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Dear IARIW Member,

This message is to update you on recent developments related to the Association.

Call for Papers for Special IARIW-World Bank Conference on Poverty Measurement

The IARIW, in partnership with the World Bank, is organizing an international conference entitled "New Approaches to Defining and Measuring Poverty in a Growing World." The event will take place at the World Bank office in Washington, DC November 6-7, 2019.

The global success in reducing extreme poverty means there is both a need for improved methodologies to effectively identify the shrinking population of the extreme poor and new concepts to capture those who continue to be poor by other definitions. This opening for new approaches to identifying and defining the poor offers opportunities and risks for all policy makers. The social sciences literature on poverty measurement is abundant in diverse conceptualizations of poverty, while advances in data sciences offers a vast array of data capture methods and tools to identify the poor. The objective of this special conference is to draw lessons from these disciplines to help inform and shape how the international development community moves forward in defining, measuring and monitoring poverty.

Persons interested in presenting a paper at the conference are invited to submit a proposal (up to 2,000 words) at http://iariw.org/paper_submission2019washington.php. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2019. Additional information on the conference can be found at <http://iariw.org/proposal2019washington.pdf>.

Sessions for the 36th IARIW General Conference in Oslo in 2020

The venue for the 36th IARIW General Conference taking place in Norway August 24-28, 2020 has been decided. The conference will take place in Oslo. Local arrangements will be handled by Statistics Norway.

Based on proposals received from the membership at the members meeting in Copenhagen, the Council selected 12 theme sessions. You can read the complete list of sessions at <http://www.iariw.org/sessions2020oslo.pdf>. In addition, proposals for papers on other topics are also welcome. The web portal for submissions will be open by April 30, 2019.

Call for Papers for 2019 Special IARIW-HSE Conference on Income and Wealth in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries

The IARIW, in partnership with the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE), announces a call for papers for the conference “Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income and Wealth in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries” which will take place at HSE in Moscow, Russia, September 17-18, 2019. The conference is supported by the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS Stat) and the Federal State Statistics Service of the Russian Federation (Rosstat). This will be the first conference that the IARIW has organized in any country of the former Soviet Union.

The objective of this conference is to advance our understanding on issues related to national accounts, prices, productivity, income and wealth distribution, poverty, and economic well-being in the countries of Eastern Europe and of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) through an examination of past experiences related to the measurement of trends in these variables and the identification of future measurement challenges.

The Call for Papers is posted at <http://iariw.org/call2019moscow.pdf>. Information on the conference is posted at <http://iariw.org/proposal2019moscow.pdf>. Submissions can be made at http://iariw.org/paper_submission2019moscow.php. The deadline for receipt of proposals is January 31, 2019.

Supplementary Issues of the Review of Income and Wealth

In non-General Conference years the IARIW organizes special conferences on specific topics. Selected papers from these conferences, chosen through the standard refereeing process, are published as supplementary issues of the Review of Income and Wealth. Members will have recently received or will receive shortly the supplementary issue “Poverty, Inequality and the Arab Spring” guest edited by Styephen Klasen based in the IARIW-CAPMAS conference held in Cairo in November 2015. Two additional issues are in the pipeline. The first is an issue on the measurement of economic well-being guest edited by Andrew Clark and Andrea Brandolini based on the April 2017 IARIW-Bank of Korea conference held in Seoul. The second is an issue on income, wealth, inequality and poverty in South Asia guest edited by Barbara Fraumeni and Deb Kusum Das based on the IARIW-ICRIER conference held in Delhi in November 2017.

IARIW-ISI Memorandum of Understanding

The IARIW has had a long relationship with the International Statistical Institute (ISI) as we share similar objectives of supporting and promoting the understanding, development and good practice of statistics worldwide. The IARIW was in fact established in the late 1940s at an ISI conference in Washington, DC. The two organizations have decided to formalize their relationship through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which is posted at http://iariw.org/MOU_ISI_IARIW.pdf

IARIW Session on the Future of the SNA at World Statistics Congress

As part of the collaboration between the IARIW and the ISI, the Association is organizing a session on national accounts at the International Statistical Institute's 62nd World Statistics Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia August 18-23, 2019. The session, spearheaded by immediate Past IARIW President Albert Braakmann, will provide both a stocktaking by looking at current experiences with the SNA 2008 and a look ahead by identifying challenges for a future SNA. The session brings together senior officials from the agencies responsible for producing SNA estimates for Germany, the EU, and OECD countries as well as senior officials from important users of the SNA (IMF and European Central Bank). The program for the session is posted at <http://iariw.org/c2019kuala.php>

Best regards,

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