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Dear IARIW Member,

This message is to update you on recent developments related to the Association.

## **36th IARIW General Conference in Oslo in August 2020**

Preparations are well underway for the 36th IARIW General Conference, which will take place in Oslo, Norway August 24-28, 2020. Local arrangements are being handled by Statistics Norway. A total of 306 proposals for papers were received by the September 30, 2019 deadline for possible inclusion in the program. The session organizers and program committee headed by IARIW President Marshall Reinsdorf are currently putting together the program. A preliminary version of the program is planned for this December. Members will be informed when the conference website being constructed by Statistics Norway is operational in the first part of 2020.

## **Special IARIW-HSE Conference on Income and Wealth in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries in September 2019**

The IARIW, in partnership with the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE), organized an international conference entitled "Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income and Wealth in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries" which took place at HSE in Moscow, Russia, September 17-18, 2019. The conference was supported by the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS Stat) and the Federal State Statistics Service of the Russian Federation (Rosstat) and was the first conference that the IARIW has organized in any country of the former Soviet Union.

The conference attracted 140 delegates from 22 countries, with 30 papers presented in regular sessions. Martin Ravallion, former Chief Economist at the World Bank, was the keynote speaker. The papers prepared for this conference represent the most recent research on income and wealth issues in CIS countries and Eastern Europe. All papers are posted at <http://iariw.org/c2019moscow.php>. Selected papers will be published in a supplementary issue of the Review of Income and Wealth.

## **Special IARIW-World Bank Conference on Poverty Measurement in November 2019**

The IARIW, in partnership with the World Bank, organized an international conference entitled “New Approaches to Defining and Measuring Poverty in a Growing World” which took in Washington, DC November 7-8, 2019. The conference attracted 130 delegates from 27 countries, with 32 papers presented in regular sessions and 19 poster papers. Martin Ravallion, former Chief Economist at the World Bank, was the keynote speaker. The papers prepared for this conference represent the most recent research on poverty measurement issues related to the developing world. All papers are posted at <http://iariw.org/c2019washington.php>. Selected papers will be published in a supplementary issue of the Review of Income and Wealth.

## **IARIW Session on the Future of the SNA at World Statistics Congress**

As part of the collaboration between the IARIW and the ISI, the Association organized a session on national accounts at the International Statistical Institute’s 62nd World Statistics Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia August 18-23, 2019. The session, spearheaded by immediate Past IARIW President Albert Braakmann, provided both stocktaking by looking at current experiences with the SNA 2008 and a look ahead by identifying challenges for a future SNA. The session brings together senior officials from the agencies responsible for producing SNA estimates for Germany, the EU, and OECD countries as well as senior officials from important users of the SNA (IMF and European Central Bank). The papers presented in the session are posted at <http://iariw.org/c2019kuala.php>.

## **Special Conferences Planned for 2021**

The IARIW Council in its October 2019 meeting approved two special conferences for 2021. The first conference, in collaboration with ESCOE, will be on intangible capital and will take at King’s College in London, England in June 2021. Mary O’Mahony and Rebecca Riley will co-chair the program committee. The second conference, in collaboration with the Central University for Economics and Finance (CUEE), will be on human capital and will take at CUEE in Beijing, China in December 2021. Barbara Fraumeni and Heisling Li will co-chair the program committee. The call for papers for both conferences will be released in 2020.

## **Review of Income and Wealth**

In non-General Conference years the IARIW organizes special conferences on specific topics. Selected papers from these conferences, chosen through the standard refereeing process, are published as supplementary issues of the Review of Income and Wealth. Members will soon see a supplementary issue that contains papers from two special conferences, namely “Experiences and Challenges in the Measurement of Economic Well-being” held in Seoul, Korea in April 2017 and the conference “Experiences and Challenges in the Measurement of Income, Wealth, Inequality and Poverty in South Asia” held in Delhi, India in November 2017. Andrew Clark and Andrea Brandolini served as guest editors for papers from the first conference and Barbara Fraumeni and Deb Kusum Das guest edited papers from the second conference.

The Kendrick Prize committee, chaired by Thesia Garner, recently announced that the winner of the Kendrick Prize for the best paper published in the *Review of Income and Wealth* in 2018. The committee decided that two papers were to share the prize for the 2018 volume. The winning articles were “Multidimensional Inequality Across Three Developed Countries” by Nicolas Rohde and Ross Guest and “Can Geospatial Data Improve House Price Indexes? A Hedonic Imputation Approach with Splines” by Robert Hill and Michael Scholz. Congratulations to the winners!

The IARIW has updated the historical archive of the *Review of Income and Wealth* to 2016. All issues for the 1967-2016 period can be accessed without password at [www.roiw.org](http://www.roiw.org). The report of the Editors of the *Review of Income and Wealth* for 2018-2019 is available at <http://iariw.org/EditorialReport2019.pdf>.

### **IARIW Financial Statement and Executive Director’s Annual Report**

At the Council meeting by conference call held on October 8, 2019 Council approved the Association’s audited financial statement for 2018. The audited financial statement for 2018 is posted at <http://iariw.org/Fin-2018.pdf>. The report of the IARIW Executive Director for 2018-2019 is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/E2018-2019.pdf>.

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