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Dear IARIW Member,

This message is to update you on the recent activities of the Association.

IARIW-OECD Conference on the Future of the SNA, April 16-17, 2015

On 16-17 April 2015, the IARIW-OECD Conference on the Future of National Accounts took place under the title "W(h)ither the SNA." The conference consisted of four keynote addresses, by André Vanoli, Anne Harrison, Peter van de Ven, and Diane Coyle, and nine sessions with a total of 33 papers. An excellent turnout of well over 100 participants and lively exchanges marked the two-day event. The conference program and papers are posted at www.iariw.org/c2015oecd.php. A summary of the conference can be found at www.iariw.org/papers/2015/Summary.pdf. Selected papers from the conference will be published in a supplementary issue of the *Review of Income and Wealth*.

Special Conference in Egypt on Income and Wealth in the Middle East and North Africa, November 23-25, 2015

The IARIW-CAPMAS special conference entitled "Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income, Wealth, Poverty, and Inequality in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)" will be held in Cairo, Egypt, November 23-25, 2015. The conference program includes approximately 30 papers in nine sessions. Keynote speakers include World Bank MENA Chief Economist Shantayanan Devarajan. The program is posted at www.iariw.org/c2015egypt.php. There is no conference registration fee for individual IARIW members and persons employed by IARIW institutional members. The Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), the Egyptian national statistical office, is responsible for conference registration. The link to the conference website, which includes the registration portal, will be provided on the IARIW homepage (www.iariw.org) in early August.

34th General Conference in 2016, August 21-27, 2016

The 34th IARIW General Conference will take place August 21-27, 2016 in Dresden, Germany. Local arrangements are being handled by the Federal Statistical Office of Germany. The conference website is posted at www.destatis.de/IARIW/EN/Homepage.html. Registration will start in early spring of 2016. The Call for Papers is posted on the IARIW website at www.iariw.org/call2016.pdf. All members are encouraged to submit proposals. The deadline for receipt of proposals is August 31, 2015. Proposals are to be submitted through the conference web tool that can be accessed at www.iariw.org/paper_submission2015dresden.php.

IARIW Session on Income Inequality at the 2015 World Statistics Congress

The IARIW has organized an invited paper session on international perspectives on income inequality that will be held at the World Statistics Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil July 26-30, 2015. Three papers by IARIW members Francisco Ferreira from the World Bank, Martine Durand from the OECD, and Tim Smeeding from the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be presented. Details on the session are posted at <http://iariw.org/c2015rio.php>

Survey on the Future of the General Conference

The IARIW Members Meeting held at the 33rd General Conference in Rotterdam (August 2014) resolved that a survey of the IARIW membership be conducted to elicit members' views concerning the organization of future IARIW General Conferences. The resolution was endorsed by the IARIW Council. Organization of the survey was delegated to Stephen Jenkins (former Chair, IARIW Council), Stephan Klasen (IARIW Council Member), and Marcel Timmer (IARIW Council Member). This online survey was developed by Stephen Jenkins (LSE).

The IARIW Council will use the findings of the survey when considering potential changes to the organization of future General Conferences (and also Special Conferences). Please give us your views (even if you have not attended a General Conference)!

This survey asks:

- the aspects of the General Conference that are viewed by you as most important;
- the nature of your participation in the General Conference and your funding;
- features of future conferences that would influence your participation.

The survey's **estimated time of completion is 15 minutes (max) or less.**

Survey respondents are eligible to enter a prize draw. After the closing date of the survey, three respondents will be randomly selected, with the prize being a two-year individual membership of the IARIW, or \$100 cash. (The prize winner may nominate a second person to receive the prize in his or her stead.) If you wish to be entered for the prize draw, please provide your Name and Email Address at the end of the survey. All responses will be treated as anonymous and respondents will not be personally identified in the survey report (with the exception of the winners of the prize draw).

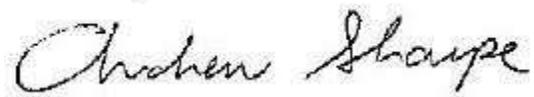
The survey is found at https://lse.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9SmVGfuZz6OVPE1. **The deadline for responses is July 31, 2015.**

Julius Shiskin Memorial Award For Economic Statistics

Congratulations to IARIW member Brent Moulton, Associate Director for National Economic Accounts of the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), who received the 2015 Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics. The award recognizes unusually original and important contributions in the development of economic statistics or in the use of statistics in interpreting the economy. Brent is recognized for his leadership in implementing major innovations into the U.S. national accounts, international standards for national accounts, and expanded integration of U.S. statistical programs. He is also recognized for his work at the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in developing innovations that improved the reliability of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The citation for the award can be found at www.amstat.org/sections/bus_econ/moulton_shiskin_release_2015.pdf

If you have any questions related to IARIW activities, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Sharpe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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