Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Program Committee (chaired by Peter van de Ven) for the 32nd IARIW General Conference to be held August 5-11, 2012, I am pleased to inform you that your paper submitted to Session 7A on "Role of the Housing Market in the Economy" organized by Robert Hill has been accepted for presentation in the first poster session. This session will take place in the late afternoon of Monday, August 6, 2012 at the Royal Soneta Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The two poster sessions, which are always well attended, are an important part of the General Conference. There is a prize of $500 US for the best poster.

Papers, including poster papers, presented at IARIW conferences are made available on the conference website before the event. This gives conference delegates an opportunity to read the papers in advance. Consequently, a completed paper must be sent to the IARIW secretariat by July 15, 2012. This is a firm deadline and failure to respect it can result in removal of the paper from the poster session of the program.

There is no conference registration fee for individual IARIW members and individuals employed by IARIW institutional members (a list of institutional members is posted at www.iariw.org/members.php). Non-members must pay a conference registration fee of $75US. Individuals are strongly encouraged to join the IARIW. The membership fee is $75 US. The membership form is posted at www.iariw.org/apply.php

The US Bureau of Economic Analysis is responsible for the local arrangements for the conference. The conference website, which will include information on registration procedures and accommodation and meal arrangements, will be available in early 2012.

The IARIW has a needs-based financial assistance program for paper givers, including poster papers. Details on the program are posted at www.iariw.org/finstandorders.php. Persons requesting financial assistance are asked to send me an email detailing the reasons for the request, the amount requested, and a detailed breakdown of the amount by type of costs. The deadline for receipt of funding requests is January 31, 2012. Applicants will be informed of the decisions of the financial assistance committee by early March.

The Nancy and Richard Ruggles Memorial Fund provides for a prize of $2,500 US to promote the development of young researchers by recognizing their outstanding scholarship. One prize will be awarded competitively on the basis of a paper presented at the 2012 IARIW General Conference as judged by the Trustees of the Fund. Papers can be by a single author or multiple authors, all of whom must be equal to or less than 35 years of age on February 15, 2012 to be eligible. Details on the prize are posted at www.iariw.org/ruggles2012.php.

If you have any questions related to the conference, please contact me. We look forward to an most successful conference.

Sincerely,

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Poster Session #1
Monday AUGUST 6 LATE AFTERNOON
Role of Housing Market in the Economy

Alicia Rambaldi (University of Queensland) "The Effect of Alternative Estimators of the Time-Varying Hedonic Model with Spatial Errors on the Revisions of the Computed Hedonic Imputed Price Index"

Francesca Modena (University of Trento) "Leaving Home and Housing Prices. The Experience of Italian Youth Emancipation"

Giuseppe Cinquegrana (ISTAT, National Accounts Department, Italy) "The Dynamics of the Housing Market Prices and the Business Cycle: A Var Analysis for the European Monetary Union"