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Dear IARIW Member,

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

Opening of Registration for IARIW-University of Hitotsubashi Special Conference on Population Ageing, March 24-25, 2025

I am pleased to announce that registration is now open for the IARIW- University of Hitotsubashi Conference “Population Ageing: Implications for Economic Measurement and Economic Performance”. The conference website is found at <https://www.sds.hit-u.ac.jp/2324/>. The link to registration is accessible [here](#).

The conference will take place at the International House of Japan in Tokyo, Japan March 24-25, 2025. There will be an excursion on March 26, The preliminary conference program is found [here](#). Additional information on the conference is found [here](#).

The World KLEMS network will be holding the 8th World KLEMS Conference March 27-28, 2025 at the International House of Japan in Tokyo immediately following the IARIW conference. IARIW members are encouraged to attend both events. Information on this event can be found [here](#).

2024 General Conference

The 38th IARIW General Conference took place at King’s College London in London, England, August 26-30, 2024. The Conference was a success, attracting 210 delegates. The final program containing over 110 conference papers is available [here](#). The Association would like to thank the Economics Statistics Centre of Excellence (ESCoE) for a very well-organized event.

The opening plenary session organized by ESCoE featured panels on the emerging SNA 2025 and on metrics for growth. Stephen Jenkins from the London School of Economics gave the Nancy and Richard Ruggles Memorial Lecture entitled “What do we know about

income volatility?” The text will appear next year in the *Review of Income and Wealth*. A video recording of the lecture is found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSmTlbtFkr8>

The Ruggles Prize for best paper for a young researcher was awarded to Daniel Ripperger-Suhler from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis for the paper [Consumer Learning and Outlet Substitution Bias: How Diffusion of Product Quality Knowledge Impacts Measures of Price Change?](#)

On August 24-25 immediately before the General Conference, the IARIW organized training sessions on national accounts and on poverty measurement with recognized experts in these field. Video recordings of these sessions are found at <https://iariw.org/conferences/past-conferences/>

Council Election

Six persons ran for the biennial election to Council, which took place shortly before the General Conference. The four persons elected to Council for the 2024-2028 are:

- Conchita D’Ambrosio (University of Luxembourg)
- Charlotte Bartels (DIW Berlin)
- Marina Gindelsky (US Bureau of Economic Analysis)
- Alicia Rambaldi (University of Queensland)

In addition to the four elected members, the Council appointed three co-opted members, with responsibility for the organization of IARIW conferences in 2024-2026:

- Roeland Beerten (National Bank of Belgium)
- Chihiro Shimizu (Hitotsubashi University)
- Hai-Anh Dang (World Bank)

The list of Council members and brief bios are posted [here](#).

Members Meeting

The IARIW Members Meeting was held on August 28, 2024, at the 38th IARIW General Conference in London. It was announced that the new President of the Association for 2024-2026 will be Charles Horioka from Kobe University in Japan, replacing outgoing President Catherine van Rompaey from the World Bank. Shatakshee Dhongde from Georgia Institute of Technology is the new President-Elect. She will assume the presidency in August 2026.

The 39th IARIW General Conference will take place in Brussels, Belgium August 24-28,

2026. The conference will be hosted by the National Bank of Belgium (NBB) and held at the office of the NBB. The 40th IARIW General Conference will be hosted by Statistics Poland and will be held in August 2028 at a yet undetermined location in Poland.

It was announced that Andrew Sharpe, IARIW Executive Director since 2005, will be leaving the position of IARIW Executive Director on December 31, 2024 after 20 years. He will be replaced by David Johnson from the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, Medicine and Engineering, The IARIW secretariat will move from Ottawa, Canada, to Washington., DC. in January 2025.

Reports from the Treasurer, Executive Director, and Editors of the *Review of Income and Wealth* were presented to the membership. The IARIW financial statement for 2023 is posted [here](#).

The report of the Executive Director is posted [here](#) and the report of the Editors of the Review of Income and Wealth is posted [here](#). The draft minutes from the members meeting are posted [here](#).

Based on the brief presentations of proposals for sessions at the next General Conference in 2026 made by members at the members meeting, Council decided that the topics would be the following: advancing well-being measurement and applications; determinants of well-being, non-traditional data; advances in distributional accounts; consumption, inequality and housing; capital stock; inequality of opportunity; the system of environment-economic accounts (SEEA). The call for papers for the General Conference will be out shortly.

Call for Papers for IARIW Special Conference on Well-being Measurement in Developing Countries. October 2-3, 2025

Members are reminded that the call for papers for the IARIW special conference “Improving Well-being Measurement in Developing Countries for Better Evidence-based Policies” closes on January 31, 2025. The call for papers is found [here](#).

This special conference, the first IARIW conference ever held in South East Asia, is being organized in collaboration with the World Bank and the Vietnamese think tank Central Institute of Economic Management (CIEM) and will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam October 2-3, 2025, with an excursion on October 4. Information on the conference can be found [here](#).

Review of Income and Wealth

The Association’s website <http://www.roiw.org> contains an archive of IARIW publications since 1950, including the Review of Income and Wealth. This website has recently been updated with the files for all RIW articles published in 2021. Articles are available for free access without a password. Members will have recently received from

Wiley an updated password to access more recent issues of the Review of Income and Wealth on the Wiley website.

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