

## **Report, General Assembly**

The Twenty-Third General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Hotel Meliá, Seville. The President, Jan van Ours, chaired the Assembly. He thanked all those involved in making the Seville meeting such a success, with special thanks going out to all the local committee for their work on the local organising committee, as well as to scientific program chairman Tim Hatton and all the members of the scientific program committee.

This year's meeting was very successful, due both to the warmly received plenary lectures given by Bruno Frey (University of Zurich) and Barbara Petrongolo (London School of Economics) and to the high quality of the papers contributed. 597 papers were submitted, 356 of which were accepted. In addition and for the second time, there were 30 posters presented. There were 10 fee waivers given (according to their papers grading by the scientific committee) to the following students: Laura Fumagalli (University of Essex), Tarjei Havnes (ESOP and University of Oslo), Jami Husain (Keele University), Mario Mechtel (University of Tuebingen), Annemarie Nelen (Maastricht University), Peter Nilsson (Uppsala University), Stephan Russek (University of Passau), Serena Trucchi (University of Turín), Francesca Zantomio (University of Essex) and Martina Zweimüller (University of Linz).

Regarding the proposal to convert ESPE in a registered non-profit organization, the new statutes have been approved by a wide majority of the ESPE members. At present, we must sign a Foundation Protocol to register ESPE as an association. Thomas Bauer is in charge of the immediate steps to follow.

The next ESPE Annual Conference will be held on June 10-12th at Essen (Germany). Essen will be the European Culture Capital in 2010. The conference will be held at the Messe Essen Conference Centre. Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (University of Linz, Austria) will serve as the program chair, Christoph Schmidt, President of the RWI Essen, will chair the Local Committee. The Call for Papers will announce the electronic address to which abstracts and papers must be sent. Preference will be given to submissions that include a completed paper. The submission deadline is February 1, 2009.

The secretary of the Society, Sara de la Rica, reported on the results of the elections held during the autumn of 2008. 206 ballots were received. Rudolf Winter-Ebmer was elected President-elect for 2010. Sara welcomed Erik Plug as the new elected member of the Council. Their positions are effective as of January 2009. The accounts of the Society, kept by the Thomas Bauer, have been audited by René Böheim (University of Linz) and Mark Taylor (University of Essex). Their positive report has been approved by the Assembly. Further information about the Society is to be found on its Web-page at [www.espe.org](http://www.espe.org).

Jan van Ours, ESPE President.

Sara de la Rica, ESPE secretary.