

## **SCORUS News August 2015**

SCORUS held a successful conference in Brussels on 16-17 June 2015 just preceding the meeting of the National Urban Audit Coordinators. 35-40 participants held presentations and discussions on European cities focusing on topics such as analyzing the characteristics of cities using a modeling approach; measuring sustainability; inner-city disparities and urban planning; city and regional trends; and how the science of cities can help European policy makers. A full report on this conference is forthcoming and will be available on the SCORUS website [scorus.org](http://scorus.org).

SCORUS organized two sessions for ISI2015, the 60<sup>th</sup> World Statistics Congress held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 26-31 July 2015: IPS024 "Urbanisation and Societal Challenges: How are statistics measuring up?" and STS015 "New Urban Agenda and Statistics". These two sessions focused on the process and progress of linking statistics, often produced by NSO's, and local applications. Policy and program developments that take place at the local level are frequently those that impact sustainable development. These sessions examined approaches to using statistical data at the local level as an effective means for positive change.