

**Committee of Women in Statistics
Country & Regional Correspondents Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Update/report on ISI Committee on Women in Statistics (Cynthia)
- Events at Durban ISI Meeting
 - Monday, August 16, 9:00 a.m., STCPM 74 “The Challenges Faced by Women in Statistical Offices in Africa” (3 women presenting papers in a session organized by South Africa Organizing Committee) SESSION CANCELED
 - Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Meeting of Country Representatives
 - Tuesday, August 18, 11:30 a.m. Committee Meeting
 - Tuesday, August 18, 3:30 – 5:45 p.m., STCPM 25; “Issues Facing Women in Leadership Roles in Official Statistics” (panel discussion moderated by Denise Lievesley)
 - Thursday, August 20, 3:30 – 5:45 p.m. STCPM 24; “ Violence against Women: How Indicators can Influence Policy Development”
 - Thursday, August 20, 7:00 p.m Mentoring Reception/Dinner for all women attendees at ISI – planned and hosted by Denise Lievesley, 2009 president of ISI.
- Country Reports – Share experiences in following areas:
 - Networking
 - Country Reports
 - Nominations of women to ISI
- Strengthening the role of women statisticians in the ISI and other professional communities
- Other items

NOTES

Attendees: Nel Verhoeven, The Netherlands; Eva Elvers, Sweden; Teresita Teran Lomas (Argentina); Denise Silva, Brazil; Monica Jackson and Carol Blumberg, representatives of the Caucus for Women in Statistics (North America); Nancy McBeth, committee member; Martha Farrar, committee member and webmaster; Cynthia Clark, chair of the committee.

The meeting began with introductions. Cynthia updated the representatives with activities planned during the 2009 Durban ISI meeting (see above) that noted corrections in the original schedule. The events were scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday. Several representatives noted that they were not aware of the dinner invitation. Subsequently, the Committee approached ISI to get the information that all women were invited to the dinner into the ISI Daily and other communication vehicles. It was noted that ISI does not collect gender on its membership form so did not have a good list of appropriate individuals to receive an invitation to the dinner. We also raised the visibility of the sessions.

Cynthia discussed the three roles of country representatives – networking, preparing county reports, and encouraging and facilitating nominations of women to ISI membership. We would like to encourage the country representatives to be more active in all of these roles.

Country representatives mentioned specific situations in their countries relevant to women. Nel Verhoeven (The Netherlands) noted that the Dutch Statistical Association was focused on mathematical and theoretical statistics and was male dominated. Teresita Teran Lomas (Argentina) has been working with women statisticians in schools and has developed a newsletter (this could be shared). Monica Jackson and Carol Blumberg (North American Caucus for Women in Statistics) will encourage more visibility of articles in their newsletter onto the CWS website. Denise Silva (Brazil) noted that there was not much discrimination against women in her country, but felt that young women statisticians needed to receive more support – both professionally and financially.

Cynthia noted that she was looking to reconstitute the Committee on Women in Statistics as several individuals had served a long term on the committee. She was also hoping to have a committee with regional diversity.

The meeting was adjourned just prior to 9 a.m. to facilitate attendance at the technical sessions.