

# Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of European Statisticians

## **1. Eighteenth session of the Joint Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (Geneva, 28–30 August 1991)**

The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party will primarily consider (i) progress in the preparation of the 1990 Forest Resource Assessment, (ii) methodologies and database for long-term studies, (iii) productivity in the forest sector, (iv) roundwood price statistics and specifications, (v) organisation and periodicity of statistical data collection and dissemination, (vi) assistance to economies in transition and a number of more limited issues.

## **2. Work session on statistics of the hidden and informal activities inside the production boundary of national accounts (Geneva, September 1991)**

The work session will discuss, on the basis of the countries' replies to an enquiry of the secretariat, national practices in the development of imputation or other methods for the inclusion of the results of "hidden" and "informal" economic activities in national accounting aggregates. The work session will be asked to decide on the future work of the Conference of European Statisticians in this area.

## **3. Consultation on the European Comparison Programme within the ICP (Vienna, October 1991)**

The consultation will consider methodological problems related to the comparison in Group II, and some general questions concerning the ECP and the world comparison. Possible means for co-operation within the world programme and with Eurostat and OECD will also be discussed.

## **4. First work session on statistical metadata (Geneva, 8–10 October 1991)**

The session will consider methodological aspects for a standard representation of statistical data and metadata. In that respect it will discuss an (i) inventory of

standards on statistical computing; (ii) a Reference Model for Standardization in Statistical Computing; (iii) the development and design of a pilot metainformation system; and (iv) problems in transition of statistical metainformation systems.

**5. First work session on statistical data editing (Geneva, 28–31 October 1991)**

The session will consider the following aspects based on experiences achieved by the Joint Group on Data Editing of the SCP-2: (i) data editing system guidelines and specifications; (ii) impact of data editing on the quality of data; (iii) data editing methods, techniques, and software; (iv) automatic coding; (v) new technologies in data editing.