11. Newsletters in 2010 -2014

Please provide details when and in what form Newsletters have been published (at least two per year- printed or electronic or posted on a website). Have copies been sent immediately to members and the ISA Secretariat?

- Yes  
 No

Dates: 2011 – 2014 two issues per year

Format: PDF posted on RC website <<http://www.rc34youth.org/>>, on the ISA RC site, and sent to all members via RC34 mailing list (rc34@uwo.ca)

## **12. Publications**

*List any other relevant RC publications – not of its individual members - including special journals or special issues of a journal.*

Carmen Leccardi, Carles Feixa, Siyka Kovacheva, Herwig Reiter, Tatjana Sekulic (editors) (2012) *1989 - Young people and social change after the fall of the Berlin Wall*. Council of Europe (The book is based on a RC34 seminar held in Budapest in 2009.)

## **13. Feedback to ISA: What services do you expect from ISA, including ones not presently offered?**

The following comment from our VP for Central and South America is passed on for information purposes:

*“related to the relatively low number of RC34 members of Central and South America it is worthwhile to mention that when some researchers were asked about the reasons for not adhering to the RC, the most frequent response was related to the difficulties of language and the fact that most RC activities are conducted in English, even when Spanish is also an official language of ISA.”*