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Dear IARIW Member,

On behalf of the IARIW Council, I would like to wish all IARIW members all the best for 2022.

### **IARIW General Conference: January 15 Deadline for Submissions of Proposals**

The 37<sup>th</sup> IARIW General Conference will be held in Luxembourg August 22-26, 2022. Because of the continued travel uncertainty associated with the pandemic, the local organizer STATEC, the national statistical office of Luxembourg, has decided that the conference will be a hybrid event. The exact format that the conference will take has yet to be worked out. The membership will be kept informed of developments.

Members are reminded that January 15, 2022 is the deadline for the submission of proposals for the General Conference. The call for papers highlighting the 15 session themes is posted at <https://iariw.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Sessions2022Luxembourg.pdf>. The portal for submission is available at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0kflVjD-9CHFRNuPE5Lmore8jMLkwqWgi9kHdAuTuiJxE3w/viewform>.

Members are strongly encouraged to submit proposals for conference papers.

### **IARIW-ESCoE Conference on Measuring Intangible Capital**

On November 11-13, 2021 the IARIW, in partnership with the UK Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence (ESCoE), held a special conference in London, England entitled “Measuring Intangible Capital and its Contribution to Growth.” The conference was an in-person event, although because of travel restrictions imposed by certain employers, some paper givers presented remotely. Around 100 people registered for the conference. Delegates greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet fellow researchers once again in a face-to-face setting. The final program for the conference, with links to the papers, is found at <https://iariw.org/program-iariw-escoe-2021/> Reflections on the conference prepared

by Josh Martin from the Office of National Statistics are available at

<https://www.escoe.ac.uk/reflections-on-a-tangible-intangibles-conference/>

Selected papers from the conference will be published in a supplemented issue of the *Review of Income and Wealth* to be guest edited by conference organizers Mary O'Mahony and Rebecca Riley.

IARIW conferences offer an opportunity for delegates to meet one another socially through excursions. On the third day of the conference, around 20 delegates were given a historical perspective on London's financial district through an organized tour called "How the City Got Rich."

### **Postponement of the IARIW-TNBS Conference on Income, Wealth and Well-being in Africa**

The IARIW, in collaboration with the Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics, has organized a special conference entitled "Measuring Income, Wealth and Well-being in Africa." The conference was scheduled to take place April 14-16, 2022 in Arusha, Tanzania. However, because of travel and health uncertainties caused by the pandemic, the conference has been postponed to November or December 2022. Members will be informed of the new dates once they are finalized. The preliminary conference program is posted at <https://iariw.org/iariw-tnbs-conference-program/>

### **Training Survey**

A key objective of the IARIW is to offer professional training opportunities for our members, primarily through training sessions at the General Conference. As the most recent General Conference was virtual, our traditional training session on national accounts were virtual as well, with participation rising from around 30 attendees to over 100. This raises the issue of what should be the appropriate mix between in-person, virtual and potentially hybrid training opportunities offered by the Association going forward. To address this and other training issues, the IARIW Training Committee chaired by Marshall Reinsdorf has developed a training survey to obtain input from the membership. All members are encouraged to participate in this short online survey. The survey platform can be accessed at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpV2zu28lOqVxeOkEhGIV5ZZmn6xX1dTvYSRUoeCMn1HiRIQ/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpV2zu28lOqVxeOkEhGIV5ZZmn6xX1dTvYSRUoeCMn1HiRIQ/viewform?usp=pp_url) The deadline for responding to the survey is January 31, 2022

### **Supplementary issues of the Review of Income and Wealth**

The first half of 2022 will see the release of two supplementary issues of the *Review of Income and Wealth* based on selected papers from IARIW special conferences. The first will be an issue guest edited by Ilya Voskoboynikov based on papers presented at the IARIW-HSE conference "Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income and Wealth in CIS Countries and Eastern Europe" held at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow in September 2019. The second will be an issue guest edited by Dean Jolliffe, Grazia Pittau and John Gibson which draws on papers from the IARIW-World Bank conference "New Approaches to the Measurement of Poverty": held at the World Bank in Washington, DC in November 2019. The Association would like to thank all guest editors for their important work.

### **Passing of Deb Kusum Das**

It is with great regret that I report the passing of IARIW member Deb Kusum Das from the University of Delhi. Deb was a very active member, serving on Council, presenting papers at many IARIW General and special conferences, organizing sessions at General Conferences, as well as being the local organizer of the IARIW-ICRIER special conference on income and wealth in South Asia that took place in Delhi in November 2017. He will be greatly missed by the Association. An obituary will appear in the *Review of Income and Wealth* later this year.

### **Membership Renewal for 2022**

Individuals members who have not already paid their membership dues for 2022 will be receiving an invoice later this week. Institutional members will be billed for 2022 the following week.

Best Regards,

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