

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN INCOME AND WEALTH

SECOND LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The International Association for Research in Income and Wealth is planning a regional conference in Latin America for the latter part of 1973. The possibility of holding the conference at the Vargas Foundation in Rio de Janeiro is currently being explored. It is also possible that the conference might be held in association with an ECIEL Seminar and/or a workshop of the National Bureau of Economic Research.

The topics which are planned for discussion are: (1) national accounting systems in Latin America, (2) income distribution statistics, (3) regional accounts, and (4) micro data sets and macro accounts.

(1) *National Accounting Systems*. This session will be concerned with comparing the current practices of the different Latin American countries. Special emphasis will be placed on the problem of the measurement of real product and the examination of major gaps in the national accounts.

(2) *Income Distribution Statistics*. Income distribution statistics for different countries will be examined in terms of inequality, social and demographic characteristics, and changes over time. Attention will be focused on the methodological problems underlying the development of income distribution information. The use of sample data will be considered.

(3) *Regional Accounts*. The need for regional information for the planning and implementation of economic policy is well recognized. Specifically, different parts of a national economy need to be examined both in relation to the national economy as a whole and in relation to other regions in the nation. This session will attempt to define what kinds of information are required, how these can be developed, and what their relation is to the accounts for the nation as a whole.

(4) *Micro Data Sets and Macro Accounts*. Given the technology of the computer, it is now possible to use micro data sets relating to households and enterprises to carry out types of economic analysis not previously feasible. In particular, micro data sets can be used to generate much of the information needed in the macro accounts, and conversely, micro data sets can be fashioned so that they represent a sector or a segment of the macro accounting system. This session will explore the relations between micro and macro data.

The program is under the overall supervision of the Council Chairman, Zoltan Kenessey. Anyone interested in participating in the conference should contact either the Chairman or the Secretary.