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ANDREW SHARPE (*Executive Director*)

Memorandum

From: Andrew Sharpe
To: IARIW Membership
Date: June 12, 2007
Subject: Update on IARIW Activities

I am writing to update IARIW members on the current activities of the Association.

IARIW-NBS Conference (China)

In partnership with the National Bureau of Statistics of China (NBS), the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth is organizing a major international conference on the theme of experiences and challenges in measuring national income and wealth in transition economies. The objective of the conference is to further our understanding from an empirical perspective of developments in China and other transition economies (e.g. Russia, CIS, Eastern Europe) in the areas of the measurement of growth, productivity and other macroeconomic aggregates, as well as income distribution.

The conference will take place at the Friendship Hotel in Beijing, China September 18-21. The program is now posted on the website <http://www.iariw.org/chinaconference.asp>

All IARIW members are invited to attend this important event. There is no registration fee. The number of spaces is limited and registration is on a first come basis. Non-IARIW members from outside China must become an IARIW member to register. Details on the conference, as well as the registration form and hotel information, are posted at the conference website maintained by the NBS: <http://nbs-iariw.stats.gov.cn>. The USERID and the password to access the website are IARIW and 2007918 respectively.

30th IARIW General Conference in Slovenia in August 2008

As noted in the last update, the venue for the 2008 IARIW General Conference has now been selected by the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia, the host of the conference. The conference will be held in the city of Portorož on the Slovene coast August 24-30, 2008. This city was the location for the 1959 IARIW General Conference. Information on Portorož is available at <http://www.slo-istra.com/portoroz/eng.asp>.

Members are reminded that the deadline for the submission of abstracts for the conference is August 31, 2007. The call for papers for the conference is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/call2008.asp>.

2007 IARIW Annual Meeting

Our bylaws require the Association to hold an annual meeting. As the members of the Association only physically meet every second year at the General Conference, the annual meeting for 2007 will be held by conference call in the first half of October. The date will be announced as soon as it is confirmed. The agenda, as well as a link to the documents related to the meeting, will be distributed to the membership this summer.

Review of Income and Wealth

Marcel Timmer, Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Groningen, has been appointed by the IARIW Council Associate Editor of the *Review of Economic and Wealth*. He will assist the two current editors, Bart van Art and Stephen Klasen, with the journal's growing workload.

The June 2007 issue of the *Review of Income and Wealth* has recently been mailed out..

Membership

The IARIW is pleased to welcome the European Central Bank and STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des études économiques), Luxembourg's central statistical agency, as new institutional members. This brings the number of IARIW institutional members to 33.

Individual members who have not yet paid their dues for 2007 are asked to do so as soon as possible.

IARIW Training Committee

At the Council meeting in Joensuu in August 2006, a training committee was established to explore and develop possible training activities, particularly related to the teaching of national accounts, for the 2008 General Conference. The committee is composed of Markus Jäntti from Åbo Akademi University (chair), Barbara Fraumeni

from the University of Southern Maine, and Peter van de Ven from Statistics Netherlands. Members are strongly encouraged to contact one of the committee members if they have any suggestions for training activities.

Bylaw Modification

At the members meeting in Joensuu, Finland in August 2006, a motion was passed to make minor modifications in our bylaws to strengthen our application to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for charitable status. I am pleased to report the proposed change to the bylaws was approved by the Corporations Secretariat of Industry Canada and, that based on our new bylaws, our application for charitable status has received CRA approval.

Julius Shiskin Award Goes to Arthur Kennickell

I am pleased to report that Arthur Kennickell, Chief of the Microeconomic Surveys Unit at the US Federal Reserve Board and a long time (active) member of the Association, has received the 2007 Julius Shiskin Award for Economic Statistics. Details of the award are posted at <http://www.iariw.org/announcement2007.asp>. Congratulations Arthur!

I encourage members to contact me if they have questions or suggestions about any aspect of the Association's activities.