



## **Scientific research and relevant scientific publications**

*Terminological concepts and definitions are used here presuming the previous file at this webpage '(I) The object of the JSL-research' has already been consulted.*

### **(II) The type of research of the JSL Foundation**

The respondents of the JSL research are questioned by means of a questionnaire as an instrument. This questionnaire is presented to (occasionally large) groups of respondents. Thus the JSL research investigates what profiles or patterns there are in the juveniles' attitude with respect to social limits, in what way the rearing adults realise their rearing tasks and what correlations there are between both kinds of data.

Through an *exploratory* research the JSL Foundation endeavours to discover the nature of these correlations. For there are some ideas about these correlations, but these cannot be sufficiently clearly formulated as hypotheses which makes it impossible to test them. At the same time there is at present no opportunity for an experimental test. Therefore the JSL research cannot as yet be called a test research at this stage. Expectations are being cherished that are derived from practical data, whether or not systematised, and from pilot studies of a limited scope. When these expectations are supported by research results this will provide information on the basis of which at a later stage hypotheses concerning the correlations can be formulated and, if possible, tested.

In addition to the exploratory character the JSL research contains elements of *instrumental* research as well. For the benefit of data collection explicit attention is paid to developing new instruments and optimising the quality of the existing instruments. At the same time existing instruments are adapted for new groups of respondents.

#### ***Relevant literature***

Groot, A. D. de (1994) *Methodologie; grondslagen van onderzoek en denken in de gedragswetenschappen*. Assen: Van Gorcum.