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Demography, Demographers and the Data Revolution

In the aftermath of the *Expert Meeting on Demography and the Post-2015 Data Revolution* held in Paris in October 2014, the IUSSP has engaged in a series of activities and meetings to involve demographers in the Data Revolution. For those interested in learning more, the IUSSP has organized a **session at the PAA Annual Meeting** in San Diego, on 1 May at 2:45 pm. ([Read more](#))



IUSSP Laureate Award

2015 Laureate – Cheikh Mbacké

Cheikh Mbacké has been selected by the IUSSP Council to be the 2015 IUSSP Laureate. **The Laureate Award Ceremony will take place at the PAA Annual Meeting** in San Diego (CA), United States, on Wednesday 29 April at 6:30 pm. ([Read more](#))



IUSSP Panels

Nine New IUSSP Panels

The IUSSP Council created nine new Panels in February 2015:

- Big Data and Population Processes
- Innovations for Strengthening Civil Registration and Vital Statistical Systems
- Lifespan Extension with Varying Cause-of-Death Trajectories
- Microsimulation and Agent-based Modeling in Demography
- Migration, Climate and Health
- Population and Development in Small Island Developing States
- Subjective Well-being and Demographic Events
- The Demographic Causes and Consequences of Ebola and other Emerging Infectious Diseases
- Youth and Intergenerational Relations in Developing Countries

International Population Conference

Cape Town 2017: first IOC meeting

The first meeting of the International Organizing Committee (IOC) for the 2017 International Population Conference has been rescheduled to take place on 31 March and 1 April in Cape Town, South Africa. This meeting will focus on the scientific programme for the Call for Papers drawing in part on the 164 session suggestions submitted by IUSSP members. ([Read more](#))



IUSSP Training Workshops

Demographic Dividend and African Emergence

This fourth training workshop on the Demographic Dividend organized by the IUSSP Network for Strengthening Demographic Training in Francophone Africa was held in Yaoundé, Cameroon 12-21 January; it focused on Education, Economic Growth, and Health. ([Read more](#))



Tools for Demographic Estimation

The IUSSP, with funding from UNFPA, organized this training workshop in Dakar, Senegal 1-5 December 2014. The workshop provided an opportunity for data analysts from national statistical offices to work on the analysis of recent census data and use the online IUSSP-UNFPA Tools for Demographic Estimation now available in French on the IUSSP website. ([Read more](#))



IUSSP Seminars

Postpartum and Post-abortion Family Planning

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Membership News

In September 2014, the Secretariat made changes to membership payments to enable IUSSP members to make multiple year dues payments and, for those who are members of the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS), to pay their UAPS membership dues at the same time. ([Read more](#))

In Memory

[Graeme Hugo \(1946 - 2015\)](#). We were saddened to learn that Graeme Hugo passed away on 19 January 2015. He had been an active member of the Union since 1977 and contributed his expertise and time to many IUSSP scientific activities over the years.



Calls

Calls for papers

- Workshop on Changing Patterns of Mortality and Morbidity: Age, Time, Cause- and Cohort-perspectives, organized by the EAPS Health, Morbidity and Mortality Working Group, Prague, Czech Republic 16-18 Sept 2015. Deadline for submission: 31 March 2015.
- British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) Conference, Leeds, United Kingdom, 7-9 September 2015. Deadline for submission: 12 April 2015.

- SIS 2015. Statistics and Demography: the Legacy of Corrado Gini, organized by the Italian Statistical Society (SIS). Treviso, Italy, 9-11 September 2015. Deadline for paper submission: 10 May 2015.
- International Conference on Education and Reproduction in Low-Fertility Settings. Vienna, Austria, 2-4 December 2015. Deadline for submissions: 30 June 2015.

Calls for applications

- The European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD) invites applications for school year 2015-2016. The School will be held at two different locations: Rostock, Germany (Sept-October 2015) and Sapienza University of Rome, Italy (Oct. 2015-July 2016). Deadline for applications: 15 April 2015.
- Statistics Korea will organize the 2nd KOSTAT Summer Seminar on Population, in Rep. of Korea from 27 July to 21 August 2015. It consists of three independent workshops:
 1. Demographic Theory (advanced level), in Daejeon, 27-31 July;
 2. Demographic Analysis with Own Data, in Busan, 3-13 Aug.;
 3. Life Tables and their Applications, Seoul 17-21 Aug.
 Registration deadline: 30 June 2015.

Recent Publications

Special issues in peer-reviewed journals

(based on IUSSP seminars)

- Special issue on Socioeconomic Status and Fertility before, during and after the Demographic Transition, Martin Dribe, Michel Oris and Lucia Pozzi, eds., in *Demographic Research*, Special collection 14, vol. 31, 2014.

Job Opportunities

Employment announcements

- Distinguished Professorship of Population and Social Policies, Institute for Population and Development Studies, Xi'an Jiaotong University, China. Applications accepted on a rolling basis.
- Two positions for Associate Population Affairs Officer (Population Data Unit), Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), United Nations. Deadline for applications: 11 April 2015.

Research grants and post-docs

- Post-doctoral Research Associate to work on “An Atlas of Victorian Fertility Decline” for the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure. Deadline for applications: 10 April 2015
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Calendar

Forthcoming IUSSP meetings & events

- IUSSP side meeting at the Cartagena Data Festival in Cartagena, Colombia, 21 April 2015.
- IUSSP Laureate Ceremony at the Annual Meeting of the PAA in San Diego, United States, on 29 April 2015.
- IUSSP Session on Demography, Demographers and the Data Revolution at the Annual Meeting of the PAA in San Diego, United States, on 1 May 2015.
- IUSSP Seminar on Union Breakdown and Repartnering around the World. Montreal, Canada, 4-6 May 2015.
- IUSSP Seminar on Spatial Analysis in Historical Demography: Micro and Macro Approaches, Quebec City, Canada, 17-18 Sept 2015.

Other forthcoming conferences

- Cartagena Data Festival, organized by ODI, Africa Gathering, CEPEI, Data-Pop Alliance, PARIS21, UNDP and UNFPA. Cartagena, Colombia, 20-22 April 2015.
- 2015 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. San Diego, United States, 30 April-2 May 2015.
- 2nd Annual International Conference on Demography and Population Studies. Athens, Greece, 15-18 June 2015.
- Regional Seminar on Gender Based Violence, organized by CEPEP and CENEP. Asunción, Paraguay, 17 June 2015.
- PopPov 9th Annual Conference on Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 24-26 June 2015.
- 12th IMISCOE Annual Conference, on Rights, Democracy and Migration. Geneva, Switzerland, 25-27 June 2015.
- 8th International Conference on Population Geographies, Brisbane, Australia, 30 June-3 July 2015
- Third Asian Population Association Conference. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 27-30 July 2015
- EAPS Health, Morbidity and Mortality Working Group Workshop. Prague, Czech Republic, 16-18 September 2015
- British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) Conference, Leeds, United Kingdom, 7-9 September 2015.
- 7th African Population Conference. Johannesburg, South Africa, 30 November-4 December 2015.
- International Conference on Education and Reproduction in Low-Fertility Settings, organized by the Vienna Institute of Demography. Vienna, Austria, 2-4 Dec 2015.

Submit your news and 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. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Demography, Demographers and the Data Revolution

In the aftermath of the Expert Meeting on Demography and the Post-2015 Data Revolution organized in Paris in October 2014, the IUSSP has engaged in several new initiatives and activities to further population scientists' involvement in this movement.

- ⇒ A statement was prepared for the UN Secretary General's Independent Expert Advisory Group on a Data Revolution for Sustainable Development posted on the IUSSP website: **Defining and successfully accomplishing the Data Revolution: The perspective of Demographers**. A revised version of this statement has been published in the March 2015 issue of the *Population and Development Review* (Vol. 41, Issue 1, pp 172–177).
- ⇒ The IUSSP, with funding from UNFPA, commissioned Stephane Helleringer (Johns Hopkins University) to review the relevant population-related indicators proposed by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN-SDSN) for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), identifying measurement challenges and proposing potential solutions. The final version of the report will be posted on the IUSSP website in the coming weeks.
- ⇒ The Council also approved two new Scientific Panels on topics related to the Data Revolution: **Big Data and Population Processes**, co-chaired by Francesco Billari (University of Oxford) and Emilio Zagheni (University of Washington) and **Innovations for Strengthening Vital Registration Systems**, chaired by Patrick Gerland (United Nations Population Division).
- ⇒ IUSSP representatives will attend the **Cartagena Data Festival: Better data for a better tomorrow**, 20-22 April in Cartagena, Columbia. The meeting is an opportunity for demographers to engage with data scientists from other fields and disciplines. The IUSSP will hold a side meeting on the measurement challenges posed with regards to population-related indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals to identify gaps and consider innovative solutions. IUSSP members have also been invited to participate in sessions focusing on Big Data, issues of data interoperability, and innovations for Vital Registration Systems.
- ⇒ Members attending the PAA Annual meeting in San Diego who would like to learn more about the Data Revolution are invited to attend **session 170 on “Demography, Demographers and the Data Revolution”**, which will take place on 1 May at 2:30 pm (Aqua Salon AB, Level 3).

PAA 2015 - Session 170: Demography, Demographers and the Data Revolution

Chair: Sunita Kishor (DHS Program, ICF International)

- *What Is the "Data Revolution" and Why Should Demographers Get Involved?*
Tom A. Moultrie (University of Cape Town)
- *Data Revolution: Is Latin America Prepared and Ready to Engage?*
Suzana M. Cavenaghi (Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística - IBGE)
- *Mobilizing a Data Revolution for Sustainable Development*
Sabrina Juran (UNFPA)
- *Whither Indirect Demographic Estimation Methods: Africa's Data Revolution Coming of Age*
Pali Lehohla (Statistics South Africa)

The Demography and the Post-2015 Data Revolution activities have been organised in collaboration with the Population Association of America (PAA), with the assistance of the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and with the support of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Training Workshop on the Demographic Dividend in Africa

Yaoundé, Cameroon, 12-21 January 2015

Organized by the **IUSSP Network for Strengthening Demographic Training in Francophone Africa**

The Network's Steering Committee:

- *Chair:* Parfait Eloundou Enyegue (Cornell University)
- *Membership:* Gervais Beninguise (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 *Training Workshop on the Analysis of the Demographic Dividend in Africa and Its Implications for the Economic Emergence of African Countries* was organized at the Institut de Formation et de Recherche Démographiques (IFORD) by the IUSSP Network for Strengthening Demographic Training in Francophone Africa (FraNet), in collaboration with IFORD and the Cellule d'Appui à la Recherche et l'Enseignement des Institutions Francophones d'Afrique (CARE-IFA).



This workshop builds on one held in Ouagadougou in September 2014 on the same topic, with a greater emphasis on communication. It was attended by some sixty national and international participants: international experts from fourteen countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Luxemburg, Mauritania, Niger, Philippines, Senegal, Togo, United States); representatives of ministries responsible for development planning; representatives of universities and major training schools; representatives of the civil society working in the field of population and development; IFORD students.



The workshop objectives were to:

- train researchers in accounting methods to estimate the demographic dividend;
- provide feedback on the results of a study on the first signs of a school-related dividend in Africa;
- encourage Cameroonian policy makers and researchers to take an interest in this concept;
- identify strategic directions to enable Francophone African countries to take advantage of the demographic dividend.

In addition to the training sessions on methodologies to analyse the demographic dividend, Jeff Jordan, President of the Population Reference Bureau (PRB), led working sessions for both researchers and journalists on how to present research results to policy makers.



The evaluation conducted after the workshop indicates that participants found the training on decomposition methods and their application to the analysis of the demographic dividend very useful. In addition, they greatly appreciated the competence and availability of facilitators and assistants, the workshop's pedagogy, and the meeting with policymakers. Improvements could be made on the logistics.

Read also:

- [The seminar report, programme and participant list.](#)
- [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.



Training Workshop on Demographic Analysis for Decision Making

Dakar, Senegal, 1-5 December 2014

Organized under the auspices of the **IUSSP Network for Strengthening Demographic Training in Francophone Africa**

Trainers: Allan G. Hill (University of Southampton); Claudine Sauvain-Dugerdil (Université de Genève); Richard Marcoux (Université Laval); Valérie Delaunay (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement); Cheikh Mbacké (independent consultant); Laurent Richard (Université Laval).

The *Training workshop on Demographic Analysis for Decision Making - Trends and Inequalities in Death and Fertility in Francophone Africa* was organized at the Campus Numérique of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) in Dakar, Senegal from 1-5 December 2014, with funding from UNFPA and in collaboration with the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), the Observatoire démographique et statistique de l'espace francophone (ODSEF), and the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) in Senegal.



Participants included 24 trainees, mostly analysts based at national statistical offices in the Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, and Togo; six trainers and two training assistants, with vast experience teaching demographic methods and/or working with census and survey data in the region.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- improve capacity to analyse and use census data;
- better communicate population data to policy makers and the public by providing training in mapping software to represent population trends geographically maximizing their potential impact on policies and programmes at the local and regional level; and
- to demonstrate the unique value of census data, which, because of its exhaustiveness, is particularly suitable for disaggregated analyses of population trends.

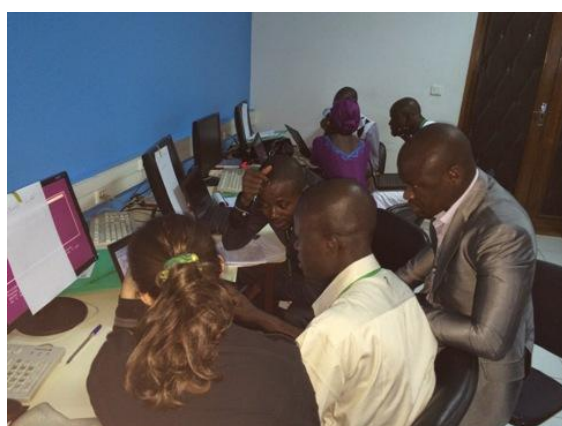
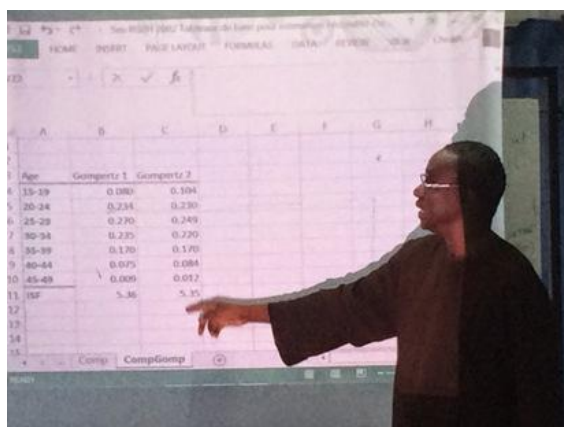
The workshop offered a mix of lecture and exercises drawing on *Tools for Demographic Estimation*, an online manual of demographic estimation methods for limited or incomplete data developed by an IUSSP working group with funding from UNFPA. The manual was translated to French for this workshop and is available on the IUSSP website at: <http://demographicestimation.iussp.org/fr>.

Training courses focused on fertility and child mortality in Africa, demonstrating how demographic methods of estimation can be used to understand population trends and inequalities. Particular attention was paid to the analysis of disaggregated data at the regional level to tease out inequalities in child mortality, life expectancy and fertility by mother's educational status, geographic location, urban or rural residence. The workshop included an introduction to QGIS, an open source data mapping software, which enables the spatial representation of data trends, greatly improving the potential impact of population analyses based on census and other population data sources for policy making.

The evaluation conducted after the workshop shows that participants found the online training tools and the workshop very useful. One-hundred percent of respondents would recommend it to their colleagues. Two-thirds of them, however, felt that the workshop was too short. Given the number of applicants who applied to attend the workshop as well as the strong evaluations of workshop participants, there appears to be high demand for short, though more likely, 10-day to two-week training workshops on demographic estimation methods covered in *Tools for Demographic Estimation*.

See also:

- [The seminar report, programme and participant list.](#)
- [Exercices, presentations and background documents](#) (in French)
- [The web page for the Francophone Network \(FraNet\).](#)



IUSSP Seminar on Promoting Postpartum and Post-abortion Family Planning: Challenges and Opportunities

Cochin, India, 11-13 November 2014

Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Reproductive Health

- *Chair:* Iqbal Shah (Harvard School of Public Health)
- *Members:* John Cleland (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine - LSHTM); Sarah Harbison (USAID); Ondina Fachel Leal (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul); K.G. Santhya (Population Council); Eliya Zulu (African Institute for Development Policy - AFIDEP)

An estimated 222 million women in developing countries would like to delay or stop childbearing but are not using any method of contraception. Given the impetus provided by Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) to enable 120 million more women and girls to access modern contraceptives by 2020, there is an urgent need to identify women in need, better understand the obstacles they face in accessing contraceptive methods, and recommend actions to accelerate the expansion of contraceptive use among them. Among women and girls with an unmet need for family planning are those who have recently given birth or undergone an abortion. Yet, in many settings, women are not using any contraceptive methods during this period, and the reasons for this low use are not well understood. At the same time, effective postpartum family planning programmes are lacking, and the provision of post-abortion family planning (PAFP) services has been seriously neglected in several countries in the developing world. Despite their strategic importance, topics related to postpartum and post-abortion family planning have received relatively little attention.

Against this background, the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Reproductive Health, in collaboration with the Population Council, India, and the Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization held an *International Seminar on Promoting Postpartum and Post-abortion Family Planning – Challenges and Opportunities*, in Cochin, India, 11-13 November 2014.



The seminar brought together 24 scientists, policy makers, and programme managers to present and discuss a range of issues relating to postpartum and post-abortion family planning. A total of 18 papers were presented, including one paper that provided an overview of the evidence base on postpartum and post-abortion family planning in developing countries.





The papers presented at the seminar sought to answer several key questions pertaining to postpartum and post-abortion contraception, including:

- (1) How to measure unmet need for contraception in the postpartum period and what is its magnitude?
- (2) Is unmet need for contraception in the postpartum period higher than at other times in women's reproductive life?
- (3) What is the optimal time for postpartum contraceptive uptake?
- (4) What is the extent of postpartum and post-abortion contraceptive uptake?
- (5) What methods are used by women who initiate contraception post-partum or post-abortion?
- (6) What is the method use continuation rate among women who initiate postpartum or post-abortion?
- (7) What are some of the barriers to improving postpartum and post-abortion contraceptive uptake and strategies to overcome those?
- (8) What types of intervention have had most impact on postpartum contraceptive uptake?

The full seminar report posted on the IUSSP website describes how seminar participants sought to answer these questions and point to a certain number of policy implications and the remaining research gaps. IUSSP members can also access the original seminar working papers.

Read:

- [The seminar report, programme and participant list.](#)
- [The Working Papers](#)

Publication Plan: A selection of papers has been submitted for publication as a special issue of *Studies in Family Planning*.

Funding: Financial support for seminar was provided by the Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization; the Wellcome Trust; the David and Lucile Packard Foundation; and the Strengthening Evidence for Programming on Unintended Pregnancy (STEP UP) Research Program Consortium, Population Council.



Graeme Hugo 1946-2015

Our esteemed colleague, **Graeme Hugo**, died on 19 January 2015 following a short battle with lymphoma. His death comes as a terrible shock to all who knew him well. Right up until his death, Graeme was communicating with colleagues about work in progress. Graeme's many services to the Union over the years are listed below. In the survey of IUSSP members in 2009 by van Dalen and Henkens, he was voted by his peers as the 34th ranked demographer of all time for the quality of his work.



First and foremost, Graeme was a scholar of international migration. Three joint publications on theories of international migration published in 1993, 1994 and 1999 have 5,800 citations in Google Scholar, and he has numerous other highly cited publications on international migration. He frequently participated in international meetings focussed upon international migration policy that were sponsored by lead agencies such as UNFPA, the World Bank, the International Organisation for Migration and the Asian Development Bank. And his reports for these agencies have been highly influential. Much of his work also focussed on internal migration. This included the conceptualisation and measurement of internal migration, its causes and its policy implications.

In regional terms, he was an expert on Southeast Asia and Indonesia in particular. This began in the early 1970s with his Australian National University PhD thesis on circular migration in West Java. Graeme was attracted to ANU for his PhD by the work that Jack Caldwell had done on internal migration in Ghana and Nigeria and Jack became his main PhD advisor. At that time, ANU had just commenced its strong focus upon the demography of Indonesia and so Graeme became a part of that focus. He lived very frugally during his PhD fieldwork in West Java. At the time, I was working at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta and I have fond memories of the times that he would drop in to my place for a shower and a glass of wine. Subsequently, he produced many publications on migration in Southeast Asia and a seminal book (with Terry and Valerie Hull and Gavin Jones) on the demographic dimension in Indonesia's development.

In his home country, Australia, he was much in demand from governments at all levels for advice on migration and population policy. He served on many national committees and, in 2011, led a major enquiry by the Australian Government on population policy. In 2012, he was awarded the great honour of being appointed as an Officer in the Order of Australia for his services to the field of demography. At the time of his death, he had served for eight years on the Australian Statistical Advisory Council. The Australian Deputy Statistician, Peter Harper, described Graeme as one of life's gentlemen, a brilliant mind and very generous with his time.

Graeme grew up in Adelaide and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Adelaide. His services to his home state were phenomenal. He was a South Australian institution. He has always been there as a resource for the South Australian government and people, often contributing his time and expertise, quite unselfishly, for very little return. He was equally at home on the international stage as conducting research on a small country town in South Australia. At the University of Adelaide and Flinders University, he trained numerous students at Masters and PhD levels and is highly regarded and fondly remembered by all of them. His funeral service will be held at the famous Adelaide Oval, which is managed by his equally energetic partner, Sharon, on Tuesday 27 January. I am deeply affected by his sudden passing as are his other colleagues in Australia and other countries. For his life and his friendship, all I can say is 'good onya mate'.

Peter McDonald, Honorary President of IUSSP

Graeme Hugo was elected a member of the Union in 1977 and actively contributed his expertise and time to IUSSP scientific groups and publications throughout his career. He was most notably a member of the IUSSP Committee on South-North Migration (1991-1995) contributing to the edited volume **Worlds in Motion** (1998) , he served on the **IUSSP Working Group on Urbanization** (1999-2002) co- editing with Tony Champion the volume **New Forms of Urbanization** (2004), and most recently he was a member of the IUSSP Scientific **Panel on the Demography of Refugees and Forced Migration** (2011-2014) which is in the final stages of preparing an edited volume with Graeme Hugo as both co-editor and contributor at the time of his death. The IUSSP is deeply saddened by the sudden death of one of its esteemed members who contributed greatly to the field of demography and generously gave his time and expertise to IUSSP.



Graeme Hugo surrounded by colleagues during the Seminar on Demographic Perspectives on Forced Migration and Refugees held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, 14-16 May 2012