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Dear Member,

This message provides an update on IARIW activities.

General Conference Registration Now Open

The main activity of the Association for the current year is the 31th IARIW General Conference that will take place August 22–28 in St. Gallen, Switzerland. An updated preliminary programme with abstracts is posted at <http://www.iariw.org/c2010.php>. The conference website maintained by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office is available at <http://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/iariw/en/index.html>. Registration information is posted at <http://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/iariw/en/index/11.html>. Please note that persons who register after June 28 are subject to a late registration fee of 100 Swiss francs.

A highlight of the conference will be the opening plenary session on the implications of the Stiglitz Commission on the measurement of economic performance and social progress for the work of statistical offices. Confirmed panellists include the Chief Statisticians of the OECD, Eurostat, Italy, Switzerland and the Director of the US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Pre-conference Training Sessions at the General Conference

The IARIW will be conducting two two-day training sessions on August 21-22 immediately preceding the General Conference. One training session is on topics in national accounting, coordinated by Peter van de Ven of the Dutch Central Bureau of Statistics. This training session is intended for professional economists in government agencies, central banks and academia who regularly need to deal with and understand national accounts. The other training session is on microsimulation of taxes and benefits, taught by a team of EUROMOD researchers led by Holly Sutherland of ISER at the University of Essex. This training session is intended for analysts and researchers who wish to learn the basics of constructing tax-benefit simulation models, and includes both lectures and exercises based on existing tax-benefit models. Enrollment in each session will be limited to 20 participants. There is no charge for the course for IARIW members. Check the IARIW website on May 3, 2010 for further information and registration details.

Nominations Open for New Members of the IARIW Council

Three positions on the IARIW Council become vacant in August 2010. The call for nominations is posted on the website (<http://www.iariw.org/councilnom-2010.php>). The deadline for nominations is June 15, 2010. An email ballot will be distributed to members shortly thereafter.

Updating of Membership Information

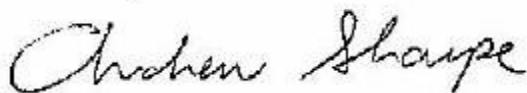
Members are asked to verify their information on the website membership directory at <http://www.iariw.org/memlist.php>. Changes can be made on-line through the application and information update form at <http://iariw.org/memberarea.php>. Your username is thomsoner1. If you have lost your password you may retrieve it at <http://iariw.org/memberarea.php?page=forgot>.

Membership Renewals

Individual members who have not prepaid their 2010 dues will have received in late January an invoice by email. If you have not already paid your dues for 2010, you are asked to do so as soon as possible. You may check the payment status of your membership at <http://iariw.org/memberarea.php>. You may pay your dues at <http://www.iariw.org/payment.php>.

Members are invited to contact me regarding any area of concern related to the Association. I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the General Conference in Switzerland in August.

Sincerely,



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