

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)

Upcoming Activities on
International Migration and
Development



The IUSSP and its Scientific Panels

- IUSSP: the leading international professional association for demography
 - 2,000+ members
 - President, IUSSP Council: Peter McDonald
- Promotes scientific studies of population issues, primarily through scientific panels:
 - small groups of experts collaborate to organize meetings and publications



Current Scientific Panels on International Migration

- Process and Dynamics of Cross-Border Marriage
 - Seminar on Marriage and International Migration, Seoul, Korea, October 2011
- Demography of Refugee and Forced Migration
 - Seminar on Demographic Perspectives on Forced Migration and Refugees, Tehran, Iran, May 2012
- **International Migration**
 - Just formed; members & tentative agenda on next slides



Members of the Scientific Panel on International Migration (SPIM)

- **Ayman Zohry, PhD. (Chair)**, President, Egyptian Society for Migration Studies (EGYMIG), Cairo, Egypt.
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SPIM's Planned Participation in International/Regional Meetings:

- United Nations 2013 High-level Dialogue on International Migration
- 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)
- The XXVII IUSSP International Population Conference: 26-31 August 2013; Busan, Korea



SPIM's Preliminary Research Agenda:

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

- Focus on recent crises, e.g., "Arab spring", global financial crisis of 2008, & recent environmental disasters, & repercussions for international migration. ~30 participants; edited volume.

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

- Discussion of highly-skilled immigration: health & tech workers, skilled professions, & impact in receiving & sending countries—"brain drain/gain", knowledge circulation, policy. ~ 30 participants; special journal issue.

Short Training Course on "Demographic Methods for Measuring International Migration": XXVII IUSSP International Population Conference, Busan, Korea, August 2013. Main partner: The Egyptian Society for Migration Studies.

- Targets young demographers; provides demographic tools for collection & analysis of migration data, including: irregular migrants, trafficked persons, highly-skilled migrants, return & circular migration. ~ 30 participants.



SPIM's Preliminary Research Agenda (cont):

Webinar (Online seminar) on “Irregular/Undocumented Migration”; 2012 (TBD).

- Focus on conceptualization, empirical research, policy implications of irregular/undocumented migration in various world regions. Papers solicited & posted online. Webinar is open, but with online moderator.

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

- Reflections on regional & global developments on international migration & development between 2 UN high-level dialogues (2006 & 2013). Papers to examine changes in knowledge & suggest areas for future research. Papers solicited & posted online. Webinar is open, but with online moderator.

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.

- Examination of levels, trends, patterns, causes & consequences of international migration in Middle East. ~ 30 participants; edited volume.

