

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN INCOME AND WEALTH

Twenty-sixth General Conference, 2000
Cracow, Poland, 27 August through 2 September, 2000

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Twenty-sixth General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth will be held in Cracow, Poland on 27 August through 2 September, 2000. There will be three plenary sessions, 7 parallel sessions and at least two contributed papers sessions. The topics and organizers of individual sessions are given below. Persons interested in submitting a paper to be considered for any of these sessions should write or e-mail directly to the appropriate Session Organizer, enclosing an outline or abstract for the proposed paper.

MONDAY, 27 AUGUST, MORNING:

PLENARY SESSION 1

Factor Productivity and Technological Change

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MONDAY, 27 AUGUST, AFTERNOON:

PARALLEL SESSION 2A

Economic Performance and Income Distribution

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PARALLEL SESSION 2B

Balance Sheets

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TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST, MORNING:

PLENARY SESSION 3

International Standards for Income Distribution Statistics

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TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST, AFTERNOON:

PARALLEL SESSION 4A

Environmental Accounting

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PARALLEL SESSION 4B

Household Budget Expenditures and Budget Standards

Organizer: Peter Saunders, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW 2052, Australia, e-mail: P.Saunders@unsw.edu.au

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST, MORNING

PLENARY SESSION 5

Measures of Economic Well-Being

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THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST, AFTERNOON

PARALLEL SESSION 6A

Measures of Poverty and Social Exclusion

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PARALLEL SESSION 6B

Measurement of Government and Other Non-Profit Institutions

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FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, MORNING

PARALLEL SESSION 7A

Construction and Use of Social Accounting Matrices

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PARALLEL SESSION 7B

Selected Contributed Papers. (This session will be comprised of papers selected by the *Review Book Editor* and *Managing Editor* from the *Contributed Papers Session*. In this session the papers will be presented by discussants following the format of the invited sessions)

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FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, AFTERNOON

Contributed Papers

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for the
IARIW 26th GENERAL CONFERENCE IN CRACOW, POLAND
27 August–2 September 2000

The *Nancy Ruggles Memorial Fund* provides a grant for one person to attend the General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth. The next conference will be held in Cracow, Poland, 27 August through 2 September 2000. The grant will be awarded competitively on the basis of a paper judged by the Trustees of the Fund.

Applicants for the grant should:

- * Submit to the IARIW Secretariat an unpublished single author original paper on a subject relevant to the interests of the Association. (See the inside cover page of the *Review* for the address and a description of the Association's fields of Interest.) A C.V. should accompany the paper. The deadline for paper submissions is February 15, 2000.
- * Be working, on a permanent basis, in a country outside Western Europe, North America, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.
- * Be under 35 years old.

The grant is intended to contribute to the cost of airfare, conference fees and hotel accommodation up to a limit of US \$2,500. The successful applicant will be expected to present his, or her, paper at the Conference.

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1998 EDITORIAL REPORT

Edward N. Wolff, Managing Editor
August 11, 1998

Distribution of Manuscript Submissions Closed Over the Period July 1, 1996 to July 30, 1998

Total Number of Manuscripts:	Received	171
	Accepted	48
<i>A. Distribution by Subject</i>		
1. National Accounting Systems and Their Implementation	Received	24
	Accepted	8
2. Industrial Structure, Prices, Production, and Employment	Received	29
	Accepted	5
3. The Government Sector in the Economy	Received	6
	Accepted	2
4. The Foreign Sector, Balance of Payments, and Trade	Received	3
	Accepted	0
5. The Household Sector and Household Activity	Received	30
	Accepted	10
6. Distribution of Income and Welfare	Received	52
	Accepted	14
7. Wealth and Balance Sheets	Received	27
	Accepted	9
<i>B. Distribution by Region of Origin</i>		
1. Europe	Received	73
	Accepted	28
2. North America	Received	74
	Accepted	14
3. Asia, Australia	Received	19
	Accepted	5
4. Rest of World	Received	5
	Accepted	1

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN
INCOME AND WEALTH

Financial Report, 1996–1997

INCOME STATEMENT

<i>Revenue</i>	1996	1997
1. Institutional members	\$48,124	\$46,558
(Number)	(27)	(27)
2. Members	14,461	16,037
(Number)	(469)	(442)
3. Subscribers	84,404	90,253
(Number)	(1,123)	(1,079)
4. Sales of publications and reprints	8,645	9,595
5. Interest & Dividends	14,986	15,242
6. Donations of royalties		1,863
7. <i>Less: Bad debts and other charges</i>	(2,147)	(2,946)
Total revenue	\$168,473	\$176,602
 <i>Expenditures</i>		
1. Printing and publishing	\$84,456	\$90,289
2. Salaries	50,000	50,000
3. Postage	719	1,575
4. Supplies and miscellaneous	7,590	9,661
5. Depreciation	10,013	11,413
6. Reserve for conference expenses	15,000	15,000
Total Expenditure	\$167,779	\$177,938
7. Addition to surplus from income	694	(1,336)
8. Bad debt recovery	3,300	3,600
9. Net change in conference reserves	6,857	2,147
10. Revaluation in securities held	(8,283)	(2,145)

BALANCE SHEET

<i>Assets</i>	1996	1997
1. Cash	\$17,592	\$24,100
2. Securities	224,520	219,782
3. Accounts Receivable	5,070	5,325
<i>Less: Reserve for doubtful accounts</i>	(3,500)	(3,000)
4. Office Equipment	53,173	47,267
<i>Less: Allowance for depreciation</i>	(10,013)	(11,413)
Total assets	\$286,842	\$282,061
 <i>Liabilities and Surplus</i>		
1. Accounts Payable	\$14,600	\$11,706
2. Prepayments of dues and subscription	8,160	9,945
3. Prepayments to Arrowsmith	4,091	4,325
4. Reserve for conferences	31,221	33,368
5. SNA-2 Fund	13,801	6,873
6. Nancy Ruggles travel fund	15,143	15,899
7. Accumulated general reserves	199,826	199,944
Total liabilities and surplus	\$286,842	\$282,061

EUROSTAT SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON THE MEASUREMENT
OF INFLATION

31 August–1 September 1999, Cardiff, United Kingdom

Cardiff Business School and the U.K. Office for National Statistics will co-host a special conference in Cardiff on the measurement of inflation. The conference, which is sponsored by the Statistical Office of the European Community, will be held on Tuesday 31 August and Wednesday 1 September 1999.

Consumer price indices have generated considerable debate both with governments increasingly focusing attention on minimising inflation as a key goal of economic policy and the opening up of a debate in the U.S. and Europe on potential sources of bias in their construction. The conference aims to provide users, producers and researchers with a forum for a wide ranging discussion of key issues. Sessions will cover conceptual questions, potential sources of bias, harmonisation of European indices, regional indices, innovations in sampling and data collection, new data sources and methods.

Members of the IARIW and IARNIW are welcome to participate. The conference will include the presentation of research papers and policy forums led by distinguished experts with plenty of time for discussion. There will be no general call for paper. However, the conference will be used to disseminate research results. If you have a paper for dissemination and not presentation you should send a copy on disk using a standard word processing package to the Conference Organiser.

More details can be obtained from Professor Mick Silver, Cardiff Business School, Column Drive, Cardiff CF1 3EU, United Kingdom. Telephone +44(1222) 874276; Facsimile: +44(1222) 874419; Email: silver@cardiff.ac.uk

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

TOWARD AN OFFICIAL GLOBAL ECONOMIC DATA SYSTEM ON NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS

*A Joint Project of the United Nations Statistics Division
and the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies*

The Problem

One of the major barriers to improved understanding of the nonprofit sector is the persistent lack of basic statistical data about the scope, structure, financing, and activities of this set of institutions. This lack of information is a product of the way these organizations have been treated in the *System of National Accounts* (SNA) since its inception. Although numerous improvements have been made to virtually all parts of the SNA over the years, little has changed in the treatment of the nonprofit institutions. To this date, they represent the perhaps least understood and least developed institutional part of the SNA.

Under prevailing SNA guidelines, national statistical offices are called on to identify separately, and collect data on, only a small subset of all nonprofit organizations, i.e. those that receive most of their income from households in the form of contributions. These entities form a separate institutional sector in the SNA under the name of *Nonprofit Institutions Serving Households*. But since the portion of the nonprofit institutions primarily serving households and primarily financed by donations is very small in economic size relative to the total, the upshot has been to encourage national statistical offices to ignore this sector almost completely in basic economic statistics. Indeed, of the more than 160 countries that regularly report SNA data, only 30 report *any* information on nonprofit organizations, and only two provide nearly complete information. Even those that comply more fully with current SNA requirements, moreover, project an image of nonprofit institutions that is grossly understated, frequently treating the sector as a residual category.

The work of the Johns Hopkins Comparative Nonprofit Sector Project¹ in over 30 countries has shown that the portions of the nonprofit sector defined away by the SNA decision rules are quite sizable, indeed quite a bit more sizable than most experts assumed. What is more, this sector seems to be growing at a surprising rate, outdistancing the growth of both government and most industries in the corporate sector in many developed and developing countries. Importantly, the Johns Hopkins Comparative Nonprofit Sector Project has demonstrated the feasibility of gathering more precise and comprehensive data on this sector using techniques that are quite similar to those used for the SNA. Coupled with growing public and governmental interest in this set of organizations, the result has been to make the neglect of the nonprofit sector increasingly untenable.

¹See Lester M. Salamon and Helmut K. Anheier (1996). *The Emerging Nonprofit Sector—An Overview*. Manchester: Manchester University Press; Lester M. Salamon and Helmut K. Anheier (1998). *The Emerging Nonprofit Sector Revisited—A Summary*. The Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies, Baltimore, Maryland.

The Task

To bring the nonprofit sector explicitly into the major process that is now underway to implement the 1993 SNA revisions, a *Memorandum of Understanding* has been signed between the UN Statistics Division and the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies. This project has two objectives: to develop a satellite account for the nonprofit sector, and to formulate a set of guidance materials that would help national statistical offices throughout the world improve the SNA coverage and treatment of nonprofit institutions. Under the terms of this agreement, the Center will formulate a procedure for collecting basic economic data about the nonprofit sector internationally and help implement it in a number of countries, and the UN Statistics Division will undertake to publish the *Handbook* resulting from this effort as part of the SNA guidance system and encourage its use by national statistical offices throughout the world.

The major task of this project is the preparation of a handbook to assist national statistical offices in the development of more accurate and complete data on nonprofit institutions. The *Handbook* will include guidelines for the establishment of a satellite account that contains links to related economic and social data systems. By combining organizations that are assigned to other sectors under current SNA rules with those left in the SNA's existing "Nonprofit Institutions Serving Households" sector, the proposed satellite account will create a more complete profile of the entire nonprofit sector, and cover such variables as the number of entities, employment, expenditures, areas of activity, types of revenues, assets and liabilities, capital expenditures, volunteering, philanthropic giving, and transfers and transactions with other components of the economy (national government and international institutions, households, and corporations).

The Process

Because the System of National Accounts is essentially a consensus process, we plan to organize an *International Consultative Group* that will review the work on a regular basis and provide the assurance that the SNA community will demand. Participants on this Consultative Group will include specialists from the major international statistical agencies (UN, World Bank, OECD, Eurostat, and the IMF) as well as academic experts and nonprofit practitioners. As part of this process also, the United Nations Statistics Division will establish an *Expert Group* that will review this work in order to ensure consistency with SNA concepts and definitions.

The Outcomes

The draft Handbook and satellite account system will be pilot tested with data on at least one country to perfect the basic estimating techniques, check the consistency with the SNA, and test the internal parameters for relating the nonprofit sector to other components of the economy. To help ensure that national statistical agencies make use of the *Handbook*, we will target a number of countries—representing developed market economies, developing countries, and economies in transition—for implementation and demonstration projects.

The Project

The project is directed by Lester M. Salamon (Johns Hopkins University) and Helmut K. Anheier (London School of Economics). Helen Stone Tice serves as the senior research economist, and Karoly Kovacs as the project's focal point at the UN Statistics Division.

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