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## Memorandum to IARIW Members

FROM: Andrew Sharpe, IARIW Executive Director  
TO: IARIW Members  
DATE: August 9, 2006  
Subject: Update on IARIW Activities

The 29<sup>th</sup> IARIW General Conference, to be held in Joensuu, Finland August 20-26, is fast approaching and I am happy to see that nearly one half of the IARIW membership will be in attendance. With a record number of sessions (22) and papers (129), this year's General Conference promises to be a major success. I look forward to meeting a large number of IARIW members at this important event.

For the first time the IARIW is providing financial assistance to paper givers to participate in the conference on a needs basis. A total of 16 IARIW members are receiving assistance, with most of these individuals from middle and low income countries. In addition, we have established a conference bursary program to foster the professional development of economists in poor countries. Economists from the national statistical agencies in Zambia, Swaziland, and Botswana are the first recipients of the bursary and will have their conference expenses covered by the Association.

Almost all the conference papers are now posted at [www.iariw.org/c2006.asp](http://www.iariw.org/c2006.asp). Even if you are not able to attend the conference, I strongly encourage you to visit our website to see the latest in research on topics in the income and wealth field.

The deadline for receipt of ballots for the election of Council members for the 2006-2012 term is August 15, 2006. Nine members are running for three positions, a very encouraging sign of the level of interest on the part of the membership in serving on the Council. The bios of the candidates are posted at [www.iariw.org/councilnomrec.asp](http://www.iariw.org/councilnomrec.asp). Ballots were emailed to members on June 19. If you have not already voted, please do so by August 15. A list of the members who have so far voted is posted at [www.iariw.org/voted.asp](http://www.iariw.org/voted.asp). Contact the secretariat if you have lost your ballot. The results

will be officially announced at the members meeting on August 22 at the General Conference.

It is important for the IARIW to be granted charitable status under Canadian law given that the IARIW secretariat is now located in Canada. Without this status, any significant surplus the Association runs will likely be subject to corporate income tax. The Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) has indicated that the IARIW can be granted this status as an educational organization if it makes two minor alterations to its bylaws. We have been asked to include a clause that explicitly states that the object of the Association is “to advance education and knowledge in the general area of income and wealth by organizing conferences, by circulating scholarly papers accessible to the general public through the Association’s website, and by publishing a quarterly journal” and we have been asked to add a clause that states that upon dissolution all remaining funds after the payment of debts must be given to a Canadian charity (including international charities based in Canada). These changes to the bylaws, if approved by the Council, will be presented to the general membership at the August 22 members meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting and have any questions about the changes requested by the CRA, please contact me.

In partnership with the National Bureau of Statistics of China, the IARIW is organizing an international conference on income and wealth issues in transition economics. The conference will take place in September or October 2007 in Beijing. The call for papers is posted at [www.iariw.org/callforpapers2007.pdf](http://www.iariw.org/callforpapers2007.pdf). If you are doing research on transition economics, you are strongly encouraged to submit a proposal for a paper.

Finally, members are encouraged to submit proposals for sessions at the 30<sup>th</sup> IARIW General Conference which will be taking place in Slovenia in August 2008. The deadline for submissions at the upcoming General Conference is noon on Tuesday, August 22. If you are not attending the General Conference, please email me your proposal by August 18.