Standing Committee on Regional and Urban Statistics

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SCORUS Committee Meeting
The annual meeting of the SCORUS committee took place on Tuesday 6 April 2005 in Sydney Australia. SCORUS continues to coordinate their activities closely with those of the IAOS. Session and paper contributions from SCORUS in both the ISI and IAOS conference continue to be successful. The new SCORUS statutes were discussed by the IAOS executive and put forward to the General Meeting after adopting a few minor changes to the geographic areas. These statutes reflect the efforts of both SCORUS and IAOS members and their dedication to moving the organization forward and finding new ways to involve and grow our membership. For full details on the new SCORUS statutes and mission statement see the SCORUSnet website.

Cities and Regions
Dominic Leung is preparing a report on the future of our journal ‘Cities and Regions’ to be presented at the next biannual Conference. This report will include a business plan that addresses publication format (print and/or electronic), publisher options, content mix, and level of refereeing. We are seeking input from readers and ISI members on these issues. Please send any comments to Dominic Leung <dktleung@censtatd.gov.hk>.

Annual Berlin Conference
The annual SCORUS sponsored conference on ‘Youth Assistance in Large Cities’ took place at Glienicke Hunting Castle in Berlin from the 17th-20th January 2005. The organizer was Professor Elsner. Over 30 delegates from 8 countries took part in the proceedings. Plans are well underway for the 2006 conference that will be held in January 2006. Details will be posted on the SCORUSnet website as they become available.

Competing and Caring: Urban Research for European Urban Policy. Amsterdam 14-17 September 2005
This conference is a joint initiative of SCORUS, the City of Amsterdam (Department for Research and Statistics (O+S)), and the KCGS International. It is designed to assist cities with the practically oriented research and concrete policy instruments to reinforce the economic and social strength of cities. The goals of this conference grow out of the European summit held in Lisbon in March 2000 and the Gothenburg EU summit of June 2001 where there was general consensus that the key to successful urban policy lies in the combination of greater economic competitiveness and attention to social inclusion and sustainability.

The conference Competing and Caring will provide cities with an overview of innovative instruments, practically oriented research and case studies that can contribute to an economically and socially stronger Europe. Participation in the conference is free. Registration is required. See conference advertisement in this newsletter. Please register online at: http://www.kcgs.nl/conference

SCORUS 25th Conference on Regional and Urban Statistics and Research 2006

The biannual SCORUS conference ‘Globalization vs. Regional and Urban Statistics’ will be held on 30 August - 1 September, 2006 at Wroclaw University of Economics in Wroclaw Poland. Traditionally, SCOURS provides a forum for statisticians, planners and researchers interested in improving the knowledge about cities and regions, addressing the international comparability of statistical data, and developing international standards for urban and regional indicators. The main topic of the 25th SCORUS Conference will be the influence of the globalization phenomenon on urban and regional statistics.

The conference takes place in Wroclaw, the capital of Lower Silesia, which by virtue of its location, history and present social and economic location, is known as a region connecting Poland with Europe. It is a location where the influence of globalization and local, urban and regional interests meet. The conference is hosted by the Wroclaw University of Economics, one of the top ranked Universities of Economics in Poland.

Dev Virdee will chair the Scientific Program Committee. Please contact him with ideas for sessions or papers <dev.virdee@ons.gov.uk>

For more information on this conference see the conference website at http://www.scorus2006.ae.wroc.pl or email scorus2006@ae.wroc.pl