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International Union for the Scientific Study of Population(IUSSP)

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Proposal of Activities

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP):

The International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) promotes scientific studies of demography and population-related issues. Originally founded in 1928 and reconstituted in 1947, the IUSSP is the leading international professional association for individuals interested in population studies. The IUSSP network includes over 2,000 members world-wide. The IUSSP's main goal is to foster relations between persons engaged in the study of demography, and stimulate interest in demographic matters among governments, national and international organisations, scientific bodies and the general public.

IUSSP Scientific Panels:

The scientific programme of the Union is carried out mainly by its Scientific Panels, which are each responsible for a programme of work in a specific field. These panels are established by the IUSSP Council to address a scientific issue and to organize two or three meetings to consider research knowledge, data and trends, and policy implications on the topic. They consist of a small group of high-level experts with an adequate regional distribution and gender balance.

IUSSP Scientific Panel on International Migration (Terms of Reference):

The Scientific Panel on International Migration (SPIM) is composed of seven international experts on international migration. It aims at addressing scientific issues in the field of international migration through implementing a set of activities - scientific meetings, workshops, training, and research activities in the field of international migration in cooperation with relevant regional and international organizations, universities, and research centers. SPIM is supported by an IUSSP Council Liaison and a Secretariat Liaison. The full composition of the SPIM is listed below.

SPIM's Programme of Activities:

The programme of activities of the SPIM is composed of the set of activities described below. (Please note that the planned activities are not yet finalized since we still need to reach consensus on the activities and potential sources of funding, and seek partnership with interested organizations and institutions.)

Arena 1: Participation in regional and international meetings on international migration

The Panel will send representatives and participate in various regional and international meetings on international migration. The activities include:

1. United Nations 10th Coordination Meeting on International Migration: 9-10 February 2012; New York City.
2. United Nations 2013 High-level Dialogue on International Migration.
3. Turkish Migration in Europe: Projecting the Next 50 years: 7-9 December 2012; Regent's College London, UK. (Conference co-chairs: Philip L. Martin and Ibrahim Sirkeci)
4. The XXVII IUSSP International Population Conference: 26-31 August 2013; Busan, Korea.

Arena 2: Training, Seminars and workshops

These activities will all aim to include broad representations of international demographers and other researchers and policy makers engaged in the study of international migration. The Panel will aim for the agenda of papers presented at its seminars and workshops to survey developments, trends, and prospects in international migration within all of the world's regions, and to present current and cutting-edge theoretical, methodological, and policy approaches. All seminars will result in either an edited volume of research papers or a special journal issue.

1. Seminar on "Conflict, Crisis and International Mobility": early 2013 (date TBD); London, UK. Main partner: Regent's Centre for Transnational Studies.

This seminar is planned with a broad scope; it will focus on recent crises such as those of the "Arab spring", the global financial crisis of 2008 (with a comparison to the Asian financial crisis?), and recent environmental disasters, and their repercussions for international migration. Up to 30 participants are expected to join this seminar. Other interested partners are welcome.

2. Seminar on "Highly-Skilled Migrant Workers": late 2012? (TBD); New York City, USA. Main partner: City University of New York (CUNY).

This seminar is planned to discuss the increasing phenomenon of highly-skilled immigration, including that of health sector workers, technology workers, and other skilled professions, and its repercussions in both receiving and sending countries, including the broad literature on the so-called "brain drain/gain" and knowledge circulation, as well as policy implications. Up to 30 participants are expected to join this seminar. Other interested partners are welcome.

3. Short Training Course on "Demographic Methods for Measuring International Migration": to be held for two days before or after the XXVII IUSSP International Population Conference, Busan, Korea August 2013. Main partner: The Egyptian Society for Migration Studies.

This training course will target young demographic researchers who want to study migration. It aims to equip them with demographic tools for both data collection and for methods in the analysis of migration data, including new approaches to the study of irregular migrants, trafficked persons, highly-skilled migrants, return migration, and circular migration. Up to 30 participants are expected to join this training course. Other interested partners are welcome.

4. Webinar (Online seminar) on "Irregular/Undocumented Migration". 2012 (TBD).

This online seminar will focus on the conceptualization, empirical research and policy implications on irregular or undocumented migration in various world regions. Papers will be solicited and posted online before the seminar, so that discussion will be most fruitful. The webinar is open to any parties who register beforehand, but will have an online moderator.

5. Webinar (Online seminar) on "International Migration and Development at the UN: 2006 to 2013"; 2014 (TBD).

This online seminar will reflect on regional and global developments on international migration and development between the two UN high-level dialogues (2006 and 2013). Papers will examine changes in knowledge over the past decade or so and suggest areas for future research. Papers will be solicited and posted online before the seminar, so that discussion will be most fruitful. The webinar is open to any parties who register beforehand, but will have an online moderator.

6. Workshop on "International Migration in the Middle East" 2012/13 (TBD), Cairo, Egypt.

Main Partner: Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo.
Workshop will examine levels, trends, and patterns, as well as causes and consequences of international migration within the Middle East region. Up to 30 participants are expected to join this workshop. Other interested partners are welcome.