

Report, General Assembly

The Nineteenth General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Saturday, June 11, 2005 in Paris, Université Paris I. More than 100 members attended the meeting. The President, Christoph Schmidt, led the Assembly. He thanked those involved with making the Paris meeting a success, especially the local organiser Catherine Sofer as well as the scientific organiser Patricia Apps, who was assisted in the latter job by Alison Booth (Australian National University), Olympia Bover (Bank of Spain), Valérie Lechene (Oxford University) and François-Charles Wolff (University of Nantes). This year's meeting was very successful, which can be seen by the highly acclaimed plenary lectures of David Card and Timothy W. Guinnane, but also by a very high quality of the contributed papers. 470 papers have been submitted, 210 of them have been accepted. Attendance at the meeting reached close to 240 participants.

The next conference of ESPE will be held in Verona June 22-24, 2006 at the "Palazzo della Gran Guardia", located at Piazza Brá, Verona. Barry Chiswick (University of Illinois at Chicago) will serve as the program chair, Federico Peralli, from the University of Verona will be the President of the Local Committee. All submissions should be sent by e-mail to the program committee. Submissions should include an abstract and, when possible, the paper itself. Preference will be given to submissions that include a complete paper, other things equal. Abstracts are to be submitted as plain text in the main body of the email; papers should be sent as attachments in either MS Word, .pdf, or .ps format. The submission deadline is February 1, 2006.

The former secretary of the Society, Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, reported on the recent elections. In total, 104 ballots were received. Patricia Apps from the University of Sydney was elected President. She will become President of the Society in 2006. Sara thanked the outgoing Council Members Barry Chiswick, Miles Corak, Sara de la Rica, Peter Kooreman, Paul Schultz, Nina Smith and Marianne Sundstroem for their service to the Society. She welcomed Alison Booth, Daniela Del Boca, Rudolf Winter-Ebmer and Christian Dustman as new members in the Council. The positions are effective from January 2005. Further information about the Society is to be found on the Web-page of the Society. (www.espe.org). The books of the Society (kept by the Treasurer

Regina Riphahn) have been audited by René Böheim (University of Linz) and Mark Taylor (University of Essex), their positive report has been approved by the Assembly.

Christoph Schmidt, President.

Sara de la Rica.