91st DGINS CONFERENCE

"The Challenge of Communicating Statistics"

26th – 27th May 2005 Eigtveds Pakhus, Copenhagen, Denmark

Thursday, 26th May 2005

9.00 – 9.20 **Opening session**

Bendt BENDTSEN, Minister of Economic and Business Affairs Jan PLOVSING, Director-General, *Statistics Denmark*

9.20 – 9.50 Keynote address

Henning Christophersen, former Vice-President of the European Commission

9.50 – 11.00 Session 1 – Professional user requirements of statistical dissemination

Chair: Luigi BIGGERI, President, ISTAT, Italy

- 1.1 Ulrik NØDGAARD, Deputy Permanent Secretary, *Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs, Denmark* "What is important when using official statistics in government analysis?"
- **1.2** Steven Keuning, Chief Statistician, *ECB* "Meeting user's demands for truly European Statistics"

Discussant: Heinrich Brüngger, Director, UNECE Statistical Division

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.45 Session 2 – RESEARCHER REQUIREMENTS OF STATISTICAL DISSEMINATION

Chair: Carmen ALCAIDE GUINDO, President, INE, Spain

- **2.1** Pedro DíAZ MUÑOZ, Director, *Eurostat* "Disseminating statistics to the Research Community"
- 2.2 Niels PLOUG, Research Director, *The Danish National Institute of Social Research*"Evrenced data sources are approximate and a shellenge"

"European data sources – an opportunity and a challenge"

2.3 Svante ÖBERG, Director-General, *Statistics Sweden* "National Statistical Systems and Researchers"

Discussant: Ullrich HEILEMANN, Vice-President of CEIES

12.45 – 14.15 Lunch break

14.15 – 15.30 Session 3 – Non-professional user requirements of statistical dissemination

Chair: Tadeusz Toczynski, President, Central Statistical Office of Poland

- **3.1** Aija ZIGURE, President, *Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia* "Focusing on non-professional data users"
- 3.2 Michel GLAUDE, Director, *Eurostat*"After the 'Free Dissemination', an integrated Strategy of Communication"
- **3.3** Gunnar Sahlin, National Librarian, *Sweden* "Official statistics can they be used more efficiently?"

Discussant: Hallgrimur SNORRASON, Director, Statistics Iceland

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 16.45 Presentation of the Danish statistical system

Jan PLOVSING, Director-General, Statistics Denmark

18.30 Social activities (Official dinner at "Louisiana Museum of Modern Art" with guided tour through the exhibitions)

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9.45 - 11.15 Session 4 – DISSEMINATION TO THE NEWS MEDIA

Part 4.1: Expectations of the news media

4.1.1 Jim SAFT, Reuters

"The needs of the media in covering official statistics"

Part 4.2: The national statistical institutes and the requirements of the news media

Chair: José MATA, President, INE, Portugal

- **4.2.1** Len COOK, Director, *ONS, United Kingdom* "The challenge of communicating statistics"
- **4.2.2** Leif BECK FALLESEN, Editor-in-chief, *Dagbladet Børsen, Denmark* "21st Century statistics please From counting pigs to measuring knowledge"

Discussant: Péter PUKLI, President, Hungarian Central Statistical Office

11.15 – 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 – 12.45 ROUND TABLE – "TO WHICH EXTENT ARE THE NSI'S READY TO MEET THE FUTURE CHALLENGES OF DISSEMINATION?"

Chair: Donal GARVEY, Director-General, Central Statistics Office,

Ireland

Participants: Günther HANREICH, Director-General, Eurostat

Johann HAHLEN, President, Statistisches Bundesamt, Germany

Heli JESKANEN-SUNDSTRÖM, Director-General, Statistics

Finland

Irena Krizman, Director-General, Statistical Office of the

Republic of Slovenia

Gosse VAN DER VEEN, Director-General, CBS, Netherlands

12.45 – 13.00 CLOSING SPEECH

Jan PLOVSING, Director-General, Statistics Denmark