IUSSP Early Career Taskforce (2019-2021)

The IUSSP Early Career Taskforce (ECT) was established at the end of 2019 at the initiative of the Council. With the objective to involve new generations of population experts in IUSSP and in an effort to make IUSSP more attractive to younger generations, the main purpose of the Taskforce is to boost the inputs of early career colleagues (loosely defined as PhD plus 5) in IUSSP activities. As special inputs were invited for IPC 2021 it was called a "taskforce". Initial membership was based on suggestions by Council. Paul Monet provides support to the group and Nico van Nimwegen is its Council liaison.

A virtual kick-off meeting was held in January 2020 where the group set priorities for its actions and made an inventory of personal interests and preferred involvement. Activities that the group prioritized included *Networking*, both horizontal among peers and vertical linking early and later career colleagues, *Skills* development including training sessions and workshops, *Career development,* such as involving early career colleagues in IUSSP panels and *Communication/social media* activities.

After a virtual plenary follow-up meeting mid-2020, the group opted for a decentralized working method where members worked in parallel on a number of satellite topics, depending on their personal interest, skills and availability. The group preferred not to have a chair or executive committee to coordinate its work.

In addition to the virtual activities specified below, members of the Taskforce were also involved and provided inputs in the IUSSP Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy. Jointly with other colleagues, they participated in the production of an IUSSP video, promoting our discipline and the activities of the IUSSP.

Members (as of November 2019):

- Jaime Enrique Acosta (Colombia/Germany)
- Dominic Gagnon (Canada)
- Ridhi Kashyap (India/UK)
- Moussa Bougma (Burkina Faso)
- Leigh Senderowicz (United States)
- Adrien Remund (Switzerland/The Netherlands)
- Pavel Grigoriev (Belarus/Germany)
- Jenny Garcia (Venezuela / France)
- Kim Xu (China/Australia)
- Igor Cavallini Johansen (Brazil)
- Natalia Tumas (Argentina)
- Preeti Dhillon (India)
- Arun B Chandran (India/USA)

IUSSP Secretariat: Paul Monet
Council liaison: Nico van Nimwegen

Activities

Geoprocessing and Spatial Analysis
Workshop organized by the IUSSP Early Career Taskforce
Organizer/Instructor: Igor Cavallini Johansen, University of Campinas
Date and time: Tuesday 10 August 2021; 14.00 UTC
Watch a recording of the Training Session and download the presentation.

Training Course on Data Visualization
Meeting organized by the IUSSP Early Career Network
Organizers: Enrique Acosta and Natalia Tumas
Instructor: Ilya Kashnitsky, University of Southern Denmark
Date and Time: 22 November 2021, 14:00 UTC
Register in advance.

Networking event: Your career after a PhD?
Meeting organized by the IUSSP Early Career Network
Date and Time: 24 November 2021, , 5:00 UTC (Asia & Pacific) | 14:00 UTC (Europe & Africa) | 16:00 UTC (Americas)
Register in advance.

Introduction to Multistate Analysis of Population Dynamics
Workshop organized by the IUSSP Early Career Network and the Australian National University
Organizer: Kim Xu
Instructor: Dr. James O'Donnel, School of Demography, Australian National University
Tentative Date and Time: Friday 3 December 2021; 6:00 UTC