

Conference on Data Quality for International Organisations

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Information book

Introduction

The conference on Data Quality for International Organisations, will follow the Q2006 – European Conference on Quality in Survey Statistics, (24–26 April 2006, Cardiff, United Kingdom). Eurostat has been invited by the Committee for Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA) to organise this second conference.

The primary purpose of the conference is to provide statistical experts from international or supra-national organisations with a forum to discuss specific data quality issues related to their work. It will also allow delegates to exchange experiences regarding the various quality mechanisms developed for improving the collection and dissemination of international data. More specifically, this meeting will focus on the use and convergence of international quality assurance frameworks taking into account the endorsed Principles Governing International Statistical Activities by the CCSA on 14 September 2005 and parallel initiatives such as the European Statistics Code of Practice which was adopted in a Recommendation by the European Commission on 25 May 2005 on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical authorities.

National statistical experts are welcome to participate and contribute on how good practices of quality management gained at the national level can be extended to the international area of work.

Programme committee

Mr. Enrico Giovannini, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Mr. Sylvester Young, International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Mr. Heinrich Brügger, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE)

Mr. Haluk Kasnakoglu, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

Ms. Caroline Willeke, European Central Bank (ECB)

Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

Mr. Robert W. Edwards, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Mr. Frank Nolan, Office for National Statistics, UK (ONS)

Mr. Håkan Lindén, Eurostat

Papers

Further information regarding the conference will be available on the following website: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/acsub/>.

Conference papers will also be posted here as soon as they become available.

Agenda

Please note that this is a provisional agenda.

Thursday 27 April

09.00 – 09.30	Welcome and introduction (ONS, Eurostat, UNSD)
09.30 – 10.00	Overview of last conference (content, directions taken, and progress made) (OECD)
10.00 – 11.30	Quality assurance frameworks for assessing and improving statistical activities carried out in international organisations (Eurostat)
11.30 – 13.00	Coherence of data published by various international organisations (OECD)
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break
14.30 – 16.00	Collection, management and dissemination of current best methods, minimum standards, and best practices (UNSD)
16.00 – 16.30	Refreshment break
16.30 – 18.00	Peer review methodologies (UNECE)

Friday 28 April

09.00 – 10.30	Tools and practices for collecting quality metadata from data providers and informing users on the quality of statistics (FAO, IMF)
10.30 – 11.00	Refreshment break
11.00 – 12.30	Labelling of statistical information – panel discussion (ECB, Eurostat)
12.30 – 14.00	Summary of the conference and conclusions (ILO, Eurostat)

Contacts

For general questions regarding the conference:

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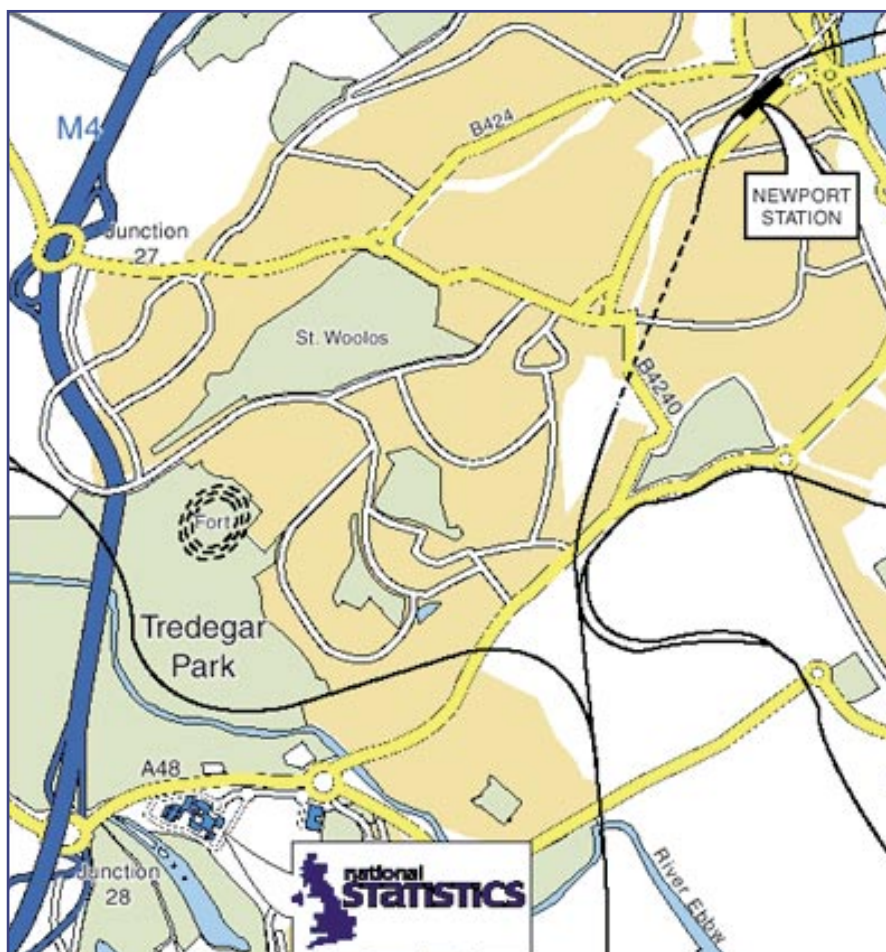
For specific question on local arrangements at the conference venue please contact:

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Location

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Cardiff Road
Newport
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Travel information

We are looking at the possibility of organising transportation from Cardiff to ONS if there is sufficient demand.

Bus times and information

Regular bus services operate from Cardiff Central Bus Station and stop opposite ONS on Cardiff Road. Buses run half past every hour from Cardiff and stop outside the Newport office approximately three minutes past the hour. A day return costs approximately £2.80.

The same bus service (number 30) also stops outside the Holiday Inn Newport. A day return from the hotel to ONS costs approximately £1.30.

From Cardiff Central Station (stand E4) to Cardiff Road, Newport Bus service number 30

Depart 0925	Arrive 1002 (passing the Holiday Inn approximately 0955)
Depart 1025	Arrive 1102 (passing the Holiday Inn approximately 1055)
Depart 1145	Arrive 1221 (passing the Holiday Inn approximately 1215)
Depart 1225	Arrive 1302 (passing the Holiday Inn approximately 1255)

From Cardiff Road (Newport) to Cardiff Central Station Bus service number 30

Depart 1534	Arrive 1615 (passing the Holiday Inn approximately 1542)
Depart 1654	Arrive 1735 (passing the Holiday Inn approximately 1702)
Depart 1736	Arrive 1818 (passing the Holiday Inn approximately 1744)
Depart 1834	Arrive 1915 (passing the Holiday Inn approximately 1842)

This information is intended as a guide to help in planning your stay and is subject to change. For more up-to-date travel times and costs please contact Traveline: **+44 (0) 870 608 2 608** or visit the Cardiff Bus website <http://www.cardiffbus.com/services/timetables/TIMES/MF/030MF.HTML>.

Taxi fares and information

Taxi fares from Cardiff to the ONS will cost approximately £30.00 each way.

For travelling by taxi from Cardiff to Newport contact:

Capital Cabs +44 (0) 29 20 777777

Delta Taxis +44 (0) 29 20 202020

Taxi fares from Newport Train Station to ONS cost approximately £6.00 each way with fares from the Holiday Inn Newport approximately £3.00 each way.

For travelling around Newport by taxi contact:

Dragon Taxis + 44 (0) 1633 216216

Capitol + 44 (0) 1633 263666

Accommodation

People may wish to simply extend their stay in Cardiff, but for people only attending the Conference on Data Quality for International Organisations or those wishing to be nearer the venue there is accommodation in Newport.

We have arranged accommodation through our booking agents, Expotel, at the Holiday Inn Express Newport. Please note that the rate and availability cannot be guaranteed after **24 March 2006**.

To reserve your accommodation please contact Expotel:

Tel:+44 (0) 161 947 4523

Quote reference: 14574205

Holiday Inn Express Newport (ihotelsgroup.com):

Double Room for single occupancy is £62.00 per person per night (including full breakfast).

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Coedkernew
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The Holiday Inn Express is within walking distance of the Newport office or a short taxi ride. For a location map and directions to the hotel, please go to <http://www.expotel.com/details/details.asp?hotelpc=NP10+8BB> and select the appropriate option.

Registration

Please complete the registration form attached and email to **Håkan Lindén** by 30 March.

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