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Dear IARIW member,

I am writing to update you on developments related to the Association.

Michael Ward

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Michael Ward, who died suddenly on October 18 from a heart attack. Michael had been a very active member of the Association since 1973. Among his many contributions to the Association, he was Chair of the Association from 2000 to 2002 and was currently serving as chair of the program committee for the special IARIW conference on the informal economy planned for Nepal in September 2009. A full obituary by Derek Blades will appear in the March 2009 issue of the *Review of Income and Wealth*.

2008 General Conference

The 30th IARIW General Conference took place in Portoroz, Slovenia August 24-30. By all accounts the event was a great success, with a record 290 delegates, many first-rate papers on a wide range of income and wealth topics, terrific weather, and a beautiful venue. On behalf of the IARIW Council, I would like to thank all paper givers, discussants and chairs for their contributions to the success of this event. I would also like to thank the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia for the excellent job they did organizing the conference and their warm hospitality. All conference papers are posted at <http://www.iariw.org/c2008.asp>. Conference photos are posted at <http://www.stat.si/Iariw2008/Default.aspx?id=110>.

Council Election

Seven persons offered themselves as candidates for the biennial election to Council, which took place shortly before the General Conference. The three persons elected to Council for the 2006-2012 period are: Francisco Ferriera (World Bank), Joachim Frick (DIW Berlin), and Alice Nakamura (University of Alberta).

In addition to the three new elected members, the Council appointed three co-opted members for the 2006-2008 term: Albert Braakman (German Federal Statistical Office), Germany) and Ruth Meier (Swiss Federal Statistical Office), and Bishnu Pant (South Asian Institute of Management).

Members Meeting

The annual IARIW Members meeting was held at the General Conference. Reports from the Treasurer, Executive Director, and Editors of the *Review of Income and Wealth* were presented to the membership. At the meeting, the new Chair of the Association, Andrea Brandolini (Bank of Italy) was introduced to the members by the out-going Chair, Stephen Jenkins (University of Essex).

The draft minutes of the meeting are posted at <http://www.iariw.org/M2008.asp>, as are the Financial Statement for 2007 (<http://www.iariw.org/Fin-2007.pdf>), and the reports by the Executive Director (<http://www.iariw.org/E2007-2008.pdf>) and Editors of the *Review of Income and Wealth* (<http://www.iariw.org/EditorialReport2008.pdf>).

2009 Special Conference

A key activity of the Association in 2009 will be the organization, with the South Asian Institute of Management, of an international conference on the experience and challenges in measuring the informal economy in developing countries. The conference will take place in Kathmandu, Nepal September 24-26, 2009. The call for papers is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/call2009.asp> and will be published in the December 2008 issue of the *Review of Income and Wealth*. Members are encouraged to submit proposals for papers to Program Chair Derek Blades by March 31, 2009.

2010 General Conference

Arrangements have begun for the 31th IARIW General Conference which will take place in St. Gallen, Switzerland August 22-28, 2010. Local arrangements will be handled by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office. Although the deadline for submissions of proposals (August 31, 2009) is still ten months away, the detailed call for papers is already posted on the IARIW website at <http://www.iariw.org/call2010.asp>. It will also be published in the December 2008 issue of the *Review of Income and Wealth*.

Review of Income and Wealth Editorial Team

The International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) wishes to appoint an editorial team for the *Review of Income and Wealth (RIW)* for a five-year term starting from August, 2009, which is when the current editorial contract expires. A call for applications is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/callforapplications.pdf>. This document provides information about the RIW, the roles and duties of the editorial team, other related information, and details of the application process.

If you have any questions or concerns with the Association, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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