Preparing for ISI

Once again ISI provides a wonderful opportunity for individuals interested in SCORUS concerns to meet, talk and plan for the future. SCORUS has been involved in the preparation of two invited sessions sponsored by the IAOS. 

**Bringing Stats Home: Role of the Official Statistical Offices in supporting comparable statistics at regional, urban and local level (IPM 20, Wednesday 19 August at 8:15)** and 

**Improving comparability of urban and regional data: Standards, harmonization, and sharing metadata resources for survey development (IPM 21, Friday 21 August 9:00)** both focus on the relationship between how data is collected at the national level and prepared for distribution at the local level. Because of the need to present local level data in an aggregated format, additional attention needs to be paid to how aggregation is performed, the geographies covered, and topical detail provided. In addition to meeting local analysis needs we must also be aware that this is the information used to make international comparisons of sub-national regions and urban areas. These two sessions fit well within the overall theme of IAOS sponsored sessions and should provide a basis for interesting dialog during the conference week and beyond.

Important meetings to note for those interested in SCORUS activities:

**Monday 17 August, 11:15 – 13:00**

SCORUS meeting

**Thursday 20 August 7:30 – 9:00**

IAOS General Assembly

**SCORUS 2010 – Riga, Latvia**

The 2010 meeting of SCORUS is already under development. The conference will be held in Riga, Latvia. Work is currently being done on program topics and organization. Full information on dates, location, and topic will be available at ISI 2009.

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