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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
09.00	Registration 09.30 Welcome Reports from international organisations (ECB, Eurostat, IMF, OECD, UN)	Host day Lead: Sweden Presentation of Statistics Sweden	Sessions on Product Price Indices Session I: Principal Papers - Telecommunications services, Accounting services, Real Estate services, Legal Services Lead: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Participants: Japan, U.S., Australia, U.K., Canada, Sweden	Sessions on Product Price Indices (cont.) Session III: Selected Challenges in PPI Surveying–Mini presentations Road Freight, Advertising, Insurance, Banking Lead: United Kingdom Participants: France, Australia, U.K., U.S., Japan, Italy	Session on The Future Work Programme Lead: VG Bureau Participants: National Institutes, UN, OECD, Eurostat, ECB, IMF
				Session IV: OECD Inquiry on National Collection of Services Producer Prices Participant: OECD	
12.00-13.15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch (13.00)
13.15-17.00	Sessions on the Information Society Lead: Finland Support: France, Sweden, Denmark, Japan, Australia and OECD	13.15 Round tour at the office building of Statistics Sweden and 2 mini presentations: 1. The Swedish Business Register and the system for drawing coordinated samples 2. Retail Trade Statistics – graphical editing	Session II: Quality adjustment and Fitness for Use Lead: IMF Participants: U.K., Australia, Japan, U.S.	Session on Classification Lead: Canada Participants: U.S.	

		14.00 Excursion by bus from Statistics Sweden to the town Nora and the surrounding region.			
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The topics for discussion at the meeting are described below.

For each of the items mentioned a subgroup has been set down in order to prepare the work. The coordinator is mentioned under each item. If you have not already flagged your interest to the Bureau you can contact the coordinators directly.

1. Service products prices and production

The main topic of the meeting in Örebro is PPI for services products. Three sessions will be devoted to this issue:

- Based on the discussions in Madrid principal papers for pricing Telecommunication, Accounting, Legal and Real Estate shall be presented as a model for pricing a sector in detail.
- Four new service activities (Computer services, Insurance, Banking, Advertising, Courier services or Market research) will be addressed in a two-years process for developing a model paper for presenting an international practices in these areas.
- Quality adjustment techniques and fitness for use criteria for evaluation of indices and their use by national income accounts.

In addition to being important in its own right, the work will be very important for the development of the CPC. As the purpose of the price indices will be to deflate the estimates of output, it is important to know whether the CPC, as presently developed, is suitable for the collection of both revenues and prices or needs to be modified in the light of the experience of compiling price indices.

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2. Information Society statistics

There is an increasing and pressing demand by governments and other users to obtain indicators on the Information Society in its broadest definition. To meet these demands the OECD Working Party on Indicators for the Information Society and the Voorburg Group has decided to cooperate closely in this area. The topics that will be discussed on the meeting concern

- ICT usage
- ICT sector (consequences of the coming NACE 2002 revision, proposal for indicators)
- ICT Services (identification of ICT services in terms of CPC)
- Contents sector (proposal for a delineation)

Coordinator: Ms Lea Parjo, Statistics Finland, e-mail: lea.parjo@stat.fi

3. Classification of service activities and products

Looking ahead at the coming major ISIC/NACE revision in 2007, including greater convergence with NAICS, the session shall discuss the future work to be carried out. Contributions to the development and update of the services part of ISIC and the CPC including proposals arising from experience in the collection and compilation of data on production and/or international trade in services are welcomed from the participating countries.

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4. Future

The work program 1999 – 2001 ends with the 16th meeting of the Group. The Bureau shall present a proposal for future work. Participating countries are welcomed either to feed the Bureau with their comments or to present papers on this issue.

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