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→ A Letter from the President

The 26th SISR conference is less than three months away. The [Local Committee](#) in Mexico, under Roberto Blancarte's leadership, has been busily arranging a tempting programme of varied activities at Ixtapan de la Sal and a warm welcome for all participants. The programme of intellectual activities also promises to be rich and rewarding, with two major innovations this year. There will be only two plenary sessions, in addition to the inaugural and 'national' sessions, and we shall have 'affinity groups' for the first time. They are designed to bring together, in an informal atmosphere, any participants who share an interest in a particular topic. I would like to thank Louise Fontaine and her 'team' for all their hard work in making the conference work well for us. The most important thing to do now, however, is to complete the registration forms without delay and to return them before the deadline. Let me remind you that all the papers presented at the conference may be considered by the SISR's Editorial Committee for publication in the journal [Social Compass](#). They can be submitted in either French or English to the Chairperson, Professor Liliane Voyé, UCL – Sociologie, Place Montesquieu 1, bte 1, B-1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. Please consult the Mexican Local Committee's website for last-minute developments in the programme at: <http://www.cmq.edu.mx/sisr/> May I also encourage you regularly to consult the SISR's own website, maintained by my colleague Dr Tony Colombo, at: <http://www.sisr.org> It is unfortunate that not all members of the SISR will be able to join us in Mexico, but everybody has a role to play in the organisation's affairs. In particular, you are asked to [vote](#) for the excellent candidates listed on the ballot paper.

Jim Beckford
President

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