

## Agenda

Location: Government Conference Centre  
Room: Gatineau Room

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1994**

**9:30**                    **COFFEE**

**10:00**                    **OPENING REMARKS**

**Purposes, objectives and organization of the conference**  
Jacob Ryten, Statistics Canada

**Overview of the problems**  
Bohdan J. Schultz, Statistics Canada

**11:45**                    **LUNCH**

**13:15**                    **TOPIC 1: PRICE INDICES AT THE MICRO AGGREGATION  
LEVEL AND THEIR MACRO EFFECTS: METHODOLOGICAL AND  
EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE**

Chairperson: Ralph Turvey, visiting professor at the London School of  
Economics (UK)

Sampling and Data Capture Issues in the CPI Construction,  
Marta F. Haworth, Central Statistical Office (UK)

Improvements to the Food at Home, Shelter and Prescription Drug Indexes in  
the U.S. Consumer Price Index, Paul A. Armknecht, Brent R. Moulton,  
Kenneth J. Stewart, Bureau of Labour Statistics (US)

**15:15**                    **COFFEE**

**15:30**                    Constraining Macro Effects of the Use of Different Methods at the Basic  
Level in the Project to Harmonise Consumer Price Indices in the European  
Union,  
Don J. Sellwood, Eurostat

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1994**

**8:45**                    **COFFEE**

**9:00**                    **CONTINUATION OF TOPIC 1: PRICE INDICES AT THE MICRO  
AGGREGATION LEVEL AND THEIR MACRO EFFECTS:  
METHODOLOGICAL AND EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE**

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Economics (UK)

Choice of Price Index Formulae at the Micro-aggregation Level:  
The Canadian Empirical Evidence, Bohdan J. Schultz, Statistics Canada

On the First Step in the Calculation of a Consumer Price Index,  
Bert M. Balk, Statistics Netherlands

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**10:45**                    Sensitivity Analyses for Harmonising European Consumer Price Indices,  
Jögen Dalén, Statistics Sweden

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**13:15**                    A Pragmatic Approach to the Selection of Appropriate Index Formulae,  
Keith Woolford, Australian Bureau of Statistics

Comparative Changes in Average Price and a Price Index: Two case studies,  
Alain Saglio, INSEE (France)

**15:15**                    **COFFEE**

**15:30**                    **GENERAL DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY ON TOPIC 1**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1994**

**9:00**                **COFFEE**

**9:15**                **TOPIC 2: BIAS OF A CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, SHALL WE TRY  
TO ESTIMATE IT?**

**Chairperson:** Jack Triplett, Department of Commerce (US)

General discussion

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**11:00**                **CLOSING REMARKS:**

Jacob Ryten, Statistics Canada

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