

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

Work Session on METIS

(Geneva, Switzerland, 18-20 February 1998)

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF WORK

WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 1998

Items 1 and 2: Adoption of the agenda and election of officers

Documentation:

WP No. 1 Provisional Agenda

10.00 - 11.00 Opening of the meeting
Adoption of the Agenda
Election of officers

11.00 - 11.20 Coffee break

**Item 3: Metadata in support of statistical data
production and management**

Documentation:

WP No. 3 Report on progress on the harmonization of social statistics (Canada)
WP No. 4 DUVA '98: Outline of a metadata driven and rule based statistical information system (Germany)
WP No. 5 Idaresa - a study in practical SMIS design (Austria)
WP No. 6 Take care of the meta, and the meta will take care of the data (the Netherlands)
WP No. 7 Review of the IMIM project (Sweden)
WP No. 8 Transition plan for a unified approach to metadata management at the Bureau of the Census (USA)
WP No. 9 System of definitions of socio-economic terms as an element of statistical metainformation system (Poland)
WP No. 10 (World Systems Ltd.)
WP No. 14 Creating national statistical information infrastructure (USA)

11.20 - 12.40 Presentations (10 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for questions)

12.40 - 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 - 15.40 Presentations -- continued

15.40 - 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 17.00 Demonstrations (Finland, World Systems Ltd.)

17.00 - 18.00 General discussion

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1998

Item 4 : Metadata in support of statistical data re-use and archiving

Documentation:

- WP No. 11 Building statistical metadata repository at the U.S: Bureau of the Census (USA)
- 9.00 - 9.40 Presentation + demonstration
- 9.40 - 10.10 General discussion
- 10.10 - 10.40 Coffee break

Item 5: Guidelines concerning minimum standards for statistical metadata on Internet

Documentation:

- WP No. 23 Guidelines for statistical metadata on Internet (Norway)
- WP No. 2 Standards for statistical metadata on Internet (UN/ECE, Canada, Sweden, OECD)
- WP No. 2 Add. 1 Coreferate (Czech Republic)
- WP No. 2 Add. 2 Coreferate (Latvia)
- WP No. 2 Add. 3 Coreferate (the Netherlands)
- WP No. 2 Add. 4 Coreferate (Slovakia)
- WP No. 2 Add. 5 Coreferate (EFTA)
- WP No. 2 Add. 6 Coreferate (OECD)
- WP No. 19 Internet facilities for presenting statistical data (Germany)
- WP No. 24 Overview of homepages of National Statistical Offices and International Organizations on Internet (UN/ECE)
- 10.40 - 11.40 Presentations (10 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for questions)
- 11.40 - 12.30 Panel discussion on "Standards for statistical metadata on Internet"
- 12.20 - 14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 - 15.30 Panel discussion -- continued
- 15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break

Item 6: Metadata in support of user access and interpretation of statistical data

Documentation:

- WP No. 12 Metadata for short-term indicators: international comparisons and best practices (OECD)
- WP No. 13 The role of metadata in dissemination and use of official statistics (Canada)
- WP No. 15 Metadata in the new regional database of Statistics Norway (Norway)
- WP No. 16 Internet access for statistical data and metadata (Joint paper by UNSD and Germany)
- WP No. 17 IMF Data Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board (IMF)

WP No. 18 (Eurostat)
WP No. 20 Paper on protocols needed for Federated Statistical Databases on Internet
(Sweden)

16.00 - 18.00 Demonstrations (IMF, Eurostat, Norway, joint demo by UNSD and Germany)

FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1998

Item 6 -- continued

9.00 - 10.40 Presentations (10 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for questions)
10.40 - 11.00 Coffee break
11.00 - 11.40 Presentations -- continued
11.40 - 12.40 General discussion
12.40 - 14.00 Lunch break

Item 7: Future work and other business

14.00 - 15.00 Future work
15.00 - 15.30 Other business
15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break

Item 8: Adoption of the conclusions

16.00 - Adoption of the conclusions reached at the Work Session