

Minutes General Assembly 2012

The Twenty-Sixth General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Friday, June 22, 2012 at the University of Bern.

The President of the Society, Sara de la Rica, chaired the Assembly.

She informed that Deborah Cobb-Clark will be the next President in 2013 whereas James Albrecht will be the President-elect. He reported on the results of the elections held during the autumn of 2011. According to those results, he informed that the new members of the 2012 Council are Mikael Lindahl and Andrea Weber. Sara also thanked Erik Plug, Council member who left in December 2011.

The president informed that the council agreed on reducing the fees for the 2013 ESPE membership and for the 2013 Annual Conference, given that Springer has offered all ESPE members a cheaper online access to the Journal of Population Economics. Given that, the fee for ESPE membership will be 40 EUR, whereas the normal conference fee will be 300 Euros for early registration and 350 Euros for late registration. This normal fee includes ESPE membership and online access to the Journal. Members will also have the option of receiving a print-version of the Journal for an early registration fee of 330 Euros (380 Euros in case of late registration). In this latter case members will need to provide a valid mail address during the registration process. PhD Students will have a reduced fee of 230 Euros for early registration to the conference, and 280 Euros for late registration.

The report of the Journal of Population Economics was given by the Editor-in Chief, Klaus Zimmerman. He emphasized that this year marks twenty-five years of the Journal. He reported that apart from a small dip in 2010, the number of submissions has been consistently increasing and now exceeds 400 submissions in a given year. Klaus also informed that the ranking of the Journal is further rising and that the origin of submissions overwhelmingly continues to be from Europe. 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 the Journal; hence he encouraged participants to submit their papers to it.

Thomas Bauer, treasurer of the Society, made a presentation reporting the financial matters and membership situation in 2011. As of 31-12-2011, the net worth of ESPE is 70.505,01 Euros. As for the membership situation, ESPE has 754 members. He also informed that the accounts have been audited by Nicole Schneeweis and Konstantinos Tatsiramos. Their positive report has been approved by the Assembly.

Finally, on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, Helena Skyt Nielsen announced that the 2013 ESPE Annual Conference will be held on June 12-15, at Aarhus University, Denmark. James Albrecht will serve as the program chair.

Sara de la Rica, ESPE President
Laura Hospido, ESPE secretary