

Report: General Assembly 2011

The Twenty-Fifth General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Friday, June 17, 2011 at the Zhe jiang Narada Grand Hotel, Hangzhou.

The President of the Society, Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, chaired the Assembly.

He informed that Sara de la Rica will be the next President in 2012 whereas Deborah Cobb-Clark will be the President-elect. He reported on the results of the elections held during the autumn of 2010. According to those results, he informed that the new members of the 2011 Council are Miles Corak and Astrid Kunze. Rudolf also thanked the members who left in December 2010: Alison Booth and Daniela del Boca. Special thanks were due to Sara de la Rica, the ESPE secretary in the last 6 years, who has contributed much to the development of the Society over this period. He also introduced Laura Hospido as the new secretary of the Society for the period 2011-2013.

The president informed that the council agreed on leaving the fees for the 2012 ESPE membership and for the 2012 conference as they are now: 70 EUR for membership, 325 Euros for early registration to the conference, and 375 Euros for late registration.

The report of the *Journal of Population Economics* was given by the Editor-in Chief Klaus Zimmermann. He reported that after smaller improvements in the years before, the number of submissions significantly increased in 2007 and 2009, with a small decline in 2010. Klaus informed that there has been a large increase in submissions by authors from Asia. Currently, 52% submissions are from Europe, 26% from North-America and 22% from Asia. Regarding the acceptance rate, he claimed that there is a clear trend for more restrictive decisions. Finally, 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 president informed that the accounts of the Society, kept by the treasurer Thomas Bauer, have been audited by Nicole Schneeweis and Konstantinos Tatsiramos. Their positive report has been approved by the Assembly. Rudolf thanked the outgoing auditors René Böheim and Mark Taylor for their help during the last 6 years.

Thomas Bauer made a presentation reporting the financial matters and membership situation in 2010. The net worth of ESPE is 85,394.25 Euros. As for the membership situation, ESPE has 696 members as of 31-12-2010.

Rudolf encouraged all ESPE members to use the intranet service available at the new ESPE website www.espe.org in which any member can post job openings, conferences, or information on postgraduate studies.

Finally, as the chair of the Local Committee, Stefan C. Wolter announced that the 2012 ESPE Annual Conference will be held on June 20-23, at the University of Bern, Switzerland. Deborah Cobb-Clark will serve as the program chair. The Call for Papers will announce the electronic address to which abstracts and papers must be sent.

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