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## **Introduction**

Because of the global COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 was an exceptional year. COVID-related restrictions on travel and gatherings impacted almost all planned IUSSP events. IUSSP responded to the challenges and opportunities the pandemic offered to the best of its abilities. In addition to converting nearly all planned activities to virtual events at sometimes short notice, we developed a new IUSSP Webinar series to help connect the global population science community during the pandemic. To illuminate population science contributions to understanding the pandemic, we also introduced a new web page highlighting members' and demography's scientific work related to COVID-19. The pandemic further spotlights the important work of many IUSSP members, whose expertise has been in demand by governments, health departments and the press to track and understand the impact of COVID-19 and the efficacy of measures to control its spread, as well as its long-term implications for population health and well-being. The move to virtual events increased IUSSP's outreach far beyond our in-person activities during an average year. More than 2,700 people from 117 countries participated in the live virtual events. Another 1,090 viewed the recorded videos afterwards. This report highlights these achievements and reports more generally on 2020 activities and those to come in 2021, including preparations for our 2021 International Population Conference.

## **2021 International Population Conference**

The International Population Conference (IPC 2021) will take place as planned 5-10 December 2021. However, its format has unfortunately changed. We carefully reviewed the pandemic's development, taking into account the many uncertainties and health risks of international gatherings and travel. We also consulted IUSSP members via a survey and held discussions with the National Organizing Committee. Considering all views, the International Organizing Committee decided that the best course of action was to convert the conference to a mostly virtual event, while keeping the same dates and with the possibility of organizing some events in Hyderabad, India, at the Hyderabad International Conference Centre. Realizing that this decision to change the format had significant implications, we announced the decision as early as possible to all parties concerned. The change to a virtual format eliminated the need to send early invitations to conference participants so that they could apply for visas and arrange travel, making it possible for the organizers to extend the deadline for the Call for Papers to 15 May 2021.

For IPC2021, we have included a focus on new research on COVID-19. In addition to the 25 conference themes selected earlier, a new cross-cutting theme on the COVID-19 pandemic and its implications was added to the programme. Theme Conveners will create all regular scientific sessions from peer-reviewed scientific research to ensure the highest quality. Over three hundred researchers and academics have responded to an invitation to peer-review abstracts submitted to the Call for Papers.

The conference programme will include virtual around-the-clock sessions to accommodate presenters and participants at convenient hours in their time zones. In addition to the regular sessions, IPC 2021 will also feature invited keynote addresses, round tables and debates on critical population issues with leading world experts, sponsored Research Leader Sessions, as well as both onsite and online exhibits. We expect to gather over 2,000 online and onsite participants from across the globe.

## Scientific Meetings – the pivot to virtual

The IUSSP was prepared to pivot to virtual scientific seminars. Our recently approved environmental policy argued for the need to limit non-essential travel, and we had already been using Zoom for several years for Council business and some panel meetings. We converted most planned in-person seminars and conferences to a virtual format, supporting our Scientific Panels to virtually organize their seminars and training workshops. Of the 22 activities initially scheduled for 2020, four took place as planned (three in-person and one cyberseminar), two were cancelled, four were postponed, and 12 were transformed into virtual events. Also, we created a new webinar series that highlighted demographic research on COVID and its implications and other critical population issues. The webinars featured research from members around the globe and provided a forum for members and the broader public to learn about and discuss recent research as well as methodological innovations.

In 2020, the IUSSP and its Scientific Panels organized 35 meetings in collaboration with 14 partner institutions. These included three in-person activities, ten virtual panel activities, two virtual conferences, nine webinars, three sessions at a regional population conference, and eight virtual training workshops. At least 2,883 individuals from 117 countries directly participated in these activities, presenting 199 papers. More than half of the participants were based in middle and low-income countries. The pivot to virtual enabled a three to four-fold increase in participation compared with past (non-IPC) years with mostly in-person events with a range of 600 to 900 participants. We especially saw increases in participants from Asia and Africa.

The scientific meetings in 2020 are listed below, by category and chronological order (to read more about these meetings, click on the title).

### *In-person meetings:*

1. Training Session: [The Application of R for Measuring and Estimating Migration](#), at the 2nd International Forum on Migration Statistics, Cairo, Egypt, 19 January 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on International Migration: Strengthening the Knowledge Base for Policy)*
2. Seminar: [New and Emerging Family Forms around the World \(2\)](#), Manila, Philippines, 20-21 January 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on New and Emerging Family Forms around the Globe)*
3. Session: [Priorities in International Migration Research and Statistics: Prospects for a World Migration Survey](#) at the 2nd International Forum on Migration Statistics, Cairo, Egypt, 21 January 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on International Migration: Strengthening the Knowledge Base for Policy)*

### *Virtual Panel activities*

4. [IUSSP 'CRVS' Fellows meeting](#), 23-26 April 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen CRVS Systems)*
5. [Working session on Research and Programs on Couples and Reproductive Health](#), 5 May 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Couples' Reproductive Health and Fertility)*
6. Cyberseminar: [Population, Climate Change and Food Security](#), cyberspace, 18-25 May 2020. *(Organized by the Population-Environment Research Network – PERN)*

7. [IUSSP 'CRVS' Panel discussion on "Legal identity, ethics, and rights"](#), 10 June 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen CRVS Systems)*
8. Presentations of advanced drafts to be submitted to *Genus* Thematic Series, Online, 11 & 25 September and 9 & 23 October 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen CRVS Systems)*
9. [IUSSP Contraceptive Transition Theories Panel Meeting](#), Online, 16, 23 and 30 October 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Contraceptive Transition Theories: Models for contemporary patterns of use)*
10. [Family Demography and Family Law all around the Clock](#), Virtual sessions, between 28 October and 16 December 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Family Demography and Family Law)*
11. [Programmatic Interventions in Reproductive Health Involving Men or Couples](#), 10 November 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Couples' Reproductive Health and Fertility)*
12. Brainstorming Meeting on Urban Family Planning #1, 21 November 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development)*
13. Brainstorming Meeting on Urban Family Planning #2, 5 December 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development)*

#### ***Virtual Conferences***

14. [International Conference on Family and Fertility](#), 3-5 December 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Family Behaviour in East Asia and Southern Europe)*
15. [2nd IUSSP Population, Poverty and Inequality Research Conference](#), 8-10 December 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population, Poverty and Inequality)*

#### ***IUSSP Webinar Series***

16. [Positioning Population Studies to Understand the Short and Long-term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), 20 May 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP)*
17. [IUSSP 2020 Laureate Award Ceremony for Gordon De Jong](#), 8 June 2020 *(Organized by the IUSSP)*
18. [Digital and Computational Approaches to Study Determinants and Consequences of the Spread of COVID-19](#), 8 July 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Digital Demography)*
19. [Quantifying COVID-19-related Excess Mortality in Latin America: Demographic Analyses of Death Registration Data in Latin America](#), 17 July 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen CRVS Systems)*
20. [COVID-19: The Pandemic's Consequences for Adolescents](#), 29 July 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP)*
21. [The COVID-19 Pandemic and Sexual & Reproductive Health in Africa](#), four webinars organized over 31 August-3 September 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP)*
22. [Live Q&A for UN World Data Forum session on "Innovative use of Social Media for Remote Sensing and SDG Monitoring"](#), 19 October 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Digital Demography)*

23. [Priorities in Research on International Migration and Mobilities: Implications of the COVID Pandemic and its Legacies](#), 5 November 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on International Migration: Strengthening the Knowledge Base for Policy)*
24. [Demography and the Data Revolution: Lessons Learned and the Way Forward](#), 24 November 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP Data Revolution Committee)*

### ***IUSSP events organized at other meetings***

25. Session: [Status of the 2021 International Population Conference](#), at the IX Conference of the Latin American Population Association (ALAP), 9 December 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP)*
26. Round table: [Priorities in Research and Information Generation on International Migration: Prospects for a Global Migration Survey](#), at the IX Conference of the Latin American Population Association (ALAP), 9 December 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP)*
27. Round table: [Rethinking Training in Demography for the 21st Century](#), at the IX Conference of the Latin American Population Association (ALAP), 10 December 2020. *(Organized by the IUSSP)*

### ***Virtual Training workshops***

The workshops, which addressed the topics listed below, were organized by the African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC) with the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development. An article describing the first four workshops is available here: <https://iussp.org/en/urban-fp-training-workshop-policy-engagement-and-communication>.

28. Introduction to Policy Engagement, 26 May 2020.
29. Crafting a Compelling Message, 16 June 2020.
30. Using Evidence in Policy Making, 17 June 2020.
31. Introduction to Policy Tracking, 18 June 2020.
32. Stakeholder Mapping, 22 July 2020.
33. Developing a Policy Brief, 19 August 2020.
34. Integrating a Rights-based Approach to Policy and Decision Making, 16 September 2020.
35. Writing for a General Audience, 11 November 2020.

### **Future seminars and meetings**

In 2020, IUSSP Scientific Panels began planning for 2021 meetings. Most of these will either take place virtually or be postponed to 2022 when we hope face-to-face meetings and travel will again be possible.

1. **Webinar:** Family Planning Research under the COVID-19 Pandemic: How is it going, and what are we finding? 3 March 2021, organized by the IUSSP.
2. **Webinar:** Population, Food and the Environment, 9 April 2021, organized by the IUSSP and PAA.
3. **Cyberseminar:** Refugee and Internally Displaced Populations, Environmental Impacts and Climate Risks, 10-18 May 2021, organized by the Population-Environment Research Network – PERN.

4. **Virtual workshop:** Methodologies for Measuring Pregnancy Intention and Unintended Pregnancy and Birth, 13-14 May 2021, organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Abortion Research.
5. **Session:** Workshop on Measuring and Estimating Migration in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, organized by the Panel on International Migration and postponed until 2021 to be held as an online training course.
6. **Seminar:** Unintended Pregnancy and Key Outcomes—Abortion and Unplanned Births in New Delhi, India, organized by the Panel on Abortion Research 2. Postponed to 2022.
7. **Seminar:** Looking Backward, Looking Forward: African Demography in Historical Perspective in Nairobi, Kenya, organized by the Panel on Historical Demography and postponed to the fall of 2021 or 2022.
8. **Seminar:** Demographic Processes and Socioeconomic Reproduction, in the Long Run, organized by the Panel on Historical Demography. Postponed to 2022 as a session to take place at the World Economic History Congress in Paris.

## Supporting research and researchers in developing countries

The IUSSP has two grants to support early career researchers in developing countries: (1) the IUSSP project on Urban Family Planning in Africa supported by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and (2) the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Systems project supported by a grant from IDRC-Canada. Both of these projects focus on mentoring early career researchers. Twenty scholars are currently benefiting from individual grants to conduct research and receive mentoring to produce high-quality policy-relevant articles on this research for publication in peer-reviewed journals. The Urban FP project provides additional training to fellows on policy engagement and communications. Fellows are matched with local partners from the urban policy sector and with local academic research mentors and work closely with the IUSSP scientific advisory committee members. Both projects aim to create a cohort of dynamic researchers based in middle and low-income countries armed with the skills and competence to provide sound scientific evidence to inform the public and policymakers on policy-relevant topics.

In 2020, IUSSP provided direct support for four participants from developing countries to attend one IUSSP meeting. However, 1,328 individuals from low and middle-income countries participated in the virtual events. Several webinars explicitly focused on research by scholars in Africa, South Asia and Latin America.

## Online courses and training tools

IUSSP provides access to online courses and training tools on the IUSSP website. These include materials developed by IUSSP, such as [Tools for Demographic Estimation](#) and [Population Analysis for Policies and Programmes](#) that UNFPA funded in 2010-2013. Additions to the growing list of courses and training tools in 2020 included:

### **Spatial Data Integration for Demographic Research**

Online Training materials and tutorial (English/Spanish)

Produced by Landy Sanchez, CEDUA – COLMEX, and Susana B. Adamo, CIESIN - Columbia University, with the collaboration of Hector Leon, CEDUA – COLMEX.

*This online training aims to review the fundamentals of spatial data integration, emphasizing remote sensing; present an overview of relevant datasets and services (platforms and tools); develop essential skills for linking demographic and environmental data and expanding the use of specialized sources. It was funded by The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.*



## **Introduction to Digital Demography Online course**

Lectures for the 2019-2020 European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD) in Barcelona, by Diego Alburez, Research Scientist at the Laboratory of Digital and Computational Demography, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR).

*In this course, participants will learn how traditional social science methods can help make sense of new data sources and what new conceptual and methodological approaches they require.*

## **Bayesian Subnational Estimation using Complex Survey Data**

Subnational Estimates of Child Mortality using Complex Survey Data

Lectures by Jon Wakefield and Richard Zehang Li, University of Washington.

*Open-source code to implement the method is publicly available for the R statistical computing environment as the SUMMER package. This page's training materials provide additional background, instruction, worked examples, and example code. It was funded by The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.*

## **IUSSP Special Projects**

### ***Project on Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development in Africa (The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)***

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation provided a grant to IUSSP in 2018 to produce policy-relevant evidence on the effects of family planning and fertility change on urban welfare. The grant supports fellowships to 15 early-to-mid career researchers in sub-Saharan Africa to conduct research. The project includes mentoring and training activities and funds for policy outreach at local, national and international levels. The project's ultimate aim is to raise awareness of family planning's contributions to sustainable cities among urban planners and policymakers and to put family planning on the urban policy agenda where it has been largely absent.

In 2020, the IUSSP awarded research grants to 11 fellows and continued support to the first cohort of four fellows selected in 2019. The project paired fellows with a "research mentor" to assist with technical aspects of their studies and with an "urban policy partner" from the city tasked with ensuring that the fellow shares study results with appropriate people and organizations in the urban sector. The African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC) provides training on policy engagement and communications, which in 2020 was carried out virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions. We anticipate extending the project's timeline into 2022 to allow fellows time to complete their research and communication activities.

### ***Population and Poverty (The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation)***

The IUSSP Panel on Population, Poverty and Inequality organized its final thematic conference as a virtual conference from 8 to 10 December 2020. The panel organized the conference in collaboration with the AFD (French Agency for Development). It featured three plenary sessions and 18 regular sessions. The authors delivered 59 pre-recorded paper presentations in three parallel streams and 14 posters in three poster sessions (see [conference programme](#)). The event also featured nine exhibitors and two attendee-proposed meetings. The event was open to the IUSSP membership and attracted 300 registered participants, far more than could have been accommodated at the in-person event initially planned for Paris. In a post-conference survey, attendees gave a highly positive evaluation of the programme's scientific content and the virtual conference platform. [Video recordings](#) of the three plenary and 18 regular sessions are available online.



***Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Systems (International Development Research Centre (IDRC)-Canada)***

The IUSSP Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (2019-2022) supports [mentored research fellowships on CRVS](#) funded by a grant from IDRC. The fellowships aim to stimulate and support increased engagement by early-career scientists in action-oriented research on CRVS and legal identity. The panel selected eight fellows from Uganda, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Brazil, Malaysia, Canada (working on Malaysia) and Italy (working on homeless populations). Fellows present their work and receive critical feedback from panel members. In 2020, the panel held several multi-day workshops bringing together fellows and panel members to provide input for the draft articles to be submitted by fellows for publication in the peer-reviewed journal *Genus*. The panel also organized a [Virtual Panel discussion on "Legal identity, ethics, and rights"](#).

***Leveraging innovative demographic methodologies and sharing for sustainable development (The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation)***

IUSSP commissioned the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) to conduct a project evaluation of the Data Revolution project's accomplishments since its inception in 2014. ODI interviewed 27 stakeholders to assess the extent to which the program had successfully addressed the spirit of the grant. The assessment yielded recommendations to inform future IUSSP strategy in this core area. These include further work on CRVS, especially intercensal population estimates; debates around pandemic recovery, including linking population and epidemiological data; dedicated attention to individual SDGs to interrogate available data, its limitations and the ethics of combining different data sources; and identifying emergent policy domains with important population angles, such as urbanization, climate refugees, etc. ODI also organized a webinar on [Demography and the Data Revolution: Lessons learned and the way forward](#) and wrote a Blog on [Interrogating the power relationships that shape data for sustainable development \(English/French/Spanish\)](#).

The project also sponsored an online training tutorial on Spatial Integration for Demographic Research, made available in June 2020. The work produced by this project — working papers, videos, training materials, meeting reports – are available on the IUSSP website at <https://iussp.org/en/demography-and-data-revolution>.

***Contraceptive Transition Theories: Models for Contemporary Patterns of Use (The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)***

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has provided funding for the [IUSSP Scientific Panel on Contraceptive Transition Theories: Models for Contemporary Patterns of Use](#) to articulate and critique theoretical perspectives on the forces driving historical change in the prevalence of contraception. The panel organized a series of virtual expert group meetings in 2020 to encourage creative exchanges between a diverse group of scholars on nine topics: (1) Overview of empirical patterns; (2) Economic development; (3) Political and cultural systems; (4) Societal crises (disease, civil unrest, economic crisis); (5) Health transition; (6) Gender roles and reproductive autonomy; (7) Fertility preferences; (8) Patterns by age/parity, stopping vs spacing, and method type; and (9) Policies, programs, new technologies. Ten invited scholars contributed brief written pieces as well as oral presentations on the nine discrete topics. The panel will produce a report that will set the terms for the subsequent work of the panel.

## ***Catalyzing Innovation in Measurement of Unintended Pregnancy and Fertility Intentions (The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)***

The IUSSP Panel on Abortion Research has expanded its work to include the related topic of unintended pregnancy and key outcomes—abortion and unplanned births. With support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the panel plans to hold a virtual workshop on "Methodologies for measuring pregnancy intention and unintended pregnancy and birth" on 13-14 May 2021. The workshop will provide a forum for critically reviewing and assessing new approaches as well as the standard approaches to the measurement of unintended pregnancy and fertility intentions and the scope of these methodologies. It aims to provide insights into the strengths and limitations of different methodological approaches for data collection and analysis and identify research gaps. The evidence produced should ultimately lead to improvements in the provision of sexual and reproductive health services and contribute to women's ability to achieve their fertility preferences. The panel had also planned to hold a 3-day seminar on "Unintended pregnancy and key outcomes—abortion and unplanned births" in New Delhi in October 2020. This seminar has been postponed to the Spring of 2022, hoping that it can be held as an in-person meeting.

## **Publications**

The IUSSP disseminates its activities' scientific results through its website, in scholarly peer-reviewed journals and edited volumes. In 2020, the following reports and articles were published:

- **Report:** [Demography and the data revolution: What have we learned? What role could IUSSP play?](#) Review by Louise Shaxson and Emma Samman, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), December 2020.
- **Interview:** [Interrogating the power relationships that shape data for sustainable development](#) in ODI Insight. Click here for [French](#) and [Spanish](#) versions.

Several publications were also produced by the first cohort of Urban Family Planning Fellows in 2020:

- Dr Nkechi Owoo (University of Ghana) "[Demographic Considerations and Food Security in Nigeria](#)" in the *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.
- Dr Moses Tetui published "[Geospatial Distribution of Family Planning Services in Kira Municipality, Wakiso District, Uganda](#)" in the journal *Frontiers in Global Women's Health*.
- Dr Alexandre Delamou (Guinea) "[Trends in contraceptive use, unmet need and associated factors of modern contraceptive use among urban adolescents and young women in Guinea](#)" in *BMC Public Health*.

## ***IUSSP Bulletin***

The IUSSP published four quarterly IUSSP newsletters (see <https://www.iussp.org/en/iussp-bulletins>):

- [IUSSP Bulletin No 47: March 2020 \(and Printable PDF version\)](#)
- [IUSSP Bulletin No 48: June 2020 \(and Printable PDF version\)](#)
- [IUSSP Bulletin No 49: September 2020 \(and Printable PDF version\)](#)
- [IUSSP Bulletin No 50: December 2020 \(and Printable PDF version\)](#)

## ***N-IUSSP***

The IUSSP magazine **N-IUSSP** disseminates scientific findings from population researchers across the world. In 2020, N-IUSSP published 45 articles. The N-IUSSP website received 50,318 page views with 30,555 users. All N-IUSSP articles and "Did you know?" features are available at <http://www.niussp.org/>.

## **IUSSP communications and website**

The Secretariat regularly updates the website with information on IUSSP activities and events, as well as those of other organizations in the population field or related fields: information on forthcoming conferences, calls for papers, fellowships and job announcements, and members' recent publications and activities. In 2020, the Secretariat sent 229 email announcements to members and produced four newsletters.

The IUSSP website (<https://iussp.org>) received 205,428 page views, a 15% decrease from 2019, although there was a slight increase in users from 62,766 to 63,010. The top ten country origins for website visits in 2020 were the United States, India, France, Philippines, United Kingdom, Nigeria, Brazil, Canada, South Africa and China. The most popular pages were "What's New" on the IUSSP Home Page (42,000 views), the "What is Demography" page, the IUSSP membership directory, and the new "Resources on COVID-19" page.

**Twitter and Facebook:** In 2020, the Secretariat sent 95 tweets and published 40 posts on Facebook. At the end of the year, 3,300 people followed the IUSSP Twitter account.

### ***Resources on COVID:***

Given the vital role demographers play in evaluating the impacts of a pandemic on population indicators, IUSSP set up a webpage, **Demographers' contributions to the understanding of the COVID-19** pandemic featuring the contributions of IUSSP members and population sciences in general, along with links to several data and external resource sites relevant to understanding the SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19. The page posts news articles on COVID featuring demographers and breaking research on the spread and impact of COVID-19, including reports and links to data collection and data visualization projects, etc.

## **IUSSP participation in regional and national population conferences**

IUSSP participates in regional and national population conferences and other disciplines' conferences to increase the visibility of the population sciences and demography outside of the population field and to further collaboration across disciplines on population-related research. In 2020, many of these conferences were cancelled or postponed, but IUSSP did organize special sessions and pre-conference workshops at the following conferences and meetings:

- 2nd International Forum on Migration Statistics, Cairo, Egypt, 21 January 2020, sponsored by IOM, OECD and UNDESA.
- The Online African School of Migration Statistics, 2-4 December 2020, sponsored by IOM, the African Union Commission, Statistics Sweden and the Government of Germany.
- Virtual IX Conference of the Latin American Population Association (ALAP), 9-11 December 2020.

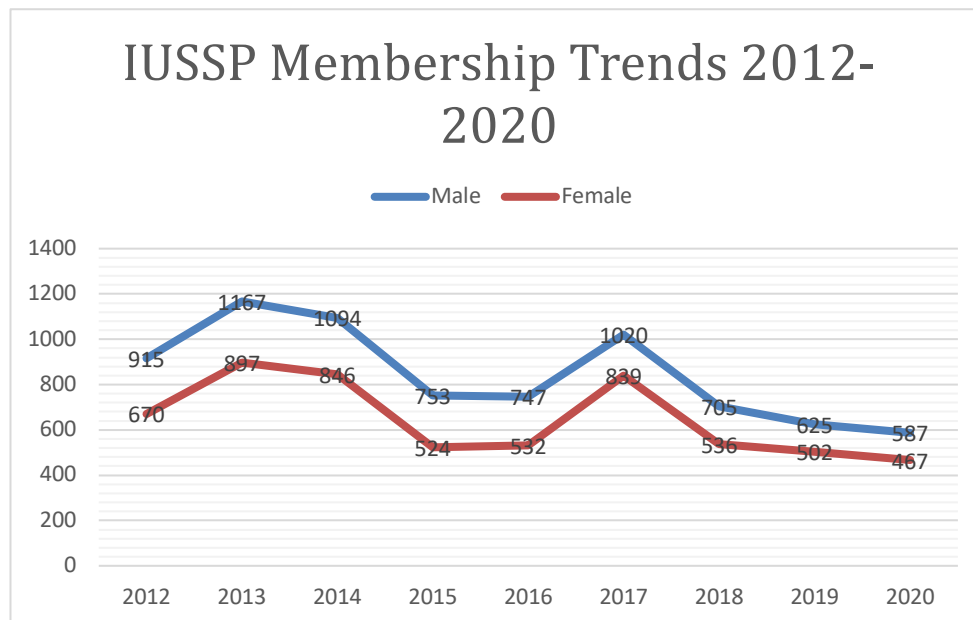
## Membership

At the end of 2020, the IUSSP had 1,054 full members and 525 student associates residing in 113 countries and representing 119 nationalities. During the year, 48 new regular members and 203 new student associates joined the Union. Fifty-four per cent of members are based in high-income countries, 31% in low-income countries and 15% in middle-income countries. Student associates are more likely to be from a low-income country: 46% of students are based in a low-income country, 36% in a high-income and 19% in a middle-income country. Women comprise 45% of the full members and 35% of the student associates.

The downward trend in membership remains a major concern. It may partially be explained by the harsh financial conditions intensified by the global pandemic, which makes membership fees an expense that some members are unable to afford. The Council considered new ways to address these financial constraints, such as an honour-based option to pay a reduced base membership fee that will become effective in 2021.

The IUSSP recently established an Early-Career Task Force to help organize activities that would attract young scholars. This task force is assisting the Council with an anti-harassment policy for IUSSP events that will be announced in 2021. Taskforce members are also participating in planning for the 2021 IPC to organize mentorship and networking opportunities for younger members and were involved in the IUSSP-organized session on [Rethinking Training in Demography for the 21st Century](#) at the ALAP conference. Early-career involvement is meant to strengthen IUSSP efforts to offer an inclusive, stimulating and supportive environment for exchange and discussion on population sciences.

**Figure 1. Evolution of IUSSP Membership 2012-2020**



## IUSSP Laureate award

The IUSSP honoured Emeritus Professor Gordon F de Jong of Pennsylvania State University with its 30th Laureate award on 8 June in a virtual online ceremony that brought together Gordon De Jong's colleagues, former students, family, and IUSSP members from across the globe. This award recognizes outstanding IUSSP members' lifetime achievements through their contributions to the advancement of population sciences and their distinguished service rendered to the IUSSP and the world community of demographers. Colleagues lauded Gordon

De Jong for his ground-breaking work on migration, including migration theory, and his service to the training of demographers from all over the world in a career spanning nearly half a century. Gordon De Jong's 1981 work on migration decision-making was the first attempt to unite the wide range of economic and non-economic explanations for migration decision-making into a single work. This theory has been valuable for integrating micro-economic principles regarding behaviour and cultural and psychological explanations and motives. Gordon De Jong's most significant contribution was his vision to create a unique interdisciplinary (dual degree) training program in Demography at Penn State, one of the top centres for demographic training in the United States.

## **Management and finances**

In 2020, IUSSP income totalled €2,421,688 while the operating budget was €2,493,803; this resulted in a net negative balance of €72,115. This balance is primarily the result of net exchange rate losses of €137,080 because grant funds held in USD suffered losses against the Euro in 2020.

The following provides information on activities for 2020 from **the IUSSP Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets for the years 2016-2020 (Annex 1)**.

### ***Income***

**Grants:** IUSSP received €1,536,029 in grants from private foundations and governments to support scientific activities and operational costs distributed as follows: €1,401,910 in grants for special projects, and €134,119 in grant funds for general operating costs or activities. In addition, €720,210 in tied funds for multi-year grants awarded in previous fiscal years was available for the Urban Family Planning Fellowship, CRVS, Population and Poverty, Contraceptive Transitions, and the Data Revolution project activities carried out in 2020.

**Membership dues, gifts, investment income, and exchange rate gains:** The IUSSP received €58,450 in revenue for 2020 membership dues and €772 in gifts, royalties, conference fees and other income. IUSSP also had €68,809 in exchange rate gains on accounts held in USD; these gains were offset by €205,889 in exchange losses, which resulted in a significant net exchange rate loss.

**Other financial and exceptional gains:** The IUSSP had €30,608 in revenues from interest earned and income from marketable securities.

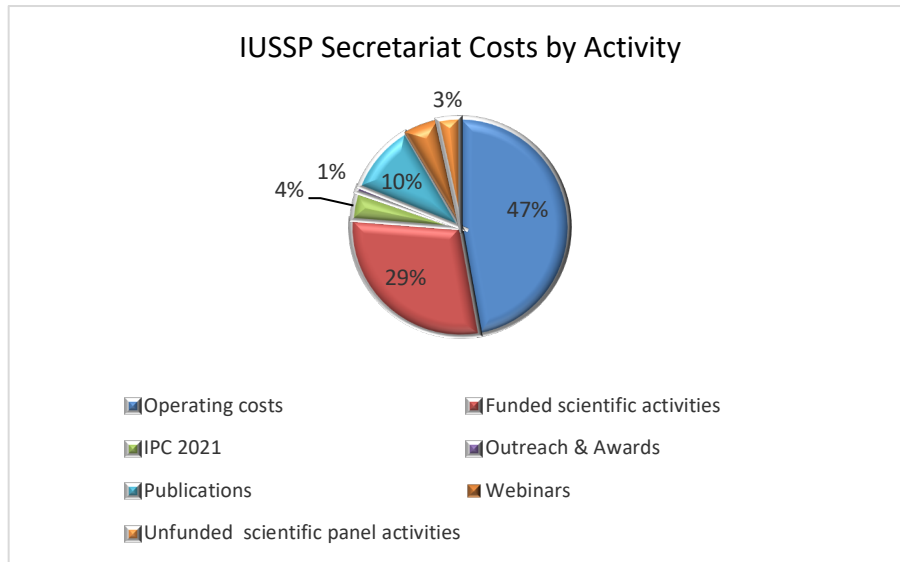
In addition to the direct financial support received from donors and institutions for operations and scientific activities, the IUSSP leverages additional "in-kind" support through Panel members and other member volunteers and their institutions, which we have not included in our accounts.

### ***Expenses***

The IUSSP operating budget for 2020 was €2,543,379. Expenses include:

**Scientific Activities:** IUSSP spent €659,729 on scientific and training activities (excluding IUSSP staff time inputs for those projects), including the following special projects: Urban Family Planning Fellowships and related activities (€493,074), Population and Poverty thematic conference (€61,172), consultants for the Data Revolution activities (€30,293), CRVS Panel fellowships and activities (€81,686), a sub-grant to support the Panel on Contraceptive Transitions (€43,869), and smaller amounts for the webinar series and virtual activities organized by IUSSP scientific panels. The IUSSP also had direct costs of €23,723 to cover publicity and online submission software costs for the 2021 International Population Conference. The IUSSP spent €18,435 for publications and the website, including expenses related to N-IUSSP.

**General operations and salary cost:** The IUSSP spent €278,646 on Secretariat salaries and related taxes and social security costs. 38% for time on general administrative tasks and 53% on scientific activities, including 36% for funded scientific meetings and project activities; 3% to unfunded scientific meetings and panels, 10% for publications including the preparation of the IUSSP Bulletin, 5% for IPC 2021, 5% for the webinar series, and 1% for outreach to members and regional population associations and related organizations. IUSSP also spent €24,169 on accounting and auditing services, €2,293 office supplies and software and €15,603 in bank fees, internet and diverse software fees and other office expenditures. In addition, 2020 accounts include €2,177 in depreciation on assets.



**IUSSP governance** costs came to a total of €5,444, covering expenses associated with IUSSP Council and Bureau meetings and outreach to regional associations. Virtual Council meetings considerably reduced travel and meeting-related expenses in 2020.

**Foreign Exchange Loss:** IUSSP incurred €205,889 in exchange rate losses on transactions in other currencies and US dollar accounts. The IUSSP also incurred \$15,733 in losses on its US and Euro mutual fund investments and paid €345 in taxes on investment earnings.

**Tied funds:** €1,243,545 has been set aside from grant funds received in 2019 and 2020 as dedicated (tied) funds to cover future expenditures for the following special projects: Urban Family Planning, Contraceptive Transition Theories, and Unintended Pregnancy (funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation), activities of the Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen CRVS Systems (funds from IDRC-Canada), and smaller amounts for the Panel on Abortion Research from the Guttmacher Institute, and funds from Chinese institutions to complete a Mandarin translation of Tools for Demographic Estimations.

### **Reserves**

In 2020, IUSSP reserves will cover the negative balance of €72,115. The International Population Conference's reserve fund will cover €38,715 in 2020 costs associated with conference preparations. The reserve for General operating costs will cover €33,400 of the 2020 exchange rate losses. As of 1 January 2021, the total IUSSP reserves stand at €1,867,914, with €311,405 in general reserves and €956,509 in project reserves earmarked for specific activities. €600,000 has been set aside for contingencies.

### ***Investments***

IUSSP has assets in several investments. At the end of 2016, the IUSSP opened two mutual funds managed by CIC Banque Transatlantique – one in USD (US\$ 150,000) and one in Euro (€400,000) for a combined value of €520,507 at the end of 2020. The capital investment with Finaveo (life insurance), subscribed at the end of 2010 (€500,000), had a total estimated value of €614,826 at the end of 2020.

### ***Secretariat headquarters***

The French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED) hosts the IUSSP Secretariat in its offices on the Campus Condorcet located just north of Paris, at 9, cours des Humanités – CS 50004, 93322 Aubervilliers Cedex, France.

The Secretariat currently has four permanent staff members who coordinate IUSSP scientific activities and publications, communicate with IUSSP members, donors and the public, maintain a website, and coordinate fundraising and reporting to IUSSP donors. In addition to the Secretariat staff, IUSSP has also engaged short-term consultants to assist in managing activities related to funded projects.

### ***Auditor***

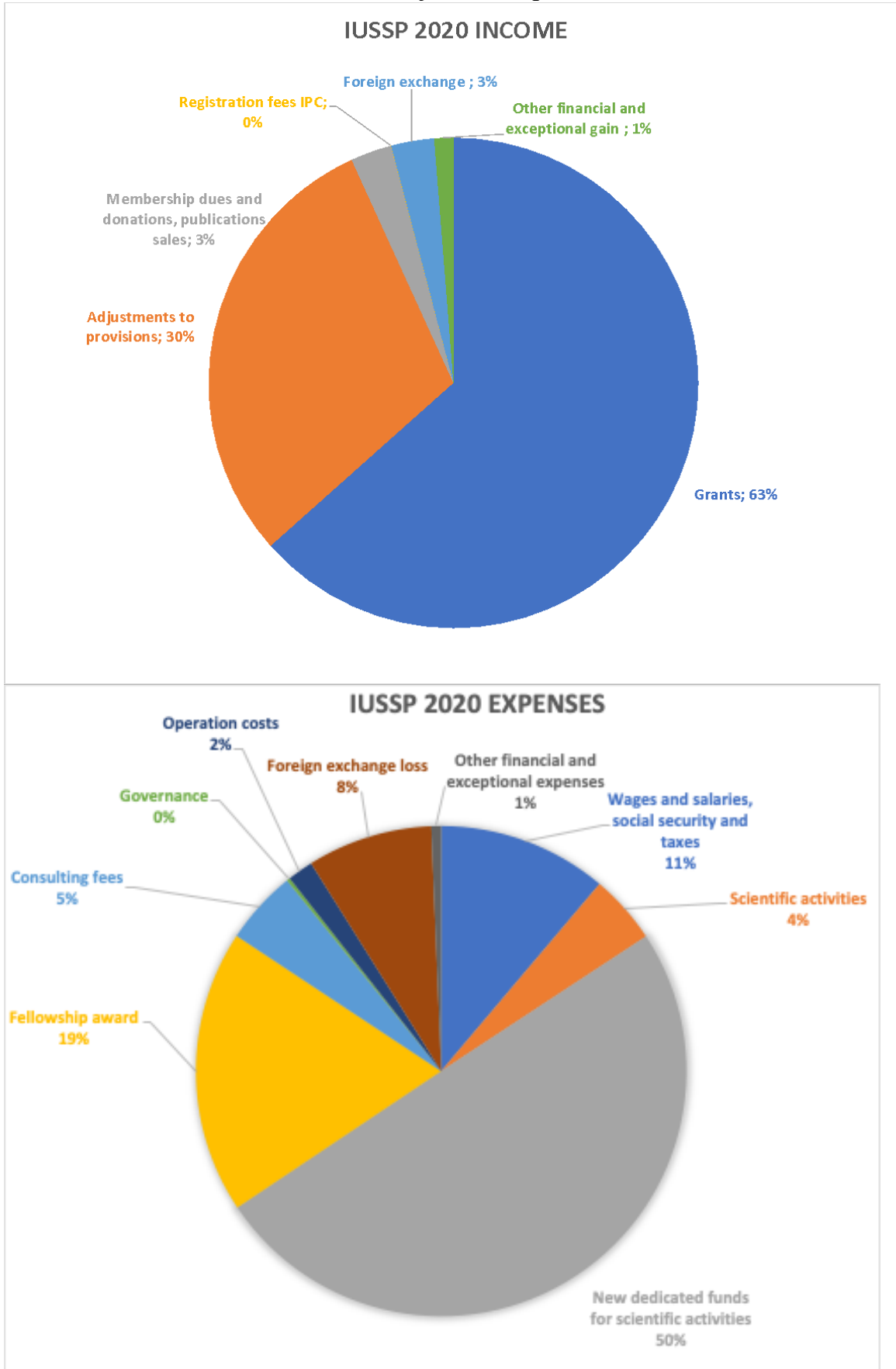
The IUSSP 2020 audited accounts were prepared by our expert accountant, Florence Reboul, at 3A-FR and approved by auditors Mazars. For further details on IUSSP revenue and expenses in 2020, see the Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets for the year ended 31 December 2020. The table includes comparable data for 2016-2020. The Statement of Financial Position as of 31 December 2020 shows IUSSP's total assets and liabilities for 2016-2020.

### ***Donors***

In 2020, the IUSSP received support from governments, private foundations and other agencies, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the French Ministry of Interior (DSED), French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED) and other donors. In addition to its financial support, INED also provides office space and numerous services to the IUSSP, for which the Union is very grateful. Several members of the IUSSP made generous gifts to the organization in 2020. IUSSP gratefully acknowledges the financial and in-kind support of all institutions and individuals.



**Annexe 1: Distribution of IUSSP expenses and income sources**



**Annexe 2: IUSSP/ UIESP Statement of activities and change in net assets  
For the year ended 31 December 2020 (Euro)**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<b>REVENUE</b>						<b>PRODUITS</b>
Grants and contracts from funding agencies	205 024	558 908	832 591	1 210 870	1 536 029	Subventions
Membership dues	59 523	99 521	94 445	62 012	58 450	Cotisations
Conference fees	0	609 846	-311	0	0	Droits d'inscription
Publication sales & royalties	37	1 000	601	854	6 458	Vente de livres et royalties
Gifts to Reserve & Development Fund	1 519	2 525	709	1 313	772	Donations aux fonds spéciaux et de réserves
Adjustments to provisions	185 075	45 323	95 449	453 718	720 210	Reprises de provisions
Other income	4 179	136 890	1 213	53	352	Autres produits
Foreign exchange	33 697	16 260	81 251	102 032	68 809	Gain de change
Other financial and exceptional gain	28 166	16 063	2 597	59 830	30 608	Autres produits financiers exceptionnels
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>517 220</b>	<b>1 486 336</b>	<b>1 108 545</b>	<b>1 890 680</b>	<b>2 421 688</b>	<b>Total de produits</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						<b>CHARGES</b>
Wages and salaries	175 030	202 322	188 709	189 500	193 300	Salaires et traitements
Social security charges	75 553	88 336	86 746	74 887	80 098	Charges sociales
Taxes on salaries	4 168	7 139	15 437	14 949	5 248	Impôts, taxes et versements assimilés
Scientific activities	157 297	167 845	245 789	653 474	659 729	Activités scientifiques
International Population Conference *	0	440 845	7 299	20 485	23 723	Congrès International de la Population *
Dissemination, publication, website	40 487	14 346	33 297	29 048	18 435	Publications et site Internet
Governance and Management expenditures	53 775	38 937	35 826	18 261	5 444	Dépenses liées à la gouvernance
Accounting and audit fees	24 193	25 051	27 879	31 354	24 169	Dépenses liées à la comptabilité (Expert-comptable et commissaires aux comptes)
Office furnishings and supplies	2 461	3 721	4 590	4 166	2 293	Fournitures de bureau
Depreciation on assets & provisions	4 131	6 496	2 108	2 185	2 177	Dotations aux amortissements & aux provisions
Other office expenditures	15 509	19 219	11 326	8 262	13 675	Autres dépenses
Foreign exchange loss	33 333	67 023	29 895	83 542	205 889	Perte de change
Other financial and exceptional expenses		6 151	1 250	206	15 733	Autres charges financières et exceptionnelles
New dedicated funds for scientific activities	45 323	95 449	452 267	720 210	1 243 545	Dotations aux fonds dédiés pour activités scientifiques
Corporation income tax	0	1 062	935	900	345	Impôt sur les sociétés
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>631 260 €</b>	<b>1 183 942 €</b>	<b>1 143 352 €</b>	<b>1 851 430 €</b>	<b>2 493 803 €</b>	<b>Total de charges</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>-114 040</b>	<b>302 394</b>	<b>-34 806</b>	<b>39 250</b>	<b>-72 115</b>	<b>Resultat de l'exercice</b>
<b>Net assets at beginning of year</b>	<b>1 747 231</b>	<b>1 633 191</b>	<b>1 935 585</b>	<b>1 900 778</b>	<b>1 940 029</b>	<b>Fonds associatifs au début de l'exercice</b>
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b>1 633 191</b>	<b>1 935 585</b>	<b>1 900 778</b>	<b>1 940 029</b>	<b>1 867 914</b>	<b>Fonds associatifs à la fin de l'exercice</b>

\* Expenses related to the International Population Congress have been separated from the scientific activities since 2017

\* Les dépenses relatives au Congrès International de la Population ont été séparées de celles des activités scientifiques à compter du 2017

**Annexe 3: IUSSP / UIESP Statement of financial position for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2020 (Euro).**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>							<b>BILAN ACTIF</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	886 912	731 618	1 566 421	2 077 251	1 926 439	2 277 650	Disponibilités
Accounts receivable	0	0	13 590	8 154	45 873	15 506	Autres créances
Other receivable	5 574	37	15 483	39	0	35	Créances usagers et comptes rattachés
Prepaid expenses	24 118	32 930	4 293	18 179	8 963	173 253	Charges constatées d'avance
Stocks and shares	364 559	520 720	521 559	406 672	475 842	508 917	Valeurs mobilières de placement
Property and equipment	3 257	3 554	1 710	6 130	3 946	1 769	Immobilisations
Other securities holding	250 000	0	0	0	0	0	Autres titres immobilisés
Other financial fixed assets	580 827	583 195	593 817	603 163	603 163	614 862	Autres immobilisations financières
Unrealized loss on exchange adjustment							Ecarts de conversion actif
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2 115 247</b>	<b>1 872 054</b>	<b>2 716 874</b>	<b>3 119 588</b>	<b>3 064 227</b>	<b>3 591 991</b>	<b>Total du bilan actif</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>							<b>BILAN PASSIF</b>
Bank debts	85	80	1 516	0	0	0	Emprunts et dettes auprès d'établissements de crédit
Accounts payable	54 990	52 508	121 335	80 921	39 924	62 786	Dettes fournisseurs et comptes rattachés
Taxes and social security liabilities	70 351	63 025	88 690	85 935	115 555	270 014	Dettes fiscales et sociales
Other liabilities	5 841	3 742	5 016	3 255	4 259	2 896	Autres dettes
Loans and liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	Emprunts et dettes financières divers
Deferred income	51 674	74 184	469 284	596 355	244 211	144 757	Produits constatés d'avance
Contingency provisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	Provisions pour risques
Provisions for charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	Provisions pour charges
Dedicated funds	185 075	45 323	95 449	452 267	720 210	1 243 545	Fonds dédiés
Unrealized loss on exchange adjustment	0	0	0	78	40	79	Ecarts de conversion passif
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>368 016</b>	<b>238 863</b>	<b>781 290</b>	<b>1 218 810</b>	<b>1 124 198</b>	<b>1 724 077</b>	<b>Total du bilan passif hors fonds associatifs</b>
<b>Reserve Funds</b>	<b>1 747 231</b>	<b>1 633 191</b>	<b>1 935 584</b>	<b>1 900 778</b>	<b>1 940 029</b>	<b>1 867 914</b>	<b>Fonds associatifs</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2 115 247</b>	<b>1 872 054</b>	<b>2 716 874</b>	<b>3 119 588</b>	<b>3 064 227</b>	<b>3 591 991</b>	<b>TOTAL DU BILAN PASSIF</b>

***Annexe 4: List of institutional and individual donors***

**In 2020 the IUSSP gratefully acknowledged grant income from the following agencies:**

<b>Source of Grant</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Aim</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Hewlett Foundation (2016-4683)	United States	General Support	89 119 €
Guttmacher Institute	United States	Unintended Pregnancy	11 585 €
IDRC (International Development Research Centre)	Canada	Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems	40 582 €
Institut national d'études démographiques (INED)	France	General Support	15 000 €
Gates Foundation INV-018442	United States	Unintended Pregnancy	83 472 €
Gates Foundation ID OPP1179495	United States	Urban Family Planning	1 266 271 €
DSED	France	General Support	30 000 €
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1 536 029 €</b>

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**Annexe 5: Summary table of 2020 IUSSP scientific and training meetings**

<b>Scientific Group</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Title of Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b># submission</b>	<b># papers</b>	<b># participants</b>	<b># LIC participants</b>	<b># participants receiving travel support</b>	<b># LIC receiving travel support</b>	<b>IUSSP provided funds for meeting</b>
International Migration	Session	The Application of R for Measuring and Estimating Migration	Cairo			30	19	0	0	no
New and Emerging Family Forms around the Globe	Seminar	New and Emerging Family Forms around the World (2)	Manila	82	11	44	39	4	4	yes
International Migration	Session	Priorities in International Migration Research and Statistics: Prospects for a World Migration Survey at the 2nd International Forum on Migration Statistics	Cairo		2	50	35	0	0	no
Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen CRVS Systems	Meeting	IUSSP CRVS Panel Meeting	Online		8	20	7			yes
Couples' Reproductive Health and Fertility	Session	Research and Programs on Couples and Reproductive Health	Online	29	5	42	21			no
Population-Environment Research Network – PERN	Cyberseminar	Population, Climate Change, and Food Security	cyberspace		7					no
IUSSP	Webinar	Positioning population studies to understand the short and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic	Online		3	411	215			yes
Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development	Training workshop	Introduction to policy engagement	Online			20	18			yes
IUSSP	Laureate ceremony	2020 IUSSP Laureate Award Ceremony – Gordon de Jong	Online			108	20			yes
Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen CRVS Systems	Virtual meeting	IUSSP 'CRVS' Panel discussion on "Legal identity, ethics, and rights"	Online		1	23	7			no
Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development	Training workshop	Crafting a compelling message	Online			20	18			yes
Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development	Training workshop	Using evidence in policy making	Online			20	18			yes
Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development	Training workshop	Introduction to Policy Tracking	Online			20	18			yes
Digital Demography	Webinar	Digital and computational approaches to study determinants and consequences of the spread of COVID-19	Online		7	213	87			no
Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen CRVS Systems	Webinar	Quantifying COVID-19-related Excess Mortality in Latin America: Demographic Analyses of Death Registration Data in Latin America	Online		2	248	143			no
Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development	Training workshop	Stakeholder mapping	Online			20	18			yes
IUSSP	Webinar	COVID-19: The Pandemic's Consequences for Adolescents	Online		3	196	122			no

<b>Scientific Group</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Title of Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b># submission</b>	<b># papers</b>	<b># participants</b>	<b># LIC participants</b>	<b># participants receiving travel support</b>	<b># LIC receiving travel support</b>	<b>IUSSP provided funds for</b>
Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development	Training workshop	Developing a policy brief	Online			20	18			yes
IUSSP	Webinar	The COVID-19 Pandemic and Sexual & Reproductive Health in Africa	Online		15	295	222			no
Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen CRVS Systems	Meeting	Presentations of advanced drafts to be submitted to <i>Genus</i> Thematic Series	Online		8	21	7			no
Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development	Training workshop	Integrating a rights-based approach to policy and decision making	Online			20	18			yes
Contraceptive Transition Theories: Models for contemporary patterns of use	Meeting	IUSSP Contraceptive Transition Theories Panel Meeting	Online		8	23	8			yes
Digital Demography	Webinar	Live Q&A for UN World Data Forum session on "Innovative use of Social Media for Remote Sensing and SDG Monitoring"	Online		5	42	14			no
Family Demography and Family Law	Seminar	Family Demography and Family Law around the World	Online		12	22	3			yes
International Migration: Strengthening the Knowledge Base for Policy	Webinar	Priorities in research on International migration and mobilities: Implications of the COVID pandemic and its legacies	Online		4	156	71			no
Couples' Reproductive Health and Fertility	Virtual Meeting	Programmatic Interventions in Reproductive Health Involving Men or Couples	Online	15	5	54	23			no
Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development	Training workshop	Writing for a general audience	Online			20	18			yes
Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development	Virtual meeting	Brainstorming Meeting on Urban Family Planning - 1	Online			9	2			no
Data Revolution	Webinar	Demography and the Data Revolution: lessons learned and the way forward	Online		6	153	60			no
Family Behaviour in East Asia and Southern Europe	Conference	International Conference on Family and Fertility	Online	32	11	230	14			no
Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development	Virtual meeting	Brainstorming Meeting on Urban Family Planning - 2	Online			12	2			no
Population, Poverty and Inequality	Conference	2nd IUSSP Population, Poverty and Inequality Research Conference	Online	524	76	321	180			no
IUSSP	Session	IUSSP session on the status of the 2021 International Population Conference	Online							no
International Migration	Round Table	Priorities in Research and Information Generation on International Migration: Prospects for a Global Migration Survey	Online							no
IUSSP	Round Table	Rethinking training in demography for the 21st Century	Online							no
<b>Totals</b>				<b>682</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2883</b>	<b>1465</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	