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## International Population Conference

### Call for session suggestions

The IUSSP Council is seeking suggestions from IUSSP members for sessions to appear in the Call for Papers for the 28th International Population Conference, in **Cape Town**, South Africa (2017). To participate in shaping the scientific programme of the Conference, please submit your suggestions online by filling in the [online form](#). - Deadline for session proposals: 31 October 2014. (see article on page 6)



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## IUSSP Panels

### Call for new Panel proposals

The IUSSP Council decided to set up a second call for new Panel proposals, with a focus on nine priority topics. Selected Panels will begin their activities in 2015. - Deadline for submissions: 15 October 2014.

([Read the call for new Panel proposals online](#) or see article on page 6)

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## Membership News

### New membership renewal options

Council has taken two measures to encourage members to maintain their membership in between conferences: 1) provide a small incentive for members to make multiple year payments; 2) offer a reduced Conference registration rate to members who maintain their IUSSP membership between International Population Conferences.

([Read more online](#) or see article on page 7)

## IUSSP members can now pay UAPS dues

To help the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) collect their membership dues, the IUSSP has set up an option for IUSSP members to pay membership dues to UAPS – or even join UAPS – when joining or renewing their IUSSP membership.  
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## Call for candidates

The International Social Science Council (ISSC) has requested its member organizations (which include the IUSSP) to nominate at least two candidates to serve on the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) for the 2016 World Social Science Report (WSSR) on “Inequality and Social Justice”. - Deadline: 26 September 2014  
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## IUSSP Laureate Award

### 2014 Laureate ceremony

IUSSP President, Anastasia Gage presented the 2014 IUSSP Laureate to Thérèse Locoh during a special session at the European Population Conference in Budapest. The special session rich in emotion focused on gender and Africa, two scientific subjects especially dear to Thérèse Locoh, with presentations by Anastasia Gage and Armelle Andro.  
([Read more online](#) or see article on page 13)



### 2015 Laureate nominations

Would you like one of your colleagues to be honoured for their decisive contribution to the advancement of demography and population research? Do not hesitate to round up support and propose a nomination for the 2015 IUSSP Laureate award. The letter of nomination and all supporting documents should be sent to the IUSSP Secretariat **by 15 October 2014**.  
([Read more online](#) or see article on page 14)

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## IUSSP Seminars and Workshops

### Demographic differential vulnerability to natural disasters

The IUSSP seminar on Demographic differential vulnerability to natural disasters, held in Kao Lak, Thailand 23-25 April 2014 is the second seminar organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Climate Change. It was hosted jointly by the College of Population Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, and the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Human Capital, Vienna.



([Read more and access report, papers and videos online](#) or see article on pages 15-16)

## Decision-making regarding abortion

The IUSSP seminar on Decision-making regarding abortion-determinants and consequences, held in Nanyuki, Kenya, 3-5 June, 2014, was organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Abortion in collaboration with the Population Council, Nairobi. The papers present results from new studies based on both qualitative and quantitative data, propose new approaches and assess the advantages of existing methodologies, with the goal of guiding future work in this area.

([Read more and access report and papers online](#) or see article on pages 17-18)



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## Regional Population Conferences

**EAPS and ALAP tell us about their Conferences.**

### 2014 European Population Conference

The 2014 European Population Conference took place in Budapest, Hungary from 25 to 28 June 2014, organized by the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) and the Hungarian Demographic Research Institute (HDRI). The special theme of the conference was “Transitions: opportunities and threats”.

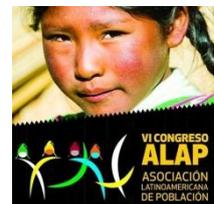
([Read more online](#) or see article on page 19)



### 2014 ALAP Conference

The Latin American Population Association (ALAP) organized the sixth Congress in Lima, Peru from 12 to 15 August 2014 and commemorated 10 years of existence. The congress’s central theme was Population dynamics and sustainable development with equity inspired by the current moment of reflections and evaluations of the ICPD after 20 years of the Plan of Action implementation.

([Read more online](#) or see article on page 20)



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## Calls for Papers

### Other calls for papers

- 2015 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, United States, 30 April-2 May 2015. - Deadline for submission: 26 September 2014
- International Seminar on Building an evidence base for active ageing policies: Active Ageing Index and its potential, organized jointly by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the European Commission’s Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL), Brussels, Belgium 16–17 April 2015. - Deadline for submission: 6 October 2014
- Third Asian Population Association Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 27-30 July 2015 - Deadline for submissions extended: 15 October 2014
- Cohort studies conference 2015: the value of cohort studies for social investigation, London, United Kingdom, 16 March 2015. - Deadline for submission: 10 November 2014

- Call for Dissertation Manuscripts: African Dissertation Series Vol 2 (African Population Studies). - Deadline for submission: 30 December 2014
  - 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 September 2015. - Deadline for submission: 31 March 2015
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## Training Workshops

### IUSSP calls for applications

- Francophone training meeting on Demographic analysis for decision making. Trends and inequalities in mortality and fertility in Francophone Africa – UNFPA/IUSSP tools for demographic estimation – Deadline for applications: 30 September 2014

### Other workshops

- International Advanced Studies in Demography (IDEM) winter semester 2014/15 courses at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) in Rostock, Germany. Deadline for applications: 10 October 2014
  - Regional Training Workshop on Monitoring and evaluation of population, health and nutrition programs, Bangkok, Thailand. Deadline for applications: 24 October 2014
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## Recent Publications

### Special issues in peer-reviewed journals

(based on IUSSP seminars)

- Special Issue on Population and climate: research innovations and bridges to policy, in *Population and Environment*, Volume 35, Issue 3, March 2014.
- Special issue on First union patterns around the world, Andrew J. Cherlin, ed., in *Population Research and Policy Review*, Volume 33, Issue 2, April 2014.

## Job Opportunities

### Employment announcements

- Job opening in Population Research at the Centro de Prospectiva Estratégica (CEPROEC) Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales (IAEN), Quito, Ecuador. - Deadline for applications: 30 September 2014
- Assistant Professor. University of Texas at San Antonio. - Deadline for applications: 1 October 2014
- Assistant Professor. University of California, Berkeley, Department of Demography. - Deadline for Applications: 31 October 2014

### Research grants and post-docs

- WZB-ISSC Global Fellowship at the Berlin Social Science Center (WZB). - Deadline for applications: 30 September 2014

- Post-doc on the project "Understanding the Micro and Macro Foundations of Trends and Inequalities in Global Health". Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics at Università Bocconi in Milan, Italy - Deadline for applications: 7 October 2014
  - Earth Institute Postdoctoral Fellowships. - Deadline for applications: 31 October 2014
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## Calendar

### Forthcoming IUSSP seminars

- Demography and the Post-2015 data revolution, Paris, France, 9-10 October 2014
- Early-life determinants of late-life employment, ill health and early death, Lund, Sweden, 20-21 October 2014
- Promoting postpartum and post-abortion family planning: challenges and opportunities, Cochin, India, 11-13 November 2014
- Separation, divorce, repartnering and remarriage around the world, Montreal, Canada, 4-6 May 2015

### Other forthcoming conferences

- Population Europe Event: The Stranger Among Us. Immigration Policies and Social Cohesion in Europe, Rome, Italy, 30 October 2014
  - Chaire Quetelet 2014 – Fertility, childlessness and the family: A pluridisciplinary approach, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 5-7 November 2014
  - International Conference on New Measures of Age and Ageing, Vienna, Austria, 3-5 December 2014
  - The ACSS Second Conference: Questioning Social Inequality and Difference in the Arab Region, Beirut, Lebanon, 13-15 March 2015
  - 2015 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, United States, 30 April-2 May 2015 –
  - Third Asian Population Association Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 27-30 July 2015
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## Submit your news and announcements

We need you 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](mailto: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.

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# Call for Session Suggestions: 2017 International Population Conference

The IUSSP Council is seeking suggestions from IUSSP members for sessions to appear in the Call for Papers for the 28th International Population Conference which will take place in Cape Town, South Africa the week of 29 October 2017. To participate in shaping the scientific programme of the Conference, please submit your suggestions online by filling in the [online form](#).

**Deadline for submission: 31 October 2014**

Your suggestion should include:

- a short, self-explanatory session title;
- a short explanation for why the session should be included in the programme (maximum 200 words);
- the names and email addresses of two potential organizers (you may include yourself as a potential organizer);
- a primary general theme in which the session belongs and a secondary general theme where the session should be cross-listed if the session addresses more than one theme (using the list of themes provided).
- If none of the general themes listed fits, please select “other” and write in the appropriate primary general theme for your suggestion.

Please note that the International Organizing Committee makes final decisions on all sessions, organizers and themes. Your suggestion may be modified or merged with those of other members. Topics that are broad and likely to attract a large number of papers are more likely to be retained than narrow topics. Members are especially encouraged to propose sessions that address new research and innovative methodologies or contribute to theory and policy.

Please also note that organizing a session does not entitle the organizer/chair for funding from IUSSP to attend the Conference.

## Proposals for new IUSSP panels

One of the main functions of the IUSSP is to stimulate and consolidate high-level scientific research on critical population issues and to develop and improve training and research in the population field. IUSSP Scientific Panels play a key role in implementing this work programme. The IUSSP Council is seeking proposals from the membership for new Scientific Panels to be created for the 2015-2017 period.

**Deadline for submissions: 15 October 2014.**

[Online form.](#)

The Union seeks to represent and reflect the views of its members. The Council, in carrying out its mandate to set the Union’s scientific programme, will review all proposals submitted by IUSSP members, prioritize proposals for new panels, and, if needed, merge proposals, propose other topics or select individuals to chair new panels.

Priority topics for panels identified by the Council at its meeting in January include:

- Youth and intergenerational relations
- Family planning and reproductive health
- Living arrangements and child welfare
- Demography and inequality
- New approaches to simulation and modelling of demographic processes
- Migration
- Population, climate change and the environment
- The demographic dividend: population, poverty and development
- Social and economic consequences of population dynamics in middle and high income countries: ageing, low fertility, population decline and the second demographic dividend.

Where multiple panels are established within the same theme, the Council will endeavour to ensure that the work of each panel is complementary and non-overlapping.

**If you wish to propose a new panel, your proposal will be strengthened by following three steps:**

- Consult the IUSSP website to review [current](#) or [past issues](#) addressed by IUSSP Scientific Panels
- Read the information on “[What are IUSSP Scientific Panels?](#)”
- Familiarise yourself with the new short [guidelines for panel proposals](#)

## **Discounts for IUSSP members opting to pay multiple years of dues.**

In an effort to reduce the quadrennial drop in membership that takes place between IUSSP International Population Conferences, the IUSSP Council has decided to implement two measures to encourage members to maintain their membership.

First, starting today IUSSP members will have the option to pay up to 4 years of dues in one payment at a discounted rate. This will help those who forget to renew or have difficulties making international payments to remain current members. Members who are paying the full dues rate will receive a discount of €10 euro for 2 years of dues payments, €20 euro for 3 years, and €40 euro for 4 years. For those qualifying for low and middle-income country and retired member dues, the discount will be proportional to their dues rate.

Second, members who maintain their IUSSP membership during the entire interval between conferences will be able to pay a reduced registration rate at the subsequent International Population Conference. Thus, those planning to attend the 2017 IUSSP conference in Cape Town will need to have paid their dues in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to be eligible for this discount.

We wish to stress the importance of keeping your IUSSP membership current. Your contributions cover a number of core activities that allow us to serve the international community of demographers, and demonstrate your commitment to the Union. Your regular support helps us leverage additional funds from donors for the Union’s diverse scientific and training activities, and to provide travel grants to members from low-income countries to participate in IUSSP conferences and scientific seminars.

[Pay your membership dues.](#)

## IUSSP members can now pay membership dues for the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) when renewing

Collecting dues from its members has long been a problem for the Union for African Population Studies, as their bank in Africa does not offer a secure and affordable online credit card payment platform, and cannot accommodate payments from members from foreign credit cards or checks drawn on foreign bank accounts. This state of affairs has severely hampered UAPS's ability to collect dues from its members.

We are pleased to announce that IUSSP members may now pay membership dues to UAPS – or even join UAPS – when joining or renewing their IUSSP membership. Just tick the option on the IUSSP renewal page to pay the UAPS regular member rate (30 euro or 40 USD for 1 year). Payments can be made in euros via credit card or by check in euros or US dollars. IUSSP members can select to pay for up to 4 years of UAPS membership at a time. Please note however that UAPS' dues payments can only be made in conjunction with an IUSSP dues payment. For all questions and communications concerning UAPS membership, publications, and activities, please contact Ms. Pricilla Annor ([uaps@uaps.uepa.org](mailto:uaps@uaps.uepa.org)) at the UAPS Secretariat in Ghana.

## Call for Candidates: Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) for the 2016 World Social Science Report (WSSR) on “Inequality and Social Justice”.



Deadline: 26 September 2014

The [International Social Science Council \(ISSC\)](#) has requested ([Download the announcement in PDF](#)) its member organizations (which include the IUSSP) to nominate at least two candidates to serve on the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) for the 2016 [World Social Science Report \(WSSR\)](#).

This new Report will focus on “Inequality and Social Justice”. The Committee will guide and advise the ISSC in the preparation of the Report including: advise on the structure and content of the Report, make suggestions for contributors and assist the editorial team in formulating conclusions and recommendations.

Selected members would be asked to participate in at least two meetings\*: one later this year and a second which will likely take place in Durban in conjunction with the [2015 World Social Science Forum on “Transforming Global Relations for a Just World”](#).

IUSSP members interested in serving on this committee should submit their candidacy by filling out the form below, uploading a short CV, and including a brief statement of interest that highlights specific experience relevant for this activity **before Friday 26 September**.

*\* Please note that the IUSSP is unable to provide funding to support travel and accommodation to attend ISSC meetings. Candidates would thus be expected to find their own funds to support any travel related to participation on this committee.*

## In memory of Jorge Somoza (1923 – 2014)

Many generations of Latin American demographers are deeply indebted to **Jorge Somoza**, who died this month (July) at his home in Santiago, Chile.

He was a remarkable teacher, and he made it easy to understand Alfred Lotka, stable population theory, and so forth when he explained them “for sociologists”, as he jokingly would say. He introduced us Latin American students to such “stars” as William Brass and Jean Bourgeois-Pichat when they visited CELADE, and acquainted us with their ideas. Earlier in our careers Jorge urged us to become members of IUSSP and to participate in workshops and conferences.



He was enthusiastically interested in very diverse areas of demography, and he would push us to pursue new problems he continually “discovered”: the mortality of Jesuits working in the Paraguayan missions, a method for estimating infant mortality in hospitals...everything was of interest to him. In these intellectual adventures he sometimes engaged non-demographers, and as a consequence physicians would find themselves testing the sisterhood method, or philanthropists would be gathering data on rural and indigenous populations in Patagonia.

Jorge would insist that he was not interested in politics. However he battled – with solid arguments – against the generalization of the private retirement system both in Chile and Argentina, confronting governments and powerful economic interests.

During the Chilean military coup in September 1973, he helped people in ways that put himself in great physical danger. And after the end of the Argentine dictatorship in Argentina those returning from exile or from studies abroad found in Jorge many kinds of support. His were great actions ... done as if they were small gestures. We will miss his great kindness.

Edith Alejandra Pantelides,  
CENEP, Buenos Aires

Jorge Somoza was selected as the **1995 IUSSP Laureate** for his contribution to population research. Read more on his career [here](#).

## In memory of Marc Lebrun (1946 – 2014)

We were saddened to learn that **Marc Lebrun**, deputy director of IUSSP (1970-1994) passed away on 25 June 2014 at the age of 67.

Marc, a young demographer fresh out of the University of Brussels, joined Bruno Remiche at the IUSSP Secretariat in 1970. For a quarter of a century, he served the Union with devotion and competence. He was appreciated by all for his intellect, knowledge, and attention to others.



Many of us remember with pleasure meetings and discussions with Marc during scientific seminars, which he so efficiently organized. In the early 1980's, Marc coordinated the activities of a working group on the history of the IUSSP publishing a document that remains a precious reference on the life of our association.

Despite an early retirement due to health problems, Marc continued to follow with interest IUSSP activities and remained in contact with many members of the Union. With Marc's passing an entire episode in the history of our association also disappears.

Please send us any memories or stories you have about Marc. We would like to honour his memory by posting these on the website.

France Meslé ([france.mesle@iusssp.org](mailto:france.mesle@iusssp.org))

### ***Members' testimonials and tributes to Marc Lebrun***

*I closely worked with him when I was Secretary General and, later, President of IUSSP. He was a softspoken, hardworking, cultivated, competent and amiable person. I remained in contact with him after he prematurely retired from work due to diabetes: we had developed a true and deep friendship. With his serious work he contributed to the good name and sound reputation of the Union. I know that many of the senior IUSSP colleagues remember him with affection.*

*Massimo Livi-Bacci*

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*I got to know Marc Lebrun very well in the 1980s while serving as a member of the IUSSP Working Group on the Economics of International Migration (1980-1981), member of the Committee on Economic and Social Aspects of International Migration (1983-1985), and Chair of the Committee on International Migration (1986-1990). Marc worked very hard for the Union and was one of the most efficient persons with whom I have ever worked. He also was a very kind and gentle person who would go the extra mile to comply with a request and help out the scientific groups. He worked closely with Bruno on IUSSP fundraising and was widely respected in the donor community. His departure from the IUSSP in 1994 was a major loss for the Union. May his family find peace in knowing that he was a highly valued member of the IUSSP team.*

*Mary M Kritz*

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*I have worked closely with Marc Lebrun at IUSSP Headquarters in the mid-1980s. Marc was a most pleasant and hard-working colleague. He was attentive to others and was always available to provide advice, which he provided with sound judgment and good humor. He was also a man of great culture. He definitely played a key role in the flourishing of IUSSP for many, many years. We will remember and cherish his legacy.*

*John F. May*

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*C'est lors du congrès de Liège en 1973, que j'ai rencontré Marc pour la première fois. J'ai immédiatement compris le rôle important qu'il jouait auprès de Bruno Remiche dans la bonne marche de l'Union. Très différents l'un de l'autre, ils ont formé un tandem très efficace. Personnellement, j'ai toujours apprécié Marc pour sa compétence, sa disponibilité, sa gentillesse, son dynamisme, au service de l'Union, de ses membres et surtout de ses activités scientifiques. L'une de ses principales fonctions consistait en effet à veiller à la bonne marche des Commissions scientifiques. Il y excellait, prêtant sans compter son concours et ses conseils toujours judicieux, tout en restant extrêmement discret et respectueux des prérogatives de chacune des Commissions qu'il avait en charge. J'ai beaucoup apprécié son goût pour l'histoire et sa vision des faits démographiques dans la longue durée. J'ai partagé avec lui de très bons moments à l'occasion de ma propre implication dans l'Union. J'ai beaucoup regretté son*

*départ prématuré pour raison de santé. Mais, même après, j'ai longtemps encore bénéficié de ses conseils, toujours très précieux. En fait, je n'ai de lui que d'excellents souvenirs, de ceux qu'on évoque avec la nostalgie d'un bon temps disparu.*

*Jacques Vallin*

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*Jacques Vallin a parfaitement exprimé ce que j'avais envie de dire à propos de Marc, et je ne vais donc pas le répéter ici. J'ai, comme lui, apprécié toutes les qualités de Marc pendant les années où j'étais membre du Conseil ou responsable de commission, et j'ajouterai seulement un point : son sens de l'humour, un peu pince-sans-rire et toujours discret. Le tandem qu'il formait avec Bruno Remiche aura marqué l'histoire de l'Union pour longtemps.*

*Henri Leridon*

## **In memory of Charles H. Teller (1941 – 2014)**

We were saddened to learn that Charles Heinroth Teller, IUSSP member since 1979, passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at the age of 73. Charlie was an active IUSSP member. He participated in many IUSSP conferences and seminars and served as a steering committee member of the Population and Environment Research Network (PERN).

This past April (2014), he presented a paper on livelihood strategies and adaptation to drought in Ethiopia at the IUSSP Seminar on Demographic Differential Vulnerability to Natural Disasters in the Context of Climate Change Adaptation.



Charlie had a long and distinguished career in development serving as Senior Technical Advisor in the USAID Office of Population and Reproductive Health, Population Reference Bureau (PRB) Bixby Visiting Fellow, director of the United States Peace Corps in Ethiopia, and Visiting Professor at the Center for Population Studies at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. Until recently, he was teaching courses at George Washington University and supporting students and researchers at Addis Ababa University.

### ***Members' Testimonials and Tributes***

*While Charlie was at PRB, I had the incredible experience of traveling with him in Ethiopia. His commitment to understanding the complexities of population, development, and environment relationships was unmatched, and as we traveled in the southern region he engaged people wherever we went, speaking with them in Amharic, joking, and laughing.*

*Charlie was a kind and thoughtful mentor. He challenged me to overcome my assumptions about population and development issues, and I relied often on Charlie for feedback. Charlie was always quick to help, and his input was tough and critical but invaluable. He always pushed me to do better, and I'm thankful for his energy and support.*

*Lest you think Charlie was slowing down as he got older, let me share that he was teaching at GW, , publishing new research, and helping us get new PRB demographic dividend work started in Ethiopia. He recently returned from a few weeks in Brazil watching the World Cup ...and of course he could still beat me at tennis!*

*Thank you Charlie.*

*Jason Bremner*

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*Charles H. Teller was a remarkable man: scholar, activist, family man, athlete, linguist, musician, research mentor, and enthusiast about just about everything. Dr. Teller had a long and distinguished career in improving policy and people's lives in poor countries. He published and spoke professionally in English, Spanish, and Amharic, and could have as well in Tagalog and Hebrew. Most recently, until his death, Teller was Adjunct Professor at both the Addis Ababa University and the George Washington University. No matter the intellectual passions of the moment, Charlie was never so animated over the years as when a classroom of students or a gaggle of co-authors were engaging his considerable talents as teacher and mentor. More, I think, than his 107 publications, more than the 50-odd countries of the world he worked in, more than the many national and international organizations he worked and consulted for, more than all these, I think the challenges and victories in teaching and mentoring were really Charlie's passion.*

*Professor Teller's professional specialties were migration early on, and then nutritional assessment, food security, and maternal and child health. He always wanted to know what the data say, beyond the considerable data and analysis he, himself, produced. Spanning all these fields of inquiry and policy, he developed in the last two decades an overriding interest in monitoring and evaluation, M&E as we call it. He insisted that policy interventions in nutrition and health be accompanied by systematic evaluations designed to reveal what works and what does not work, what is a candidate for scaling up to national levels and what would be a waste of money and talent. These efforts were not always fully appreciated. I think some good colleagues tired of his single-minded emphasis on evaluation, a costly activity that frequently gets in the way of getting the main job done right now. Charlie emphasized that this main job may help its immediate clients but can usually go no further without empirical evidence—data and analysis—pointing to what works and what does not.*

*Dr. Teller: What a career! Charlie Teller: What a life! Carlos: What a friend!*

*Bill Butz*

## 2014 IUSSP Laureate Ceremony for Thérèse Locoh

IUSSP President, Anastasia Gage presented the 2014 IUSSP Laureate to Thérèse Locoh during a special session at the European Population Conference in Budapest. The 90-minute special session rich in emotion focused on gender and Africa, two scientific subjects especially dear to Thérèse Locoh.



In the first half of the session, Anastasia Gage presented a [study on preventing child marriage in Ethiopia](#). Drawing on a survey of adolescent and young adults, she demonstrated how information needed to change attitudes must come from both the mass media as well as local social networks. Armelle Andro, Thérèse's former doctoral student, provided an overview of the history of gender studies presenting the principle indicators and touching on recent debates in gender theory.

During the second half of the session, devoted to the Laureate, Anastasia Gage highlighted the rich contributions Thérèse Locoh has made to the study of gender in demography, and particularly in Africa drawing on the [nomination letter](#), written by Jacques Vallin and supported by 80 IUSSP members. She also spoke about the influence of Thérèse's work on her own research gratifying her with the title of "Mama Africa". [In her response](#), Thérèse Locoh recalled how the theme of gender slowly found its just place in population studies and how the IUSSP contributed to its diffusion through its special committees and sessions that have grown in number with each International Population Conference. The session ended with testimonials from of friends and colleagues present at the session.



It was a passionate session where French and English harmoniously intermingled to honor a great demographer.

# Call for nominations IUSSP Laureate Award 2015.

**Deadline: 15 October 2014**

Would you like one of your colleagues to be honoured for their decisive contribution to the advancement of demography and population research? Do not hesitate to round up support and propose a nomination for the 2015 IUSSP Laureate award. Your colleague may become the next IUSSP Laureate, following in the footsteps of past IUSSP Laureates Louis Henry, Nora Federici, Samuel Preston, Jane Menken, John Bongaarts and Thérèse Locoh ... (see the full list of Laureates on the IUSSP website).

To be eligible for consideration, an individual must have been a member of the IUSSP for at least 20 years. Outstanding contributions to the advancement of population sciences and distinguished service rendered to the Union and the profession are factors that will be taken into consideration by the IUSSP Council in selecting the 2015 Laureate. Members of Council and Honorary Presidents may not be nominated for the award. The nomination letter should include a supporting statement and be signed by at least five current IUSSP members of different nationalities. The IUSSP Council members select the winning Laureate candidate by secret ballot, and therefore they should not be contacted to nominate or support individual candidates. The letter of nomination and all supporting documents should be sent to the IUSSP Secretariat in Paris to the attention of the Executive Director, Mary Ellen Zuppan, **by 15 October 2014**.

## **Procedure:**

- Please send Word and pdf files of the nomination letter and nominee's curriculum vitae by email to: [zuppan@iussp.org](mailto:zuppan@iussp.org).
- Email submissions of support letters with electronic signatures will be accepted.
- **Please include "IUSSP 2015 Laureate Nomination" in the subject line of the email.**

\*For the list of past IUSSP Laureates: <http://www.iussp.org/en/about/awards>

\*For the list of current Council members and Honorary Presidents: <http://www.iussp.org/en/iussp-governance>.

\*Membership directory: [http://www.iussp.org/membership/directory\\_search](http://www.iussp.org/membership/directory_search)

Applications remain valid for two years.

# IUSSP Seminar on Demographic Vulnerability to Natural Disasters in the Context of Climate Change Adaptation

Kao Lak, Phang Nga, Thailand, 23-25 April 2014

This second Seminar sponsored by the IUSSP Panel on Climate Change, was hosted jointly by the College of Population Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, and the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Human Capital (IIASA, VID/ÖAW and WU) (WIC), Vienna. The Seminar was held in Kao Lak, Phang Nga, Thailand over 2½ days during 23-25 April 2014.

Seminar Organizers were Prof Wolfgang Lutz, member of the IUSSP Panel on Climate Change and founding director of WIC, and Dr Raya Muttarak, research scholar at WIC.

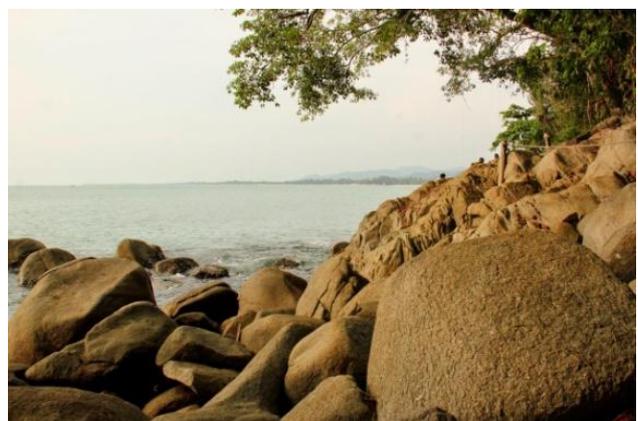


There were 42 participants, including three speakers in the roundtable discussion representing local stakeholders. The participants, mainly researchers and doctoral students, came from across the globe.

The main objective of the Seminar was to bring together researchers working in the area overlapping between population dynamics, response to natural disasters, and adaptation to climate change to strengthen the application of analytical tools in demography in studying demographic and socio-economic differentials to the field of risk, vulnerability and climate change.

The seminar program was organized around 4 research themes:

- Differential impacts of natural disasters on mortality, loss, damage and recovery
- Differential coping strategies including migration
- Case study of differential vulnerability and how to best prepare for environmental change in Thailand
- Vulnerability and risk assessment: micro- and global-level and projection



There were 9 sessions in total. The first day of the seminar addressed how the impacts of natural disasters and climate change were distributed unevenly across population subgroups and how coping strategies vary with demographic characteristics. Half a day of the second day was dedicated to the case study of differential vulnerability in the coastal zones in Thailand's context including a roundtable discussion with local stakeholders. The last three sessions were related to vulnerability and risk assessments both at the micro- and global-level and in comparative perspective including projection of future vulnerability considering the change in human capital distribution.



Papers presented at the Seminar provided empirical insights on demographic differential vulnerability, i.e. impacts, responses, coping strategies, and recovery from natural hazard events all vary by demographic characteristics (e.g. age, sex, education, geographic location) across different units of analysis – from individual, household, community to global level. Consequently, the Seminar established a platform for social scientists of different disciplines working on the issue of vulnerability and climate change to exchange expertise and knowledge on the topic.

The common consensus arising from the discussion was that demographic characteristics should be incorporated into the geographical assessment of vulnerability (i.e. it matters both who you are and where you are), and vulnerability indices need to be validated vis-à-vis actual experience of natural disasters. Meanwhile, it is important to consider geophysical characteristics that determine exposure to hazards when investigating demographic differential vulnerability.

**See also:**

- [Full report, programme and participants](#)
- [Working Papers](#)
- [Presentation slides](#)
- [Videos of the sessions](#)

**Publication plan:** A selection of papers presented at the Seminar will be published in the journal *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*.

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# IUSSP Seminar on decision making regarding abortion—determinants and consequences

Nanyuki, Kenya, 3-5 June 2014

Organized by the [IUSSP Scientific Panel on Abortion Research](#)

*Chair:* Susheela Singh;

*Panel members:* Harriet Birungi, Agnes Guillaume, Ndola Prata and Sabina Rashid



This seminar was organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Abortion, in collaboration with the Population Council's Nairobi office, and held in Nanyuki, Kenya, 3-5 June 2014. The seminar provided a forum for discussing current research on the decision-making process regarding abortion and its determinants. The papers mainly focus on countries or contexts where access to abortion is restrictive due to legal conditions, high stigma, or poor quality of health systems.

The papers present results from new studies based on both qualitative and quantitative data, propose new approaches and methodologies, and assess the advantages and disadvantages of existing methodologies, with the goal of advancing and guiding future work in this area. The decision making process regarding pregnancy resolution and abortion is insufficiently documented and poorly understood. The decision-making process related to pregnancy and abortion involves not only women but often other social actors such as male partners, family or community, medical institution and sometimes legal or religious institutions. In some societies women have little or no rights and autonomy regarding their own reproduction.



The 24 papers that were presented at the seminar addressed issues that included:

- abortion decision making – access and safety;
- social and economic factors and abortion;
- adolescents and abortion decision making;
- misoprostol and decision making;
- decision making and pregnancy outcomes;
- and there were three methodological papers.

Seminar participants came from all regions of the world and included both senior and junior scholars, including a few at the pre-doctoral stage.

See also:

- [Full report, programme and participants](#)
- [Working Papers](#)

**Publication Plan:** Panel members are actively pursuing the possibility of having a large proportion of the papers published in a special issue of a journal and are discussing options with various journals.

**Funding:** The seminar was supported by funds provided by the IUSSP, and with additional technical and financial support from STEP UP (Strengthening Evidence for Programming on Unintended Pregnancy) Research Consortium, funded by UK aid from the UK Government, as well as financial support from a number of organizations: Bixby Center for Population Health and Sustainability, University of California, Berkeley; Centre Population et Développement (CEPED, France); Ipas; Venture Strategies for Health and Development (VSHD); and Venture Strategies Innovations (VSI).



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# The 2014 European Population Conference

Budapest, Hungary, 25-28 June 2014

The [2014 European Population Conference \(EPC 2014\)](#) took place in Budapest, Hungary from 25 to 28 June 2014, organized by [European Association for Population Studies \(EAPS\)](#) and the [Hungarian Demographic Research Institute \(HDRI\)](#). The special theme of the conference was “**Transitions: opportunities and threats**”. The Opening Plenary Session focused on this theme with four keynote presentations by David S. Reher (Revisiting the theory of demographic transition), Melinda Mills (New approaches to examining family transitions in Europe), France Meslé (Mortality/health crisis in post-communist societies) and Zsolt Spéder (An overlooked aspect of the post-communist fertility transition).



The EPC 2014 brought together around 1,000 participants from all corners of Europe and the world, representing a wide range of disciplines and covering the many exciting dimensions of population research: about 550 papers were presented in 116 regular sessions.

All papers are available on the [EPC 2014 scientific programme website](#).

The majority of participants were affiliated to research institutions in Western Europe (36%), followed by researchers from Eastern Europe (21%) and participants from outside Europe (18%). The proportion of the latter has increased constantly compared to the previous EPCs in Stockholm 2012 and Vienna 2010. Most participants from outside Europe were based in the United States, but the EPC 2014 was also attended by researchers from Australia, Japan, Brazil, and from several African countries including Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa.



The EAPS Council takes great pride that its flagship event continues to develop as one of the leading scientific gatherings in the field. The next EPC will be held in Mainz, Germany from 31 August to 3 September 2016.

See also IUSSP's special session dedicated to the [Laureate ceremony](#) in honour of Thérèse Locoh.

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# The VI Congress of the Latin American Population Association

Lima, Peru, 12-15 August 2014

The Latin American Population Association (ALAP) organized the VI Latin American Population Congress in Lima, Peru from 12 to 15 August 2014 commemorating 10 years of existence. The congress's central theme was "*Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development with Equity*" inspired by the current moment of reflections and evaluations of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) after 20 years of the Plan of Action implementation. Thus the inaugural session focused on the [Montevideo Consensus](#) (product of intense debates at the first UN Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in August, 2013 in Montevideo) and on the progress and challenges of the ICPD agenda.



During the ALAP Congress, participants produced the [Lima Declaration](#) to define Latin American Priorities for the ICPD beyond 2014 in preparation for the UN General Assembly Special Session on ICPD beyond 2014 scheduled for 22 September 2014.

The IUSSP presented *Population Analysis for Policies & Programmes*, a distance-course implemented with the UNFPA collaboration. As expected, participants requested a Spanish version.



## Some Congress figures:

- 854 submissions to the first Call for Abstract/Papers
- 2 pre-congress activities:
  - 9 workshops for students and junior demographers.
  - 1 scientific meeting dedicated to Peruvian demographic dynamics and social policies
- 5 plenary sessions
- 13 round tables
- 56 regular scientific sessions
- 224 approved papers in oral presentations
- 5 presentations of training and other projects



Abstracts and/or papers submitted are available on the ALAP's [VI Congress website](#).