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Dear Member,

This message provides an update of recent and upcoming IARIW activities.

2010 IARIW General Conference

The 2010 General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) will take place in St. Gallen, Switzerland, August 22-28, 2010. The preliminary conference program is now posted at <http://www.iariw.org/c2010.php> and will be published in the March 2010 issue of the *Review of Income and Wealth*. The conference website hosted by the conference co-organizer, the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, will include details on the accommodation packages and registration. The membership will be notified as soon as this website is operational.

On September 14, 2009, President Sarkozy of France released the report of the Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress. This seminal report has important implications for the work of statistical agencies and consequently is of great interest to the IARIW membership. I am pleased to announce that the opening plenary session at the conference will be devoted to the report, with presentations by members of the Commission and senior officials from central statistical agencies.

Following on the success of the training session on national accounts at the 2008 General Conference, this year's conference will feature two training sessions, one on national accounts and a second on micro-simulation modeling. The sessions will take place on August 21 and 22 immediately preceding the conference. There is no fee for IARIW members. Details on the sessions will be available shortly.

There is no conference registration fee for either individual IARIW members or employees of institutional members (for a list of institutional members, see <http://www.iariw.org/member.php>).

2009 IARIW Special Conference on Measuring the Informal Sector

On September 23-26, 2009, in partnership with the South Asian Institute of Management (SAIM), the IARIW held an international conference entitled "Measuring the Informal Economy in Developing Countries" in Kathmandu, Nepal. Around 80 delegates from over 20 countries attended. The conference was a success, both from an academic and social perspective. Delegates greatly appreciated the opportunity to experience Nepalese food, culture, and hospitality, and to make new friends. The Association would like to thank SAIM for its excellent work in co-organizing this event.

The conference papers are posted at <http://www.iariw.org/c2009.php>. Selected papers will be published in a special issue of the *Review of Income and Wealth*, edited by Derek Blades and Francisco Ferreira to be published in 2011.

Reports by the Executive Director and RIW Editors, and the 2008 Financial Statement

The report of the Executive Director for the period August 2008 to August 2009 is posted at http://www.iariw.org/E2008_2009.pdf

The report of the Editors of the Review of Income and Wealth to July 31, 2009 can be found at <http://www.iariw.org/EditorialReport2009.pdf>.

The audited financial statement for 2008 is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/Fin-2008.pdf>.

The latter documents were published in the December 2009 issue of the *Review of Income and Wealth*.

New Institutional Members

The IARIW has five new institutional members: the African Development Bank, the Indian Association for Research in National Income and Wealth, the Central Statistical Organization of India, the Central Bureau of Statistics of Nepal, and the South Asian Institute of Management. The IARIW Council would like to extend a warm welcome to these organizations.

On-line Access to the Review of Income and Wealth

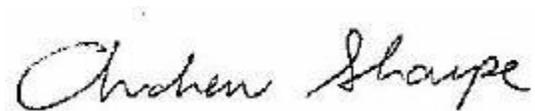
Past issues of the *Review of Income and Wealth* for the years to 2006 inclusive can be accessed without a password at <http://www.roiw.org>. IARIW members can also access more recent issues on-line through the Wiley-Blackwell website, which is password protected. To obtain access to the *Review of Income and Wealth* through Wiley-Blackwell, contact Juliet Newton at juliet.newton@wiley.com.

Membership Renewals

Invoices for individual members who have not prepaid the 2010 membership year will be emailed out next week. Invoices for institutional members will be mailed out the first week of February.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the General Conference in August.

Sincerely,



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