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1. 2013 Executive Committee and Council

Executive Committee

<i>President</i>	Deborah Cobb-Clark	Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, Australia
<i>President-Elect</i>	James Albrecht	Georgetown University, USA
<i>Treasurer</i>	Thomas Bauer	University of Bochum, Germany
<i>Secretary</i>	Laura Hospido	Bank of Spain, Spain

Council Members

Michèle Belot
University of Edinburgh, UK

Sonia Bhalotra
University of Essex, UK

Miles Corak
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Astrid Kunze
Norwegian School of Economics and
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Mikael Lindahl
Uppsala University, Sweden

David Ribar
University of North Carolina at Greensboro,
USA

Arthur van Soest
Tilburg University, The Netherlands

Susan Vroman
Georgetown University, USA

Andrea Weber
University of Mannheim, Germany

2. Message from the 2013 President

2013 has been a fantastic year for ESPE, the highlight of which was certainly our 27th annual conference held in beautiful Aarhus, Denmark on June 13-15th. The conference was both lively and intellectually stimulating. It was an enormous pleasure to see many old friends as well as to meet a number of PhD students and junior colleagues attending ESPE for the first time.

Successful conferences depend on the effort, hard work, and organizational skills of many people who generously devote their time to ESPE. In particular, Jim Albrecht did a fabulous job as program chairman, putting together an interesting and diverse program from an enormous number of submissions. Thanks to all of you who assisted by refereeing these submissions on a tight schedule. Helena Skyt Nielsen, Nina Smith, and Susan Stilling served as local organizers ensuring that the conference ran efficiently and making all participants feel welcome and at home. We all owe them an enormous debt of gratitude for all their hard work.

I would also like to thank our two keynote speakers – Professor Bill Evans (University of Notre Dame) and Professor Armin Falk (University of Bonn) – for their engaging talks. Bill's address highlighted the long-term consequences of the crack cocaine market on the racial educational gap in the U.S., while Armin discussed the effects of markets and market structure on individuals' choices to adopt moral behaviour. We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to hear from two such eminent scholars on the cutting edge of economic research.

Journal of Population Economics Editor-in-Chief, Professor Klaus Zimmermann, presented the 6th annual Kuznets Prize for the best article published in the journal during 2010-2012. The winners were Richard W. Evans (Brigham Young University), Yingyao Hu (Johns Hopkins University) and Zhong Zhao (Renmin University of China and IZA) for their article "The fertility effect of catastrophe: US hurricane births", *Journal of Population Economics* (2010), 23 (1): 1-36. In their paper, the authors investigate whether fertility rates increase after catastrophic events using storm advisory data and fertility data for the U.S. They find that as the type of advisory goes from least severe to most severe, the fertility effect of the specific advisory type decreases monotonically from positive to negative.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all ESPE Council Members for their hard work in 2013. Keeping the organization running smoothly really is a joint effort. As always, Laura Hospido (secretary) and Thomas Bauer (treasurer) have worked tirelessly to keep ESPE on track. I would like to particularly thank Thomas for his six year contribution as treasurer. He will be replaced by Marco Caliendo (University of Pottsdamm). I would also like to thank Miles Corak who is also finishing his term on the council. Finally, Arthur van Soest leaves the council this year to become President-elect in 2015.

We are now looking forward to the society's next meeting which will take place on June 18-21, 2014 at the University of Minho, Braga, Portugal. Erik Plug (University of Amsterdam) will serve as the program chair and Priscila Ferreira will be chair of the local organizing committee. The presidential address will be given by James Albrecht (Georgetown University) and the keynote speakers will be Christian Dustmann (UCL) and Michele Tertilt (University of Mannheim). More information will be soon available at:

www.especonferences.org

It has been my pleasure to serve as ESPE President in 2013 and I very much look forward to seeing all of you next year in Braga.

Deborah Cobb-Clark
2013 ESPE President

3. 27th ESPE Meeting and General Assembly in Aarhus

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 Zimmerman. 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.

Deborah Cobb-Clark, ESPE President
Laura Hospido, ESPE secretary

4. 2013 Elections: President-elect and Council Members

Online-elections will take place in October 2013. The e-voting system will be provided to all members for whom we have a valid e-mail address. We will elect the new president-elect and three new council members. One candidate for president-elect and five candidates for the council are proposed and their biographical details are listed alphabetically below.

Candidate for 2015 President-Elect

Arthur van Soest is Professor of Econometrics at Tilburg University. He was at RAND in California from 2003 till 2007, but spent most of his career in Tilburg, the Netherlands, where he also was an assistant and associate professor. He has Masters degrees in Mathematics and Econometrics and a Ph.D. in Econometrics, also from Tilburg University. His research interests cover micro-econometrics, labour economics, consumption and saving behaviour, economic psychology, economics of ageing and health, development economics, Internet interviewing, and survey methodology. He has published in *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of Econometrics*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Economic Journal*, and some other journals.

More details at:

<http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/webwijs/show/?uid=a.h.o.vansoest>

Candidates for the 2014 Council

Adeline Delavande is Professor of Economics at the Institute for Socio-Economic Research of the University of Essex. She holds a PhD from Northwestern University (2004). She held previous positions at the RAND Corporation and Nova School of Business & Economics. Her research covers a broad range of topics related to family, health and development economics. An important part of her research agenda focuses on understanding how individuals make decisions under uncertainty using elicited subjective expectations, in particular on how best to elicit probabilistic expectations from survey respondents and on how to incorporate expectations into econometrics model to make inference on behaviour. She has published in the *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, the *International Economic Review*, the *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, the *Journal of Development Economics* and the *Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences*, among others.

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Paul Devereux is Professor of Economics at University College Dublin. He received his PhD from Northwestern University and has previously worked at UCLA and the Economic and Social Research Institute in Dublin. He serves as Co-Editor of the *Journal of Human Resources*, Associate Editor of *Economic Journal*, and is a member of the International Editorial Board for *Education Economics*. He is also affiliated as a research fellow with IZA and CEPR. His research is mainly in the areas of wage dynamics, econometric methodology, intergenerational transmission, and family background and environmental effects on child outcomes. His research has been

published in *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Econometrics*, and the *Journal of Human Resources*, among others.

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http://www.ucd.ie/economics/staff/devereux/Paul_Devereux_Web_Page.htm

Astrid Kunze is Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at the Norwegian School of Economics in Bergen. She holds a Ph.D. from University College London and a MSc from University of Bielefeld. Previous employment includes the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) as a post-doc and Bayer AG Leverkusen as trainee in a Business programme. Her current research focuses on gender differences in job search, on labour market outcomes and family policies and on gender differences in hierarchies in private sector plants. Her research has been published in *Empirical Economics*, *Labour Economics*, *Oxford Review of Economics Policy* and *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*.

More details at: <http://www.nhh.no/en/research-faculty/department-of-economics/sam/cv/kunze--astrid.aspx>

Kjell G. Salvanes is a Professor in Economics at the Norwegian School of Economics, and a Research associate at Statistics Norway, IZA and CEE at LSE. He is a Joint Managing Editor for *The Economic Journal*. His main areas of research are in family economics and the economics of education. More specifically his research focus has been on intergenerational mobility, early investment in children and adult labor market outcomes, as well as long term effects of early schooling. He has published extensively in top economics journals in these areas, such as *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *The Economic Journal*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, and *Journal of the European Economic Association*. He has also contributed to Elsevier's *Handbook of the Economics of Education*.

More details at: <http://www.nhh.no/Default.aspx?ID=723>

Michael Svarer is Professor in Economics at the Aarhus University. He received his Ph.D. from Aarhus University in 2001. He is also a research fellow of IZA and is currently member of the board of the Danish Economic Council and a former member of the Danish Labour Market Commission. His research covers a broad range of topics in labour and family economics. Part of his recent work focuses on the optimal design of unemployment insurance systems, on evaluation of active labour market policies based on random controlled experiments and modeling the dynamics of the marriage market. His research has been published or is forthcoming in the *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, and the *Journal of Population Economics*, among others.

More details at: [http://pure.au.dk/portal/en/persons/michael-svarer\(d9bd9194-60c0-4054-a69f-23cebcb51da6\).html](http://pure.au.dk/portal/en/persons/michael-svarer(d9bd9194-60c0-4054-a69f-23cebcb51da6).html)

5. Call for Papers: 2014 ESPE Meeting in Braga, Portugal

The 28th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) will take place on **June 18-21, 2014**, at the **University of Minho, Braga, Portugal**.

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.

Erik Plug (University of Amsterdam) will serve as the program chair and Priscila Ferreira (University of Minho) as coordinator of the local organizing team. The keynote speakers will be Christian Dustmann (University College London) and Michele Tertilt (University of Mannheim). The presidential address will be given by James Albrecht (Georgetown University).

Papers must be submitted electronically using the on-line submission form. Submissions must include an abstract and, if possible, the complete paper itself in pdf format (one single file, including tables and figures). Preference will be given to submissions that include a complete paper.

[Link to online submission form](#)

The **submission deadline** is **February 1, 2014**. Acceptance decisions will be announced by April 1, 2014. Accepted papers will only be included in the final programme if presenting authors have registered by May 1, 2014. Each participant may present at most one paper but can co-author more than one paper in the program. Graduate students have a reduced registration fee, provided that his/her advisor confirms the student status.

For more details, please visit the conference web page: **www.especonferences.org**

6. Call for Contributions to the Newsletter and the ESPE website

The ESPE newsletter and the ESPE website provide 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 both the ESPE Newsletter and the ESPE website to make announcements of **events** in the field of population economics. Please send all contributions to the Secretary by email to info@espe.org or use the intranet service available at the ESPE website: <http://www.espe.org>

Continuously updated information on forthcoming events is available at the ESPE website: espe.org >> [Events](#)