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1. Executive Committee and Council 2010

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2. Message from the President

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as President of ESPE. I particularly enjoyed presiding at the 24th annual conference hosted by the Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI) at Essen, during its year as European Capital of Culture.

As in recent years there were over 300 participants at the conference, selected from a growing number of applicants and drawn from all over the world. The result was an excellent programme of papers that represented the frontiers of research in household economics, labour economics, public economics, health economics and population economics, as well as a rich array of topics, often exploiting new data and advanced methods and often related to policy. As in the last two years, there was also a poster session with 30 posters, which was well received by the participants.

Highlights of the conference included the presentations of the two keynote lectures. The first by Alan Manning (London School of Economics) was entitled “One nation under a groove? Immigration and identity”, a title borrowed from a 1970s dance music hit record. Consistent with the theme of breaking down barriers, the presentation explored the empirical evidence on how far and how quickly immigrants adopt a host country identity, and exploded widely held views about the separateness of certain ethnic groups. The second keynote was by Maristella Botticini who spoke about “Culture, institutions and social norms in historical perspective.” She provided a fascinating interpretation of the evolution of social norms through the ages, focusing on dowries and the marriage market. Continuing the historical theme, I gave my presidential address on the question “How have Europeans grown so tall,” which reviewed the remarkable improvement in health as reflected in the increasing heights of Europeans since the late-nineteenth century.

In the time-honoured ESPE tradition, the social events were highly enjoyable. They included a private viewing at the Folkwang Museum to see the outstanding collection of 19th and 20th century painting, followed by a dinner at a lively restaurant in town. The conference dinner was held at the historic venue of Stadtgarten Steele. It included a surprise bonus—large screen viewing of the football world cup. The whole event was widely appreciated—even by non-soccer fans! These social events greatly contributed to bringing researchers and delegates together in a relaxed and informal environment.

As always the success of the annual meeting depended crucially on the enthusiastic activities of a wide range of people. The RWI led by director Christoph Schmidt demonstrated their organisational expertise in ensuring that the local arrangements ran like clock-work. On behalf of all the participants I would like to express our thanks to the RWI for its

support and to those involved in the local arrangements for making the conference such a pleasure to attend. President-elect Rudolf Winter-Ebmer chaired the Program Committee, consisting of 34 members, which selected the papers and put together the all the sessions. We thank them for their efforts in putting together the outstanding scientific programme. I would like to record very special thanks to Sara de la Rica, in her last year as secretary of ESPE, for the incredible amount of personal time and energy that she has put into the society over the past six years. Thanks also go to the treasurer, Thomas Bauer for all his work in reorganising the society's finances.

We are now looking forward to the society's silver anniversary, the 25th Annual Meeting of ESPE. In an exciting new development, ESPE 2011 will be held for the first time in Asia. It will take place on June 16-18, in Hanzou, China, at the Zhejiang Narada Grand Hotel (further details below). The local organizers will be Junsen Zhang (Chinese University of Hong Kong and Xianguo Yao (Zhejiang University) and the proceedings will be presided over by my successor Rudolf Winter-Ebmer. In order to allow a little more time for participants to make their travel plans we have set the deadline for applications a little earlier this year. I urge ESPE members to take advantage of this unique opportunity to savour the oriental delights of this historic setting at the same time as enjoying the usual high-quality academic programme.

Tim Hatton
2010 ESPE president

3. XXVIII ESPE Conference and General Assembly in Essen, 2010

The Twenty-Fourth General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Congress Center South, Essen. The President, Tim Hatton, chaired the Assembly. He thanked all those involved in making the Essen meeting such a success. Special thanks were due to Christoph Schmidt director of RWI and the local organising committee for the excellent local arrangements and the smooth running of the conference. He also thanked the scientific program chairman Rudolf Winter-Ebmer and all the members of the scientific program committee.

This year's meeting was very successful, due both to the plenary lectures given by Alan Manning (London School of Economics) and Maristella Botticini (Bocconi University) and to the high quality of the papers contributed. 633 papers were submitted, 332 of which were accepted for oral presentation. In addition and for the third time, there were 30 posters presented. There were 15 fee waivers given (selected by the scientific committee from a large pool of applicants) to the following students:

Christine Ho	University College London
Semih Tumen	University of Chicago
D. Mark Anderson	University of Washington
Timo Hener	Ifo Institute, Munich,
Marta Lachowska	Stockholm University, Stockholm
Natalia Kyui	University Paris-1 Pantheon Sorbonne, Paris
Artemisa Flores Martinez	University of Warwick, Coventry
Agnese Romiti	Tor Vergata University, Rome
Martin Koppensteiner	Queen Mary University of London
Martin Guzman	Brown University, Providence, RI
Yun-Shan Chan	Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York
Rita Ginja	University College London, London
Yanos Zylberberg	Paris School of Economics, Paris
Veronica Toffolutti	University of Padua, Padova
Carl (Shu-Ming) Lin	Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey

The report of the *Journal of Population Economics* was given by the Editor-in Chief Klaus Zimmerman. He reported that there had been a steady increase in the number of papers submitted: 349 in 2009 up from 225 in 2004. As a result, the acceptance rate had fallen to about 15 percent but the quality of accepted papers had increased and the journal had risen in the international rankings of economic journals. 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 next ESPE Annual Conference will be held on June 16-18th at Hangzhou, China. The conference will be held at the Zhejiang Narada Grand Hotel, well situated at the city center. Sara de la Rica (University of the Basque Country, Spain) will serve as the program chair and Junsen Zhang will chair the Local Committee. The Call for Papers will announce the electronic address to which abstracts and papers must be sent. Preference will be given to submissions that include a completed paper. The submission deadline is January 15, 2011.

The secretary of the Society, Sara de la Rica, reported on the results of the elections held during the autumn of 2009. Sara de la Rica was elected President-elect for 2011. The new council members elected are: James Albrecht, Michele Belot, Sonia Bhalotra and Deborah Cobb-Clark. Their positions are effective as of January 2010. In addition, the Executive Committee has proposed Laura Hospido as the new secretary of the Society for the period 2011-2013. The council approved the proposal.

The accounts of the Society, kept by the Thomas Bauer, have been audited by René Böheim (University of Linz) and Konstantinos Tatsiramos (IZA). Their positive report has been approved by the Assembly. Further information about the Society is to be found on its Web-page at www.espe.org.

Tim Hatton, ESPE President.

Sara de la Rica, ESPE secretary.

4. Call for Contributions to the Newsletter

The ESPE newsletter provides information on the society's activities, on past, present and future events within or outside the Society's framework. All members are kindly invited to use the ESPE Newsletter to make announcements of events in the field of population economics. Please send all contributions to the Secretary.

5. Call for Papers: ESPE 2011

The Twenty Fifth Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) will take place on **June 16-18, 2011**, at the **Zhejiang Narada Grand Hotel, Hangzhou (China)**.

The aim of the Conference is to facilitate the exchange of research ideas and results across a range of fields, including the economics of the household, labour economics, public economics, demography, and health economics. Examples of research topics are: human capital investment, gender issues, intrahousehold distribution, aging and social security, taxation, population and economic growth, domestic and international migration, income distribution and redistribution within and between generations, technological change and the environment.

Sara de la Rica (University of the Basque Country, Spain) will serve as the program chair and Junsen Zhang/Xianguo Yao (Co-Chairmen) (Chinese University of Hong Kong/Zhejiang University) as the local organizers. This is the first time that the conference will be held in Asia. The keynote speakers at ESPE2011 will be Sandra Black (University of Texas, Austin USA) and Paul Frijters (University of Queensland, Australia). The presidential address will be given by Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (University of Linz, Austria).

The conference will provide the opportunity to present papers. Papers and abstracts should be submitted electronically using the on-line submission form. ESPE2011 will also have poster sessions.

Submissions for presentation should include an abstract and, when possible, the paper itself in pdf format (one single file, including tables and figures). Preference will be given to submissions that include a completed paper. Submissions for posters should include an abstract and if possible a paper. Please tick on the electronic submission form whether you wish to present a paper or a poster when indicated.

The submission deadline is **January, 15th 2011**. Acceptance decisions will be communicated by Mid March. We particularly encourage graduate students to apply. Waivers of the conference registration fee will be provided for 20 graduate students. It is necessary that students apply for the waiver in the on-line submission and that his/her supervisor confirms the student status. Information on conference location, paper submission, registration, and hotel reservations will be available soon at the conference web page,

<http://www.especonferences.org> .

6. Elections 2010

Elections in 2010 take place in November. We will carry out the on-line votations to elect the new members of the Executive Committee and Council.

Candidates for the Executive Committee

President-Elect 2012: Deborah Cobb-Clark

Deborah Cobb-Clark is Director of the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research and Ronald Henderson Professor at the University of Melbourne. She earned a PhD in Economics from the University of Michigan (1990). Prior to joining the Melbourne Institute she worked at the US Labor Department, Illinois State University, and the Australian National University where she was the founding director of The Social Policy Evaluation, Analysis and Research (SPEAR) Centre. She is an elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. Her research agenda centres on the effect of social policy on labour market outcomes including immigration, sexual and racial harassment, health, old-age support, education and youth transitions. She has published more than four dozen academic articles in leading international journals such as *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, and *Labour Economics*, and is a former co-editor of the *Journal of Population Economics*.

More details in: http://econrsss.anu.edu.au/Staff/cobb-clark/contact_dcc.htm

Candidates for the Council

3 new council members need to be elected. E-voting system will be provided to all members for whom we have a valid e-mail address. Seven candidates are proposed and their biographical details are listed alphabetically below.

1. René Böheim

René Böheim is an associate professor at the Department of Economics, Johannes Kepler University, Linz. He studied Economics at the University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna, and at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna. He received his PhD from the University of Essex, Colchester, in 2002. He is also affiliated with the Austrian Institute of Economic Research, the Austrian Center for Labor Economics and the Analysis of the Welfare State, and is an IZA research fellow.

His research focuses on labor economics, population economics, and applied microeconometrics. Recent is on the gender wage gap, labour supply, job creation, and the economic consequences of divorce. Recent publications appeared in Economics Letter, Labour Economics, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, and in Industrial Relations. He served the society as an auditor from 2004--2010. Personal Webpage: www.econ.jku.at/boeheim

2. Arnaud Chevalier

He completed his PhD in applied Economics at the University of Birmingham in 2000. After a couple of post doc positions at the Centre for Economic Performance (London School of Economics) and Geary institute (University College Dublin), he has been lecturing in the Economics department at the University of Kent and since 2006 at Royal Holloway, University of London, where he is a senior lecturer. His interest is in applied labour economics, with a particular interest in family, health and education issues.

He has been an Associate Editor of the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A since 2007 and will be the joint-editor from 2011. He was also the editor of the 2009 conference issue of labour economics and on the programme committee of the 2009 ESPE conference.

More information on: <http://personal.rhul.ac.uk/urte/247/>

3. Miles Corak

Miles Corak is a full professor with the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa, and the vice-dean of research in the Faculty of Social Sciences. He holds a PhD in Economics from Queen's University, and has published numerous articles on topics dealing with child poverty, access to university education, intergenerational earnings and education mobility, immigration and unemployment. Most recently his research has appeared in the Review of Economics and Statistics, Demography, and the Journal of Labor Economics. His findings have been cited by the major international press, including The Financial Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Sunday Times, Bloomberg Businessweek, and the BBC.

Corak has also worked with the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre in Florence Italy during 2003/04, acting as the research coordinator for its 2005 publication Child Poverty in Rich Countries; was a visiting researcher with the Centre for Longitudinal Studies at the University of London in 2008; and is visiting the Office of Population Research at Princeton University in 2011, where he will continue his research on the social and economic attainments of child migrants. He joined the University of Ottawa in 2007 with 20 years experience in the Canadian federal government, most of that time spent

as a member of the senior management at Statistics Canada. He is a research fellow of the IZA (Bonn, Germany), of the Center for Research and Analysis of Migration (University of London, UK), and of the Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality (Stanford University, US). He has been an active member of the ESPE, regularly participating in the annual congress since 1997, as well as contributing to the Journal of Population Economics as a referee.

Web Page: <http://www.iza.org/profile?key=83>

4. Astrid Kunze

Astrid Kunze is Associate Professor at the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration in Bergen since 2005. She joined the department in 2003 as Assistance Professor and held a research position at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn, Germany, from 2000 until 2002. She received her PhD at the University College, London, in 2000. Her main research interests are labour economics, family economics and applied micro-econometrics. She has worked mostly empirical on male-female wage differentials and human capital accumulation, occupational gender segregation, the German apprenticeship training scheme, gender differences in job search, gender discrimination, international parental leave policies and labour market effects, family and gender equality policy, career progression and promotions, earnings dynamics around child birth, and migration of high skilled workers. Her work was published in *Annales d'Economie et Statistique*, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, *Scottish Journal of Economics*, *Labour Economics* and *Empirical Economics*.

Personal webpage: <http://www.nhh.no/en/research--faculty/department-of-economics/sam/cv/k>

5. Arthur Van Soest

Arthur van Soest is professor of Econometrics at Tilburg University. He was at RAND, Santa Monica, California, from 2003 until 2007 (first full-time, then part-time), but spent most of his career in Tilburg, the Netherlands, where he also was an assistant and associate professor. From 1992 until 1997, he had a research fellowship of the Netherlands Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has a Ph.D. in Econometrics, also from Tilburg University, where his advisors were Arie Kapteyn and Peter Kooreman.

His research interests cover micro-econometrics, labour economics (participation and labour supply, wage structures, retirement), consumption and saving behaviour (income expectations, demand systems, portfolio choice), economic psychology (risk aversion, time preferences, anchoring, non-expected-utility models), economics of ageing and health (work disability, health and socio-economic

status, retirement expectations and decisions), and development economics (formal and informal sector work; child mortality). Arthur van Soest is a scientific advisor of Netspar, the Network for Studies on Pensions, Aging and Retirement in the Netherlands. He is also affiliated with RAND (Santa Monica) and with IZA (Bonn). He has been a member of the ESPE council for the past three years.

Personal web-site: <http://www.tilburguniversity.nl/webwijs/show/?uid=a.h.o.vansoest>.

7. Other Call for Papers for 2011

7.1. EALE 2011 Call for Papers

The 23rd annual EALE Conference will take place on September 22-24, 2011, at the Coral Beach Hotel & Resort, Pafos (Paphos), Cyprus. The meeting will be organised by the Department of Economics, University of Cyprus. The conference will start in the afternoon of Thursday 22 September. The conference programme will include invited lectures, topic related invited sessions, parallel sessions and poster sessions. Besides these, the conference programme will offer lounge and leisure time to get the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful venue and its surroundings. The conference will end on Saturday 24 September with a traditional conference dinner in the evening.

Invited lectures:

Anders Björklund

Janet Currie

James Heckman

You are invited to submit papers for this conference. A scientific programme committee will evaluate all submitted papers.

Scientific programme committee:

Johannes Abeler, Steffen Altman, Marco Caliendo, Ana Rute Cardoso, Louis Christofides, Nabanita Datta Gupta, Thomas Dohmen, Mike Elsby, Simon Gächter, Maia Güell, Martin Halla, David Huffman, Francis Kramarz, Edwin Leuven, Steve Machin, Tuomas Pekkarinen, Åsa Rosén, Kjell Salvanes, Matti Servamäki, Anna Sjögren, Helena Skyt Nielsen, Alexandra Spitz-Oener, Uwe Sunde, Ian Walker, Andrea Weber, Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, Yu Zhu.

Local organiser:

Louis Christofides

Local administrative support:

Nicoleta Pissarides, Elena Kyprianou, Lambros Yiokadijs

Instructions paper submission

The electronic submission form is now open for your paper contribution and will close after the **deadline of February 1, 2011** at 23:59 Central European time. The link below will lead you automatically through the electronic process of the paper submission. To each paper an abstract must be added. Both your abstract and complete paper can be submitted during the electronic submission process. **Only complete (draft) papers will be considered.** Please complete all the required fields and enclose your complete paper as one pdf file (no tables, figures, etc. as separate files). You will receive a confirma-

tion e-mail message after your submission has been completed. If you are not receiving this message or you receive an empty message then please contact us at eale-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Acceptance decisions will be communicated by the **1st of March 2011**. The conference registration site will be open from the **1st of March, 2011** as well. The accepted papers will be made available for downloading from the conference site. Your paper revisions can be uploaded anytime and should be sent to the EALE secretariat before **September 1, 2011**.

Special conference issue *Labour Economics*

Authors of an accepted paper for this conference will be invited shortly after the conference to submit their accepted and presented paper again for publication in the annual Conference Volume of the journal *Labour Economics*.

EALE Young Economist Award

The EALE grants an award of € 500 for an outstanding paper selected by a Scientific Committee. Researchers who have not completed their PhD yet, or have completed their PhD within three calendar years before the end of September 2011, are eligible for this prize. Please note that your paper should be single authored. If you meet the eligibility conditions and wish to be considered for the award, please tick the corresponding box on the paper submission form.

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