

INTRODUCTION

In 1987 – as part of the project: »Yugoslav women in Berlin-Weding« (financed by the city senate of Berlin on the occasion of the city's 750th anniversary) – female Yugoslav workers employed in that city were subjected to a questionnaire survey. The results of this study were presented at the scientific conference »Yugoslav Women in Migration«, held in Zagreb on the 26th and 27th of December 1988.

The round table was organised by the Institute for Migration and Nationalities (Zagreb), in co-operation with the Institute for Mother and Child Care (also in Zagreb). The meeting was attended by some fifty researchers, activists from various clubs in the FR of Germany, and social and community workers concerned with the problems of women migrants.

During the conference an exhibition was opened in Zagreb's city hall, entitled »THE JOURNEY – Yugoslav women workers in West Berlin«, which was organised by Mrs. Bosiljka Schedlich, incumbent person for the Berlin project.

The round table was divided into three thematic sections:

- the migration of women from Yugoslavia: departure, sojourn, return;
- family and other problems of migrant women;
- migration and health.

Activity in the sections was intense. Scientific and professional papers were read. Discussion was fruitful.

In this issue we are presenting the papers of those participants who prepared and sent us their scientific and professional papers for publication. The order of the papers in this issue corresponds to the order in which they were presented at the conference.

The conference identified numerous problems and effects of migration which one can visualise only in the long-term, after nearly thirty years of European migration, in which women – besides their economic role – have made a substantial contribution to the stabilisation of family structures and the upbringing of new generations (the second generation) in the specific circumstances of migration. Likewise, the conference not only stimulated suggestions for resolving problems, but also gave certain initiatives for further scientific research.