

Sixteenth ESPE Conference and General Assembly in New York 2003

Report, General Assembly

The Seventeenth General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Sunday, June 15, 2003 in New York. 50 members attended the meeting. The President, Peter Kooreman, led the Assembly. He thanked those involved with making the New York meeting a success, especially the local organiser and the scientific organiser Chris Flinn, who was assisted in the latter job by Daniela Del Boca and Wilbert van der Klaauw. This year's meeting was very successful, which can be seen by the highly acclaimed plenary lectures of James Heckman and Thomas Sargent, but also by a very high quality of the contributed papers. The number of contributed papers reached a high of 365 submissions, Chris Flinn and his team have chosen 210 presentations. Attendance at the meeting reached more than 240 participants.

The next conference of ESPE will be held in Bergen at the University of Bergen, June 10-12 2004, Alf Erling Risa will chair the local organizational team. Christoph M. Schmidt from RWI Essen will be the scientific organizer. All submissions should be sent by e-mail to the program committee at espe2004@rwi-essen.de. Submissions should include an abstract and, when possible, the paper itself. Preference will be given to submissions that include a complete paper, other things equal. Abstracts are to be submitted as plain text in the main body of the email; papers should be sent as attachments in either MS Word, .pdf, or .ps format. The submission deadline is February 1, 2004.

For the year 2005 the Council decided to hold the Annual meeting in Paris, France.

The Secretary of the Society, Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, reported on the recent elections. In total, 102 ballots were received. Christopher Flinn from New York University was elected President. He will become President of the Society in 2004. Rudolf thanked the outgoing Council Members Panos Tsakloglou, Alf Erling Risa and Pierre Pestieau for their service to the Society. He welcomed

Simon Burgess from Bristol and Erik Plug from Amsterdam as new members in the Council, Sara de la Rica and Stephen Jenkins were reelected. The positions are effective from January 2003. Further information about the Society is to be found on the Web-page of the Society. (www.espe.org). The books of the Society (kept by the Treasurer Regina Riphahn) have been audited by Agneta Kruse and Marco Francesconi, their positive report has been approved by the Assembly. As of December 2001, the Society had 515 members.

Peter Kooreman, President.

Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, Secretary.