

in the US and the Netherlands. During this preliminary stage of the program, which lasted a year, the trainees lived in the Therapeutic Communities and Addiction Treatment Centers in which they were being trained.

The first phase of the program proper began in August, 1983, with the opening of the Advisory Centers, the Addiction Treatment Center and the 'Ithaca' Therapeutic Community.

The advisory centers are designed to provide consultative services for individuals and families affected by addiction problems. They also provide addicts themselves with information about admission to the program and treatment under it, and about the principles and regulations of the therapeutic program.

A stay at the Addiction Treatment Center may last for twenty to thirty days. The purpose of the Center is first to treat the physical symptoms of the syndrome and second to prepare the drug addict or alcoholic for the main course of treatment at the 'Ithaca' Therapeutic Community. There are three conditions for admission to the Addiction Treatment Center: a) voluntary approach on the part of the addict, b) agreement in advance with the internal regulations and operating principles of the Center, and c) adequate motivation for treatment.

The 'Ithaca' Therapeutic Community is a self-administering commune which provides addicts with an opportunity to help themselves and each other and undergo therapy consisting solely of psycho-social techniques. The use of drugs of any kind in the community is strictly forbidden and respect for the internal regulations is a condition for a continued

World Conference



The Mediterranean Women's Studies Institute (KEGME) has organized three workshops in the NGO Forum in Nairobi (July 1985). Women from all over the world can participate in them. Those who will not be attending the Forum, can participate without leaving home.

KEGME held a pre-conference Symposium on the theme 'Mediterranean Women on the Move: The Employment, Health and Education of Migrant Women'. The Symposium took place in Delphi, Greece, April 5-8, and it was attended by about 70 representatives from Mediterranean women's organizations, international organizations such as the United Nations, ILO, UNDP, UNESCO, governments of sending and receiving countries of immigrants, and immigrant women themselves. The recommendations that were drawn up at the last Plenary of the Symposium have been widely disseminated and will be included in some of the national reports to the World Conference. These recommendations will form the basis of discussion for the Workshop in Nairobi on "Migrant and Refugee Women". Workshop I will deal with "Forward-Looking Research Strategies" and Workshop III with "New Strategies for Women's Studies."

Two strategy meeting will be held in Greece in

preparation for Workshops I and III

Workshop I "Forward-Looking Research Strategies"

This workshop will articulate a special concern for women and development research. Now more than ever, there is need for placing feminist research within the larger framework of global development and for launching "forward-looking research strategies" that will help women emerge out of the crisis. Long-range scenarios to year 2000 suggest strongly the deteriorating position of women. This points to the urgency of developing a feminist approach to research which will seek out and make fully visible the major trends and processes in global development affecting women. This research must identify the critical thresholds that must be reached and the 'kind' of development that must be affected if women are to situate themselves in the mainstream of future society. The prioritizing, systematizing and strengthening of feminist research is a critical future strategy itself.

Participation is open to everyone.

Papers on a topic relevant to anyone of the three workshops should be sent to KEGME.

This workshop will address critically both the process and priorities of feminist research: 1) It will review and assess feminist research during the decade in terms of a) the research process itself (epistemology, theory and methodology - building, research techniques, data collection and dissemination systems, etc. b) substantive research areas, i.e. women, science and technology, the feminization of poverty, etc. Emphasis will be placed on the prospective movement of knowledge, rather than introspective and retrospective movement of knowledge, and the need to examine a number of key processes likely to affect strongly the material conditions, role and status of women in future society. 2) An objective of the workshop will be to establish a network of research institutions geographically and to set up on-going research teams within and across regions.

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on Women in Nairobi

Workshop II "Migrant and Refugee Women"

This workshop will examine the root causes of migration which will be sought within the context of the north-south relationship. Migration will be viewed both as a cause and effect of the structural inequalities between nations and regions. Migrant women especially are among the most discriminated national minorities because they are both migrants and women. The majority of migrant and refugee women experience cultural and social uprootedness, extreme exploitation of their labor and increased

vulnerability. In the receiving countries migrant and refugee women, whether housewives or workers, bear enormous burdens because of their sex, ethnic or racial background, and their isolation and alienation.

This workshop will discuss the problems of migrant and refugee women and propose a plan of action up to year 2000 that will address both sending and receiving countries, international organizations, immigrant women's associations, and immigrant women themselves.

Workshop III "New Strategies" for Women's Studies"

This workshop will examine the logic, nature, purpose and locus of Women's Studies in western countries and their methods of organization within academic institutions. New strategies will be proposed to consolidate their position within the academic framework. However, the important question of internationalizing Women's Studies outside formal academic institutions will be posed,

that will bring together western women with women from the developing world where such studies do not exist.

A Pilot Project will be fully presented by KEGME on the establishment of a summer Institute of Women's Studies on a Greek island for Mediterranean women and women from developing countries, with the help and support of lecturers from Europe and North America.