

FENStatS News

- a) **The CESS Conference 2016 will be organized in Budapest, 20-21 October 2016.** (I warmly thank Royal Statistical Society and the Hungarian Statistical Association for their availability and efforts in finding the final solution. We first verified the possible organization of the meeting in Manchester, but we observed that was necessary to find an additional financial support to maintain the CESS 2016 without conference fees, and due to the restrict time this support was not found). **So FENStatS, ESAC, EUROSTAT, the Hungarian Statistical Association and the Hungarian Statistical Office agreed to organize CESS 2016, in Budapest**, by following the typology of organization of CESS 2014 with plenary and parallel sessions. All societies are invited to start to think to organize sessions (I will send a call in few days).
- b) **The 20 October in Budapest we will have the occasion also to celebrate the first European Statistics Day within the CESS 2016**, together with Eurostat, ESAC and NSIs. Thus, I consider this is a very nice additional novelty.
- c) The next Council meeting of FENStatS will be in Budapest during CESS 2016 (I propose 19 October 2016 afternoon).
- d) The second Call for applications of **European Master in Official Statistics (EMOS)** has been just published and all universities from an EU Member State, EU candidate country or EFTA country are invited by Eurostat to respond to this EMOS Call for applications. Universities are invited to submit their applications complete with accompanying documents as described in the EMOS Guide for applicants **until 29 January 2016**. For the full information and all annexes concerning the 2nd EMOS Call for Applications please see <http://www.cros-portal.eu/content/2nd-emos-call-applications-2015>. Let me know if there are universities in your country that will be interested to apply.
- e) Eurostat has participated in the collegial work of conceiving the new **2016-2017 Work Programme of Horizon 2020**, with a view to cater to the need **for innovation in the European Statistical System**. The 2016-2017 Work Programme has just been published, and Eurostat has in a first review identified a number of calls (see <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020>) which appear relevant from an official statistics perspective – for instance the call CO-CREATION-07-2017 on “Improved economic and social measurement, data and official statistics”:
<http://www.cros-portal.eu/content/co-creation-07-2017-towards-new-growth-strategy-europe-improved-economic-and-social-0>

We are strongly encouraged to study the various calls, and together start building consortia so that Universities and NSIs can submit research project proposals in response to the calls.

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