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**CHAPTER 11: SOME OF THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN
STATISTICIANS OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS (draft version dated 3 June 2002)**

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Introduction

1. This chapter presents an overview of some of the many different people who have contributed significantly to the Conference of European Statisticians over the course of the last 50 years and who played an important role in its life during that period. At present the chapter is still in draft form, largely because the text and the list of persons mentioned herein is not as complete in terms of its coverage of the first 25 years or so of the Conference's life than it is for the last two and a half decades. The reason for this is a simple one, and that is that my first-hand knowledge of the Conference is restricted to the period from 1981 onwards when I first began to work in the ECE Statistical Division.
2. Although the present draft does contain some references to some of the persons who played a key role in the life of the Conference during the first 25-30 years of its life, the coverage of the period from 1950-1980 is much less complete than it undoubtedly should be. In an attempt to overcome this weakness, immediately after the 2002 plenary session I will circulate the draft chapter to persons who are more knowledgeable and who have some first-hand experience with the Conference during this period, and ask them to provide me with the names and relevant details of some other key figures from that earlier period who contributed to the Conference at that time so that the historical overview will be much more complete, and so that due tribute can be paid to them as well.
3. After the plenary session, I will also circulate the draft to other persons who are familiar with the life of the Conference during the past 20 years or so, so that any omissions of other persons who played an important role in the life of the Conference during this more recent period can also be included and any erroneous information now that is now contained in the draft can be corrected.
4. I should also mention here that overview chapters of this type are necessarily selective in character, partly because in them it is not possible to mention everyone who could be mentioned.

However, the present text is also selective because it is inevitably influenced by both my memory and the personal experience that I have had with the Conference over the last 22 years or so. Despite such weaknesses, it is still very important that an overview chapter like this one be as complete and as accurate as possible. To whatever extent the present draft contains such weaknesses, I apologize to both the readers and to the persons whose names I have not mentioned, and I ask that they help me eliminate them by sending me additional names and details that should be incorporated in the final draft.

5. Finally, I should also point out that the overview chapter is also selective in another important way, and that is that it is intentionally primarily focused on the plenary sessions of the Conference, for there are comparatively few references in it to the many hundreds of specialists in individual fields of statistics who have contributed significantly to the Conference over the course of the last 50 years. These statistical experts from many different fields of statistics have also played a very important role in the life of the Conference, primarily through the many hundreds of intergovernmental meetings in individual fields of statistics that the Conference has convened for experts in its work programme during the past 50 years, and through the statistical standards that have been developed at them in areas such as national accounts, PPPs, the ECP, population and housing censuses, international migration statistics, information technology and environment statistics. Unfortunately, it has not been possible in this overview chapter to acknowledge in a more concrete way some of the key persons from the national statistical offices throughout the ECE region who played a leading role in these very important parts of the Conference's work.

Amendments and updates to this draft

6. As has been mentioned above, this draft version of the chapter will be updated shortly after the June 2002 CES plenary session. Readers who can supply additional information (e.g. additional names, dates, etc.) or provide needed corrections to the information currently included in it are requested to send it to me no later than 15 July 2002, if possible, at the following address: John.Kelly@unece.org

I. The "Founding Fathers" of the Conference of European Statisticians

7. Like most institutions, the creation and establishment of the Conference of European Statisticians came about as the result of a process that lasted several years, and also as a result of the vision that a relatively small number of individuals had and of the major investments in time and effort that those individuals were prepared to make to convert their vision into reality. The following individuals played a major role in bringing about the "birth" of the Conference of European Statisticians as we know it today:

- Dr. Ph. J. Idenburg, Director General, The Netherlands Central Bureau of Statistics (and a member of the UN Statistical Commission in the late 1940s).

8. In the late 1940s Dr. Idenburg was a member of the UN Statistical Commission, and he was in the forefront of the small number of individuals who worked to establish an intergovernmental body in the field of statistics that would be composed of European countries and the United States, and that would be prepared to conduct the preparatory work that would be required to convert the recommendations of the UN Statistical Commission into practical achievements on a regional basis.

9. In April 1948, Dr. Idenburg transmitted to the ECE a "Memorandum concerning co-operation in the field of statistics", and shortly thereafter he and two of his colleagues from Belgium (A. Dufrasne) and Luxembourg (H. Bohr) combined to propose the inclusion of the issues raised in that memorandum on the agenda of the 1948 session of the Economic Commission for Europe.

10. The 1948 meeting of the ECE was attended by the chief statisticians of ten European countries (Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden) who came to show their support for the Idenburg-Benulux initiative. It was as a result of these initiatives, and of similar initiatives that Dr. Idenburg and his colleagues took at the Statistical Commission, that called for the UN Secretary-General “to encourage and facilitate consultation among representatives of the statistical agencies of European governments upon statistical questions”, and that led to the ECE and the UN Statistical Office in New York jointly organizing the 1949 and 1951 first ad hoc “Regional Meetings of European Statisticians” that were organized after the war.

11. It was at the 1953 ad hoc Regional Meeting of European Statisticians, where the Conference of European Statisticians was elevated and converted into a full-fledged “Principal Subsidiary Body of the ECE”, that the Conference was “born”. The following are some of the other key actors who, together with Dr. Idenburg, played a major role in achieving this, and who may be referred to as the “Founding Fathers” of the Conference of European Statisticians:

- Mr. R.C. Geary, Director General of the NSI of Ireland
- Mr. B. Barberi, Director General of the NSI of Italy
- Mr. P.J. Bjerve, Director General of the NSI of Norway
- Mr. H. Campion, Director General of the NSI of the United Kingdom
- Mr. F.L. Closon, Director General of the NSI of France
- Mr. A. Dufresne, Director General of the NSI of Belgium
- Mr. G. Furst, Director General of the NSI of the Federal Republic of Germany

II. The Elected Officers (Bureau Members) of the Conference, 1949-2002

12. Since its inception, the Conference has been led by a “Bureau” consisting of a small number of individuals whom the Conference has elected to represent the larger CES membership and to prepare and organize the Conference’s meetings. In the early years of its life the Bureau generally had from two to four members. From the early 1960s through 1990 it generally had four members, two of which came from Central and East European countries and two from Western Europe. In addition, during this period the general practice was to have the Chairmanship of the Conference alternate every two years between each of these two main parts of the ECE region.

13. Throughout the past 50 years the Bureau of the Conference has acted as a type of “Steering Committee” for the Conference, in which the members of the Bureau whom countries had elected to represent them discussed and planned how best to advance the shared concerns of the entire CES membership. However, at its 1991 plenary session the Conference drew up new terms of reference for the CES Bureau whereby the size of the Bureau was increased from 4 to 6 executive heads of NSIs and to include as well the Director of the UN Statistics Division, the Director-General of Eurostat, and the Director of the Statistical Directorate of the OECD. From 1992 onwards, the Director of the Statistics Department of the IMF and the Chairman of the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States have also been regularly invited to participate in the Bureau meetings. In addition to this increase in the size of the Bureau, another important change that was introduced into the Bureau at the 1991 plenary session was to have the Bureau take a much more active role in improving the format and content of the annual plenary sessions. As a means of achieving this, since 1991 the Bureau has held at least two substantive two-day meetings each year focusing on issues such as reviewing plans for the implementation of the Conference’s work programme, draft versions of the Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Work in the ECE Region and the plans for the upcoming plenary session, and preparing draft decisions to be submitted to the plenary session for approval.

14. The list of persons who have been elected to serve on the CES Bureau throughout the course of its 50-year history is presented in the Annex.

III. The Appointed (non-elected) Members of the CES Bureau, 1991-2002

15. As noted in the above section, at the time of the 1991 plenary session the Bureau was expanded to include representation of the heads of the statistical office of several different international organizations, and these international officials have also made a substantial contribution to the Conference during the past decade. They include the following individuals and institutions:

- Director, UN Statistics Division
William Seltzer (1991-92)
Hermann Habermann (1992-present)
- Director-General, Eurostat
Yves Franchet (1991-present)
- Director, Statistical Directorate of the OECD
Louis Kincannon (1991-2000)
Enrico Giovannini (2000-present)
- Director, Statistics Department, IMF
John McLenaghan (1991-96)
Carol Carson (1997-present)
- Chairman, Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States
Mikhail Korolev (1991-present)

IV. The “King-Makers” at CES plenary Sessions over the years

16. At each plenary session at which the Conference has to elect new members of the Conference to serve on its Bureau, the task of attempting to come up with a slate of nominees to propose to the Conference for approval has traditionally been entrusted to one individual, and the person to whom this task was assigned was unofficially and collegially referred to as the “King-Maker”. In earlier years the responsibility was traditionally assigned to one of the most long-standing serving members of the Conference, but in 1991 when the terms of reference of the Bureau were reviewed by the Conference the Conference formalized the process somewhat by deciding that henceforth the election by the Conference was to be made on the basis of a proposal made to the Conference by the most senior previous Chairman of the Conference who is present at the plenary session concerned, and that in the event of no previous Chairman of the Conference not being present at the time, the outgoing Bureau would have the responsibility of designating a member of the Conference who would assume the task of preparing the task of preparing the proposal for the composition of the Bureau.

17. In recent years, this important function has been performed by the following persons:

- Tom Linehan (Director General of the Central Statistical Office of Ireland, for the elections from 19..-19..)(?)
- Hallgrímur Snorrason (Director General of Statistics Iceland, for the elections from 1981-1993)(?)
- Carlo Malaguerra (Director of the Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland, for the elections from 1995-2001)

V. The Years of Major Reform and Re-orientation of the Conference, 1987-1997

18. The ten-year period from July 1987 through June 1997 stands out as a very important one during the past 50 years, because it was during this period that the Conference was subjected to a major renewal and re-orientation and when significant innovations were introduced to it that served to strengthen the Conference as an institution. This renewal of the Conference that occurred during that decade was brought about largely by the Bureaus of the Conference during those years, working under the leadership of three different Chairmen. The Chairman of those Bureaus, and some of the major innovations that they and their colleagues on the Bureaus introduced to the Conference at that time, are listed below:

- Wim Begeer, Chairman of the Conference, 1988-1989

19. It was under the Chairmanship of Wim Begeer (Director-General of Statistics Netherlands) and the Bureau that he led that the Bureau of the Conference began to work more intensively and actively as a “Steering Committee” for the Conference, and to prepare plenary sessions that were intended to be more focused in character and more heavily concentrated on subjects of priority interest to Presidents of National Statistical Institutes. Mr. Begeer and his Bureau members also called for greater rigour to be introduced into the Conference’s work programme, so that it would be more prioritized and better tailored to the actual resource base available in both the secretariat and NSIs to support it.

- Carlo Malaguerra, Chairman of the Conference, 1990-1993

20. It was under the Chairmanship of Carlo Malaguerra (Director of the Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland) and the Bureau that he led that the process of “reforming” or “transforming” the Conference of European Statisticians that was initiated by the preceding Bureau really intensified. Some of the major milestones that characterized this CES Bureau and this period were:

- The organization of a special one-day consultation for the Conference in February 1990 to discuss the major changes occurring in Central and Eastern Europe at that time, and their implications on the Conference and its future role in international statistical co-operation in Europe (the report of the 23 February 1990 special consultation was issued as CES/664).
- Added emphasis was placed on the necessity of developing mechanisms that would provide for a more effective and efficient division of labour among different international organizations working in the field of statistics in the European region.
- At the request of the CES Bureau, the Polish Central Statistical Office began work early in 1990 on the elaboration of a draft European statistical convention or resolution. This groundbreaking work lasted about eighteen months and led to the adoption by the Conference at its 1991 plenary session of the “Draft Resolution on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in the ECE region”.
- At the request of the Bureau, the ECE and the World Bank convened in May 1990 a joint workshop on transition problems in statistical offices (the report of the 21-23 May 1990 workshop was issued as CES/649). The outcome of this workshop served as the basis for the Conference deciding at its 1990 and later plenary sessions how best it could modify its programme of work so as to respond better to the emerging needs of statistical offices in Central and East European Countries whose economies were in transition.
- At its 1991 plenary session, the Conference reviewed its “Report on Structure and Relations” (its terms of reference) that dated back to 1953 in the light of new developments and requirements in the region (the revised terms of reference were published in Annex II of the report of the 1991 plenary session, ECE/CES/38), and developed and approved a set of new

procedures governing the future role and functioning of the Bureau of the Conference (the revised terms of reference of the CES Bureau were published in paras. 96-98 of the report of the 1991 plenary session).

- The programme of ECE-Eurostat-OECD “Joint Programme Review” meetings was initiated, in which the three organizations began meeting annually to discuss and resolve outstanding issues of co-ordination in the statistical work that they undertook in the region.
- The Conference had available for its review at the 1993 plenary session, the first edition of the Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Work, that brought together in one document, at the initiative of the CES Bureau, the planned future statistical work programmes of ECE, Eurostat and the OECD (the first edition of the Integrated Presentation was issued as CES/788/Rev.1).
- Ivan Fellegi, Chairman of the Conference, 1994-1997

21. The innovations that were introduced by the CES Bureau and the Conference during the period from July 1989 to June 1993 were refined and consolidated and additional new ones were introduced by the CES Bureau and the Conference under the Chairmanship of Ivan Fellegi (Chief Statistician of Statistics Canada) and the Bureau that he led from 1993-1997. The following are a few of the major milestones that were introduced by the Bureau and the Conference during this period:

- The Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Work in the ECE Region was expanded to include the statistically-related work planned to be undertaken in the future by all international organizations working in the ECE region, and was also expanded and issued as a document with six separate addenda. Other innovations and improvements were also introduced to the IP during this time period.
- The length of the CES plenary sessions was reduced from a duration of 5 days in 1994 to 3 full days (that covered four calendar days) in 1995 and to two-and-a half days in 1996 and later years.
- The reports of CES plenary sessions, and of meetings in specialized fields of statistics that were convened by the Conference, were shortened and made more decision-oriented.
- The practice of the Conference convening its plenary session at the OECD in Paris, at the invitation of the OECD, every second year was begun in 1994, and this practice has been continued since then.
- At the request of the Conference, during this period of time the CES Bureau began taking a more active role in planning the seminar sessions that are organized within the Conference’s plenary sessions each year, in order to help ensure that they would be of significant interest to Presidents of NSIs.

VI. The Directors of the ECE Statistical Division, 1967-2002

22. The ECE Statistical Division did not exist when the Conference of European Statisticians was first established, for it was established only relatively recently. In the earliest years in the life of the Conference, core secretariat support for the work of the plenary sessions of the Conference was provided by the UN Statistical Office in New York, who were assisted by staff members of the Statistical Section of the ECE’s Research and Planning Division. After the creation of the Conference of European Statisticians in 1953, secretariat support was essentially the responsibility of ECE and was provided by staff members of the Statistical Section of the Research and Planning Division. These staff of the Statistical Section of the RPD constituted the core staff of the new ECE Statistical Division when it was created in 1967.

23. Since its creation in 1967 the following persons have served as Directors of the Statistical Division:

- Barrie Davies, 1967-1978 (?)
- Wolfgang Haeder, 1978-December 1986 (?)
- Roger Gentile (Officer-in-Charge, January 1987-September 1988)
- Siegfried Apelt, September 1988-1992 (?)
- Tom Griffin, 1992-1999
- Paolo Garonna, 1999-2001

VII. The Secretaries of the Conference of European Statisticians, 1953-2002

- Hans Staehle, Chief, Statistical Section, ECE Research and Planning Division, 1949, 1951, 1953, ... (?)
- Barrie Davies, Chief, Statistical Section, ECE Research and Planning Division, 1949-1966 (?)
- Mach Jansen, 1967-1979 (?)
- Roger Gentile, 1980-1989
- Andreas Kahnert, 1990-1992
- John Kelly, 1993-2001
- Lidia Bratanova, 2002

VIII. Some of the other members of the ECE Secretariat who have served the Conference over the years

- Leland (Lee) Albright, 19..-1979 (various fields of social and demographic statistics, such as population and housing censuses and international migration statistics) (?)
- Janos Arvay, 1980-19.. (?) (national accounts, SNA-MPS links, PPPs, agricultural statistics, and the first ECE Regional Adviser in Statistics, 19..-19..) (?)
- Lidia Bratanova, 19..-2002 (?) (national accounts, PPPs, economic statistics, economies in transition, ...) (?)
- Jean-Etienne Chapron, the third ECE Regional Adviser in Statistics, and Project Manager of the Statistical Division's extra-budgetary projects aimed at economies in transition (2000-present)
- Laslo Drechsler, 1970s (?) (national accounts, and other economic statistics including SNA-MPS links and comparisons) (?)
- Peter Hill, the second ECE Regional Adviser in Statistics, 19..-19.. (?)
- Andreas Kahnert, 19..-1993 (?) (energy statistics, environment statistics, Secretary of the CES, the Handbook of Official Statistics, etc.) (?)
- Jan Karlsson, 19..-2002 (?) (economic statistics, agricultural statistics and robotics) (?)
- John Kelly, 1981-2002 (population and housing censuses, international migration statistics, and the Integrated Presentation of international statistical work in the ECE region)
- Sergei Malanichev, 1990-1996 (national accounts, the hidden economy, international comparisons)
- Jana Meliskova, 19..-2002 (?) (Information Technology) (?)
- Lene Mikkelsen, 19..-2001 (?) (environment statistics, gender statistics and social development statistics) (?)
- Leszek Zienkowski, 19..-1978 (?) (economic statistics) (?)
- etc.

IX. Some of the other individuals other than Presidents of NSIs who have participated actively in and contributed in important ways to the Conference over the years

- Odd Aukrust (Norway): (work on the development of the 1948 version of the SNA (?))
- Lennart Fastbom (Sweden): FSDS, social indicators, ... (?)
- Mariahelena Figueira, assistant to Yves Franchet of Eurostat from 19..-19..(?), who within Eurostat and the CES Bureau helped to co-ordinate statistical work undertaken by Eurostat, OECD and the ECE secretariat. (?)
- Mary Kay Friday, assistant to Louis Kincannon of the OECD from 19..-19..(?), who within the OECD and the CES Bureau helped produce the first editions of the Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Programmes and to improve the nature of the product with each successive edition. (?)
- . Lothar Herberger (Federal Republic of Germany): population and housing censuses, labour statistics, statistical methodology, ... (?)
- ... Kyranov (?) (Bulgaria): (?)
- William Leonard, Director, UN Statistical Office, 1951 (?)
- P.J. Loftus, Deputy Director, UN Statistical Office, 1951 (?)
- . Mod (?) (Hungary):..... (?)
- Janice Owens, assistant to Louis Kincannon and Enrico Giovannini of the OECD from 19..-19..(?), who within the OECD and the CES Bureau helped produce the Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Programmes and to improve the nature of the product with each successive edition. (?)
- Franco Ponti (....): (?)
- Jacob Ryten (Canada): (?)
- William Seltzer, Director, UN Statistical Office, 19..-19.. (?)
- James Whitworth, assistant to Yves Franchet of Eurostat from 19..-19..(?), who within Eurostat helped produce the first editions of the Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Programmes, to improve the nature of the IP with each successive edition, and to co-ordinate statistical work undertaken by Eurostat, OECD and the ECE secretariat. (?)

Annex

List of Elected Officers (Bureau) of the Conference of European Statisticians, 1949-2002

Explanatory note: After the end of Second World War the Conference of European Statisticians first met on two occasions, in March of 1949 and in September of 1951. It did not meet in these first two meetings as a Principal Subsidiary Body of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), but as an Ad Hoc Regional Meeting of European Statisticians that was convened under the joint auspices of the ECE and the United Nations Statistical Commission. It was only at the third Ad Hoc Regional Meeting of European Statisticians that took place in June of 1953 that the decisions were formally taken to convert the Conference into a “Principal Subsidiary Body of the ECE”, and to convert the 1953 meeting and all future annual meetings into “plenary sessions” of the Conference.

First Regional Meeting of European Statisticians

(Geneva, 14-18 March 1949)

Chairman: Mr. Idenburg (Netherlands)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Fajfr (Czechoslovakia)

Second Regional Meeting of European Statisticians

(Geneva, 17-21 September 1951)

Chairman: Mr. R.C. Jeary (Ireland)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Dufresne (Belgium)

1st Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians

(Geneva, 15-19 June 1953)

Chairman: Mr. Closon (France)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Champion (United Kingdom)

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2nd Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians

(Geneva, 14-19 June 1954)

Chairman: Dr. Idenburg (Netherlands)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Champion (United Kingdom),
Mr. Closon (France)

Conf.Eur.Stats/19

3rd Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians

(Geneva, 26 September-1 October 1955)

Chairman: Dr. Idenburg (Netherlands)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Champion (United Kingdom),
Mr. Closon (France)

Conf.Eur.Stats/37

4th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians

(Geneva, 25-30 June 1956)

Chairman: Mr. Champion (United Kingdom)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. P.J. Bjerve (Norway),
Mr. F.L. Closon (France),
Dr. F. Fajfr (Czechoslovakia)

Conf.Eur.Stats/61

- 5th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/80
(Geneva, 17-21 June 1957)
Chairman: Mr. Campion (United Kingdom)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. P.J. Bjerve (Norway),
Mr. F.L. Closon (France),
Dr. F. Fajfr (Czechoslovakia)
- 6th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/94
(Geneva, 2-6 June 1958)
Chairman: Mr. F.L. Closon (France)
Vice-Chairmen: Professor B. Barberi (Italy),
Mr. P.J. Bjerve (Norway),
Dr. F. Fajfr (Czechoslovakia)
- 7th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/112
(Geneva, 8-12 June 1959)
Chairman: Mr. F.L. Closon (France)
Vice-Chairmen: Professor B. Barberi (Italy),
Mr. P.J. Bjerve (Norway),
Dr. F. Fajfr (Czechoslovakia)
- 8th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/132
(Geneva, 26-30 September 1960)
Chairman: Professor B. Barberi (Italy)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. A. Novak (Yugoslavia),
Mr. I. Ohlsson (Sweden)
- Session of 9th Plenary the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/152
(Geneva, 10-14 July 1961)
Chairman: Professor B. Barberi (Italy)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. A. Novak (Yugoslavia),
Mr. I. Ohlsson (Sweden)
- 10th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/174
(Geneva, 15-19 October 1962)
Chairman: Professor B. Barberi (Italy)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. A. Novak (Yugoslavia),
Mr. I. Ohlsson (Sweden),
Mr. G. Péter (Hungary)
- 11th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/197
(Geneva, 17-21 June 1963)
Chairman: Professor B. Barberi (Italy)
Vice-Chairmen: M.D. McCarthy (Ireland),
Mr. S. Stanev (Bulgaria)

- 13th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/22I
(Geneva, 18-22 October 1965)
Chairman: Mr. P.T.I. Ohlsson (Sweden)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. G. Peter (Hungary),
Mr. M.D. McCarthy (Ireland),
Mr. S. Stanev (Bulgaria)
- 14th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/230
(Geneva, 3-7 October 1966)
Chairman: Mr. S. Stanev (Bulgaria)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. G. Peter (Hungary),
Mr. M.D. McCarthy (Ireland),
Mr. P. Couvelis (Greece)
- 15th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/246
(Geneva, 19-23 June 1967)
Chairman: Mr. S. Stanev (Bulgaria)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. G. Peter (Hungary),
Mr. P. Couvelis (Greece)
- 16th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/269
(Geneva, 17-21 June 1968)
Chairman: Mr. P. Couvelis (Greece)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. J. Kazimour (Czechoslovakia),
Mr. G. Peter (Hungary)
- 17th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/283
(Geneva, 23-27 June 1969)
Chairman: Mr. A. Dufrasne (Belgium)
Vice-Chairman: Mr. J. Kazimour (Czechoslovakia)
- 18th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/295
(Geneva, 15-19 June 1970)
Chairman: Mr. J. Kazimour (Czechoslovakia)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. P.J. Bjerve (Norway),
Mr. W. Kawalec (Poland),
Sir Claus Moser (United Kingdom)
- 19th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/309
(Geneva, 14-18 June 1971)
Chairman: Mr. J. Kazimour (Czechoslovakia)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. P.J. Bjerve (Norway),
Mr. W. Kawalec (Poland),
Sir Claus Moser (United Kingdom)

- 20th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** Conf.Eur.Stats/321
(Geneva, 26-30 June 1972)
Chairman: Mr. P.J. Bjerve (Norway)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. I. Latific (Yugoslavia),
Sir Claus Moser (United Kingdom),
Mr. D. Tchervanev (Byelorussian SSR)
- 21st Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/2
(Geneva, 25-29 June 1973)
Chairman: Mr. P.J. Bjerve (Norway)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. I. Latific (Yugoslavia)m
Sir Claus Moser (United Kingdom),
Mr. D. Tchervanev (Byelorussian SSR)
- 22nd Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/4
(Geneva, 24-28 June 1974)
Chairman: Sir Claus Moser (United Kingdom)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. I. Latific (Yugoslavia),
Mr. J. Ripert (France),
Mr. D. Tchervanev (Byelorussian SSR)
- 23rd Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/6
(Geneva, 23-27 June 1975)
Chairman: Sir Claus Moser (United Kingdom)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. I. Latific (Yugoslavia),
Mr. D. Tchervanev (Byelorussian SSR)
- 24th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/8
(Geneva, 28 June-2 July 1976)
Chairman: Mr. D. Tchervanev (Byelorussian SSR)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. L. Bosse (Austria),
Mr. I. Latific (Yugoslavia),
Mr. T.P. Linehan (Ireland)
- 25th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/10
(Geneva, 27 June-1 July 1977)
Chairman: Mr. D. Tchervanev (Byelorussian SSR)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. L. Bosse (Austria),
Mr. I. Latific (Yugoslavia),
Mr. T.P. Linehan (Ireland)
- 26th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/12
(Geneva, 26-20 June 1978)
Chairman: Mr. I. Latific (Yugoslavia),
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. J. Balint (Hungary),
Mr. L. Bosse (Austria),
Mr. T.P. Linehan (Ireland)

- 27th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/14
(Geneva, 25-29 June 1979)
Chairman: Mr. I. Latific (Yugoslavia)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. L. Bosse (Austria),
Mr. T.P. Linelian (Ireland)
- 28th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/16
(Geneva, 23-27 June 1980)
Chairman: Mr. T.P. Linehan (Ireland)
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Mr. C. Kelperis (Greece),
Mr. I. Salapa (Romania)
- 29th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** EC E/CES/18
(Geneva, 22-26 June 1981)
Chairman: Mr. T.P. Linelian (Ireland)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. A. Donda (GDR),
Mr. C. Kelperis (Greece),
Mr. I. Salapa (Romania)
- 30th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/20
(Geneva, 21-25 June 1982)
Chairman: Mr. I. Salapa (Romania)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. A. Donda (GDR),
Mr. L. Nilsson (Sweden)
- 31st Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/22
(Geneva, 13-17 June 1983)
Chairman: Mr. I. Salapa (Romania)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. A. Donda (GDR),
Sir John Boreham (United Kingdom)
- 32nd Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/21
(Geneva, 18-22 June 1984)
Chairman: Sir John Boreham (United Kingdom)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. W. Begeer (Netherlands),
Mr. A. Donda (GDR),
Mrs. V. Nyitrai (Hungary)
- 33rd Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/26
(Geneva, 17-21 June 1985)
Chairman: Sir John Boreham (United Kingdom)
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Mr. A. Donda (GDR),
Mrs. V. Nyitrai (Hungary)

- 34th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/28
(Geneva, 16-20 June 1986)
Alternating Acting Chairman[Replacing Mr. A. Donda, who was ill]: Mr. W. Begeer (Netherlands),
Vice-Chairmen: Mrs. V. Nyitrai (Hungary),
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- 35th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/30
(Geneva, 15-19 June 1987)
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- 36th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/32
(Geneva, 13-17 June 1988)
Chairman: Mr. W. Begeer (Netherlands)
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Mr. W. Sadowski (Poland)
- 37th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/34
(Geneva, 12-16 June 1989)
Chairman: Mr. W. Begeer (Netherlands)
Vice-Chairman: Mr. C. Malaguerra (Switzerland)
- 38th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/36
(Geneva, 11-15 June 1990)
Chairman: Mr. C. Malaguerra (Switzerland)
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- 39th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/38
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Mr. S. Johansson (Sweden),
Mr. N. Borisenko (Ukrainian SSR)
- 40th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians** ECE/CES/40
(Geneva, 15-19 June 1992)
Chairman: Mr. C. Malaguerra (Switzerland)
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Mr. M.J. Vilares (Portugal),
Mr. S. Johansson (Sweden)

41st Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians ECE/CES/43
(Geneva, 14-18 June 1993)

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Mr. P. Guzhvin (Russian Federation),
Mr. O. Güvenen (Turkey)

42nd Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians ECE/CES/45
(Paris, 13-17 June 1994)

Chairman: Mr. I. Fellegi (Canada)
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Mr. O. Güvenen (Turkey)

43rd Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians ECE/CES/48
(Geneva, 12-15 June 1995)

Chairman: Mr. I. Fellegi (Canada)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. P. Garonna (Italy),
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44th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians ECE/CES/50
(Paris, 11-13 June 1996)

Chairman: Mr. I. Fellegi (Canada)
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Mr. D. Murphy (Ireland)

45th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians ECE/CES/52
(Geneva, 10-12 June 1997)

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46th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians ECE/CES/54
(Paris, France, 18-20 May 1998)

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47th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians ECE/CES/56

(Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 14-16 June 1999)

Chairman: Mr. P. Garonna (Italy)

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Mr. D. Murphy (Ireland),
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Mr. R. Veetousme (Estonia)

48th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians ECE/CES/58

(Paris, France, 13-15 June 2000)

Chairman: Mr. Svein Longva (Norway)

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49th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians ECE/CES/60

(Geneva, Switzerland, 11-13 June 2001)

Chairman: Mr. Svein Longva (Norway)

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50th Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians ECE/CES/62

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