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Dear IARIW Members,

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

## 2012 General Conference

The 32nd IARIW General Conference took place in Boston, USA, August 5-11, 2012. For the first time in its 65 years of the Association's existence, the conference was held in the United States. The event featured a very successful opening joint session with the Conference on Research in Income and Wealth (CRIW), establishing a budding relationship between the two organizations, which have very similar objectives. The conference also organized special sessions on economic data held on Wednesday, which were a bonus for delegates, particularly economists from statistical offices. The Association was greatly honored that Ben Bernanke, Chair of the Federal Reserve Board, agreed to open the conference and that Larry Summers from Harvard University agreed to provide a dinner address in honour of his late father Robert Summers, a long-time IARIW member. The conference set an attendance record, with 320 delegates attending. The Association would like to thank the US Bureau of Economic Analysis for the superb job they did in organizing the event. All conference papers are posted at <http://www.iariw.org/c2012.php>.

## Council Election

Five persons ran for the biennial election to Council, which took place shortly before the General Conference. The three persons elected to Council for the 2012-2018 term are:

- Prasada Rao (University of Queensland),
- Marshall Reinsdorf (US Bureau of Economic Analysis),
- Marcel Timmer (University of Groningen).

In addition to the three new elected members, the Council appointed three co-opted members for the 2012-2014 term:

- Ann Lisbet Brathaug (Statistics Norway),
- Gerard Eding (Statistics Netherlands),
- Kevin Fox (University of New South Wales),
- Roberto Ramos (Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE)).

The list of Council members and brief bios are posted at <http://www.iariw.org/councilmain.php>.

## **Members Meeting**

The 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 outgoing Chair of the Association, Peter van de Ven (OECD), the outgoing Chair introduced the in-coming chair, Barbara Fraumeni (University of Southern Maine).

The IARIW financial statement for 2011 is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/Fin-2011.pdf>, the report of the Executive Director is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/E2011-2012.pdf>, and the report of the Editors of the Review of Income and Wealth is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/EditorialReport2012.pdf>. The draft minutes from the meeting are posted at <http://www.iariw.org/M2012.pdf>.

## **2013 Special Conferences**

The IARIW will organize two special conferences in 2013. The first, in partnership with Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE), the Brazilian national statistical agency is entitled "Income, Wealth and Well-being in Latin America" and will be held in the September 11-14, 2013 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The call for papers is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/IBGE2013.pdf> and will be published in the December 2012 issue of the Review of Income and Wealth. Members are encouraged to submit proposals. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2013.

The second special conference will be co-organized with the University of New South Wales and will be entitled "Productivity: Measurement, Trends and Drivers". The conference will be held in Sydney, Australia, November 26-27, 2013. The call for papers is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/UNSW2013.pdf> and will be published in the December 2012 issue of the Review of Income and Wealth. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2013.

Members are encouraged to submit proposals for the conferences and also to distribute the calls for paper to persons who may be interested in participating.

## **2014 General Conference**

Arrangements have begun for the 33th IARIW General Conference which will take place in the Netherlands (either Rotterdam or The Hague) August 22-28, 2014. Local arrangements will be handled by the Statistics Netherlands. Although the deadline for submissions of proposals (August 31, 2013) is still ten months away, the detailed call for papers is already posted on the IARIW website at <http://www.iariw.org/call2014.pdf>. It will also be published in the December 2012 issue of the Review of Income and Wealth. Proposals will be accepted starting April 1, 2013.

## **Review of Income and Wealth**

The Association's website that archives IARIW publications, including the Review of Income and Wealth, has been updated with the files for all RIW issues published in 2009. It is available without password and charge at <http://www.roiw.org>. Also members will have recently received from Wiley-

Blackwell an update password to access more recent issues of the Review on the Wiley-Blackwell website.

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

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