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ANDREW SHARPE (*Executive Director*)

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Dear IARIW Member,

IARIW President Marshall Reinsdorf and Ann Lisbet Brathaug, IARIW Council member and senior official at Statistics Norway, would like to invite all members of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) to attend the 36th IARIW General Conference, which will take place at the Oslo Congress Centre in Oslo, Norway from Monday, August 24 to Friday August 28, 2020. Over 200 papers on income and wealth issues will be presented.

The conference website maintained by Statistics Norway is found at <https://egencia.qondor.com/ParticipantWeb/Registration/82776>. Registration is now open and can be accessed at <https://egencia.qondor.com/ParticipantWeb/MenuItems/82776/ContentPage/16547>. You are encouraged to register by May 1, 2020 to obtain the early bird package rate. Note that the evening meal in Wednesday (and the farewell dinner) is included in the conference package this year. Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation, which can be done through the registration process.

The preliminary conference program with abstracts is posted at <http://iariw.org/c2020oslo.php>. Professor Katherine Abraham from the University of Maryland will give the Ruggles lecture. Katherine is Chair of our sister organization, the NBER's *Conference on Research in Income and Wealth* (CRIW) and a former head of a statistical agency, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

We are continuing with the organization of the General Conference on the assumption that the corona virus emergency will be over by August. If indications are that this will not be the case, the conference will be postponed or cancelled. The organizers will decide whether the conference can go ahead by May 20, 2020 at the latest. If a decision is made to postpone or cancel, those who have already registered will receive a full refund of the package fee and hotel charges.

## **Pre-Conference Training Courses at the General Conference**

The IARIW will be offering one two-day training course on August 23-24 immediately preceding the General Conference. The training session is on national accounting, and will be given by Francois Lequiller, formerly Head of National Accounts at the OECD. A minimum of 10 persons will be needed to be registered by the June 30, 2020 deadline for a training course to go ahead. There is no charge to participate in the sessions for IARIW members, including employees of IARIW institutional members. Details on the two courses, and a link for the registration form, are posted at <http://www.iariw.org/training2020.php>.

## **Nominations Open for New Members of the IARIW Council**

Four persons are to be elected to the Council for the 2020-2024 period. The call for nominations is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/councilnom-2020.php>. The deadline for nominations is June 15, 2020 at midnight EDT. An email ballot will be distributed to members shortly thereafter.

## **Membership Renewals**

Individual members who had not prepaid their 2020 dues will have received in January an invoice by email. If you have not already paid your dues for 2020, you are asked to do so as soon as possible. The annual membership rate for 2020 is \$75 US with a hard copy of the *Review of Income and Wealth* and \$40 US for on-line access only. Membership dues can be paid by credit card at <http://www.iariw.org/payment.php>.

## **Special Conference in 2021**

The IARIW is planning two special conferences in 2021. The first, in partnership with the UK Office of National Statistics' Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence (ESCoE) will be on intangible capital and will take place in at King College in London, England in June 2021. The second, in partnership with the Central University of Economics and Finance, will be on human capital measurement and will take place in Beijing, China in December 2021. Details on these conferences, including the call for papers, will be provided in coming months.

Members are invited to contact me with any questions related to the Association. I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the General Conference in Oslo in August.

Sincerely,

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