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## FOREWORD

Parks Canada is pleased to make this material available to the research community. The contents of this volume are truly, as the subtitle suggests, technical. Whereas Volume I in this series is intended primarily for administrative and policy personnel, this volume is intended primarily for researchers. The contents include a wealth of new and exciting approaches to the study of outdoor recreation and approaches to recreation research in general.

In 1967, when Knetsch produced an exploratory CORD Study research program, the state of recreation research was embryonic. At that time no one could have predicted which available methodological techniques essential to the CORD Study needed to be revised and which new techniques would need to be developed. Work on park-use survey methods was released in 1968. The only discussions of motivation factors affecting participation rates that were being produced at that time were theoretical rather than practical. Needless to say each of us is aware of the rapid development of computer usage and methodology that has had a revolutionary effect upon large-scale data processing and analysis since 1967. Demand estimation methodologies were published in 1969. All this occurred while CORD Study researchers were in the field collecting data.

As this volume indicates, new analysis techniques had to be developed throughout the Study. Some of these techniques are still undergoing testing and refinement. In many ways, Canada has assumed a leadership role in this effort. As late as 1974, the United States Bureau of Outdoor Recreation still perceived the field of outdoor recreation to be in such a state that it held a National Seminar to define recreation research needs.

Considering all of the factors cited, it would have been easy to have abandoned the CORD Study in the face of developments which suggested possibly better ways to achieve the aims of the Study. However, by taking a flexible view of the original design, and solving methodological problems as they arose, the Study has produced much that can be considered a major contribution to research methodology. This volume then, in the years to come, will provide researchers and others with a text that can serve as a methodological reference and as an instructional source.

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