

Minutes General Assembly 2013

The Twenty-Seventh General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Friday, June 14, 2013 at Aarhus University, Denmark.

The President of the Society, Deborah Cobb-Clark, chaired the Assembly.

She informed that James Albrecht will be the next President in 2014, whereas Erik Plug will be the President-elect and Marco Caliendo will be the Treasurer. She reported on the results of the elections held during the autumn of 2012. According to those results, he informed that the new member of the 2013 Council is Dave Ribar.

The president informed that the council agreed on leaving the fees for the 2014 ESPE membership and for the 2014 conference as they are now: 40 EUR for ESPE membership, 300 Euros for early registration to the conference and 350 Euros for late registration. The normal registration fee to the conference includes ESPE membership and online access to the Journal of Population Economics. 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.

Deborah also presented the accounts, kept by Thomas Bauer - treasurer of the Society -, and audited by Nicole Schneeweis and Jonathan James. As of 31-12-2012, the net worth of ESPE is 67.962,74 Euros. As for the membership situation, ESPE has 772 members. The report on the accounts was approved by the Assembly.

The report of the Journal of Population Economics was given by the Editor-in Chief, Klaus Zimmermann. 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 origin of submissions overwhelmingly continues to be from Europe, although the share of submissions from Asia exhibits the highest increase over time. Regarding the acceptance rate, he claimed that in 2012 the acceptance rate increased compared to the previous years. Finally, Prof Zimmermann noted that time between submission and first decision is expected to remain below 90 days and the Journal will guarantee a low time between acceptance and publication.

Finally, on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, Priscila Ferreira announced that the 2014 ESPE Annual Conference will be held on June 18-21, at the University of Minho, Braga, Portugal. Erik Plug will serve as the program chair.

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