

December 7, 2004

To: IARIW Members
From: Jane Forman, Executive Secretary
Subject: E-Mail Transmission, Information Update and 2005 Dues

All Individual Members with outstanding dues for 2004 have received FINAL BILLS for 2004 in a previous mailing. Please pay outstanding 2004 dues before January 1, 2005. Bills for 2005 will be sent out by Andrew Sharpe, incoming Executive Director of the IARIW after January 1, 2005 when the Secretariat will have been moved to Ottawa, Canada. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS will also be billed after January 1, 2005 for 2005.

E-MAIL TRANSMISSION AND WEBSITE POSTING OF THIS MESSAGE

This message is being sent by E-Mail to all Members who have provided addresses to the Secretariat. A hard copy of this message will be mailed to ALL MEMBERS.

If you **DO NOT** receive an E-Mail transmission, please provide an E-Mail address to the following addresses as soon as possible.

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Your address will be posted on the Member Directory (unless you request to opt out) and if you provide a personal homepage address a **HYPERLINK** will be created under your entry. You can also make corrections and additions to your Member Directory entry at this time. The IARIW Homepage can be accessed at <http://www.iariw.org>. Please E-Mail changes to Jane Forman and Andrew Sharpe at the above addresses.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Liv Hobbelstad Simpson, Statistics Norway, Norway, was elected Council Chairperson for 2004-2006. Jacques Magniez, INSEE, Paris, France; Peter van de Ven, Statistics Netherlands, Netherlands and Peter Saunders, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia were elected Council Members for 2004-2010. Eeva Hamunen, Statistics Finland, Finland, Paul McCarthy, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australia and Harry Wu, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong were co-opted as Council Members for 2004-2006.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGE IN SECRETARIAT AND EDITORIAL OFFICE

As announced previously, the office of the Secretariat will move from New York City, USA to Ottawa, Canada on January 1, 2005 and Andrew Sharpe will become the Executive Director of the IARIW.

The Editorial Office of the *Review of Income and Wealth* moved from New York City, USA to Groningen, The Netherlands on August 1, 2004. On that date, Bart van Ark, Groningen, The Netherlands and Stephan Klasen, Goettingen, Germany became Managing Editors of the *Review*.

2006 GENERAL CONFERENCE

The dates for the 29th General Conference, to be held in Joensuu, Finland have been confirmed for 20 - 26 August 2006. The venue is 500 kilometers from Helsinki in North Karelia. There will be accommodations in a large conference hotel with 200 rooms and a less expensive student hostel. There will be a childrens' rate and there will be a daily rate for those delegates who cannot attend for the full week. However, delegates will continue to be encouraged to attend for the full week and Annex C of the Conference Announcement which explains why full week attendance is important will be included in the First Conference Announcement. Meetings will be at the University which is 1.5 kilometers from the hotels. Shuttle bus service will be provided. There will be a lounge or meeting room at the University for use of accompanying persons and delegates. There will be an Accompanying Persons Program for those persons who do not attend sessions. There will be internet access for delegates. Eeva Hamunen is the conference liaison for Statistics Finland.

The Council voted upon and approved a change in the session structure for the 2006 conference. There will be 3 plenary sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings; Friday morning will have 2 parallel sessions. There will be 3 parallel sessions each afternoon for a total of 14 parallel sessions; 6 of these sessions will be devoted to Submitted Papers. There will be Poster Sessions for those Submitted Papers that cannot be accommodated in the 6 Submitted Papers Sessions.

There will be a Conference Program Committee composed of Paul McCarthy, Pat Ruggles, Andrew Sharpe (ex officio), Liv Simpson (ex officio), Tim Smeeding (Chair), and Bart van Ark. They will be in charge of organizing the Submitted Papers Sessions and will coordinate with the Session Organizers to eliminate duplication and manage the overflow of papers not accepted in one of the main sessions. The individual Session Organizers will be responsible for selecting Authors and Discussants for their sessions.

It was reaffirmed that there would be a maximum of 6 papers in each session and that the Session Organizer would be the Session Chair. It was also reaffirmed that the Session Chair would give a 5 minute introduction to the session and that the Session Chair would not present a paper in his/her session unless it was a joint paper and one of the joint authors was responsible for the response.

FUTURE GENERAL CONFERENCES

The 30th General Conference hosted by the Slovenian Statistical Office will be held in Radenci, Slovenia. The tentative dates for the meeting are 24 – 30 August 2008. Andreja Hocevar is the conference liaison. Additional information about the conference will be posted on the website as it becomes available.

The 31st General Conference hosted by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office will be held in St. Gallen, Switzerland in August 2010. The meeting will occur during the celebration year for the 150th anniversary for the Swiss Federal Statistical Office. The IARIW is honored to be included in the festivities. Ruth Meier is the conference liaison.

SPECIAL CONFERENCES

The Council voted on and approved the encouragement of Special Conferences on specific topics or on regional issues as a way to manage the overflow of submitted papers to the General Conference. It was agreed that a discussion of Special Conferences would be a standing agenda item and that a committee would be formed to oversee the choice of topics, the financing and the organization of such conferences.

PROPOSED IARIW BYLAW REVISIONS

The Constitution, Organization and Governance Committee composed of Stephen Jenkins, *Chairman*, and members Anne Harrison, Holly Sutherland, Bart van Ark and Tim Smeeding (*ex officio*) completed their report. The results were E-Mailed to Members and posted on the IARIW website. Members were given until November 16, 2004 to make comments. The committee is now reviewing the comments received and will issue a final report which will be E-Mailed to Members and posted on the website. ***A vote of the full Membership on the adoption of the Bylaw Revisions will be taken in the near future.***

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee composed of Peter van de Ven, *Chairman*, and members Michael Ward Kishori Lal, Liv Simpson, Andrea Brandolini, Ed Wolff, Jane Forman, and Tim Smeeding (*ex officio*) completed their report and the Council voted upon and approved changes in the financial administration of the IARIW. A new Finance Committee composed of Peter van de Ven, *Chair*, Liv Simpson and Andrea Brandolini was formed. The Chair of the committee, Peter van de Ven, is the Treasurer for the IARIW.

NANCY AND RICHARD RUGGLES MEMORIAL FUND

The Council thanked retiring trustees Peter van de Ven and Kishori Lal (in absentia) for their work during 2002 and 2004. Harry Wu and Peter Saunders were appointed to join Thesia Garner and Pat Ruggles as Trustees for the 2004 – 2006 period. Thesia Garner will be Chair of the Trustees Committee.

It was voted upon and approved that the Trustees would take over responsibility for paper submissions from the Executive Director. Thesia Garner as Chair will be responsible for distributing submissions to the Trustees, acknowledging candidate submissions and notifying successful and unsuccessful candidates of the decision of the Trustees.

THE RUGGLES INVITED LECTURE

It was voted on and agreed that the immediate past Chair of the Council, based on consultation with others including the *Review* Editors, would make the selection and arrangements for the invited speaker.

It was voted on and agreed that the budget for the Invited Lecture would be €2000. This amount includes the honorarium, travel to and from the meeting and accommodation at the General Conference. It is not required that the invited lecturer attend the full week of the meeting.

The invited lecturer must agree to revise the presented lecture promptly so that it may be published in the *Review* within a year of its presentation. It was agreed that the Managing Editors of the *Review* would form a special committee to comment on the lecture and provide guidance for revision prior to publication.

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND REGISTRATION FEES

It was decided that Individual Membership fees would remain at \$75 US. The Student Rate will remain at \$38 US. Due to exchange rate fluctuations, payment will no longer be accepted in Euros or British Pounds, but **CREDIT CARD** payment will be available beginning in 2005.

It was decided that conference registration fees should remain at \$100 US for IARIW Members and \$150 US for non-Members. Due to exchange rate fluctuations, payment will no longer be accepted in Euros or British Pounds, but **CREDIT CARD** payment will be available beginning in 2005.

INTERNET PAPER DISTRIBUTION AND WEBSITE POSTING

It was voted upon and decided that paper distribution by Internet continued to be a success. There will be no hard copies of papers mailed to Members by authors for the 2006 meeting. All papers will be posted for downloading on two sites: IARIW and Statistics Finland. Authors will be asked to E-Mail copies of their papers prepared in

PDF format to BOTH sites for posting. It was decided that Discussants who submit comments in PDF format may have their comments posted after the conference. E-Mail addresses for authors will be supplied to Members who have difficulty downloading papers.

AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO THE *REVIEW* FOR MEMBERS

Both Members and non-Members now have free access to articles published in the *Review of Income and Wealth* from 1966 through 2000 at www.roiw.org

Articles published from 2001 onward are available to Members free of charge through Synergy at www.blackwell-synergy.com. Members who have not already received an individual password for Synergy access should contact Cathy Coleman at Blackwell to confirm their Member status. She will issue the individual password. Her address is Cathy.Coleman@oxon.blackwellpublishing.com.

PERSONAL NOTE OF FAREWELL TO MEMBERS

Since this will be my last general communication as Executive Secretary to IARIW Members, I would like to take this opportunity to say what a pleasure my tenure at the Association has been. It has been exciting to see the technological changes over the years: the journal used to be laboriously hand set and now everything is handled electronically; the FAX machine was considered advanced and now messages are scanned and E-Mailed and posted on our website. Sometimes the quick pace and instant messaging leaves less time for personal interaction so I want to thank each one of you for the special relationship we have shared. It has been this personal component of my position as Executive Secretary that has been so rewarding.

Andrew Sharpe will become Executive Director of the IARIW on January 1, 2005. During the transition he and his staff have posted the back issues of the journal since 1966 and contributed the new design for the IARIW website. I am pleased to be handing over my responsibilities to Andrew. I know he will enjoy getting to know each of you.

A very fond goodbye,
Jane