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## **Wharton School's Pension Research Council Co-Launches International Pension Network**

The [Pension Research Council](#) at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that it is collaborating with [CEPAR](#) at the University of New South Wales (Australia), and [Netspar](#) at Tilburg University (The Netherlands), to launch the International Network for Pensions, Aging, and Retirement Research (INPARR). The Research Office of [Willis Towers Watson](#) is also assisting.

With the [OECD](#) serving as the Secretariat, INPARR intends to organize a global annual research meeting; elect INPAR Fellows recognizing their contributions to the area; develop a website highlighting resources in the area as well as social networks; and select/recruit affiliated organizations including policy groups interested in pension research.

The launch conference, held in Paris in June of 2016, included speakers and representatives from Australia, Germany, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, South Africa, Switzerland, the UK, the US, and other nations. For additional information on the 2016 conference, visit our website at <http://bit.ly/24yxXpS>

Dr. Olivia S. Mitchell from the Pension Research Council, said “I am delighted to build this close research relationship with the international players in the pensions and aging field. We are eager to expand our work together on retirement security around the globe.”

Dr. Monika Büttler and Dr. Theo Nijman from Netspar stated that “it is very fruitful to learn from pension products and discussions all over the world. Netspar is looking forward to this close cooperation with the OECD and the leading global centers for academic pensions research.”

Dr. John Piggott from CEPAR noted that the Network “will provide opportunities for pensions researchers not currently linked with the central groups of researchers around the world to become connected and raise their profiles, as well as providing valuable analysis to the global community.”

Dr. Michael Orszag from Willis Towers Watson observed that “this Network provides a unique and exciting opportunity to link the global research community working on pensions, ageing, and retirement income, in search of new solutions to important social problems.”

INPARR has at its mission the promotion and advancement of high-quality social science research on pensions, ageing, and retirement. It will fulfil this mission through facilitating the dissemination of research through conferences, working papers, a website, journals, and other media; recognizing excellent research through a Fellows program among other efforts; developing and disseminating research content by networking researchers across disciplines; supporting and facilitating the development of junior researchers; and providing a nexus for highlighting datasets useful for international research.

The primary foundation of INPARR will be its membership. INPARR is launching with a core group of founders and around 30 charter members known for their research contributions, with an initial membership term of two years. Members will have an active interest in pension research and be affiliated with universities, industry, policy groups, government, and elsewhere. This membership fee will include a one-year free subscription to the [\*Journal of Pension Economics and Finance\*](#) (Cambridge University Press). Members would also receive access to restricted areas of the INPARR website which would include materials such as pre-publication documents, calls for papers and the INPARR member directory; members will also receive a discount on INPARR conference fees.

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The [Pension Research Council](#) is committed to generating debate on key policy issues affecting pensions and other employee benefits. The Council, seated at the [Wharton School](#) of the University of Pennsylvania, sponsors interdisciplinary research on private pension and social security programs, as well as related benefit plans in the United States and around the world. It supports scholarly research on global aging, successful retirement, and retirement income security while facilitating access to research and data critical to the investigation of retirement security. Recent working papers are available for download at The Pension Research Council Working Paper Library.[www.pensionresearchcouncil.org](http://www.pensionresearchcouncil.org).

The ARC [Centre for Excellence in Population Aging Research](#) (CEPAR) is a research organization housed at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), with nodes at the Australian National University (ANU) and The University of Sydney. CEPAR is a unique collaboration bringing together academia, government, and industry to address aging as one of the major social challenges of the 21st century.

The [Network for Studies on Pensions, Aging, and Retirement](#) (Netspar) connects pension practice and pension science. Netspar seeks to secure sustainable pension and insurance systems that share risk equitably and efficiently in The Netherlands and throughout Europe.

The mission of the [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development](#) (OECD) is to promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. OECD uses its wealth of information on a broad range of topics to help governments foster prosperity and fight poverty through economic growth and financial stability.