

Introducing new Statistics for Development Division Staff



Rens Hendriks
Economic Statistician/
Prices (replacing Alick)

I recently joined SDD from Statistics Netherlands, where I specialised in the development and compilation of price

index numbers. I spent several years doing research on the development of house price indices, and was also involved with the coordination of the European Comparison Programme (PPPs). This last project had just ended when I was made aware of the position at SPC, an opportunity providing a near perfect fit with my background, and set in one of the most breathtakingly beautiful regions of the world: The Pacific. The rest, as they say, is history. I am looking forward to soon meeting up with all of you.

I have a Master's degree in international economics from Maastricht University.



Dennis Donahue
Demographer/Social
Statistician (replacing
Nick)

I recently joined SDD from the United States Census Bureau, where I have worked since

2001. Most recently, my work involved the use of administrative records to replace and/or supplement traditional data collection efforts like censuses and surveys.

Previously, I worked in the Census Bureau's International Programs Centre, where I was the lead population analyst for the IPC international estimates and projections work; I was also the Census Bureau's

subject matter expert on countries of the former Soviet Union. As part of my work at the IPC, I also provided technical assistance on censuses, surveys and population analysis, which allowed me to travel to every part of the world except the Pacific.

I received my training in Demography at the University of Texas, at Austin.



Paul Gutch
Web Developer
(replacing James)

Kia Ora – Having lived all my life in Auckland, I recently joined SDD, to work on regional and national PRISM website

developments, and other web based data and information management applications.

My journey to SPC began last year when I was asked to help facilitate the running of two website administrator training attachments.

I am a specialist in the Content Management System Joomla!, having used it to build websites for almost 10 years. The Joomla! Open Source project has come a long way, in that time producing a reliable and secure platform for web development.

When not in front of my Computer I enjoy keeping fit by playing tennis, running, biking, swimming and the occasional hike.