

**Committee of Women in Statistics
Committee Meeting
Friday, August 25, 13:30 – 15:00**

AGENDA

- Introduction of Committee Members and new Chair
- Update/report on ISI Committee on Women in Statistics (Cynthia)
- Events at Dublin – for the record
 - Monday, August 22, 13:30 – 15:00, Pegasus 1, Clarion Hotel. Country Representative & Reception Facilitator Meeting
 - Tuesday, August 23, 11:15 – 13:30, Wicklow Hall 1. STS039, “Women in the Labor Market: Facts and Challenges in the Arab Region.” (5 papers in a session organized by Ola Awad, country representative from Palestine)
 - Wednesday, August 24, 17:30 – 19:00; Women’s Networking, Conference Centre Foyer and Liffey A
 - Friday, August 26, 8:30 – 10:45; Wicklow Suite 2B. IPS025, “Women’s Role in Fighting Poverty and the Informal Economy”. (3 papers and a discussant in a session organized by Denise Silva, committee member for South America)
 - Friday, August 26, 13:30 – 15:00: Club Room, Clarion Hotel. Committee Member Meeting
- Update on planning for Invited Session sponsored by CWS in Hong Kong
 - Effects on families and women of war and changing world migration patterns
 - Recent success of women entering the fields of math and statistics
- Critique of Women’s Networking Reception
- Strengthening the Country and Regional network initiative
 - Networking
 - Reports
 - Nominations of women to ISI
- Website update (Martha Farrar)
- Strengthening the role of the ISI Committee on Women in Statistics
- Other items

NOTES

Attendees. Cynthia Clark, chair; Penny Bidgood, incoming chair; Grace Bediako; Martha Farrar; Denis Silva; Tae Rim Lee; Sharleen Forbes; Awa Thiongane

After introductions Cynthia asked for comments on the ISI CWS events at this meeting.

The attendance at the two sessions was good with about 55 at STS039 on Women in the Labor Market in the Arab Region, and 25 at IPS025 on Women’s Role in Fighting Poverty and the Informal Economy. Compliments to both Ola Awad and Denise Silva

for organizing the sessions. The topics were complimentary. Both organizers had to deal with presenters who weren't able to come at the last minute and did an incredible job of preserving the integrity of the session. There were several comments on the courage of the women from Arab countries in speaking out about issues in their country.

The Women's Networking Session was a big success. There were a number of calls for a repeat. The ice breaker was a good way to start the event. The discussions were lively. The summaries will be published on the website. There were two issues that need to be looked into more in the future – the possibility of appetizers at the event, and men's role. The answer to the first is to get more funding. We were fortunate in getting the funding from Minitab UK that allowed us to have drinks and nibbles.

The CWS role in the 2013 ISI meeting in Hong Kong was discussed. The theme for the meeting will be on Youth. A session related to this topic is being pursued by Penny. Mentoring could be a component. Another issue that was discussed that could be worked into a paper or possibly a session was the impact of economic and migration on women.