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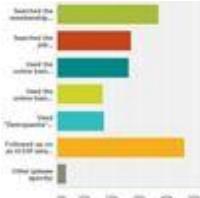
IUSSP Council meeting

An IUSSP Council meeting was held in Washington, D.C on 2-3 April 2016, just after the annual meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA). In addition to reporting on the year's activities, the Council discussed two major issues: the preparation of the next International Population Conference, to be held in Cape Town from 29 October to 4 November 2017, and the future prospects of the Union, given the increasing difficulty in raising funds. ([Read more](#))



Survey of IUSSP members

It seems like this time of year is survey time with several associations sending out membership surveys. We hope you won't mind filling out one more. This survey will better inform our consultants' review of IUSSP's business plan. Before making their recommendations, they want to hear IUSSP members' views about how IUSSP should evolve and improve its services to the population community. The survey was sent out to all current and past members via Survey Monkey on June 17th. The survey takes 5-10 minutes to fill out. Please reply as soon as possible. ([Read more](#))



UN General Assembly Summit on large movements of refugees and migrants

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IUSSP Laureate

IUSSP Laureate award ceremony for Ron Lee

The Laureate award ceremony, featuring a Symposium on Ronald Lee's Contributions to Demography with presentations by David Lam, Jennifer Johnson-Hanks and Andrew Mason, took place at 2016 PAA Annual Meeting. [\(Read more\)](#)



Call for 2017 Laureate nominations

Would you like to see a mentor or colleague honoured for their decisive contribution to the advancement of demography and population research? If they are an IUSSP member, do not hesitate to round up support and propose a nomination for the 2017 IUSSP Laureate award. The letter of nomination and all supporting documents should be sent to the IUSSP Secretariat by 31 October 2016. [\(Read more\)](#)

Forthcoming training workshops

Big Data training workshops at EPC and ALAP

- Training workshop on Web, Social Media Data and Demographic Research at EPC2016, in Mainz, Germany, Wednesday, 31 August 2016, 1:30-5:30pm. [\(Register here\)](#)
- Training workshop on Web, Social Media Data and Demographic Research at the ALAP/ABEP 2016 conference, Foz de Iguaçu, Brazil, Monday 17 October 2016, 8:30am-1pm. *(Registration and selection of participants will be handled by ALAP and ABEP.)*

International Population Conference

Call for host country bids for IPC2021

Is your national population association or institution interested in hosting a future International Population Conference? This is a reminder that the deadline to submit a bid for the 2021 International Population Conference – 15 December 2016 – is coming soon. Preparing a comprehensive bid takes time; fortunately there are many sources of support. Please read a few tips on where to get help and how to prepare a good proposal. [\(Read more\)](#)

On the road to Cape Town 2017

Preparation for the 2017 International Population Conference (IPC) continues. France Meslé and Mary Ellen Zuppan travelled to South Africa to meet with host country organisers to review preparations for the Conference. The trip coincided with the 5th ISIBalo Conference of African Young Statisticians, hosted and organized by Stats SA. [\(Read more\)](#)



Reports from IUSSP seminars & workshops

Towards the next generation of record-linkage studies

The IUSSP Panel on Innovations for Strengthening CRVS Systems organized an expert meeting in Washington, DC, on 4-5 April 2016, hosted by the World Bank: “Towards the next generation of record-linkage studies to advance data quality assessment of civil registration systems in low- and middle-income countries. [\(Read more\)](#)



Research workshop on social media and demographic research

The IUSSP Panel on Big Data and Population Processes also organized a Research Workshop on Social Media and Demographic Research - Applications and Implications in Cologne, Germany, on 17 May 2016, as a side event at the 10th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM-16). ([Read more](#))



Training workshop on social media and demographic methods

The IUSSP Panel on Big Data and Population Processes organized a Training Workshop on Social Media and Demographic Methods, in Washington, D.C., on 30 March 2016, as a side meeting at the 2016 PAA Annual Meeting. ([Read more](#))



Registering and counting the population

The IUSSP Scientific Panel on Historical Demography and the Department of Demography, NEPO-UNICAMP organized an international seminar on “Registering and Counting the Population – the production and exploration of census information from early modern times to the end of the 20th century”, in Campinas - São Paulo, Brazil, 19-21 May 2016. ([Read more](#))



Communicating on the demographic dividend in Africa

The IUSSP Network on Strengthening Demographic Training in Francophone Africa (FraNet) organized a workshop on “Communicating on the demographic dividend in Africa for policy makers and journalists” in Mbalmayo, Cameroun, 24 mars 2016. ([Read more](#))



Demographic data in sub-Saharan Africa & the SDGs

DEMOSTAF (Demography Statistics for Africa), the IUSSP & the French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED) organized a scientific workshop on 31 May 2016 in Paris, France entitled “The challenges of demographic data in Sub-Saharan Africa in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”. Its purpose was to give an overview of the challenges and identify levers to overcome these constraints. ([Read more](#))



N-IUSSP

N-IUSSP's most recent articles

The N-IUSSP Editorial Committee warmly encourages members to submit articles. Recent articles include:

- Migration background and parental leave uptake in Sweden, by Eleonora Mussino, Ann-Zofie Duvander.
- How women in South Korea juggle work and family life, by Li Ma.
- Growing education-related disparities in length of life in the US, by Isaac Sasson.
- Does birth order affect earnings? Only temporarily, by Marco Bertoni and Giorgio Brunello.
- Fertility in Western Europe: the role of religion, by Nitzan Peri-Rotem.



- Son preference as a new twist in China's low fertility, by Quanbao Jiang, Ying Li, and Jesus J. Sanchez-Barricarte.
- Adolescent fertility in Latin America and the Caribbean, by Jorge Rodriguez Vignoli.

Membership news

Annual Report

The 2015 Annual Activity and Financial Report is now available. ([Download Report](#))

UN Population Award

[Carmen Barroso](#), Regional Director of International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR), is the Laureate of the 2016 United Nations Population Award. The award is scheduled to be presented at the United Nations on 23 June. ([Read more](#))



New IUSSP members

Ten new members and 13 new student associates joined the IUSSP since March 2016. ([Read more](#))

Members' activities and publications

Members' new publications

Recently added:

- Demographic trends in Canada and Australia: Special issue dedicated to Graeme Hugo, in *Canadian Studies in Population*, Vol. 43, No. 1–2 (Spring/Summer) 2016. Guest Editors: Peter McDonald and Rod Beaujot.
- *Conflict, Insecurity and Mobility*. Edited by Ibrahim Sirkeci, Jeffrey H. Cohen, and Pinar Yazgan.
- *Aplicaciones en Demografía*. Edited by: B. Piedad Urdinola.
- *Słownik Demograficzny: the Dictionary of Demography*. a Polish-English translation of Roland Pressat's Dictionnaire de Démographie (1979), translated by Ewa Frątczak and Aneta Ptak-Chmielewska, published by Szkoła Główna Handlowa w Warszawie, Warszawa, 2014.

The IUSSP advertises members' recent books and special issues on a dedicated web page and in its quarterly Bulletin. ([Read more](#))

Regional population associations

IUSSP at the 2016 PAA Annual Meeting

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA) was held in Washington, D.C., from 31 March to 2 April 2016. The IUSSP had a booth (shared with regional population associations) and organized its Laureate ceremony and two very well attended side meetings. ([Read more](#))



2016 European Population Association

The 2016 European Population Conference will be held in the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany from 31 August to 3 September 2016. The IUSSP will hold a booth and advertise its 2017 Conference. The IUSSP Panel on Big Data and Population Processes will organize a training workshop on Web and social media for demographic research. ([Read more](#))



2016 ALAP & ABEP Congress, Foz do Iguaçu

The VII Congress of the Latin American Population Association (ALAP) will be held together with the XX Congress of the Brazilian Population Association (ABEP) from 17 to 22 October 2016 in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil. The IUSSP Panel on Big Data and Population Processes will organize a training workshop on Web and social media for demographic research. ([Read more](#))



Calls

IUSSP calls for papers

- IUSSP Seminar on Urban Health Transformations, Cambridge, UK, 11-12 July 2017. Deadline for submissions : 30 Sept 2016.
 - International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, 29 October-4 November 2017. Deadline for submissions: 15 Dec 2016.
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Other calls for papers

- International Workshop on Demography and Gender. Paris, France, 11 October 2016. Deadline for submissions: 11 July 2016.
 - Workshop on Assimilation and Integration of Immigrants, Mannheim, Germany, 13-14 Oct 2016. Deadline for submissions: 1 Aug 2016. Deadline for applications: 1 August 2016.
 - Applied Demography Conference San Antonio, Texas, USA, 11-13 January 2017. Deadline for submissions: 31 Aug 2016.
 - *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Special Issue: The Social and Economic Costs of Gender-Based Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa: Causes, Implications, and Policy Directions. Deadline for submissions: 1 Nov 2016.
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Calls for Applications

- 3rd KOSTAT Summer Seminar on Population, Korea. Deadline for applications: 24 June 2016.
 - Database Course on the Use and Analysis of the Latin American Migration Project (LAMP) at the ALAP/ABEP Conference, Foz de Iguaçu, Brazil. Deadline for applications: 30 June 2016.
 - IUSSP Workshop on Web, Social Media Data and Demographic Research Workshop. Pre-Conference at the European Population Conference Mainz, Germany, 31 August 2016. Deadline for applications: 28 Aug 2016.
 - Advanced STATA: Programming and other techniques to make your life easier A 5 day course from the Population Studies Group, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Deadline for applications: 3 October 2016.
 - 2016 International Workshops at the U.S. Census Bureau
 - *Understanding the Demographic Dividend*. 12-16 Sept 2016.
 - *CSPro Android for Intermediate Users*. 19-30 Sept 2016.
 - *Data Dissemination*. 17-21 Oct 2016.
 - *Introduction to Survey Sampling*. 24 Oct-4 Nov 2016.
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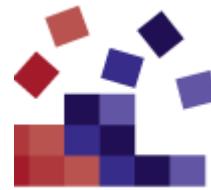
Other calls

- Call for Cyberseminar proposals: PERN is soliciting proposals from those interested in organizing cyberseminars around themes of relevance to this research community. We particularly welcome proposals from PhD candidates and post-doctoral fellows. Proposals should be sent to pernadmin@ciesin.columbia.edu by 31 July 2016.
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Other announcements

LIVES Best Paper Award 2016

In order to stimulate advances in the areas of vulnerability and life course studies, the Swiss National Center of Competence in Research LIVES (NCCR LIVES) encourages early career scholars to apply to the LIVES Best Paper Award 2016. Deadline for applications: 31 July 2016. ([Read more](#))



Margaret Levenstein named director of ICPSR

The University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research (ISR) and the Governing Council of the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) announced that Maggie Levenstein has been appointed as ICPSR's next director. ICPSR is the largest archive of digital social science data in the world. ([Read more](#))



In the era of transnational migration

The Mahidol Migration Center (MMC) will hold its 4th Regional Conference at the Institute for Population and Social Research (IPSR), Mahidol University, Salaya 28-30 June 2016. The theme of the conference, "In the Era of Transnational Migration", incorporates a broad range of topics including trends in migration within and outside of the ASEAN region, social and economic aspects of migration, and regional and international migration policies. ([Read more](#))



Job opportunities

Employment announcements

- Technical Advisor, Senior Statistician, Population & Development Branch, Technical Division, UNFPA. Deadline for Applications: 14 July 2016.
- Five Researchers in Demographic Modeling and Migration, IIASA and Joint Research Centres (JRC) of the European Commission. Deadline for applications: 9 July 2016.
- Chair of Excellence in Population Sciences. Bordeaux University. Deadline for Applications: 15 July 2016.

Research grants/fellowships/post docs

- Doctorant-e en Sociologie. Université Laval, Canada. Deadline for applications: 24 June 2016.
- PhD position at PRDH (Programme de recherche en démographie historique, Université de Montréal). Deadline for Applications: 30 June 2016.

Calendar

Forthcoming IUSSP meetings & events

- IUSSP Seminar on Medication abortion: Availability and use, and impact on abortion safety and women's health. Dakar, Senegal, 6-8 Jul 2016.
- IUSSP Workshop on Web, Social Media Data and Demographic Research, preconference workshop at the European Population Conference, Mainz, Germany, 31 Aug 2016.
- IUSSP Seminar on Causal Mediation Analysis in Health and Work, Rostock, Germany, 26-29 Sept 2016.
- IUSSP Seminar on Linking Past to Present. Long-term perspectives on micro-level demographic processes. Kashiwa, Japan, 9-11 Dec 2016.

- IUSSP International Seminar on Urban Health Transformations. Cambridge, United Kingdom, 11-12 Jul 2017.
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Other forthcoming conferences

- XI ADEH Conference (Iberian Society of Historical Demography). Cádiz, Spain, 21-24 June 2016.
 - XIX Colloque international de l'Aidelf. Strasbourg, France, 21-24 June 2016.
 - XIII Reunión Nacional de Investigación Demográfica en México. Mexico City, Mexico, 22-24 June 2016.
 - Population-level fertility research: State of the art The 2nd Human Fertility Database Symposium. Berlin, Germany, 23-24 June 2016.
 - Family demography in Africa and post-2015 development agenda. Johannesburg, South Africa, 27-29 June 2016.
 - 4th Mahidol Migration Center Regional Conference “In the Era of Transnational Migration”, Mahidol University, Thailand, 28-30 June 2016.
 - Turkish Migration Conference 2016. Vienna, Austria, 12-15 July 2016.
 - ISA RC28 Summer Meeting, organized by the International Sociological Association, Bern, Switzerland, 29-31 August 2016.
 - 2016 European Population Conference. Mainz, Germany, 31 August-3 September 2016.
 - 2016 Annual Conference of the British Society for Population Studies. Winchester, United Kingdom, 12-14 September 2016.
 - 2016 Meeting of the European Society for Historical Demography (ESHD 2016). Leuven, Belgium, 21-24 September 2016.
 - International Young Researchers' Conference: The impacts and challenges of demographic changes. Paris, France, 22-23 September 2016.
 - Connecting the Dots: Migration-Environment-Resilience, Bonn, Germany, 29-30 Sept 2016.
 - International Workshop on Demography and Gender, Paris, France, 11 Oct 2016.
 - Workshop on Assimilation and Integration of Immigrants, Mannheim, Germany, 13-14 Oct 2016.
 - VII Conference of the Latin American Population Association (ALAP) & XX ABEP Congress, Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, 17-21 October 2016.
 - 42nd Quetelet Conference on Men's perspective in unions, fertility and parenthood. Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 9-10 November 2016.
 - Australian Population Association 18th Biennial conference. Sydney, Australia, 29 Nov-2 Dec 2016.
 - Applied Demography Conference, San Antonio, Texas, United States, 11-13 Jan 2017.
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Submit your announcements

Feel free to share news from your institution and region so that we can keep all IUSSP members informed about recent or forthcoming events and opportunities in the population field. IUSSP members are welcome to submit information on conferences, job openings, post-doctoral positions, and research grants for inclusion in the newsletter and IUSSP website. Please send the information and any photos to contact@iussp.org and remember to include important dates for application deadlines. Information should be sent by email or in a Word document so that it can be edited. For inclusion in the next Bulletin, please send information by 1 September 2016. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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IUSSP Council Meeting

Washington, D.C., United States, 2-3 April 2016

The annual meeting of the [IUSSP Council](#) was held on Saturday 2 April and Sunday 3 April in Washington, D.C., just after the Population Association of America's (PAA) Annual Meeting. The place and date was chosen to bring together a maximum number of council members while limiting costs. Only Sureeporn Punpuing and Tom Moultrie were unable to attend, though Tom Moultrie was able to participate from South Africa via video conference. Mary Ellen Zuppan, Executive Director, and Paul Monet, Deputy Executive Director, also attended the meeting. The Council reviewed the activities from the previous year and the Officers asked the Council members for advice on new directions. The Council also approved the accounts and decided on budget priorities. As is generally the case, the two days of meetings were intensive. In addition to the recurring agenda items, two topics were the object of particular attention: preparations for the next International Population Conference, which will take place in Cape Town (South Africa) from 29 October to 4 November 2017, and the future of the association, given growing difficulties in raising funds for operation costs.

The Call for Papers for the 2017 Conference was launched just prior to the Council meeting. Brochures in French and English listing the themes and topics were distributed at the IUSSP stand during the PAA meeting and have also been mailed out to members. The website for submitting abstracts online will open in September 2016 using Confex software (the same company now used by PAA) with the deadline to submit abstracts set for 15 December 2016. Session organisers and Theme conveners will select abstracts for oral and poster sessions in early 2017. They will be assisted by reviewers who will help evaluate submissions. The Council also discussed the format of plenary and invited sessions, including a proposal to offer the possibility to institutions in the population field to organise a session during the conference on a population topic in exchange for a financial contribution in support of the Conference, as well as other possibilities to attract sponsors for the Conference.

Even before holding the 2017 Conference, it is already time to think about organising the 2021 Conference. A call for candidates has already been launched to obtain solid proposals before the end of 2016. Council members will be encouraging their colleagues in different countries to consider the adventure. A number of potential host countries are already under exploration. In recent decades the Conference has been organised in Conference centers, which provide excellent facilities for the Conference but also represent an important cost for the host country organisation. The Council is also open to alternative venues such as university campus facilities or Conference hotels that might provide some cost savings.

The two days of the Council meeting were also an opportunity to reflect on IUSSP's future. On the afternoon of the first day, Council members exchanged ideas on how to strengthen the association, improve membership retention, and attract new funding sources. IUSSP is faced with



several challenges. Membership numbers and revenue drop significantly in the years between International Population Conferences while grants to support operations are increasingly difficult if not impossible to secure. In recent years, IUSSP has succeeded in maintaining numerous activities thanks to project funding, notably funds to support demographic training in Francophone Africa and most recently to support the involvement of demographers in the Data Revolution thanks largely to funding from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and UNFPA. Thanks to a grant from the Hewlett Foundation, IUSSP recently recruited a consulting agency, Ethicore, with experience working with NGOs and associations, to help the Union develop a new communications and fundraising strategy as well as review the IUSSP business plan. The morning of the second day of the Council meeting was devoted to an exchange between Council members and Ethicore's consultant, Rachael Clay. The session began by focusing on each Council member's vision of IUSSP: the Union's strong points and weak points, how it could better attract new members and retain current members, potential alternative sources of funding, and new partnership opportunities, notably with regional associations, etc. Ethicore will draft a report that will be delivered in September, drawing on exchanges with Council members, as well as interviews with other stakeholders including former Council members and donor agencies, reviews of IUSSP documentation and budgets and discussions with IUSSP Officers and Secretariat staff. The report will help Council define new directions and reinforce the influence of the Union, without renouncing its traditional activities that have always been appreciated such as the International Population Conference and the activities of IUSSP Scientific Panels.

The Council meeting was as always an opportunity to review the activities developed over the past year by the officers and Secretariat:

- Launching of N-IUSSP, IUSSP's online magazine which publishes every week an article on current research or demographic challenges aimed at decision makers, journalists and an informed public;
- Setting-up of a Twitter account and a Facebook page;
- Organisation of meetings and debates on the Data Revolution at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the PAA and the 7th African Population Conference in December 2015 in Pretoria;
- Organization of several training workshops in Francophone Africa;
- Administrative support for the IUSSP Scientific Panels.

Finally, the Council commissioned a small group among its members to work on a revision of the Union's Constitution. The principal aim is to adapt to new communication practices. The amendments will be submitted to the members' vote in 2017.

2016 survey of IUSSP members

On June 17th, the IUSSP sent all its current and past members a short survey. The survey takes no more than 5-10 minutes to fill out. The survey results will mean a lot to IUSSP as the environment in which we operate as a professional organization has changed in many ways since the last time IUSSP conducted a survey in 2010. The IUSSP needs to reassess its priorities, activities, communications and membership resources.

Your input on these issues is absolutely crucial. You may have recently been surveyed by other population associations but the IUSSP needs to hear from its members directly. As researchers and as current or past members of the Union, we are sure you understand the value of the data we aim to collect. Preliminary data will be used by consultants IUSSP hired to provide strategic recommendations (by the end of June).

We hope you will all respond without delay.

- The survey was sent out via "Survey Monkey". If you did not receive the email with the link to the survey please check your spam box... or contact us: monet[a]iussp.org.
- **The survey is anonymous:** the software has been set so that personal information – names, email addresses, and IP addresses – are excluded from the survey results.
- **Do not hesitate to provide comments or suggestions** on any topic relevant to the IUSSP in the appropriate text fields or in the final comment box.
- **You can return to the survey** to change or add information until 21 August, even after you have completed the survey.

Thank you for your participation!

IUSSP to assist in preparations for UN General Assembly Summit to address large movements of refugees and migrants

United Nations, New York,

- **18 July 2016 (stakeholder hearings)**
- **19 September 2016 (UN General Assembly Summit)**

The UN General Assembly will host a High-level Meeting on 19 September 2016 to address large movements of refugees and migrants. The aim of the Summit is to (a) strengthen international cooperation to ensure the safety and dignity of refugees and other migrants in mass population movements, (b) adopt a global compact to share responsibilities for refugees, and (c) start a two-year process to develop a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. In preparation for the 19 September Summit, informal hearings with civil society will be held on 18 July.

At the request of the Office of the President of the UN General Assembly, the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS) and UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) have established a civil society Steering Committee that will support broad and inclusive participation of civil society in the 19 September Summit and the 18 July stakeholder hearings, both taking place at UN Headquarters in New York. The main task of the Steering Committee is to provide inputs to the programme for the 18 July hearings and to recommend civil society speakers for both events.

IUSSP has been selected as one of the 25 organizations to serve on the Steering Committee. Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi and Ellen Kraly will represent IUSSP. Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi was the Chair of the [IUSSP Scientific Panel on the Demography of Refugee and Forced Migration](#) (2011-2014) and Ellen Kraly participated in the Panel's Seminar on Demographic Perspectives on Forced Migration and Refugees held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, 14-16 May 2012, and is editing a book based on papers presented at the seminar.

For more information and applications to attend or speak at the High-level meeting: [click here](#).

- **Deadline to apply to attend or speak at the 19 Sept. High-level meeting: 31 July 2016.**

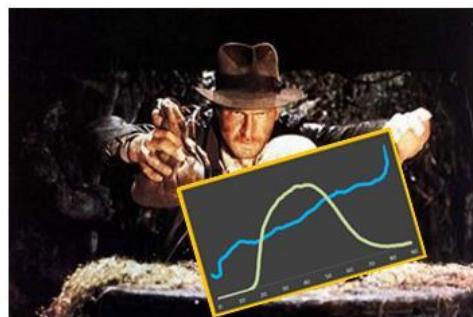
For general information on international migration at the United Nations: [www.unmigration.org](#)

The 2016 IUSSP Laureate ceremony for Ron Lee

Washington, D.C., 30 March 2016

IUSSP President, Anastasia Gage presented the IUSSP Laureate Award to Ron Lee at the Population Association of America's Annual Meeting in Washington DC on 30 March 2015 to a room packed with Ron Lee's colleagues, friends and former students who came to offer their congratulations and listen to some humorous as well as erudite tributes to Ron Lee's work.

Lee Unearths the True Lifecycle



The session began with a symposia chaired by Jacques Vallin, which included presentations by David Lam, Andrew Mason, and Jennifer Johnson-Hanks. David Lam reviewed Ron Lee's work on [Economic-Demographic Interactions in Historical Perspective](#) based on innovative analyses of historical data from pre-industrial England, while Andrew Mason covered Lee's work on [Intergenerational Transfers and National Transfer Account](#), and Jennifer Johnson Hanks, in a presentation entitled [Reflections in Honor of Ron Lee: “Time and Fertility”](#) eloquently analyzed Ron Lee's gift for integrating synchronic and diachronic perspectives in his work.

We also heard of Ron's gentle smile and his fierce game of tennis. A number of Ron's former students ended the ceremony by giving their own short testimonials to Ron Lee's impact on their work and careers. The evening was a touching tribute to a great scholar and gentle man who has contributed greatly to the fields of demography and economics through his own work and that of his students.



- For more information on Ron Lee's accomplishments and contributions to the population field please read the [letter of nomination](#).
- To access the presentations made during the ceremony please [click on the titles below](#).
- See [photos](#) from the ceremony below.

Symposium on Ronald Lee's Contributions to Demography

Chair: Jacques Vallin, Institut national d'études démographiques

- [Economic-Demographic Dynamics in Historical Populations](#)
David Lam, University of Michigan
- [Fertility and Time](#)
Jennifer Johnson-Hanks, University of California, Berkeley
- [Intergenerational Transfers and National Transfer Accounts](#)
Andrew Mason, University of Hawaii



If you have a mentor or colleague who is an IUSSP member and has made significant contributions to the field, and would like to see him or her receive a similar honor, consider nominating them for the 2017 and 2018 IUSSP Laureate Award.

IUSSP Laureate Award 2017 – Call for nominations

Deadline: 31 October 2016

Would you like one of your colleagues to be honoured for their decisive contribution to the advancement of demography and population research? Do not hesitate to round up support and propose a nomination for the 2017 IUSSP Laureate award. Your colleague may become the next IUSSP Laureate, following in the footsteps of past IUSSP Laureates Samuel Preston, Jane Menken, John Bongaarts, Thérèse Locoh, Cheikh Mbacke and Ron Lee ... (see the full list of Laureates on the IUSSP website).

To be eligible for consideration, an individual must have been a member of the IUSSP for at least 20 years. Outstanding contributions to the advancement of population sciences and distinguished service rendered to the Union and the profession are factors that will be taken into consideration by the IUSSP Council in selecting the 2017 Laureate. Members of Council and Honorary Presidents may not be nominated for the award. The nomination letter should include a supporting statement and be signed by at least five current IUSSP members of different nationalities. The IUSSP Council members select the winning Laureate candidate by secret ballot, and therefore they should not be contacted to nominate or support individual candidates. The letter of nomination and all supporting documents should be sent to the IUSSP Secretariat in Paris to the attention of the Executive Director, Mary Ellen Zuppan, **by 31 October 2016**.

Procedure:

- Please send Word and pdf files of the nomination letter and nominee's curriculum vitae by email to: zuppan@iussp.org.
- Email submissions of support letters with electronic signatures will be accepted.
- Please include "IUSSP 2017 Laureate Nomination" in the subject line of the email.

See also:

- *[List of past IUSSP Laureates](#)
- *[List of current Council members and Honorary Presidents](#)
- *[Membership directory](#)

Applications remain valid for two years.

Tips for preparing the host country bids for the 2021 International Population Conference

Deadline: 15 December 2016

Even as we prepare to announce the Call for Papers for the 2017 International Population Conference, we are already working on plans for IPC 2021. It takes time to organize and raise funds for a large conference such as the IPC; many conference venues are booked 5-6 years in advance. The IUSSP Council thus decided to move the bid and selection process up by one year to give the selected hosts more time to prepare. This means bids are due at the IUSSP Secretariat by 15 December 2016. We plan to announce the 2021 Conference host during the 2017 IPC in Cape Town, South Africa.

Given our long experience organizing the International Population Conference we have learned a few things over the years that will help potential host country members put together a successful bid. Here is some advice and tips on resources to help those considering a bid.

1. First, please read the [IUSSP information on Conference requirements](#) and use this to prepare your budget and proposal. Make sure your bid proposal addresses all the requirements. If a requirement cannot be met, explain why and how you might compensate.
2. Contact the local convention bureau or tourism office in the cities considered as a potential venue. They have professional staff who will help you-- free of charge -- prepare a bid and budget for the Conference, provide you with information on conference centres, hotels, and other services needed to organize the conference, and give you an accurate estimate of costs for those services, as well as possible sources of financial support. Many have funds to support site visits and organizational meetings. They can also put you in contact with alternate venues such as University campuses and conference hotels.
3. Consider alternate venues. The IPC has usually been organized at a convention center, but other venues are also possible – a conference hotel or university campus can be a good, cost-saving alternative.
4. Mobilize a broad network of individuals and organizations. If you are based in a university or research centre, reach out to government ministries, NGOs, international organizations, and the private sector in the process of developing your bid. If you are based in a government agency, make sure to include demographers and other population researchers from universities in the process.
5. Finally, if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the IUSSP Secretariat or Secretary General and Treasurer, France Meslé (list her IUSSP email) , who will be glad to learn of your proposal and can answer questions or clarify requirements in the bid proposal.

I encourage you to consider organizing the IPC – it is a great way to draw attention to population issues of policy relevance and research at the national and international level, strengthen relationships between organizations working on population issues in the host country, and to connect with IUSSP members from around the globe.

Mary Ellen Zuppan, *IUSSP Executive Director and Secretary for the International Population Conference*.

For more information please read:

- the [IUSSP Conference Planning Guidelines](#).
- the IUSSP Brochure “[Become a host country organizer of the International Population Conference](#)”.
- the [international population conference web page](#).

On the road to Cape Town 2017

Pretoria & Cape Town, South Africa, June 2016

Preparation for the 2017 International Population Conference (IPC) continues. France Meslé and Mary Ellen Zuppan recently travelled to South Africa to meet with host country organisers to review preparations for the Conference. The trip coincided with the 5th ISIbalo Conference of African Young Statisticians, hosted and organized by Stats SA, which has as one of its missions to build statistical capacity on the continent. The Conference brought together 106 participants from 18 African countries.

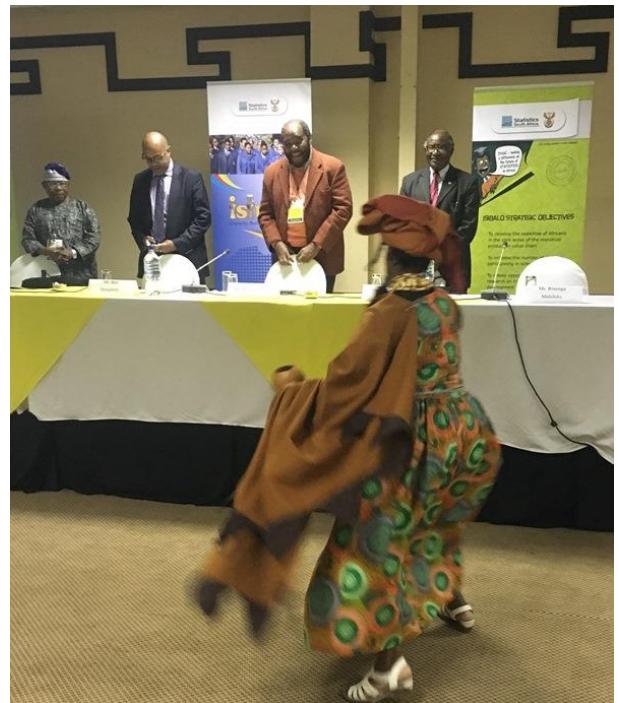
Initiated by Stats SA in 2009, in association with the 57th Session of the International Statistical Institute in Durban, ISIbalo has as its objective to develop the capacity of young statisticians on the African continent via several ongoing training programmes and an annual conference. The 5th conference took place from 13 to 17 June 2016 at the Saint George Hotel in Pretoria. The conference began with an opening ceremony marked by songs and dancing with speeches by several imminent

African statisticians. Pali Lahohla, Statistician General of South Africa, gave a speech in which he argued for the need for open, publicly accessible data and the capacity to analyse and use this data. The Conference was organized around several training workshops taught by international and South African experts including IUSSP members Sally Findley and Mark Collinson as well as Graham Kalton, Lehana Thabane, and others. The objective of these workshops is to provide young African statisticians with the tools needed to design and carry out research projects, analyse data and communicate the results to the scientific community, policy makers and the public. The objectives of the ISIbalo Conference fit perfectly with the organization of the next IUSSP Conference in South Africa, which will also contribute to training and capacity building in Africa on population issues. It is hoped that many of those participating in the ISIbalo workshops will also participate in the 2017 IPC.

During the conference, Mary Ellen Zuppan and France Meslé met with Stats SA colleagues in charge of organising the 2017 IPC to discuss strategic and practical aspects of the future IPC including the recruitment of sponsors, the organization of side meetings and exhibits, food service at the Conference Centre, visa requests, and the recruitment of a Professional Conference Organizer... They then traveled to Cape Town with a few members of the NOC to meet with the person in charge of our conference at the conference centre in Cape Town (CTICC) to review various logistical questions in order to ensure the best possible arrangements for all participants at the Conference. There remain many more items to handle, but this visit greatly assisted in ensuring that we are well on the road to a successful IPC in Cape Town.

REMINDER:

- The call for papers for the **International Population Conference** in Cape Town, South Africa, 29 October-4 November 2017, will open in September 2016. **The deadline for submissions will be 15 December 2016.**
- For more information, visit the [website for IPC2017](#).



Towards the next generation of record-linkage studies to advance data quality assessment of civil registration systems in LMIC

Washington, D.C., United States, 4-5 April 2016

On April 4-5, 2016, the [IUSSP Scientific Panel on Innovations in Strengthening Civil Registration and Vital Statistics \(CRVS\) Systems](#) held an expert group meeting titled “Towards the next generation of record-linkage studies to advance data quality assessment of civil registration systems in low- and middle-income countries”. This initiative was co-sponsored by the [World Bank Group](#) and the [Population Association of America](#) and hosted at World Bank headquarters in Washington, D.C.



The meeting is part of the IUSSP's activities to facilitate [contributions by demographers](#) to the [2030 development agenda's data revolution](#). The meeting's focus was on the use of direct demographic estimation methods that draw on record-linkage techniques, to assess the completeness and quality of CRVS systems. The meeting's objectives were three-fold: [1] to document and share lessons learned from recent record linkage studies; [2] to strategize about the design and implementation of such record linkage studies in low-income and middle-income countries; and [3] to facilitate new record linkage projects in 2-3 countries that have well-developed CRVS improvement plans. This initiative was developed to fill a gap in the field by convening a group of methodological experts and practitioners to explore the adaptation of record linkage to CRVS systems. It was also motivated by the need to advance the ‘leave no one behind’ principle of the newly-adopted 2030 development agenda that seeks to improve demographic measurement of differences within countries (in addition to differences between countries).

The meeting brought together a diverse group of 35 researchers and practitioners from Australia, Canada, Egypt, France, Lebanon, New Caledonia, Palestine, Philippines, Switzerland, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Participants included academic researchers in demography, statistics and public health, practitioners from national statistical offices, ministries of health, and related agencies, as well as officials from the United Nations, World Bank Group, and the Secretariat for the Pacific Community. The meeting comprised sessions for sharing recent innovations in applying record linkage techniques to assess population data systems in low-, middle-, and high-income countries and facilitated small group discussions to stimulate new collaborative research and field pilot projects.



This initiative is on-track to produce three tangible outputs. First, a video recording of the 2-day meeting will be posted to the IUSSP website. Second, the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Strengthening Innovations in CRVS Systems, in collaboration with the invited participants, is now developing a selection of the presented papers for inclusion in a peer-reviewed journal supplement. Third, meeting participants are now developing three mini projects to build on the collaborations that were strengthened during this meeting and to test the application of new record linkage techniques in Egypt, Palestine, and the Philippines.

For more information about this meeting and its follow-up, IUSSP members may contact Romesh Silva (silva22@un.org).

See also:

- The [Concept note, meeting agenda](#) and [participant list](#).
- The [video recording](#) of the meeting.

Publication Plan: A selection of papers will be submitted for publication as a special collection in a peer-reviewed journal.

Funding: Financial support for the meeting was provided by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.



Exploring the Applications and Implications of Social Media and Demographic Research

Cologne, Germany, 17 May 2016

The [IUSSP Scientific Panel on Big Data and Population Processes](#) organized a workshop on **Social Media and Demographic Research** at the [10th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media \(ICWSM-16\)](#), in Cologne, Germany, on May 17, 2016. The workshop was supported by grants from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to the IUSSP and the Population Association of America (PAA) to support demographers' participation in the Data Revolution. The goal of the workshop was to bring together population researchers and data scientists to discuss the applications and implications of social media for demographic research, and foster communication between these two communities.

The day was divided into three sessions: "Population Estimates", "Migrations", and "Demography and the Web: New Directions". Each session brought together a range of presenters – demographers, sociologists, computer scientists – to share their work. A number of presentations offered promising approaches for tracing migration patterns and measuring flows of migrants between countries, while taking advantage of the new potential that social media can offer (real-time, availability in data-poor environments, insight into opinions and beliefs, etc). They also proposed techniques for matching digital data with census and survey data, and determining the age, gender, and income breakdown of users of a certain website, set of apps, or social network – this in turn might be used to infer demographic characteristics of geographic areas.

For example, Chris Riederer's work with demographic estimates based on Instagram profiles [see diagram below], presented by Augustin Chaintreau, shows that the photos, text, and geotags from Instagram profiles can be used to determine age, race, and gender for census tracts in and around Manhattan. The authors suggest using this type of data to study segregation in daily interactions (i.e. across all locations) instead of just using home ZIP code as is usually the case.

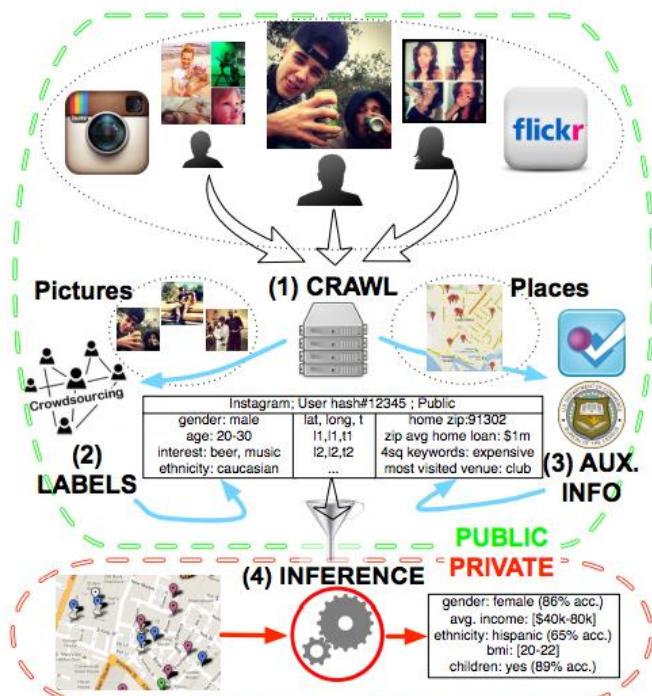


Figure 1: Methodology overview. A mobility dataset can be built in the following steps: (1) Public user profiles of a photosharing service are crawled and photo metadata are extracted into a database (Data Collection). (2) Corresponding photos are labeled (with labels for ethnicity, gender, etc.) by crowd workers in an online labor marketplace (User Labeling). (3) The dataset is further enhanced with auxiliary data, e.g., with the information that a certain location is close to a restaurant (Adding Auxiliary Information). (4) The dataset can then be used to analyze attributes on various demographic levels or train and test classifiers for individual inferences.

Source: Riederer, C. J., Zimmeck, S., Phanord, C., Chaintreau, A., & Bellovin, S. M. (2015). "I don't have a photograph, but you can have my footprints.": Revealing the Demographics of Location Data (pp. 185–195). ACM Press. <http://doi.org/10.1145/2817946.2817968>

Perhaps even more interesting than what these new data sources can do, however, is the discussion of where they might fail. Several of the presentations took a deeper look at how these models can create or reinforce bias. In the case of the Instagram study, for instance, although the model can determine gender with fairly high accuracy and confidence, the model is much more problematic for race: not only is it less accurate, but it also tends to overstate the confidence on its predictions. This bias can come from a variety of sources: people in a majority group may be more likely to post photos that identify them as part of the majority; human observers may accidentally (or intentionally) provide biased interpretations when coding training data for the models; machine learning algorithms may "learn" from bias in the data they are trained on, and reinforce that bias through feedback loops; etc. This demonstrates that seemingly "neutral" algorithms may in fact systematically under-represent specific groups, even when accounting for other forms of bias (such as over- or under-representation of certain groups in Instagram's user-base).

Gabriel Pestre, Emmanuel Letouze and Emilio Zagheni presented some of [Data-Pop Alliance's work on sample bias correction](#) [see [slides](#)] using cell-phone data from [Orange's D4D Challenge](#) and Census data from Senegal's Agence Nationale de la Statistique et de la Démographie, which will be presented later this month at the [World Bank's Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics 2016: Data and Development Economics \(ABCDE\)](#).

The day ended with a very engaging roundtable discussion on important questions in the area of social media for demographic research, with particular focus on which real-world problems this emerging field can hope to address, and what IUSSP and other professional organizations can do to help advance these research goals. Participants mentioned nowcasting as an area of great potential, especially for deepening our understanding of migration. They also expressed a need for better materials and tools – such as a primer on "What is Social Media for Demographic Research?" – to help focus the discussion between computer scientists and demographers on how the field conceives of itself, what important research questions it hopes to explore, and which approaches are most appropriate for controlling bias, understanding/communicating uncertainty, and evaluating/comparing models.

For more information about this meeting and its follow-up, IUSSP members may contact Emilio Zagheni (emiloz@uw.edu).

See also:

- The workshop [programme](#).
- The original [Call for Contributions](#).

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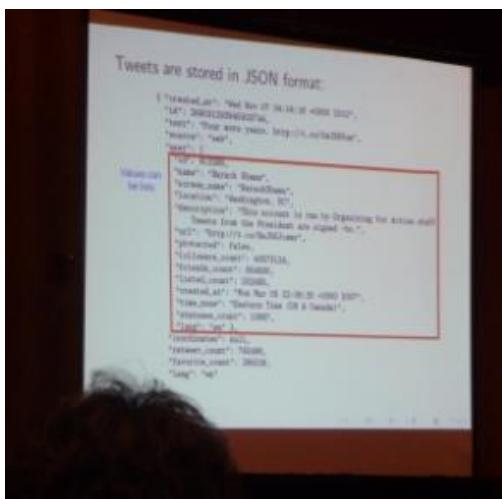
Training Workshop on Social Media and Demographic Methods

Washington, D.C., United States, 30 March 2016

The [IUSSP Scientific Panel on Big Data and Population Processes](#) organized a training workshop on Social Media and Demographic Methods at the 2016 annual meeting of the Population Association of America. The workshop was supported by grants from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to the IUSSP and the Population Association of America (PAA) to support demographers' participation in the Data Revolution. The half-day workshop, which was held in Washington, D.C. on March 30th, focused on accessing social media data and analyzing them using demographic methods. It provided an introduction to tools such as Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) for collecting data from social media (e.g., Twitter and Facebook), and offered examples of demographic methods that could be used to gain insights from these data.



In the first part of the workshop Emilio Zagheni offered an introduction to tools for gathering social media data and for extracting demographic characteristics from profile pictures (e.g., the Face++ API). Charles Lanfear and Kivan Polimis then presented a series of hands-on tutorials (e.g. about the Twitter Streaming API and the Facebook Pages API). Participants followed a walk-through on their own laptops, using R code and datasets that were distributed in advance, as well as data collected in real-time during the workshop. In addition to showing how to access the APIs and gather data, presenters introduced simple examples of the type of analyses that can be done. These include: a) building a simple index of positive and negative keywords for Tweets from the Washington, D.C. area containing hashtags related to politicians (e.g. #donaldtrump and #berniesanders); b) generating a network map of people who “liked” and commented on posts from the Facebook Pages of various public figures; c) generating estimates of the age, gender, and race of individuals using the pictures of their faces. R code for the tutorials are available here: http://bit.ly/SMDM_PAA2016.



In order to favor communication and interaction among scholars and students interested in the emerging field of digital demography, the second part of the workshop featured lightning talks by researchers in the field. Some of the presenters offered a more conceptual view of the relation between digital data sources and traditional demographic data and techniques: Emilio Zagheni discussed how the set of all Twitter users can be studied as a population (with “births” occurring when users sign up and “deaths” when users become inactive) in a way that standard models of population growth apply; Emmanuel Letouzé reviewed the state of the field of sample bias correction and motivated the need for refining such techniques in order to better understand and use Big Data sources for deriving development indicators. Nina Cesare discussed methods, applications and challenges for doing sociological research with Twitter. Guy Abel showed visualizations of scientific collaboration networks for papers presented at European Population Conferences. Francesco Billari discussed how fertility choices might be affected by the Internet. Elizabeth Bruch summarized her work about extracting decision rules from online dating data.

With about 150 registered participants from various disciplines, including demography, sociology, computer science and economics, a number of stimulating questions and conversations followed the tutorials and the lightning talks. A mailing list (digital-demog@u.washington.edu) was set up after the workshop in order to facilitate communication among researcher interested in Web data, social media data and demography. Anyone who is interested in joining the mailing list can do so by following instructions on this webpage:<https://mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/digital-demog>.

See also:

- The workshop [programme](#).

Similar training workshops will be organized at the forthcoming European Population Conference in Mainz, Germany in August 2016 (see [registration](#)) and ALAP/ABEP conference in Foz de Iguaçu, Brazil in October 2016.



IUSSP Seminar on Registering and Counting the Population: the production and exploration of census information from early modern times to the end of the 20th century

Campinas – São Paulo/ Brazil, 19-21 May 2016

Organized by the [IUSSP Scientific Panel on Historical Demography](#), in collaboration with the Graduate Program in Demography - University of Campinas, the Department of Demography - University of Campinas, the Brazilian Population Studies Association (ABEP) and the Population Studies Center (NEPO).

Organizing Committee: Ana Silvia Volpi Scott (University of Campinas), Diego Ramiro Fariñas (Spanish Council for Scientific Research), Maria Silvia Bassanezi (University of Campinas), Maísa Faleiros da Cunha (University of Campinas).

Concern for registering and counting populations goes back to the ancient world. But it was with the consolidation of national states that demographic-type statistics took on an important role in orienting governmental actions in many different spheres, including taxes, recruiting, legislating and administering. Over the centuries the demands of the State led to diversification and sophistication of procedures for preparing, collecting, systematizing and publishing the data. Likewise, but with different objectives, churches, in the context of the religious reforms in the 16th century, also became concerned with more systematic and efficient control of the lives of their faithful. In some countries, over long periods of time the combined action between State and Church brought about the production of information in series that is being studied today by researchers in historical demography. The sources of such data include vital events and various manners of counting the populations. In this context, the practice arose for governments to carry out general censuses and since then this practice has spread to all continents. The collecting and systematization of census data have become enormously useful for obtaining knowledge about populations, even though many difficulties and challenges still exist today in many countries.



The aim of this seminar was to stimulate the discussion of original research dealing with the process of producing censuses and vital statistics over time and in different places. Topics of interest for this seminar were: Sociopolitical and economic contexts which have generated demands for demographic information; Different processes for producing registers and counting; Quality and scope of population statistics; Possibilities and limitations of data; Methodologies, techniques and possibilities for analysis at the macro/micro levels.

The seminar programme consisted of 21 presentations by demographers and historical demographers, economic and social historians, sociologists and anthropologists from North American, European, Latin American and Asian universities. In addition to the authors, the seminar was attended by some 30 researchers, graduate and undergraduate students in Demography, History and other Social Sciences.

The studies presented were conducted at a variety of geographic scales going from entire countries (or even colonial empire), to regions or cities using data from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, India, Portugal, Russia, Turkey. Researchers used mostly censuses and vital events information.



The discussion, comments and questions addressed to the presenters mainly pointed out the challenges to improve the quality of censuses in different contexts (Latin America and India); methodological, conceptual and other issues related to techniques and possibilities for analysis of population, with special emphasis on the study of fertility, mortality, as well as the use of census microdata for educational attainment in the case of Latin America. In addition, several papers focused on Brazil, in relation with the potential and limitations of Brazilian data. Finally, it is important to highlight the fruitful exchange between researchers in Historical Demography and Contemporary Demography. As a result, approaches which connect the present to the past reaffirm the role of historical demographers in the investigation agendas of themes related to population, and new opportunities to stimulate this debate must be encouraged.

The Seminar was preceded on 18 May by a one-day training workshop devoted to "Demographic and Statistical analysis with Census and longitudinal Data" organized by the [Population Studies Center](#) (NEPO), the [Iberian Association of Historical Demography](#) (ADEH) and the IUSSP. Robert McCaa (Minnesota Population Center), Gunnar Thorvaldsen (University of Tromsø) and Bárbara Revuelta Eugercios (Saxo Institute-University of Copenhagen), who were invited for the IUSSP seminar gave courses to the 31 trainees who had registered for the workshop, mainly graduate students in demography and undergraduates in various social sciences.

Read also:

- The seminar [programme](#) and [participant list](#).
- The seminar [Working Papers](#).
- The seminar [report](#).
- The Training Workshop [programme](#) and [participant list](#).
- [General information](#) on the seminar and training workshop.

Publication Plan: Seminar organizers plan to publish a selection of the seminar papers as a special issue in a peer-reviewed demographic journal.

Funding: Financial support for the meeting was provided by the São Paulo Research Foundation (Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo – FAPESP), the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico – CNPq), the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior – Capes), and the Brazilian Population Studies Association (Associação Brasileira de Estudos Popacionais – ABEP).



Workshop on communicating on the demographic dividend for policy makers and journalists

Mbal Mayo, Cameroon, 24 March 2016

Organized by the [IUSSP Network on Strengthening Demographic Training in Francophone Africa \(FraNet\)](#)

The Network's Steering Committee:

- *Chair:* Parfait Eloundou Enyeque (Cornell University)
- *Membership:* Gervais Beninguisse (Institut de formation et de Recherche Démographiques - IFORD), Philippe Bocquier (Université Catholique de Louvain), Valérie Delaunay (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement - IRD), Jean François Kobiane (Université de Ouagadougou), Richard Marcoux (Université de Laval).

The workshop on communicating on the demographic dividend for policy makers and journalists, held March 24, 2016 at the Hotel Departmental Mbal Mayo (Cameroon) was organized by the IUSSP Network for Strengthening Demographic Training in Francophone Africa (FraNet) in collaboration with the Cellule d'Appui à la Recherche et à l'Enseignement des Institutions Francophones d'Afrique (CARE-IFA) and the Institut de Formation et de Recherche Démographiques (IFORD).

This workshop is part of initiative to raise policymakers' awareness of the demographic dividend and its implications for the economic emergence of African countries. This workshop builds on a series of training workshops held on the analysis of the demographic dividend in Africa, which examined the dividend in the realm of schooling (in Ouagadougou, November 2013 and Yaoundé, March-April 2014) and economic growth (in Ouagadougou, September 2014; Yaoundé, January 2015; and Johannesburg, November and December 2015).



The demographic dividend is the acceleration of economic growth that could result from changes in the age structure of the population due to a steady decline in fertility and mortality. According to this argument, which is now central to the debate on African emergence, the demographic changes underway (which include a decline in fertility and the resulting reduction in the dependency ratio) could help support the continent's development efforts by creating more favorable conditions for savings, productive investment and improvement of human capital. The demographic dividend theory is based on the fact that Africa has the opportunity today to

emerge economically in part thanks to the impulse of the demographic dividend. By creating favorable conditions for savings and investment, the dividend could provide a new impetus for growth, promote innovation, offer the continent a competitive advantage and enable it to achieve its development goals.

In addition to the five facilitators, the workshop brought together 35 participants based in Cameroon: policy makers working for the government or for international organizations, journalists, and researchers and students at FORD.

The workshop's main objective was to popularize the concept of demographic dividend to policy makers and journalists to facilitate its national ownership. More specifically, it aims to:

- Promote and enhance the demographic dividend theory;
- Get policy makers and the Cameroonian media interested in this new concept through communication tools;
- Encourage and support ownership and adherence to this concept;
- Define strategic orientations to enable African countries in general and Cameroon in particular to take advantage of the demographic dividend.

The workshop also addressed the issue of measuring the demographic dividend by focusing on decomposition methods applied particularly to the schooling and economic dividends.

Exchanges between participants and facilitators resulted in recommendations tailored to each stage of the life cycle, with policies for family planning, education, transitions to work, and retirement. Finally, the workshop ended with a presentation of a video on the highlights of the 7th African Population Conference, which was dedicated in particular to the demographic dividend. The video was shot by Ms. Marie-Virginie Mbusnum, a Cameroonian journalist who had attended the conference.

Voir également :

- Le [rapport de l'atelier](#) et la [liste des participants](#).
- [The web page for the Francophone Network \(FraNet\)](#).

Funding: The IUSSP Network for Strengthening the Demographic Training in Francophone Africa is supported by The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.



The challenges of demographic data in Sub-Saharan Africa in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Paris, France, 31 May 2016

Organized by [DEMOSTAF*](#), IUSSP and the [French Institute for Demographic Studies \(INED\)](#).

In 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) succeeded to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In order to monitor progress towards SDG targets, a specific attention is given to improve the quality, availability and access to data and statistics disaggregated by various characteristics: income, gender, age, geographic location... Urgent steps should be taken to ensure that no one is left behind. This is why the post-2015 agenda is closely linked to the “Data Revolution”, an international initiative that aims to improve the quality of statistics as well as information available to citizens.

Despite important progress achieved during the first fifteen years of the new millennium, efforts need to be maintained and sub-Saharan Africa must receive special attention because it has lagged behind on achieving several MDG targets. In addition, the evidence based on population dynamics in Africa remains limited. There is a dramatic deficit of classical demographic data at the national level which has been referred to as a “scandal of invisibility”. Very few African countries have a comprehensive system of civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS). There are major issues with national statistical systems in their ability to provide reliable and high-quality population data, and this translates into large uncertainties around demographic levels and trends. To address these critical gaps, the collection of data supported by development partners and academic groups has multiplied since the 1980s. In particular, large retrospective sample surveys have been conducted, including as the Demographic and Health surveys (DHS). Another prominent data source on population trends in Africa are Health and Demographic Surveillance Systems (HDSS).

The aim of this scientific meeting was to give an overview of the different challenges related to demographic data in Sub-Saharan Africa in the framework of the SDGs and identify levers to overcome these constraints. [Ten speakers](#) from a variety of backgrounds were invited to present their different perspectives on this topic. The meeting was attended by some 50 participants from all different regions in Africa but also from Europe and North America. Presentations were made in English or in French and simultaneous translation was available in both languages. The meeting was video-recorded and the videos can be accessed in both soundtracks on the DEMOSTAF website (in [English](#) and [French](#)). All the videos will be made available in both languages by the end of July. For the moment, you can watch videos of the presentations in English by Patricia Kelly Hall (Ipums-International), Sara Randall (University College London), Rajiv Ranjan (Paris21), Martin Bangha (INDEPTH network) and Tom Legrand (Université de Montréal, IUSSP).



***DEMOSTAF** (Demography Statistics for Africa) brings together European and African research institutes as well as African national statistics offices (NSOs) in a staff exchange programme, for a period of 48 months, with the aim to advance research on emerging population issues in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). DEMOSTAF is built around four major population-related themes: fertility, mortality & health, households & families and education. The programme focuses on the articulation between quantitative data from national statistics and local data. Thanks to the close involvement of NSOs, the programme will consolidate and promote public statistics. DEMOSTAF involves 18 partners: 5 European academic institutions, 12 African partners (including 4 NSOs) from Burkina Faso, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Senegal and Uganda, and 1 Canadian partner. In total, almost one hundred individuals participate in the project, among them 74 researchers, statisticians, PhD students and librarians. The DEMOSTAF project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No 690984.

See also:

- [The meeting programme](#).
- [Videos of the presentations in English version](#) and [French version](#).
- [More information on DEMOSTAF](#).

Funding: The meeting also benefited from financial support through a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to IUSSP to support demographers' participation in the Data Revolution.



IUSSP at the 2016 PAA Annual Meeting

Washington, D.C., United States, 30 March-5 April 2016

At the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA) in Washington, D.C., the IUSSP organized its [2016 Laureate ceremony in honour of Ron Lee](#), which was attended by many of his colleagues and friends, and held a booth, which it shared with several regional population associations. In addition, the IUSSP seized the opportunity of the PAA conference to organize its [annual Council meeting](#).

Two of IUSSP's Panels also organized meetings, in collaboration with the PAA:

- The IUSSP Scientific Panel on Big Data and Population Processes organized a [Training Workshop on Social Media and Demographic Methods](#), on 30 March.
- The IUSSP Scientific Panel on Innovations in Strengthening Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems held an expert group meeting titled "[Towards the next generation of record-linkage studies to advance data quality assessment of civil registration systems in low- and middle-income countries](#)", on 4-5 April 2016.

IUSSP Booth, shared with the regional population associations.



IUSSP Council members and staff took turns at the booth to answer members' questions, recruit new members and provide information on IUSSP scientific and training activities, including the next International Population Conference, which will be held in Cape Town, South Africa, 29 October-4 November 2017 and for which posters and hard copies of Call for Papers were distributed.

As for previous conferences, the IUSSP share its booth with regional population associations: ALAP President Enrique Pelaez, UAPS President Samuel Codjoe and Vice President Donatien Beguy as well Immediate Past APA President Terence Hull were present at the booth to meet their members and inform PAA meeting participants of their forthcoming events.



New IUSSP members and Student Associates

Ten new members joined the IUSSP March-June 2016

Last Name	First Name	Institution	Country	Nationality
Awuor	Victor	Trocaire	Kenya	Kenya
Beltrán-Sánchez	Hiram	University of California, Los Angeles	United States	United States
Condon	Katherine	USCIS	United States	United States
Foster	Angel	University of Ottawa & Cambridge Reproductive Health Consultants	Canada	United States
Hukin	Eleanor	Options Consultancy Services	United Kingdom	United Kingdom
Jimma	Tesfaye	Kotebe University College	Ethiopia	Ethiopia
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Nahmias	Petra	UNHCR	Denmark	United Kingdom
Sene	Papa Ibrahima Sylmang	Agence nationale de la statistique et de la démographie du Sénégal	Senegal	Senegal
Tchiari Mara	Mamadou	Institut National De La Statistique	Niger	Niger
Ueffing	Philipp	United Nations Population Division	United States	Germany

Thirteen new student members joined the IUSSP March-June 2016

Last Name	First Name	Institution	Country	Nationality
Algur	Kisan	International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)	India	India
Anilkumar	Ah Sruthi	International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)	India	India
Eborka	Kennedy	Dept. of Sociology, University of Lagos	Nigeria	Nigeria
Mandal	Jonayed	Aliah University	India	India
Mbeck	Elie	Université de Yaoundé I	Cameroon	Cameroon
Milo	Elizabeth	Office of the President of the Philippines	Philippines	Philippines
Miyasaka	Cristiane	Universidade Estadual de Campinas (UNICAMP)	Brazil	Brazil
Musizvingoza	Ronald	Uludag University	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe
Sharma	Anshita	Jawaharlal Nehru University	India	India
Silisyene	Majory	University of Minnesota	United States	Tanzania, United Republic of
Singh	Amandeep	Central University of Punjab, Bathinda	India	India
Soy	Nelson	International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)	India	India
Wang Sonne	Soazic Elise	United Nations University	Netherlands	Cameroon