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Dear IARIW Member,

33rd IARIW General Conference, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, August 24-30, 2014

Preparations for our 33rd IARIW General Conference, which is taking place in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, August 24-30 are almost complete. Thanks to the great work done by the local organizer, Statistics Netherlands, this conference will be a very memorable experience. We start with the “walk around” dinner on Sunday evening in the impressive De Doelen conference centre and end with the farewell dinner on Friday evening in a former distillery. All persons registered will have received an information sheet on conference activities from Statistics Netherlands.

The opening plenary session of the conference will feature two distinguished keynote speakers. Bart van Ark, Chief Economist at The Conference Board, will address the issue of measuring and monitoring the world economy since the financial crisis. Paul Schnabel, Professor at Utrecht University and former Director of the Netherlands Institute for Social Research, will speak on well-being in the post-welfare state society.

Conference delegates are reminded that it is the discussants who both present and discuss the papers at IARIW General Conferences. This means that authors of papers do not have to prepare PowerPoint presentations for their papers.

On-line Availability of Conference Papers

It has long been an IARIW tradition to distribute papers before the conference to allow participants the opportunity to read them before the event. It is believed that this availability improves the quality of the discussion at the conference. The internet now allows us to make papers available before the conference not just to those attending the conference, but to all members, and indeed to the general public.

I am pleased to announce that all of the 151 papers on the program for the upcoming 33rd IARIW General Conference to be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, August 24-30 are now posted at <http://iariw.org/c2014netherlands.php>. I would like to thank authors for meeting the deadline. I hope that many conference participants will have an opportunity to read papers of interest before the conference and to relate their comments to the authors at the conference.

Council Election

Members are reminded that the deadline for receipt of ballots for the election of IARIW Council members for the 2014-2020 term is 11:59 PM EDT on Sunday, August 17. If you are uncertain whether you have voted, or want to verify that your ballot has been recorded, a list of members who have cast their ballot by August 12 is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/CouncilVotes.pdf>. The ballot is attached for IARIW members in good standing who have not voted. Biographies of the candidates are posted at <http://www.iariw.org/nominations-2014.pdf>. The results of the election will be officially announced at the membership meeting on August 26.

IARIW Membership Meeting

The meeting of the members of the Association will take place at 8:30 PM on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at the 33rd IARIW General Conference in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The agenda for the meeting is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/IARIW-agenda-2014.pdf>.

The new Canadian Charities Act has required the updating of the Association's by-laws. The proposed new set of by-laws is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/IARIWBy-lawNo.1.pdf>. The most important change to the by-laws is the reduction in the term of Council members from six years to four years. Starting with the 2016 Council election, four persons will be elected to a term of four years, in contrast to the current three persons elected to a term of six years. The new by-laws will need approval at the membership meeting.

Session Proposals for the 2016 General Conference

Members are reminded that session proposals for the 34th IARIW General Conference, which will take place in Germany in August 2016, are now being received by the secretariat (info@iariw.org) and will continue to be received until noon on Tuesday, August 26. These proposals will be distributed and discussed at the membership meeting.

IARIW-OECD Conference on the SNA in 2015

Building on the success of recent special conferences, the IARIW is planning two special conferences for 2015. The first, co-organized in collaboration with the OECD is entitled "W(h)ither the National Accounts?" It will take place at the OECD Conference Centre in Paris, April 16-17, 2015. The call for papers is posted at <http://iariw.org/call2015.pdf>. The deadline for the submission of proposals is September 30, 2014.

IARIW-CAMPAS Conference on Income and Wealth in Arab Countries

After successful special conferences on income and wealth in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, the IARIW is planning the organization of a special conference on income and wealth in the Arab world, in partnership with the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAMPAS), the Egyptian national statistical office. The conference will take place in late 2015 in Cairo. Details on the conference, including the call for papers, will be available shortly.

I look forward to seeing many members in Rotterdam in less than two weeks!

Best Regards,

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