

18 September 2014

Voorburg Group 2014 Agenda
Host: Central Statistics Office of Ireland
Venue: Farmleigh House, Phoenix Park, Dublin

Monday, 22 September

- 07:30 Gather at Trinity City Hotel for transportation to Farmleigh House, transport will depart at 07:45
- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration, Refreshments
- 09:00 – 09:15 Welcoming Remarks – **Pádraig Dalton, Director General, Central Statistics Office, Ireland**
- 09:15– 09:45 Opening Remarks & Meeting Agenda Overview – **David Friedman, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (current Voorburg Group chair)**
Country Progress Reports – **John Murphy - United States Census Bureau & David Friedman, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**
- 09:45 – 12:00 **Session: Sector Papers and Issues Papers**
Session Leader: David Friedman, Voorburg Group chair (BLS-USA)
Presentation, Discussion, and Adoption of the Sector Papers on Programming and broadcasting activities (**Kat Pegler, UK presenting for author Hina Kikegawa, Bank of Japan**);
Other publishing activities (**Alexandra Wojewodka-Dunn, UK**);
Warehousing and support activities (**Dorothee Blang, Germany**).
- Coffee Break
- Software publishing (**Terry Bradley, Australia**); and
Postal activities (**Ildiko Hamvaine Holocsy, Hungary**)
- 12:00– 13:00 Lunch Break
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Session: Cross Cutting Topics – Part 1**
Session Leader: Mauro Politi, Italy (ISTAT)
CPI use in PPI context: (**Kat Pegler, UK; Ildiko Hamvaine Holocsy, Hungary**)
- 14:30 – 17:30
(Incl. coffee break) **Session: Cross Cutting Topics – Part 2**
Session Leader: David Friedman, United States
Institutional Sectoring – Turnover and prices for various sectors (B to B, B to E) (**Ildiko Hamvaine Holocsy, Hungary; Alain Gallais, France; Jakob Kalko, Norway**)
Productivity in Services: **Anne-Sophie Fraise, OECD**
Electronic data collection experiences (**Susanna Tåg, Finland; Mary Beth Garneau, Canada**)
- Daily Wrap-up and Further Discussion (if Needed)
- 18:00 – 20:00 Cocktail Reception at Farmleigh House

Tuesday, 23 September

- 08:00 Gather at Trinity City Hotel for transportation to Farmleigh House, transport departs @ 8:15
- 09:00 – 12:15 **Session: Call Centres (ISIC 8220)**
Session Leader: Derek Bird, Office of National Statistics, United Kingdom
- Mini-presentations on Turnover/Output for Call Centres (**Jakob Kalko, Norway; John Murphy, Census-United States; Eva-Marie Gustafson, Sweden**)
- Group Photo at 10:00 followed by Coffee Break*
- Mini-presentations of PPI for Call Centres (**Kristoffer Olsson, Sweden; Denis Gac, France; Terry Bradley, Australia**)
- Presentation of Discussant's remarks on Mini-presentations (**Christian Puchter, Austria**)
- 12:15 – 13:15 Lunch Break
- 13:15 – 15:45 **Session: Leasing Intellectual Property and Similar Products (ISIC 7740)**
Session Leader: Fred Barzyk, Canada
- Mini-presentations on Turnover/Output for Leasing Intellectual Property (**Jakob Kalko, Norway; Robbert Ruijter, The Netherlands; Agnieszka Matulska-Bachura, Poland**)
- Mini-presentations on PPI for Leasing Intellectual Property (**Denis Gac, France; Ildiko Homvaine Holocsy, Hungary**)
- Presentation of Discussant's Remarks on Mini-presentations for Leasing of Intellectual Property (**Bonnie Murphy, USA**)
- 15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00 – 17:30 **Session: Cross Cutting Topics – Part 3**
Session Leader: Mary Beth Garneau, Canada
- Maintaining Representative Turnover and SPPI: Re-stratification, Resampling, Rebasing, and Updating Weights
Turnover: Roberto Iannaccone, Italy; Sayeeda Kamaruddin, Malaysia
Prices: Jean-François Baron, France; Alexandra Wojewodka-Dunn, United Kingdom; Dorothee Blang, Germany; Lucie Nan, The Netherlands; Cristina Cecconi, Italy on chain-linking & annual update of weights for SPPIs; Aki Ono, Bank of Japan on rebasing
- Daily Wrap-up and Further Discussion (if Needed)

Wednesday, 24 September - Host Country Day

- 08:00 Gather at Trinity City Hotel for transportation to Farmleigh House, transport departs @ 8:15
- 09:00 – 10:30 **PANEL: Quality Adjustment for a Fixed-Input Output Price Index** (Follow-up on related session from past three VG annual meetings)
Report on and reactions to consultation with price experts to clarify this topic further including reference to examples of impact of using different concepts for quality adjustment. Topics may include:
--Clarify VG assumptions/mandate, i.e. focus on FIOPI
--Demonstrate framework for output SPPIs
--Provide examples of data resulting from the same change in services calculated through a resource cost approach and through a consumer utility approach
--Provide recommendations on how National Statistical Offices should apply quality adjustments to changing services from the producer perspective
Panelists include **Mary Beth Garneau, Statistics Canada who will also serve as session leader; Alain Gallais, France; Misato Higashi, Bank of Japan; & David Friedman, BLS-USA. There will also be time for plenary discussion.**
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 – 12:00 Host Country Presentation
- 12:00 – 13:15 Lunch Break
- 13:15 – 18:00 Field Trip (leave from Farmleigh House @ 13:15; return to Trinity City Hotel by 18:00)
- 20:00 – 22:00 Gala Dinner

Thursday, 25 September

- 08:00 Gather at Trinity City Hotel for transportation to Farmleigh House, transport departs @ 8:15
- 9:00 – 12:00 **Session: Travel Agency Activities (ISIC 7911)**
Session Leader: Susanne Lorenz, Germany
- Mini-presentations on Turnover/Output for Travel Agencies (**Ramon Bravo, Mexico; Joseph Keating, Ireland; Hideo Ishihara, Statistics Bureau-Japan**)
- Coffee Break
- Mini-presentations on PPI for Travel Agencies (**Niall O’Hanlon, Ireland; Terry Bradley, Australia; Andrew Baer, BLS-USA**)
- Presentation of Discussant’s Remarks on Mini-presentations for Travel Agencies (**Mauro Politi, Italy**)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break
- 13:00 – 15:30 **Session: Human Health Activities (ISIC Sector 86 including 8610, 8620, & 8690)**
Session Leader: Niall O’Hanlon, Ireland
- Mini-presentations on Turnover/Output for Human Health Activities (**Kati Heikkinen, Finland; Kat Pegler, United Kingdom; Barbro von Hofsten, Sweden**)
- Mini-presentations on SPPIs for Human Health Activities (**Bonnie Murphy, BLS-USA; Susanna Tåg, Finland**)
- Mini-Presentation on Volume & Prices (**Anne-Sophie Fraise, OECD**)
- Presentation of Discussant’s Remarks on Human Health Activities (**Alain Gallais, France**)
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45 – 17:45 **Session: Specialized Design Activities (ISIC 7410)**
Session Leader: Ramón Bravo, Mexico (INEGI)
- Mini-presentations on Turnover/Output for Specialized Design Activities (**Fred Barzyk, Canada; Abdullah Yuksel, Turkey; Ildiko Hamvaine Holocsy, Hungary**)
- Mini-presentations on SPPIs for Specialized Design Activities (**Terry Bradley, Australia; Marcus Friden, Sweden**)
- Presentation of Discussant’s Remarks on Specialized design services (**Brigitta Redling, Germany**)
- Daily Wrap-up and Further Discussion (if Needed)

Friday, 26 September

08:00 Gather at Trinity City Hotel for transportation to Farmleigh House, transport departs @ 8:15

9:00 – 9:30 Complete leftover business from earlier sessions

09:30 – 10:30

Session

Session Leader: David Friedman, United States

VG Governance and Bureau Representation

Future Agenda

Assignment of the Sector Papers for 2014 Mini-presentation sessions

Designation of Industries and Assignments for VG 2015 Mini-presentations – Part 1 -- Possibilities:

Designation of Papers on Cross Cutting Topics – If included

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00

Designation of Industries and Assignments for VG 2015 Mini-presentations – Part 2

Closing Remarks and Meeting Arrangements for Next Year – **David Friedman, United States**