

IUSSP General Assembly  
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Background Information/Report of the Secretary General and Treasurer  
2017-2021

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**Note to the Reader:** All activities of the IUSSP are described in detail in the Annual Reports. These reports are shared with the members and are available on the IUSSP website. At the virtual General Assembly, I will present a brief overview of activities only. Background information to this overview is given below.

**1. Panels and Taskforce**

During this period, some 20 scientific panels or committees completed, continued or began their activities:

1. [Abortion Research](#) (2011-2018) & (2019-2022)
2. [Big Data and Population Processes](#) (2015-2018)
3. [Contraceptive Transition Theories: Models for contemporary patterns of use](#) (2019-2022)
4. [Couples' Reproductive Health and Fertility](#) (2018-2021)
5. [Digital Demography](#) (2018-2021)
6. [Family Behaviour in East Asia and Southern Europe](#) (2018-2021)
7. [Family Demography and Family Law](#) (2017-2021)
8. [Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development](#) (2018-2021)
9. [Historical Demography](#) (2014-2017) & (2018-2021)
10. [International Migration: Strengthening the Knowledge Base for Policy](#) (2018-2021)
11. [IUSSP/CODATA Scientific Panel on FAIR Vocabularies](#) (2021-2023)
12. [Lifespan Extension with Varying Cause-of-death Trajectories](#) (2015-2018)
13. [Microsimulation and Agent-based Modeling in Demography](#) (2015-2018)
14. [Migration, Climate and Health](#) (2015-2018)
15. [New and Emerging Family Forms around the Globe](#) (2017-2020)
16. [Population Environment Research Network \(PERN\)](#)
17. [Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen CRVS Systems](#) (2019-2022)
18. [Population, Poverty and Inequality](#) (2018-2021)

In addition to the Panels listed above, and to boost the involvement of the next generation of population experts in IUSSP, the Council established an [Early Career Taskforce](#) (2019-2021).

A description of the activities of the various scientific panels, including reports for the General Assembly, are available on the IUSSP website on each panel's web page (<https://iussp.org/en/scientific-groups/current-panels>).

## 2. Events

Over the past 4 years, the IUSSP pursued its scientific activities in mainly two formats: in-person from November 2017 to February 2020, online from March 2020 to November 2021.

The IUSSP organized or co-organized a total of 84 scientific events between the Cape Town and the Hyderabad/Virtual Conferences, including 5 cyberseminars, 8 seminars, 5 conferences, 1 expert meeting, 13 workshops, 16 training workshops, 24 side meetings or special sessions at various conferences, 12 public webinars. A large number of smaller virtual meetings were also organized allowing the Panels to carry out their planned activities despite the Covid related restrictions on travel and meetings.

**Table 1: Papers and participants in scientific events organized by IUSSP from 2017 to October 2021**

	2017*	2018	2019	2020	2021**	Total
Number of papers	159	115	256	199	38	767
Number of participants	518	968	885	2883	1348	6602
Participants from LMIC	327	634	365	1465	461	3252
Participants supported by IUSSP	117	93	144	4	0	358
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*\* Excluding IPC2017 \*\* Provisional estimates, excluding IPC2021*

## 3. Training

The IUSSP has also carried out various training activities:

The [Network for Strengthening Demographic Training in Francophone Africa \(FRANET\)](#) organized its last activity in 2018 but is finalizing publications resulting from its activities.

Three more online training tools were added on the IUSSP Website:

- [Spatial Data Integration for Demographic Research](#), in English and Spanish, produced by Landy Sanchez (CEDUA – COLMEX) and Susana B. Adamo (CIESIN - Columbia University), with the collaboration of Hector Leon (CEDUA – COLMEX). Support for these tutorials was provided by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.
- [Introduction to Digital Demography Online course](#), which consist of lectures that Diego Alburez (Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research) gave for the 2019-2020 European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD) in Barcelona.
- [Bayesian Subnational Estimation using Complex Survey Data](#), which consist of series of lectures by Jon Wakefield and Richard Zehang Li (University of Washington). Support to record these lectures was provided by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

For more information on these online training courses: <https://iussp.org/en/online-courses-and-training-tools>.

The IUSSP Panels also organized 16 training workshops, mostly at various conferences, and two IUSSP Panels included a prominent focus on training fellows: the Panel on Family

Planning, Fertility and Urban Development and the Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen CRVS Systems.

To whet the appetite and get in the mood for IPC 2021, several Countdown events were organized, including some training activities which will remain on the IUSSP website as online courses:

- Geoprocessing and Spatial Analysis ([Watch the recording](#))
- Training Course on Data Visualization (scheduled for 22 November)
- Networking event: Your career after a PhD? (24 November 2021)
- Introduction to Multistate Analysis of Population Dynamics (3 December)

#### **4. Special Projects.**

Over the course of the past 4 years, the IUSSP helped carry out the activities of several special projects for which specific funding was provided:

- Project to Improve Population Research and Policy Communication in Francophone Africa (FraNet) – *(The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation)*
- Project on Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development in Africa *(The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)*
- Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Systems *(International Development Research Centre (IDRC)-Canada)*
- Population, Poverty and Inequality *(The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation)*
- Data Revolution: Leveraging innovative demographic methodologies and sharing for sustainable development *(The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation)*
- Contraceptive Transition Theories: Models for Contemporary Patterns of Use *(The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)*
- Catalyzing Innovation in Measurement of Unintended Pregnancy and Fertility Intentions *(The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)*

#### **5. Communication**

*IUSSP Bulletin*: The Bulletin is published 4 times a year and keeps the members informed on all activities.

*N-IUSSP*: The IUSSP magazine N-IUSSP disseminates scientific findings from population researchers across the world; it publishes 1 article a week on average, so about 200 articles over the past 4 years. All IUSSP members are warmly invited to submit the results of their research for publication in N-IUSSP.

*Social networks*: IUSSP is active on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/iussp>) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/iussp>).

*The IUSSP Website* (<https://iussp.org>), is a well-used source of information.

## 6. Publications

The IUSSP disseminates outcomes of its activities through its website, in scholarly peer-reviewed journals and edited volumes. Recent publications include:

### **Books:**

- *Outils d'estimation démographique* (the French version of *Tools for Demographic Estimation*), Tom Moultrie, Rob Dorrington, Allan Hill, Kenneth Hill, Ian Timæus and Basia Zaba, (eds.). Paris: International Union for the Scientific Study of Population. [demographicestimation.iussp.org](http://demographicestimation.iussp.org), 2017.
- *Demography of Refugee and Forced Migration*, Graeme Hugo, Mohammad Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi and Ellen Percy Kraly, eds. Series: International Studies in Population, Vol. 13, Dordrecht Heidelberg London New York: Springer, 2018.

### **Policy and Research Papers**

- *Advancing Knowledge on International Migration: Data and Research Needs*, by Philippe Fargues, 2018.
- *The Case for a World Migration Survey*, Marcela Cerrutti, Philippe Fargues, Mariama Awumbila, 2021

### **Special issues:**

- Kugler, T.A., Grace, K., Wrathall, D.J. et al. People and Pixels 20 years later: the current data landscape and research trends blending population and environmental data. *Population and Environment*, issue 41, 209–234 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11111-019-00326-5>

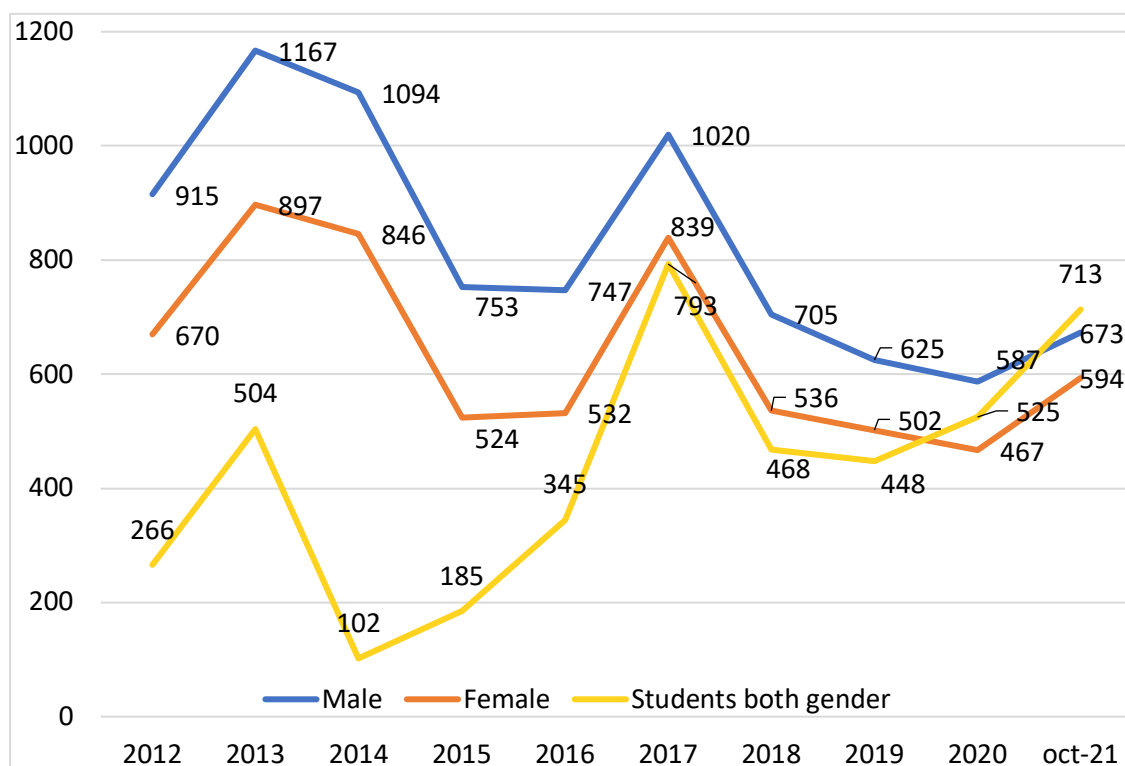
### **Reports:**

- 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.

## 7. Membership

Membership trends have been declining over the past decade, but in recent years the downward trend seems to be levelling off. Specific policies to attract new members such as a free student membership, and measures aiming to retain current members were introduced and seem to be paying off.

### Membership 2012 - (October) 2021



### Members by region:

Region	Regular Members		Total Regular	Student Members		Total Student	Total
	Female	Male		Female	Male		
Africa	94	139	233	43	92	135	368
Asia	106	157	263	111	120	231	494
Europe	170	169	339	88	40	128	467
Latin America	64	53	117	51	40	91	208
North America	145	131	276	61	42	103	379
Oceania	14	25	39	14	6	20	59
(No country listed)				3	2	5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>1267</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>1980</b>

## 8. Policies

Various policies are effective in IUSSP. During the current Council's mandate, an Environmental Policy as well as an Anti-Harassment Policy were introduced:

- [Plagiarism](#)
- [Privacy](#)
- [Anti-harassment](#)
- [Environment](#)

## 9. IUSSP Laureate and IUSSP-Mattei Dogan awards

### *IUSSP Laureate award:*

Each year the IUSSP honours one of its members by bestowing its Laureate Award. The Laureates for the past 4 years are:

- [Bob McCaa \(2018\)](#)
- [Alberto Palloni \(2019\)](#)
- [Gordon de Jong \(2020\)](#)
- [Zeng Yi \(2021\)](#)

### *IUSSP-Mattei Dogan award:*

The 2021 IUSSP Mattei Dogan Award for Comparative Research in Demography was awarded to Bruno Schoumaker, who will give a keynote address at the Closing and Award Ceremony of the International Population Conference 2021 on Friday 10 December.

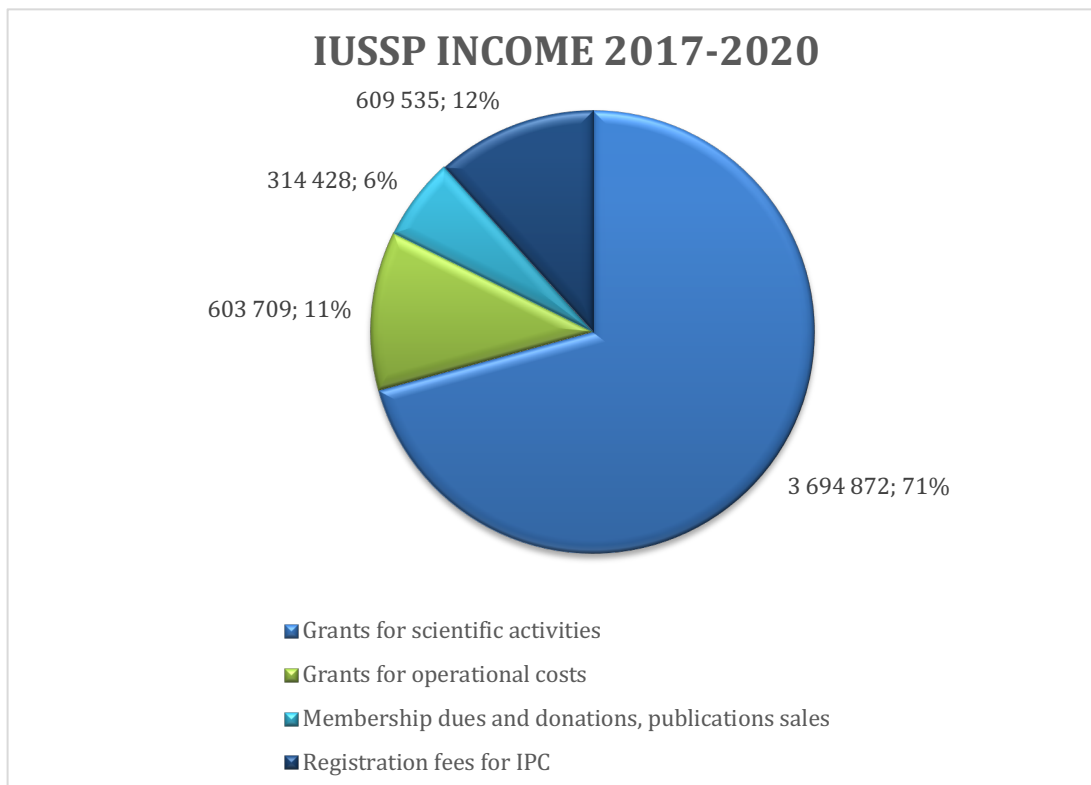
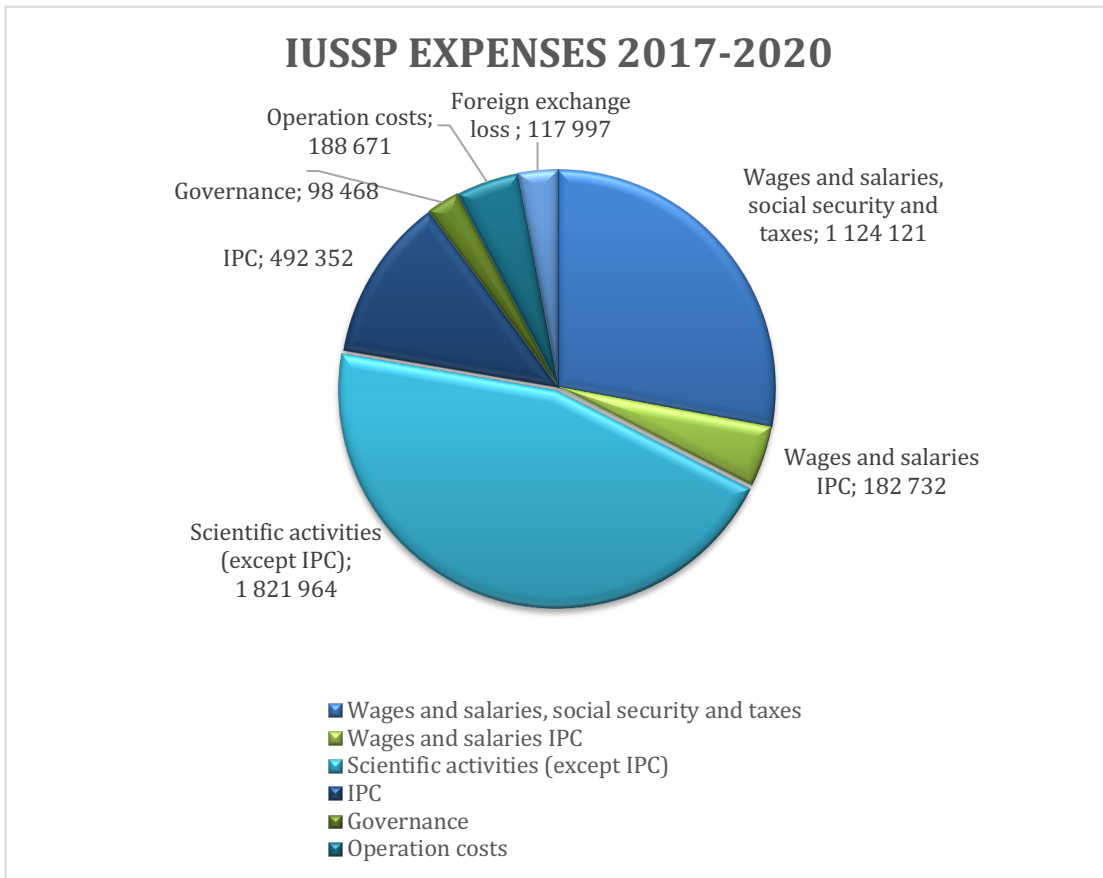
## 10. International Population Conference 2021

The Conference programme was created by Conveners from submissions to the 26 themes of the Call for Papers. It includes 207 oral sessions and 23 poster sessions featuring a total of 1175 scientific communications. Oral sessions will include a mix of pre-recorded formal presentations with live introductions and discussion, followed by a meet-the-author chat (not recorded) to allow for more informal conversation between presenters and the audience. Posters will be on display in a poster gallery for the duration of the conference and have dedicated poster sessions in a Gather.Town poster hall where participants can meet and discuss with the poster authors and other conference attendees.

The conference will also include Research Leader Sessions and a series of invited keynotes, debates, roundtables and panel discussions. Leading researchers will speak on critical issues facing the field and the world, focusing on challenges, such as climate change, where demographic data and analysis will be vital to developing evidence-informed policy.

## 11. Financial Overview

Income and expenditure of the IUSSP over the period 2017-2020 are summarized below:



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEARS 2017,2018,2019 and 2020  
(EURO)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>					<b>BILAN ACTIF</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	1 566 421	2 077 251	1 926 439	2 277 650	Disponibilités
Accounts receivable	13 590	8 154	45 873	15 506	Autres créances
Other receivable	15 483	39	0	35	Créances usagers et comptes rattachés
Prepaid expenses	4 293	18 179	8 963	173 253	Charges constatées d'avance
Stocks and shares	521 559	406 672	475 842	508 917	Valeurs mobilières de placement
Property and equipment	1 710	6 130	3 946	1 769	Immobilisations
Other securities holding	0	0	0	0	Autres titres immobilisés
Other financial fixed assets	593 817	603 163	603 163	614 862	Autres immobilisations financières
Unrealized loss on exchange adjustment					Ecart de conversion actif
<b>Total assets</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	1 516	0	0	0	Emprunts et dettes auprès d'établissements de crédit
Accounts payable	121 335	80 921	39 924	62 786	Dettes fournisseurs et comptes rattachés
Taxes and social security liabilities	88 690	85 935	115 555	270 014	Dettes fiscales et sociales
Other liabilities	5 016	3 255	4 259	2 896	Autres dettes
Loans and liabilities	0	0	0	0	Emprunts et dettes financières divers
Deferred income	469 284	596 355	244 211	144 757	Produits constatés d'avance
Contingency provisions	0	0	0	0	Provisions pour risques
Provisions for charges	0	0	0	0	Provisions pour charges
Dedicated funds	95 449	452 267	720 210	1 243 545	Fonds dédiés
Unrealized loss on exchange adjustment	0	78	40	79	Ecart de conversion passif
<b>Total liabilities</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>1 935 584</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>2 716 874</b>	<b>3 119 588</b>	<b>3 064 227</b>	<b>3 591 991</b>	<b>TOTAL DU BILAN PASSIF</b>



IUSSP / UIESP  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEARS 2017,2018,2019 and 2020  
(EURO)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<b>REVENUE</b>					<b>PRODUITS</b>
Grants and contracts from funding agencies	558 908	832 591	1 371 053	1 536 029	Subventions
Membership dues	99 521	94 445	62 012	58 450	Cotisations
Conference fees	609 846	-311	0	0	Droits d'inscription IPC
Publication sales & royalties	1 000	601	854	6 458	Vente de livres et royalties
Gifts to Reserve & Development Fund	2 525	709	1 313	772	Donations aux fonds spéciaux et de réserves
Adjustments to provisions	45 323	95 449	453 718	720 210	Reprises de provisions
Other income	136 890	1 213	53	352	Autres produits
Foreign exchange	16 260	81 251	102 032	68 809	Gain de change
Other financial and exceptional gain	16 063	2 597	59 830	30 608	Autres produits financiers exceptionnels
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>1 486 336</b>	<b>1 108 545</b>	<b>2 050 863</b>	<b>2 421 688</b>	<b>Total de produits</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					<b>CHARGES</b>
Wages and salaries	202 322	188 709	349 683	193 300	Salaires et traitements
Social security charges	88 336	86 746	74 887	80 098	Charges sociales
Taxes on salaries	7 139	15 437	14 949	5 248	Impôts, taxes et versements assimilés
Scientific activities	167 845	245 789	653 474	659 729	Réunions scientifiques
International Population Conference *	440 845	7 299	20 485	23 723	Congrès International de la Population *
Dissemination, publication, website	14 346	33 297	29 048	18 435	Publications et site Internet
Governance and Management expenditures	38 937	35 826	18 261	5 444	Dépenses liées à la gouvernance
Accounting and audit fees	25 051	27 879	31 354	24 169	Dépenses liées à la comptabilité (Expert-comptable et commissaires aux comptes)
Office furnishings and supplies	3 721	4 590	4 166	2 293	Fournitures de bureau
Depreciation on assets & provisions	6 496	2 108	2 185	2 177	Dotations aux amortissements & aux provisions
Other office expenditures	19 219	11 326	8 262	13 675	Autres dépenses
Foreign exchange loss	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	95 449	452 267	720 210	1 243 545	Dotations aux fonds dédiés pour activités scientifiques
Corporation income tax	1 062	935	900	345	Impôt sur les sociétés
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1 183 942 €</b>	<b>1 143 352 €</b>	<b>2 011 613 €</b>	<b>2 493 803 €</b>	<b>Total de charges</b>
<b>Change in net assets</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>1 633 191</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>1 935 585</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
** The adjustment of the allocations will be made in the 2021 fiscal year					** La correction des affectations sera effectuée sur l'exercice 2021

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- New Venture Fund
- Institute of International Education
- Guttmacher Institute
- AIDELF
- Wellcome Trust
- China Population and Development Research Center
- National University of Singapore
- GinLing College
- Institut Supérieur des Sciences de la Population (ISSP)
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- CUEDEP
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