

Standing Committee on Regional and Urban Statistics



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SCORUS: 27th Conference on Regional and Urban Statistics and Research "Creating a knowledge base for successful cities and regions, along the

statistical value change"

Sponsored by the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia and SCORUS, the conference will be held in Riga, Latvia, 11-13 August, 2010.

Registration will be available on-line through the conference webpage at: <http://www.csb.gov.lv/scorus>. Registration should be made by 15 July 2010. For questions regarding registration or the program please contact by e-mail: scorus@csb.gov.lv. Riga is served by the Riga International Airport, the main air traffic centre in the Baltic region (<http://www.riga-airport.com>).

Latvia, officially the Republic of Latvia, is a country in the Baltic region of Northern Europe with more than 2.2 million inhabitants. Riga, its capital and largest city, currently has a population of more than 700,000. The Historic Centre of Riga has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the city is particularly notable for its Art Nouveau (Jugendstil) architecture, which UNESCO considers to be unparalleled anywhere in the world.

The scientific program covers the following themes within the overall topic "Creating a knowledge base for successful cities and regions, along the statistical value chain."

Statistical design (HUANG Langhui, huanglh@stats.gov.cn)

Data collection for creating a knowledge base (Klaus Trutzel, KuM.Trutzel@t-online.de)

Focusing on the creation of a knowledge base for the community, this session relates the tasks of collecting data from a variety of sources and regional references and using it to create a knowledge base to inform research and problem solving.

Compilation, estimation and documentation (Stephen KC Leung, skcleung@censtatd.gov.hk)

Addressing the challenges in the compilation, estimation, and documentation of the information required to create and sustain a knowledge base, this session examines the issues surrounding gathering accurate, comparable data.

Analysis and research (Dev Virdee, Dev.Virdee@ons.gov.uk and Derek Bond, D.Bond@ulster.ac.uk)

Dissemination (Petra Kuncová (Ms), petra.kuncova@czso.cz)

The title of this conference presupposes that user play a major role in the development and use of a knowledge base. Dissemination plays two roles in creation of a knowledge base, as input when collecting requests, questions, and demands, and as a tool for providing access to the knowledge base. This session will explore the role of users in defining both what goes into a knowledge base and how it is accessed and used.

Evaluation (quality and user satisfaction) (Teodora Brandmüller (Ms), Teodora.Brandmueller@ec.europa.eu)
Focusing on the quality of information going into and out of the knowledge base and evaluating its ability to meet user needs.

Submissions are being accepted through 15 May 2010. If you want to present a paper, please submit an abstract not exceeding 300 words to the relevant coordinator or to the Chair of the Programme Committee by e-mail at: petra.kuncova@czso.cz

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IAOS/SCORUS Conference on official statistics and the environment: approaches, issues, challenges and linkages (Santiago, Chile, 20-22 October 2010)

The following sessions are organized by SCORUS members:

- Regional Energy Supply and the Environment: The Statistical Challenges (Organizer: Derek Bond)
- Sustainable Economic Development of Cities and Regions (Organizer: Pilar Martin-Guzman)
- Cities, the Environment and Climate Change (Organizer: Markandey Rai)
- Regional Interaction of Environmental, Social and Economic Statistics (Organizer: Wendy Thomas)
- Assessing the Environmental Quality of Life at the Local Level (Organizer: Klaus Trutzel)

SCORUS sessions have been fortunate to receive contributions from the Chilean Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MINVU) to provide a local perspective in each session.

World Urban Forum will take place on UN Habitat Day, 5 October 2010

Asian Regional Conferences

Beijing Forum – Sponsored by the Metropolitan Bureau of Statistics
City in China – To be held in Macau or Hong Kong

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