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IMPORTANT NOTICE

To reduce mailing costs, the General Secretariate will send all communications, including Network, by e-mail from now on. This has some other advantages: we will be able to send out Network more frequently, and include news items that members care to send us: new publications, information about conferences and other information, and we will be able to organise a readers' forum.

In mid-December, Jim Spickard will put this issue of Network on our Web Site, and from then on we will inform you by e-mail when there is a new issue of Network on our Web Site.

CONSEQUENCE

You will find in this issue a request to fill in the WHO'S WHO questionnaire. Please complete it in CAPITAL LETTERS and return it immediately. Indeed, some of the e-mail addresses that we have in our files are incorrect: either outdated or incorrect due to problems with deciphering your hand writing. All such e-mail messages were returned to us, so please help us to set up **a correct and complete file** of e-mail addresses of our members. If you receive this issue of Network by surface mail, it means that we do not have your (correct) e-mail address. If we do not have an e-mail address for you, please inform us immediately of your address by completing the questionnaire.

When WHO'S WHO is ready, it will appear on our Web Site containing the information that you allow us to include.

In the future, members who do not have an e-mail address, will receive our Network by surface mail.

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1. Letter from the President

I started to write this letter before the attacks on New York City and Washington, DC had taken place and before the fighting had begun in Afghanistan. But the scale of the death, injuries and destruction puts everything else, including the ISSR, into perspective. The future looks unusually uncertain for all of us. Yet, one thing is clear to me: a good, social scientific grasp of religion is indispensable to an understanding of the conflicts that torment so many regions of the world. Our organisation has an important role to play in stimulating the kind of research that will throw helpful light on the involvement of religion in conflict and reconciliation, war and peace.

Those of us who were privileged to participate in the 26th ISSR conference in Ixtapan de la Sal, Mexico in August know that many speakers directly addressed the highly topical themes of “Religion and violence” and “Religion and human rights”. Central and South America loomed large in the discussions, but other regions of the world were also represented among the more than 170 delegates. It was especially pleasing to meet so many scholars who were attending an ISSR conference for the first time. There were some truly memorable presentations and debates, many of which will be published in Social Compass over the next two years. Liliane Voyé and her Editorial Committee have already begun to scrutinise the papers that have been submitted.

The conference in Mexico was a wonderful success, largely thanks to the Programme Committee, to the excellent work of the Local Committee and to the team of helpers from the Colegio Mexiquense, under Roberto Blancarte’s leadership. The ISSR could not have asked for more helpful, more professional or more generous support. The welcome that we received was also friendly and considerate. My hope is that the friendships and intellectual connections that were forged or renewed in Ixtapan de la Sal will be maintained in the coming years and will lay the foundations for the expansion of the ISSR.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our Mexican hosts and to the generous sponsors of our conference. In particular, I would like to mention the warm support and hospitality offered by Dr Alfonso Iracheta Cenecorta, President of the Colegio Mexiquense. He and his staff were a constant source of inspiration and encouragement.

The debates that took place in plenary, thematic and miscellaneous sessions, as well as in the New Researchers Forum, the affinity groups and the linguistic sessions will continue to reverberate for a long time. Indeed, some of these issues will probably be taken up again at the next ISSR conference. I am delighted to announce that it will take place in July 2003 in Turin, Italy, under the guidance of Franco Garelli. The ISSR Council will finalise the precise dates and theme of the conference at its meeting in Paris in February 2002.

I would like to thank the following members of the ISSR Council who came to the end of their mandate this year: Roberto Blancarte, Gerhard Schmied, Ari Pedro Oro, Meerten Ter Borg, Lekshmy Thara Bhai and Jacques Zylberberg. Their various contributions have all been helpful. And I owe a special word of thanks to Louise Fontaine and Yuki Shiose who have completed their terms of office as, respectively, General Secretary and Treasurer.

It is a great pleasure to welcome Karel Dobbelaere and Jean-Pierre Hiernaux as, respectively, the new General Secretary and the new Treasurer of the ISSR. They are in process of setting up their offices in Leuven and Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. I am looking forward to working with them to improve the services that the ISSR offers to its members. This will also be the mission of the ISSR Council, of which the new members are: Peter Beyer, Franco Garelli, Carlos Garma, Cecilia Mariz, and Monika Wohlrab-Sahr. Please send me, without delay, any items for discussion at the next meeting of the Council that will take place from the 15th to the 17th February 2002.

You will find the Minutes of the General Assembly later in this issue of Network, but let me summarise the main issues that arose from the two meetings of the ISSR Council in Mexico.

- In order to make the Editorial Board more representative of the ISSR's membership, one new member was added. Carlos Garma, from Mexico, is now sharing the work of this committee.
- The period of subscription to the ISSR will now be for two years.
- The idea of affinity groups will be retained in future conferences, and new ways will be sought of improving the quality of other types of session.
- A network of New Researchers will be formed.
- The ISSR website will be re-designed

There are several ways in which you can assist the ISSR to grow and to improve. The first is to persuade more people to become members. The second is to ensure that your institution's library has a subscription to Social Compass. And the third is to begin thinking about a suitable theme for the next conference. Please send all suggestions for a conference theme to the new General Secretary, Karel Dobbelaere, before 15th January 2002. Above all, you can help the ISSR by paying your subscriptions without delay.

Finally, on a sad note, I have to report the death of Harri Heino from Finland, Paolo Giurati from Italy and Wladyslaw Piwowarski from Poland. All three were active members of the ISSR who will be greatly missed.

Jim Beckford

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2. Minutes of the General Assembly of the ISSR/SISR, Ixtapan de la Sal, Wednesday
22nd August, 2001

1) Welcome

Jim Beckford, President of the ISSR, welcomed the 39 people present. He informed the meeting that three of our members had died in the past two years: Harri Heino, Paolo Giuriati and Wladyslaw Piwowarski. He presented the apologies for absence of Bryan Wilson, Yuki Shiose (Treasurer), Jacques Zylberberg, Luigi Tomasi and Yoshiya Abe.

2) Adoption of the Agenda

It was proposed to modify the Agenda by taking item 8 under item 7, the Treasurer's report. The amendment was adopted.

3) Minutes of the previous General Assembly in Leuven, 28 July 1999

Meredith McGuire proposed that the Minutes of the previous General Assembly that had taken place in Leuven on 28th July 1999 be accepted. Dean Hoge seconded the proposition. The proposition was accepted unanimously.

4) Report of the Chairperson of the Local Committee

Roberto Blancarte informed the Assembly that 170 people were in attendance at the conference. He added that the conference had been made possible thanks to the financial support of numerous organisations. As the host institution, El Colegio Mexiquense had made many contributions by providing both services and substantial funds for the conference.

Dean Hoge proposed, and Jay Demerath seconded, the motion that the General Assembly should express its appreciation and enormous gratitude to the members of the Local Committee for its excellent work and for the outstanding contribution of the Colegio Mexiquense. The motion was adopted unanimously.

5) Report of the President

The President identified the major achievements since the previous conference as the approval of amendments to the Statutes, the meeting of the ISSR Council in Paris in February 2000, the creation of the ISSR website, and the establishment of the Programme Committee.

The President emphasised the substantial amount of work that Louise Fontaine, as General Secretary, and Yuki Shiose, as Treasurer, had accomplished. He thanked them warmly.

He added that there had been thirteen applications for ISSR travel grants. Awards were made to the following: Juana Berges Curbelo, Ana Celia Perera Pintado, Jorge Ramírez Calzadilla and Attila Molnar. With the generous assistance of an Austrian foundation two further grants were made to Gavril Flora and Tadeusz Doktor. The ISSR is grateful to Hugo Bogensberger for securing these two grants.

In addition, Social Compass generously awarded grants to Irena Borowik and Cristián Parker.

6) Report of the General Secretary: Major achievements and serious organisational problems

I am pleased to be with you today. Six months ago I did not think that I would be able to meet in Ixtapan de la Sal. Now I am favourably impressed by the work that the Local Committee has accomplished. Bravo Roberto!

In addition to the fact that we are here in Mexico, the other major achievements of the ISSR include its computerisation, the preparation of a website and the mobilisation of an entire team at the University of St. Anne.

These noteworthy aspects also have a darker side as much in relation to the daily management of the ISSR as to the biennial arrangement of a conference. Now that I am at the end of my term of office as General Secretary I shall try to identify a number of organisational problems with which I have had to deal especially during the second half of my mandate. From my point of view setting up and maintaining electronic communication with members of the Executive Committee, members of the Programme Committee and even with members of the ISSR individually has not always been easy. Yes, it has to be stated. I ran into difficulties during my work in the Programme Committee because, just when I was swamped with work in the general secretariat and when I attempted to delegate tasks to the members of this committee, I was not able to count on co-operation from each of them. They seemed to forget that I am a professor and a researcher with a full-time teaching job before working voluntarily as General Secretary of the ISSR. When the situation became virtually untenable in May 2001, I seriously considered resigning as General Secretary.

I weighed up the pros and the cons of such a decision realising that it would probably derail the conference. I also took into consideration the interest shown by several members who wished to make presentations at Ixtapan de la Sal, and this led me to abandon this 'radical' decision. I apologise to the members who did not receive a prompt response to their e-mails. I did my best. It was not possible for me systematically to acknowledge receipt and confirm acceptance of your Abstracts because of the other problems that I was encountering in the daily management of the ISSR's affairs. Anyone who teaches three courses has to set aside time for doing the preparation and teaching them; and, as you know, at Church Point like anywhere else, there are only 24 hours in the day. And that is without talking about my Saturdays and Sundays which have often been devoted to ISSR work. To those who displayed unhappiness, dissatisfaction and even a degree of aggressiveness I can only say that I am sorry but I could not have done more or done it better. Fortunately, I received some notes of encouragement. They were a great help to me.

Another problem was the failure to respect deadlines for paper proposals, and this gave rise to behind-the-scenes tricks and created more than one problem with my daily work.

In view of these concerns, and since I am at the end of my term of office, I would like to make the following two recommendations. (1) We must increase the number of candidates for the various officers of the ISSR. Since I became General Secretary in January 1998 I have been able to observe that the votes are made between one candidate

and nobody else. Do the members have such little interest in the management of the ISSR? Do the members believe that they have nothing to say about the decisions that are made at one or another level of this society? (2) When you send your proposal for a paper to the General Secretariat in the form of an e-mail attachment, show some originality in the choice of filename instead of choosing 'ISSR.doc', 'Mexico.doc' or 'Ixtapan.wpd'. You could simply give the file your family name.

My list of people to thank is rather long although limited. Thanks to James Crombie (my companion in crime) who has been a patient and unfailing source of help with my work as General Secretary. Thanks to all the people at the University of St. Anne who have helped with various tasks to do with the daily management of the ISSR's activities. Thanks to Grace Davie who acted as a person-resource when I agreed to take up this challenge. Thanks to Liliane Voyé, the President of the ISSR for the first half of my term of office. I particularly appreciated her eye for detail and for work that was well done. Thanks to Jim Beckford, our President, who likes to get things done and who often calmed some of my worries. Thanks to Yuki Shiose, my long-term friend and colleague, who helped me by becoming Treasurer of the ISSR. Finally, I want to offer my warm thanks to Professor Jacques Zylberberg who never wavered as my 'godfather' in this administrative and human adventure. He gave me a great gift. But unfortunately it was as if this gift gradually became poisoned because there was so much work to do for the ISSR.

Nevertheless, this experience has given me something precious. In matters human as well as technological I have learnt a lot, and this knowledge is worth a great deal to me. I have also experienced negotiations, exchanges and value clashes. This is an unavoidable phenomenon when individuals interact in a world with different things at stake. Now, let us create some space for writing since this aspect of my life has necessarily been put on the back burner.

Let me finish by wishing good luck to my successor, Karel Dobbelaere. I have prepared a little gift for him – a CD containing 50 files in Access, Excel, PageMaker, WordPerfect, Word and HTML. These are major challenges for the new General Secretary who, in his own way, will also help to build the future of the ISSR.

7 and 8) Report of the Treasurer, Auditors' report, and Budget 2002-2003

7/8.1) Treasurer's report

In the absence of Yuki Shiose, Treasurer of the ISSR, the General Secretary presented the financial report which had been distributed and which is appended. She drew particular attention to the fact that several investments had matured since October 1999 and that this had provided income from interest. But she added that the number of annual subscriptions had not shown significant growth since 1999, whereas considerable expenditure had been made on postal costs, the printing of bulletins and Who's Who 1999, and on subscriptions to Social Compass.

It was suggested that in future members should receive a reminder if they had not paid their subscription.

Jay Demerath proposed, and Jean Baubérot seconded, a motion that the financial report should be adopted. The motion was unanimously adopted, with 39 in favour, none against, and no abstentions.

7/8.2) Report of the Auditors ISSR, 22 August 2001

"Having verified the accounts of the ISSR on the basis of the Financial Report and documents supplied to us by the Secretary General, Louise Fontaine, detailing the revenues and expenses for the periods stated in the Financial Report (1998-June 30, 2001), and within the limitations of such verification, we the auditors are satisfied that the information stated therein is correct and complete, and that it represents the actual revenues, expenses, and current assets of the Society.

In light of our verification, we would, however, recommend that future reports contain the following additional elements:

- 1) a more detailed breakdown of revenues, especially as concerns membership dues and conference registration fees received;
- 2) a more detailed and separate report on the Society's investments;
- 3) an expense line for conference expenses covered directly out of the Society's accounts (e.g. deficits of the local committee)."

Peter Beyer and Roberto Cipriani.

Jay Demerath proposed, and Dean Hoge seconded, a motion that the auditors' report should be adopted. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Jay Demerath proposed, and Peter Beyer seconded, a motion that the period of subscription to the ISSR should be for two years, with effect from January 2002. The motion was adopted unanimously, with 39 for, none against, and no abstentions.

7/8.3) Budget 2002-2003

The President presented the ISSR budget for the next two years on a sheet that had been distributed to all participants in the General Assembly (see *infra* point 4). John Fulton proposed, and Roberto Cipriani seconded, a motion that the budget be adopted. The motion was passed unanimously with 38 for, none against, and no abstentions.

The President added his thanks to Yuki Shiose for her work as Treasurer of the ISSR.

9) 2003 conference

With a supporting document, Franco Garelli set out the city of Turin's bid to host the next ISSR conference in 2003.

Following a suggestion from Roberto Cipriani, there was a discussion of possible themes for 2003. The following themes were proposed:

"Religion and the new generation"

"New religious experiences"

"Reflection and social construction, sociological construction, scientific construction"

"Religion: between research and the media"

"Lateral thinking about new religious movements and traditional religions"

“Lateral thinking and the diversity of religious expression”
“Religion and generations”.

10) Election of Auditors for 2003

Jay Demerath proposed, and Dean Hoge seconded, a motion to appoint James Richardson and Elisabeth Arweck as Auditors for the accounts in 2003. The motion was adopted with 37 for, none against, and 1 abstention.

11) Editorial Committee

Liliane Voyé, Chairperson of the Editorial Committee, reminded members that the ISSR has one issue of Social Compass at its disposal each year. She stressed that publication of the presentations given in plenary sessions was not automatic. The first issue of 2003 would be set aside for a miscellany of members' papers. Social Compass publishes articles in French and English only. She invited members to submit their papers to the journal before 15th October 2001. She emphasised the importance of following exactly the general instructions for presenting text and bibliography. If a paper had originally been written in a third language before translation into French or English, she asked that the original version should also be submitted. The Editorial Committee would then be in a position to complete its editorial work. There was a proposal to widen the composition of the Editorial Committee in order to include a Latin American, an Italian, a Portuguese, among others. It was decided to discuss this issue at the next meeting of the Council.

12) Election results:

The results of the 2001 election are as follows:

General Secretary:	Karel Dobbelaere	43/44
Treasurer:	Jean-Pierre Hiernaux	42/44
New members:	Peter Beyer	36/44
	Carlos Garma Navarro	36/44
	Cecilia Loreto Mariz	36/44
	Monika Wohlrab-Sahr	36/44
For a second term:	John Fulton	37/44
	Olivier Tschannen	37/44

13) Any Other Business

Cristián Parker Gumucio announced a meeting in Santiago, Chile on 15th October 2001. He also expressed a wish to increase the membership from the Mercosur countries.

Alan Black gave details of the next congress of the International Sociological Association which will take place in Australia in July 2002.

In closing the meeting, the President thanked the interpreters: Robert Berghe, James Crombie and the four interpreters in Spanish. He also extended his thanks to Louise Fontaine who was coming to the end of her term of office as General Secretary.

End of meeting.

Louise Fontaine, PhD, General Secretary (1998-2001)

12 October 2001

3. Financial situation of the ISSR/ISSR

Financial statement

Balance sheet	30-June-01	31-Dec-00	31-Dec-99	31-Dec-98
ASSETS				
Cash - Université Sainte-Anne	18 184,65 \$	25 112,97 \$	44 142,53 \$	79 267,24 \$
Cash - Fonds Jacques Verscheure	6,74 \$	6,74 \$	6,74 \$	
Investments	43 111,50 \$	41 000,00 \$	30 000,00 \$	
Investments - Fonds Jacques Verscheure	18 512,53 \$	17 436,60 \$	17 120,00 \$	
	<u>79 815,42 \$</u>	<u>83 556,31 \$</u>	<u>91 269,27 \$</u>	<u>79 267,24 \$</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Equity	79 815,42 \$	83 556,13 \$	91 269,27 \$	79 267,24 \$
	<u>79 815,42 \$</u>	<u>83 556,13 \$</u>	<u>91 269,27 \$</u>	<u>79 267,24 \$</u>
Income and expenditure account				
	period ending 30-June-01	year ending 31-Dec-00	year ending 31-Dec-99	period ending 31-Dec-98
Subscriptions and registrations	8 153,36 \$	12 248,91 \$	32 784,40 \$	6 420,71 \$
Expenditure				
Telephone and fax	41,00 \$	24,52 \$	253,15 \$	100,46 \$
Printing	1 158,44 \$	260,56 \$	2 381,06 \$	228,45 \$
SAGE	6 048,15 \$	11 368,02 \$	6 254,05 \$	0,00 \$
Council	0,00 \$	3 057,60 \$	1 972,12 \$	43,87 \$
Office expenses	1 354,09 \$	1 211,79 \$	4 921,99 \$	2 451,09 \$
Bank charges	-3 187,43 \$	-859,23 \$	0,00 \$	0,00 \$
Secretarial assistance	6 480,00 \$	0,00 \$	5 000,00 \$	5 031,46 \$
Web site	0,00 \$	183,26 \$	0,00 \$	0,00 \$
Travel	0,00 \$	1 435,20 \$	0,00 \$	0,00 \$
Miscellaneous	0,00 \$	3 280,15 \$	0,00 \$	0,00 \$
	<u>11 894,25 \$</u>	<u>19 961,87 \$</u>	<u>20 782,37 \$</u>	<u>7 855,33 \$</u>
Net profit	-3 740,89 \$	-7 712,96 \$	12 002,03 \$	-1 434,62 \$
Balance at the beginning of the period	83 556,31 \$	91 269,27 \$	79 267,24 \$	80 701,86 \$
Balance at the end of the period	<u>79 815,42 \$</u>	<u>83 556,31 \$</u>	<u>91 269,27 \$</u>	<u>79 267,24 \$</u>

This financial statement was prepared by the Vice-Rector in the Administration and auditor of the University of St. Anne - Eric Tufts, CA, 30th July 2001.

4. Budget 01/01/2002 – 31/12/2003 (in Canadian dollars)

<u>Income</u>	CAN \$
Subscriptions & registrations	35 000.00
Investment interest	8 000.00
 Total	 43 000.00

Expenses

Telephone & fax	300.00
Printing	3 000.00
Social Compass	14 000.00
Council	2 000.00
Office expenses	7 000.00
Secretarial assistance	10 000.00
Web site	3 000.00
Travel	3 000.00
Miscellaneous	700.00
 Total	 43 000.00

5. ISSR OFFICERS and COUNCIL MEMBERS (2001-2003)

The Executive Committee

President	Jim Beckford
Vice-President	Enzo Pace
General Secretary	Karel Dobbelaere
Treasurer	Jean-Pierre Hiernaux

Council members (term of actual mandate)

Honorary President	Bryan Wilson
Past-president	Liliane Voyé
Régine Azria 2003 (France)	
Peter Beyer 2005 (Canada)	
Pedro Gonzàles Blasco 2003 (Spain)	
Jay Demerath 2003 (USA)	
John Fulton 2005 (United Kingdom)	
Carlos Garma 2005 (Mexico)	
Rudi Laermans 2003 (Belgium)	

Cecilia Mariz 2005 (Brazil)
Paul Repstad 2003 (Norway)
Susumu Shimazono 2003 (Japan)
Miklos Tomka 2003 (Hungary)
Olivier Tschannen 2005 (Switzerland)
Monika Wohlrab-Sahr 2005 (Germany)

Ex-officio:

Franco Garelli, chair of the local committee for the 27th conference (Italy)
Alan Black RC 22 ISA (Australia)

Open positions:

Netherlands
South Asia

Editorial Committee

Liliane Voyé, chair
Pierre Brechon (France)
Erwan Dianteill (France)
John Fulton (United Kingdom)
Carlos Garma (Mexico)
Meerten Ter Borg (Netherlands)

Auditors for the Accounts 2001-2003

Elisabeth Arweck (United Kingdom)
James T. Richardson (USA)

The 27th ISSR/ SISR conference

will take place in July 2003 in Turin, Italy, under the guidance of Franco Garelli. The ISSR Council will finalise the precise dates and theme of the conference at its meeting in Paris in February 2002.

You are asked

to send proposals for the next conference **before January 15th 2002** to:

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Suggestions were already made at the General Assembly
see point 9 of the Minutes of the General Assembly (supra)

PLEASE GIVE YOUR REASONS FOR THE THEME YOU SUGGEST AND BREAK IT DOWN
INTO TWO PLENARY SESSIONS

CONFERENCES and ANNUAL MEETINGS

ISA Research Committee 22 (sociology of religion) invites proposals for papers to be presented at the XV ISA World Congress of Sociology, Brisbane, Australia, 7-13 July 2002. Details of the themes and conveners of the various sessions are posted on the ISA Congress Web site: www.ucm.es/info/isa/congress2002/rc/rc22.htm

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion: Annual Meeting 2002 in Hilton Salt Lake City Center, Salt Lake City, UT, USA. October 31-November 3: "Practicing Religion In the 21st Century". Send proposals to: Penny Edgell Becker, Department of Sociology, Cornell University, 323 Uris Hall, Ithaca NY 14850, USA. email: peb4@cornell.edu. Include email address on all correspondence. Deadlines: January 15, 2002 Session proposals; March 15, 2002 Paper Proposals; September 30, 2002 Completed Papers. Web site: www.ssrweb.org.

Association for the Sociology of Religion: *Chicago* meeting, **15-17 August 2002**. The formal program call will be included in the next issue of *News & Announcements*, but it is already on the Web site: www.sociologyofreligion.com. Contact Program Chair Grace Davie—g.r.c.davie@exeter.ac.uk—with program suggestions and proposals, or phone: X-44-1392-263302.

Colloque AFSR : Sexualité et religion, 4-5 février 2002, 59 rue Pouchet, Paris, F-75017, France. Renseignements et inscriptions: afsr@iresco.fr. (ou tél : +-33-1-40 46 31 34, laisser un message).

American Sociological Association: Annual Meeting, Chicago, 16-19 August 2002. Section 34: **Sociology of Religion** will organise two regular sessions. "Religion and Inequality" and "Religion in Comparative Perspective: Ascribed and Achieved Identity". Submissions are due January 7th, 2002. For up-to-date information: [www.asanet.org/section 34/index.html](http://www.asanet.org/section%2034/index.html)

British Sociological Association (BSA): Sociology of Religion Study Group will organise its 2002 Annual Conference in Birmingham on 8-11 April. The theme: "Religion in an Urban Context". Deadline for proposals: Jan 31st, 2002. The local organiser is Martin Stringer (m.d.stringer@bham.ac.uk). For details, see <http://artsweb.bham.ac.uk/mstringer/conf.htm>.

Sociedad y derechos humanos. Segundas jornadas internacionales de religión:
"Creencias, culturas y poder en la construcción de los derechos humanos", del
7 al 10 de mayo 2002.

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