

Report, General Assembly

The Twenty-Fourth General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Congress Center South, Essen. The President, Tim Hatton, chaired the Assembly. He thanked all those involved in making the Essen meeting such a success. Special thanks were due to Christoph Schmidt director of RWI and the local organising committee for the excellent local arrangements and the smooth running of the conference. He also thanked the scientific program chairman Rudolf Winter-Ebmer and all the members of the scientific program committee.

This year's meeting was very successful, due both to the plenary lectures given by Alan Manning (London School of Economics) and Maristella Botticini (Bocconi University) and to the high quality of the papers contributed. 633 papers were submitted, 332 of which were accepted for oral presentation. In addition and for the third time, there were 30 posters presented. There were 15 fee waivers given (selected by the scientific committee from a large pool of applicants) to the following students:

Christine Ho	University College London
Semih Tumen	University of Chicago
D. Mark Anderson	University of Washington
Timo Hener	Ifo Institute, Munich,
Marta Lachowska	Stockholm University, Stockholm
Natalia Kyui	University Paris-1 Pantheon Sorbonne, Paris
Artemisa Flores Martinez	University of Warwick, Coventry
Agnese Romiti	Tor Vergata University, Rome
Martin Koppensteiner	Queen Mary University of London
Martin Guzman	Brown University, Providence, RI
Yun-Shan Chan	Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York
Rita Ginja	University College London, London
Yanos Zylberberg	Paris School of Economics, Paris
Veronica Toffolutti	University of Padua, Padova
Carl (Shu-Ming) Lin	Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey

The report of the *Journal of Population Economics* was given by the Editor-in Chief Klaus Zimmerman. He reported that there had been a steady increase in the number of papers submitted: 349 in 2009 up from 225 in 2004. As a result, the acceptance rate had fallen to about 15 percent but the quality of accepted papers had increased and the journal had risen in the international rankings of economic journals. Prof Zimmermann

noted that relatively few papers from the ESPE conference were submitted to *JPopE* and he encouraged participants to submit their papers to the Journal.

The next ESPE Annual Conference will be held on June 16-18th at Hangzhou, China. The conference will be held at the Zhejiang Narada Grand Hotel, well situated at the city center. Sara de la Rica (University of the Basque Country, Spain) will serve as the program chair and Junsen Zhang 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 January 15, 2011.

The secretary of the Society, Sara de la Rica, reported on the results of the elections held during the autumn of 2009. Sara de la Rica was elected President-elect for 2011. The new council members elected are: James Albrecht, Michele Belot, Sonia Bhalotra and Deborah Cobb-Clark. Their positions are effective as of January 2010. In addition, the Executive Committee has proposed Laura Hospido as the new secretary of the Society for the period 2011-2013. The council approved the proposal.

The accounts of the Society, kept by the Thomas Bauer, have been audited by René Böheim (University of Linz) and Konstantinos Tatsiramos (IZA). 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.

Tim Hatton, ESPE President.

Sara de la Rica, ESPE secretary.