

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAVEL GRANT

for the

IARIW 24th GENERAL CONFERENCE IN LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY

August 18–24, 1996

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 Lillehammer, Norway, August 18 through 24, 1996. 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- * Submit to the IARIW Secretariat an unpublished single author original paper on a subject relevant to the interests of the Association.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, 1996**.
- * 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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IARIW Special Conference on Environmental Accounting
March 5-8, 1996, Tokyo, Japan

The Economic Planning Agency of the Japanese Government and the United Nations University located in Tokyo will co-host a Special Conference on Environmental Accounting under the auspices of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW). The conference will take place from March 5 through 8, 1996. The EPA will be host the 5th and 6th and the UNU will be host the 7th and 8th.

The conference is intended to be a follow-up of the IARIW Special Conference on Environmental Accounting which took place in Baden, Austria, in 1991. The focus will be to exchange information on individual country experience in implementing the SEEA (System of Environmental and Economic Accounting) proposed by the United Nations Statistical Office in 1993.

The EPA is responsible for compiling the SNA and the SEEA, and is an Institutional Member of the IARIW.

The IARIW Special Conference format will be applied wherever possible, i.e. a small conference with intensive discussion, formation of a follow-up scheme, among others. The sessions are expected to cover the development of the SEEA, experiences in both developed and developing countries, theoretical issues such as valuation of environmental assets and production boundary and asset boundary, and data needs from an analytical as well as a policy point of view.

The Members of the IARIW are welcome to participate.

The details of the proposed Special Conference will be announced in future issues of the *Review*. The Conference Organizer is Professor Kimio Uno, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University at Shonan Fujisawa, 5322 Endoh, Fujisawa, Kanagawa 252, Japan.

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LIS SCANDINAVIAN/EUROPEAN WORKSHOP

The Luxembourg Income Study has gathered in one central location (Walferdange, Grande Duché de Luxembourg) and made comparable over 40 large microdata sets which contain comprehensive measures of income and economic well-being for a set of over 20 modern industrialized welfare states. The dataset is accessible to researchers at a low cost via electronic mail. Because of the breadth and flexibility afforded by microdata, researchers are free to make several choices of perspective (definition of unit; family, household, measure of income; or population to be studied: e.g. males, females, urban families, elderly households) within the same research paper. This truly comparable microdata creates a rich resource for applied comparative and policy research in economics, sociology and public policy.

As part of the LIS Project, a two-week Summer Workshop is conducted in Luxembourg every summer. Because of the growing number of LIS users, we are offering more targeted workshops in the summer of 1995. In conjunction with the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Oslo, we will be offering the first Scandinavian/European Workshop. The workshop will begin with an opening dinner on Sunday, July 30, 1995. It will be followed by 5 days of morning lectures, and afternoon computer work time. Guest lecturers will cover topics such as aging, poverty and inequality, and regional issues in Europe. The new LIS operating system, which includes access modes using SAS as well as SPSS, will be used at this workshop. Workshop faculty will include Frank Cowell-STICERD, UK; Markus Jäntti-Åbo Akademi, Finland; Johan Fritzell-Swedish Institute for Social Research, as well as LIS staff members.

Instructional materials will be distributed prior to the workshop so that students may fully participate in lectures and more efficiently make use of computer time. The tuition will be 2800NOK (\$400US), which covers tuition and materials, accommodations, breakfast and lunch. Additional dinners and transportation are the responsibility of the students. The main target group of participants is doctoral students within the field of social sciences. Researchers, research scholars and advanced students working within the topic of comparative social science and methodology are also welcome to apply. The workshop is limited to 25 individuals, chosen on the basis of interest and ability to work with large datasets, and interest in LIS topics related to social policy and cross national comparisons of economic well-being. Applications are available by writing to Nicole Ladewig, LIS Administrative Assistant at the US Project Office, Caroline de Tombeur, LIS Administrative Assistant at the Luxembourg Office (addresses listed below) or by E-mailing Jens Petter Madsbu of the University of Oslo at j.p.madsbu@sv.uio.no (Faculty of Social Sciences, Box 1084 Blindern, 0317 Oslo, Norway; Tel: 47-22-85-49-72, Fax; 47-22-85-48-25). **Applications are due on or before May 15, 1995 with admission decision on or before May 31, 1995.**

Access to the LIS dataset to continue one's research project is free. Students accepted for the workshop will be sent LIS Userpackages upon acceptance and are advised to familiarize themselves with LIS prior to the workshop.

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