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Andrew Sharpe (Executive Director)

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Dear IARIW Member,

IARIW-OECD Special Conference on the Future of the SNA in April 2015

The IARIW is pleased to announce an important special conference entitled "Whither the SNA?" Organized in partnership will the OECD, the conference will take place at the OECD Conference Centre in Paris April 16-17, 2015. The objective of the conference is to look at the longer term future of the national accounts. Members of the conference program committee are: Barbara Fraumeni, current IARIW Chair; Anne Harrison, a Past IARIW Chair and Coordinator of the 2008 SNA Revision; Peter van de Ven, Head of National Accounts at the OECD; and Paul Schreyer, OECD Deputy Chief Statistician. The motivation for the conference and the issues to be addressed, as well as other information for the conference are found in the call for papers posted at http://www.iariw.org/call2015.pdf.

Members are strongly encouraged to submit proposals for possible inclusion in the conference program through the web tool posted at http://www.iariw.org/paper_submission2015SNA.php. The deadline for submissions is September 30, 2014.

2014 IARIW General Conference

Members are reminded that the 33rd IARIW General Conference will take place in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, August 24-30, 2014. The conference website maintained by Statistics Netherlands is found at www.cbs-events.nl/iariw. The preliminary conference program with abstracts is posted at http://www.iariw.org/c2014netherlands.php.

Pre-conference Training Sessions at the General Conference

Members are strongly encouraged to participate in the training sessions on August 23-24 immediately preceding the General Conference. One training session is on topics in national accounting, coordinated by Peter van de Ven, Head of National Accounts at the OECD. The other training session is on price measurement, taught by Erwin Diewert from the University of British Columbia and the University of New South Wales. Enrollment in each session will be limited and is on a first come basis. There is no charge for IARIW members, including employees of IARIW institutional members. Details on the sessions are posted at http://www.iariw.org/IARIW-training-sessions-2014.pdf. The registration form can be found at http://www.iariw.org/IARIW-2014ConferenceTrainingSessionForm.pdf.

June 15 Deadline Approaching for Nominations for New Members of the IARIW Council

Members are reminded that the deadline for nominations for three positions on the IARIW Council for the 2014-2020 period is June 15, 2014. The call for nominations is posted on the website (http://www.iariw.org/councilnom-2014.php).

Members who have any questions are encouraged to contact me at <u>andrew.sharpe@csls.ca</u>.

Sincerely,

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