

## Eighteenth ESPE Conference and General Assembly in Bergen 2004

### Report, General Assembly

The Eighteenth General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Saturday, June 12, 2003 in Bergen in the Griegshallen. 50 members attended the meeting. The President, Chris Flinn, led the Assembly. He thanked those involved with making the New York meeting a success, especially the local organiser Alf Erling Risa as well as the scientific organiser Christoph Schmidt, who was assisted in the latter job by A. Aakvik, T. Bauer, D. Jäger, M. Lindeboom and R. Riphahn. This year's meeting was very successful, which can be seen by the highly acclaimed plenary lectures of Robert Moffitt and Jean-Marc Robin, but also by a very high quality of the contributed papers. 328 papers have submitted, 180 of them have been accepted. Attendance at the meeting reached close to 200 participants.

The next conference of ESPE will be held in Paris June 16-18, 2005, at the Cité Universitaire. Patricia Apps (University of Sydney, Australia) will serve as the program chair, Catherine Sofer from Paris I Sorbonne University and Olivia Ekert-Jaffé from l'Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED), Paris, as the local organizers. All submissions should be sent by e-mail to the program committee at [ESPE2005@law.usyd.edu.au](mailto:ESPE2005@law.usyd.edu.au). 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, 2005.

The Secretary of the Society, Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, reported on the recent elections. In total, 136 ballots were received. Christoph Schmidt from RWI Essen was elected President. He will become President of the Society in 2005. Rudolf thanked the outgoing Council Members Patricia Apps and Heather Joshi for their service to the Society. He welcomed Marco Francesconi (Essex)

and Catherine Sofer (Paris I) as new members in the Council, Valerie Lechene and Klaus F. Zimmermann were reelected. The positions are effective from January 2004. Further information about the Society is to be found on the Webpage of the Society. ([www.espe.org](http://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. Rudolf thanked Agneta Kruse and Marco Francesconi – who stepped down as auditors – for their service. As suggested by the Secretary, the Assembly voted to appoint René Böheim (Linz) and Mark Taylor (Essex) as new auditors for the books of the Society.

Chris Flinn, President.

Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, Secretary.