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1. 2014 Executive Committee and Council

Executive Committee

<i>President</i>	Jim Albrecht	Georgetown University, USA
<i>President-Elect</i>	Erik Plug	Amsterdam School of Economics, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marco Caliendo	University of Postdam, Germany
<i>Secretary</i>	Laura Hospido	Bank of Spain, Spain

Council Members

Michèle Belot
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Sonia Bhalotra
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Norwegian School of Economics, Norway

Susan Vroman
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Andrea Weber
University of Mannheim, Germany

2. Message from the 2014 President

This has been another great year for ESPE. Our 28th annual conference, held in beautiful Braga, Portugal from June 18-21 was lively and intellectually stimulating, and it was a pleasure to see old friends as well as to meet new colleagues in the field of population economics.

Erik Plug did a great job as program chairman, putting together an interesting and diverse program from a large number of submissions. Thanks to Erik and to all of you who assisted by refereeing these submissions on a tight schedule. Priscila Ferreira served as local organizer, making sure that the conference ran efficiently and making all participants feel welcome and at home. We all owe Priscila and her team an enormous debt of gratitude for all their hard work.

Thanks also to our keynote speakers, Professor Michèle Tertilt (University of Mannheim) and Professor Christian Dustmann (University College London), for their engaging presentations. Michèle discussed “Frictions in the Family,” and Christian discussed “The Economics of Temporary Migration.” I personally found the two keynote addresses particularly stimulating. It was great to be able 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 7th annual Kuznets Prize for the best article published in the journal during 2013. The prize was awarded to Paolo Masella (University of Sussex) for his article, “National Identity and Ethnic Diversity,” *Journal of Population Economics* (2013), 26(2), p. 437-454. The paper investigates the main determinants of national sentiment and the relationship between ethnic diversity and the intensity of national feelings.

Thanks to all of the ESPE Council Members for their hard work in 2014, and welcome to new Council Members Paul Devereux (University College Dublin) and Kjell Salvanes (Norwegian School of Economics). Thanks also to Laura Hospido (secretary) and Marco Caliendo (treasurer), who have worked tirelessly to keep ESPE on track. Indeed, I particularly thank Laura this year since were it not for her reminders, things like this “Message from the President” would fail to be delivered on time. Similarly, Marco deserves particular thanks this year for seamlessly taking over the job of treasurer after Thomas Bauer served in that capacity for the previous six years.

We are now looking forward to the society’s next meeting which will take place on June 17-20, 2015 at the Izmir University of Economics, Izmir, Turkey. Arthur van Soest (Tilburg University) will serve as the program chair and Değer Eryar (Izmir University of Economics) will coordinate the local organizing team. The keynote speakers will be Shelly Lundberg (UC Santa Barbara) and Bruce Sacerdote (Dartmouth). The presidential address will be given by Erik Plug (University of Amsterdam). For more information see: www.especonferences.org

It has been my pleasure to serve as ESPE President in 2014. I’m looking forward to seeing all of you next year in Izmir.

Jim Albrecht, ESPE President 2014

3. 28th ESPE Meeting and General Assembly in Braga

The 28th General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Friday, June 20, 2014 at Universidade do Minho, Braga, Portugal.

The President of the Society, Jim Albrecht, chaired the Assembly.

He informed that Erik Plug will be the next President in 2015, whereas Arthur van Soest will be the President-elect. He reported on the results of the elections held during the autumn of 2013. According to those results, he informed that the new members of the 2014 Council are Paul Devereux and Kjell G. Salvanes.

The president informed that the council agreed on leaving the fees for the 2015 ESPE membership and for the 2015 conference as they are now:

Fee	Early registration	Late registration	Includes
No subscription to the JpopEc	280 EUR	330 EUR	ESPE membership
Online subscription to JpopEc	300 EUR	350 EUR	ESPE membership and online access to the Journal
Print subscription to JpopEc	330 EUR	380 EUR	ESPE membership, online and print access to the Journal
PhD student without subscription to the JpopEc	210 EUR	260 EUR	ESPE membership
PhD student with online subscription to the JpopEc	230 EUR	280 EUR	ESPE membership and online access to the Journal
ESPE accompanying person	180 EUR		Participation in the social events

The treasurer of the Society, Marco Caliendo, presented the accounts, which have been audited by Nicole Schneeweis and Jonathan James. As of 31-12-2012, the net worth of ESPE is 61,887.94 EUR and the result after taxes -6,074.80 EUR. As for the membership situation, ESPE has 780 members.

The report of the Journal of Population Economics was given by the Editor-in Chief, Klaus Zimmerman. He reported that the number of submissions has stabilized around 400 manuscripts a year. Klaus also informed that they have established a stricter policy to publish only 40 papers per year, yielding to an expected acceptance rate in the near future below 10%. Finally, Prof Zimmermann noted The Journal's success over time is apparent from the improvement in its Impact Factor. The Journal's Impact Factor increased continuously from 0.49 in 2007 to 0.95 in 2010, and reached its former peak of 1.33 in 2012.

Finally, on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, Değer Eryar announced that the 2015 ESPE Annual Conference will be held on June 17-20, at İzmir University of Economics, İzmir, Turkey. Arthur van Soest will serve as the program chair.

Jim Albrecht, ESPE President
Laura Hospido, ESPE secretary

4. 2014 Elections: President-elect and Council Members

Online-elections will take place in October 2014. 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 two new council members. One candidate for president-elect and four candidates for the council are proposed and their biographical details are listed alphabetically below.

Candidate for 2016 President-Elect

Marco Francesconi is Professor of Economics at the University of Essex. He received his PhD from New York University and has previously worked at the Institute for Social and Economic Research at the University of Essex. He serves as Associate Editor of Empirical Economics and is a member of the scientific panel of the Millennium Cohort Study. He is also affiliated as a research fellow with IZA, CEPR and CHILD and as a research associate with IFS. His research is mainly in the areas of labor market dynamics, family economics, economic policy evaluation, and economics of early childhood development. His research has been published in Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, International Economic Review, Economic Journal, Journal of Human Resources, and Journal of Applied Econometrics, among others.

More details at: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/economics/staff/profile.aspx?ID=1680>

Candidates for the 2015 Council

Libertad González is an Associate Professor of Economics at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain) and an affiliated professor at the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics. She graduated from Northwestern University in 2003, and has been a visiting scholar in CREST (Paris), UBC (Vancouver) and Columbia University (New York). Her fields of research include labor, public, and demographic economics, and she has worked on topics related to migration, female labor supply, divorce, and infant health. She has published in journals such as American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Applied Econometrics, European Economic Review, Labour Economics, etc.

More details here: <http://www.econ.upf.edu/~gonzalez/>

Mikael Lindahl is Professor in Economics at Uppsala University and holder of the Royal Swedish Academy of Science special research position in Economic Sciences. He is also affiliated with CESifo, IFAU, IZA and UCLS. He received his Ph.D. from Stockholm University and has previously worked at SCHOLAR, University of Amsterdam and SOFI, Stockholm University. His research interests are in the area of empirical labor economics, economics of education and intergenerational mobility. In 2010 he was awarded an ERC starting grant for the program

“Intergenerational associations in education, income and health: an investigation of underlying mechanisms.” His research has been published in journals such as Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Literature, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Public Economics and Journal of Human Resources, among others.

More details at: <https://sites.google.com/site/cmikaellindahl/home>

Erdal Tekin is a Professor in the School of Public Affairs at the American University in Washington D.C. He is also a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), a research fellow at IZA, and an editor of the Journal of Population Economics. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Between 2001 and 2014, he was an assistant, associate, and a full professor in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University. His main concentrations of research are in the fields of health economics, family economics, and economics of crime. Within these fields, the current theme of his research is the analysis of the economic causes and consequences of risky behaviors. His research has been funded by various governmental and private organizations, including the National Institutes of Health, the Danish Council for Independent Research, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, among others. He published numerous papers in a variety of outlets, including the Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law and Economics, and Journal of Urban Economics, among others.

More details at <http://www.gsu.edu/~ecoext>

Andrea Weber is Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics at the University of Mannheim. She is also a Research Associate at CEPR, a Research Fellow at IZA, and a Fellow of the CESifo research network. Since 2014 she acts as a coeditor for Labour Economics. Andrea Weber holds a Doctorate from the Vienna University of Technology. Previous employment includes the Institute of Advanced Studies in Vienna and the Economics Department at UC Berkeley, where she was a visiting assistant professor from 2006-2009. Her current research focuses on incentive effects of social insurance programs, labor supply, gender differences in the labor market, and the effects of social networks on labor market outcomes. Her research has been published in the Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, the Journal of the European Economic Association, and the Journal of Applied Econometrics among others.

More details at: <http://weber.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/2476.0.html>

5. Call for Papers: 2015 ESPE Meeting in Izmir, Turkey

The 29th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) will take place on **June 17-20, 2015**, at **Izmir University of Economics, Izmir, Turkey**.

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.

Arthur van Soest (Tilburg University) will serve as the program chair and Değer Eryar (Izmir University of Economics) as coordinator of the local organizing team. The keynote speakers

will be Shelly Lundberg (UC Santa Barbara) and Bruce Sacerdote (Dartmouth). The presidential address will be given by Erik Plug (University of Amsterdam).

Papers must be submitted on-line at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/ESPE2015/> 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.

The **submission deadline** is **February 1, 2015**. Acceptance decisions will be announced by April 1, 2015. Accepted papers will only be included in the final programme if presenting authors have registered by May 1, 2015. 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](#)