May 18, 2016

Dear IARIW Member,

**Call for Papers for IARIW-BOK Conference on Well-being Now Open**

The IARIW, in partnership with the Bank of Korea (BOK), is organizing a conference entitled “Beyond GDP: Past Experiences and Future Challenges in the Measurement of Well-being” to be held in Seoul, Korea April 26-28, 2017. This will be the first IARIW conference to be held in Korea. The objective of the conference is to advance the international debate on well-being measurement, both at the macro and micro levels, through an examination of past experiences and the identification of future challenges.

A committee chaired by Past IARIW Chair Andrea Brandolini (Bank of Italy) has been established to oversee the conference program. Other members of the committee are Sabina Alkire (George Washington University and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative), Albert Braakmann (Federal Statistical Office of Germany), Teakyoung Cho (Bank of Korea), Hyunbae Chun (Sogang University), Andrew Clark (Paris School of Economics), Martine Durand, (OECD), and Lars Osberg (Dalhousie University).


**34th IARIW General Conference**

Arrangements for the 34th IARIW General conference to be held August 21-27, 2016 in Dresden are proceeding well, with over 120 persons already registered. The conference website maintained by the Federal Statistical Office of Germany is found at [https://www.destatis.de/IARIW/EN/Home/Home.html](https://www.destatis.de/IARIW/EN/Home/Home.html). For registration, click here.

The preliminary conference program with abstracts is posted at [http://www.iariw.org/c2016dresden.php](http://www.iariw.org/c2016dresden.php). Hotel accommodation is no longer part of the overall package. Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation. A list of hotels is provided on the conference website. The main conference hotel is the Westin Bellevue where all sessions will be held.

**Pre-Conference Training Sessions at the General Conference**

I would like to draw the attention of the membership to the training sessions offered to IARIW members on August 20-21 immediately preceding the General Conference. Taught by world class experts in their fields, three sessions represent excellent professional development opportunities. The three two-day sessions are:
• national accounting, taught by Francois Lequiller from the OECD, co-author of the volume *Understanding the National Accounts*;
• real estate price measurement, taught by Mick Silver from the IMF; and
• measurement of multidimensional poverty, given by Sabina Alkine from George Washington University and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.

Enrollment in each session will be limited and is on a first-come basis. A minimum of 10 persons will be needed to be registered by the June 30 deadline for a training session to go ahead. There is no charge to participate in the sessions for IARIW members, including employees of IARIW institutional members. Details on the three sessions, and a link for the registration form, are posted at [http://www.iariw.org/training2016.php](http://www.iariw.org/training2016.php).

Institutional members of the Association are asked to share this opportunity with their colleagues.

**Reminder of June 15 Deadline for IARIW Council Nominations**

Members are reminder that the deadline for nominations for the IARIW Council is June 15, 2016. Following changes in the IARIW bylaws, four persons are to be elected to the Council for the 2016-2020 period. The call for nominations is posted on the website ([http://www.iariw.org/councilnom-2016.php](http://www.iariw.org/councilnom-2016.php)). An email ballot will be distributed to members after nominations close.

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