

April 13, 2012

Dear IARIW Members,

This message provides an update on a number of issues related to the Association.

Nominations Open for New Members of the IARIW Council

Three positions on the IARIW Council become vacant in August 2012. The call for nominations is posted on the website <http://www.iariw.org/councilnom-2012.php>. The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2012. An email ballot will be distributed to members shortly thereafter.

Pre-conference Training Sessions at the General Conference

The IARIW will be conducting two two-day training or professional development sessions on August 4-5 immediately preceding the General Conference. One training session is on topics in national accounting, taught by Peter van de Ven, Head of National Accounts at the OECD. This training session is intended for professional economists in government agencies, central banks and academia who regularly need to deal with and understand national accounts. The second training session is on price measurement issues, taught by Erwin Diewert from the University of British Columbia. Enrollment in each session will be limited to 20 participants.

There is no charge for the course for either IARIW individual members or employees of IARIW institutional members. Details on both sessions are posted at <http://www.iariw.org/training2012.php>. The registration form is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/IARIW-2012%20Conference%20Training%20Session%20Form.pdf>. The deadline for registration is June 30, 2012.

May 1st Increase in Package Prices for the 32nd IARIW General Conference

Persons participating in the 32nd IARIW General Conference to be held in Boston August 5-11 are reminded that the prices of the accommodation and meals packages will increase by \$100 as of May 1, 2012. Details on the conference, including accommodation packages and registration procedures, can be found at <http://iariw2012.com/>.

Matching of Persons Interested in Sharing a Room at the General Conference

The cost of the shared room package at the General Conference is significantly less than the single room option. If you are willing to share a room, the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, which is handling the local arrangements for the conference, will perform a matching role. Details are given when one selects the shared room option on the on-line accommodation package registration form.

May 31st Deadline for Submissions for the Ruggles Memorial Fund Prize

The IARIW gives the Richard and Nancy Ruggles Memorial Fund Prize, of a value of \$2,500 US, to the best paper presented at the General Conference by a young researcher (35 years and

under). To be considered for this prize, the completed paper must be submitted by May 31, 2012. Details on the prize are posted at <http://www.iariw.org/ruggles2012.php> .

Updating of Membership Information

Members are asked to verify their information on the website membership directory at <http://www.iariw.org/memlist.php>. Changes can be made on-line through the application and information update form at <http://iariw.org/memberarea.php>. If you have lost your password you may retrieve it at <http://iariw.org/memberarea.php?page=forgot>.

Membership Renewals

Individual members who have not prepaid their 2012 dues are asked to do so as soon as possible. You may check the payment status of your membership at <http://iariw.org/memberarea.php>. You may pay your dues at <http://www.iariw.org/payment.php>.

Members are invited to contact me regarding any area of concern related to the Association. I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the General Conference in Boston in August.

Sincerely,

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