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(Lisbon, Portugal, 25-27 September 1996)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

At the invitation of the Government of Portugal, and in accordance with the decision of the Conference taken at the 43rd plenary in 1995, the five-yearly Seminar of the Conference of European Statisticians will in 1996 be held at Centro Cultural de Belém, Lisbon, Portugal, starting on 25 September at 9 a.m.

1. In accordance with the decisions taken by the Organizing Committee of the Seminar and agreed by the Bureau and the plenary session of the Conference, the study programme and organization of the Seminar will be as outlined below:
2. ORGANIZATION AND DOCUMENTATION
 - (a) The general theme "Official Statistics - Past and Future" is subdivided into five topics, each of which will have a session dedicated to it. For each session an organizer has been appointed to be responsible for coordinating and selecting the discussion papers and for recruiting discussants.
 - (b) Discussion leaders will briefly introduce the papers and guide the general discussion. Authors will therefore not be requested

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to introduce their papers. The discussion will not exceed the time allocated for each session, but unanswered questions or issues may be raised in the last session under item 6.1 of the agenda.

- (c) The Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Seminar will lead the discussion in the last session which will take the form of an open discussion of the topics debated during the previous sessions.
- (d) Under agenda point 6.2, the Seminar participants will be asked to propose topics for future substantive discussions for consideration by the Bureau and the Conference of European Statisticians.
- (e) All invited papers, received in time by the ECE secretariat, are available in the three working languages. For the contributed papers, only a summary is available in the three languages, the paper themselves have not been translated and are therefore available only in the language(s) in which they were received.
- (f) All registered participants will be mailed one complete set of documents in advance of the meeting.
- (g) A formal report of the Seminar will be produced after the meeting and translated into the three ECE working languages.

25 September - Morning Session

9:00 Registration

9:30 Opening of the Seminar

Session 1: RECONSTRUCTING THE PAST

Organizer: Mr. J.L. Bodin

Chairman: Mr. Y. Franchet
Discussants: Mr. T. Toczynski
Mr. J. Reis

Invited papers:

1. History of Statistics - Problems and Prospects of International Cooperation, CES/SEM.35/SI/1
J. Hahlen, Germany.
2. Statistics and the Birth of a Nation, CES/SEM.35/SI/2
F. Sofia and P. Garonna, Italy.

Contributed papers:

1. The Problem of Constructing Long Time Series in Newly Established Countries and Countries in Transition - The Case of Slovenia, CES/SEM.35/SI/R.1
T. Banovec, Slovenia.
2. Dutch Historical Statistics: 19th Century Population Censuses, CES/SEM.35/SI/R.2
C.A. Oomens and G.P. den Bakker, Netherlands.
3. The Construction of Long-Term Time Series in Cyprus: Experiences and Problems Encountered, CES/SEM.35/SI/R.3
E.I. Demetriades, Cyprus.
4. Problems of the Russian Statistics Reconstruction Over A Long-Term Period, CES/SEM.35/R.4
E.S. Zavarina, Russian Federation.
5. Transition and the Continuity of Yugoslav Statistics, CES/SEM.35/SI/R.5
M. Kovacevic, Yugoslavia.
6. Austria's Experience in Long-Term Statistical Reporting, CES/SEM.35/SI/R.6
E. Bader, Austria.
7. Lost and Forgotten? Official colonial statistics. Experience in constructing historical statistics for Suriname, CES/SEM.35/SI/R.7

A. L. MacDonald, UNFPA.

14:30 Afternoon session

Session 2: REGIONS, STATES AND FEDERATIONS: PROBLEMS OF VARIABLE GEOGRAPHY

Organizer: Mr. W. de Vries
Chairman: Mr. S. Longva
Discussants: Mr. H. Snorrason
Ms. C. Golfinopoulou

Invited papers:

1. Cantonal Statistics and Federal Statistics - Process of Integration of the Statistical System of Switzerland, CES/SEM.35/SII/1
C. Malaguerra, Switzerland.
2. Regional Statistics and Problems Related to the Implementation of the New Administrative - Territorial Subdivision in Lithuania, CES/SEM.35/SII/3
K. Zaborskas, Lithuania.

Contributed papers:

1. Problems of Changing Geographies, CES/SEM.35/SII/R.3
E. Bader, Austria.
2. Republic of Slovenia - Records and statistics as basis for the determination of spheres of regions and for calculation of regional accounts, CES/SEM.35/SII/R.2
T. Banovec, Slovenia

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9:30 - Morning session

Session 3: STATISTICIAN: A PROFESSION?

Organizer: Mr. Z. Kenessey
Chairman: Mr. E. Outrata
Discussants: Mr. T. Holt
 Mr. S. Swartzman

Invited papers:

1. The Administrator and the Scientist: How the Statistical Profession has Changed, CES/SEM.35/SIII/1
 A. Desrosières, France.
2. The Integration of the Statistical Profession, CES/SEM.35/SII/2
 Z. Kenessey, International Statistical Institute.
3. Blue and White Collar Statisticians - A Gap Revisited,
 CES/SEM.35/SIII/3
 J. Ryten, Canada.
4. A Statistician in Transition: Differences Between An Official
 Statistician in A Planned Economy and in A Market One,
 CES/SEM.35/SIII/4
 E. Outrata, Czech Republic.

14:30 - Afternoon session

Session 4: CONFLICTS BETWEEN INNOVATION AND CONTINUITY

Organizer: Mr. J. Ryten
Chairman: Mr. D. Murphy
Discussant: Mr. F. Mehran

Invited papers:

1. Conflict between Innovation and Continuity: A False Dilemma?
CES/SEM.35/IV/1
P. Domergue, France.
2. CES/SEM.35/IV/2
T. Plewes, United States.

Contributed papers:

1. CES/SEM.35/IV/R.1
New Zealand
2. Conflicts between Innovation and Continuity: Japan's Case,
CES/SEM.35/SIV/R.2
A. Ito and S. Kawasaki, Japan.

27 September

9:30 - Morning session

Session 5: OUR LEGACY TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

Organizer: Mr.E. Aquiles de Oliveira
Chairman: Mr. Y. Yurkov
Discussants: Ms. K. Wallman
 Mr. J. Quevedo

Invited papers:

1. Preparation for the Reuse of Non-Contemporary Statistics - Some Danish Experiences, Provisions and Ideas, CES/SEM.35/SV/1
P. Jensen, Denmark.
2. Metadata Systems to Make Statistical Information Transparent to Users,
CES/SEM.35/SV/3
W. Richter and J. Cornish, Australia.
3. Meta-data; to describe and to manage information, CES/SEM.35/SV/4
W. Keller and W. Ympa, Netherlands.

Contributed papers:

1. Electronic Documentation of Statistical Tools: A Franco-Romanian Experiment, CES/SEM.35/SV/R.1
D. Crosnier, France and L. Marina, Romania.
2. Using Databases for Better Availability and Documentation, CES/SEM.35/SV/R.2
G. Guteland and E. Malmberg, Sweden.

14:30 - Afternoon session

Session 6: Closing session

- 6.1 Open discussion
 - 6.2 Other matters
 - 6.3 Closing of seminar
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