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1. 2016 Executive Committee and Council

Executive Committee

<i>President</i>	Arthur Van Soest	Tilburg School of Economics and Management, Tilburg University, the Netherlands
<i>President-Elect</i>	Marco Francesconi	University of Essex, UK
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marco Caliendo	University of Potsdam, Germany
<i>Secretary</i>	Laura Hospido	Bank of Spain, Spain

Council Members

Paul Devereux University College Dublin, Ireland	Libertad González Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
Astrid Kunze Norwegian School of Economics, Norway	Mikael Lindahl Uppsala University, Sweden
David Ribar University of Melbourne, Australia	Kjell G. Salvanes Norwegian School of Economics, Norway
Marianne Simonsen Aarhus University, Denmark	Wilbert Van Der Klaauw Federal Reserve Bank of New York, USA
Andrea Weber University of Mannheim, Germany	

2. Message from the 2016 President

The year 2016 has been a special year for our society because we organized our 30th conference. The conference took place from June 15 to June 18 in the beautiful Harnack House, the conference centre of the Max Planck Society on the campus of the Free University in Berlin. The number of submissions was unprecedented and with an extended and challenging schedule, we included as many papers as possible. It was good to see many familiar faces, as well as many new people who attended the ESPE conference for the first but hopefully not the last time. As always, the conference brought together many promising PhD students and more senior researchers at various stages of their careers, working on education, labour and human capital, ageing and retirement, health, migration, fertility, development, or any other topic in the broad field of population economics. To celebrate our anniversary, we had one time slot with presentations of past presidents. Thirteen past presidents, Alessandro Cigno, Patricia Apps, Sara de la Rica, Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, Robert Wright, Klaus Zimmermann, Bernard van Praag, Heather Joshi, Erik Plug, Jan van Ours, Arie Kapteyn, Timothy Hatton and James Albrecht showed their commitment to the society by participating in these sessions and the rest of the conference, even though the only preferential treatment they got was that their paper was automatically accepted.

We had a great dinner in a special environment – Radialsystem 5 was formerly a pumping station of the Berlin Wasserwerke. Many participants may also have enjoyed the football match event at Harnack House the night before but that have varied with taste and nationality. In any case, as always, the conference was a productive and stimulating event in a friendly and relaxed setting. Thanks for this to all participants!

Of course, some of the participants deserve a special word of thanks. First, Daniel Schnitzlein and his team of local organizers did an excellent job – everything was perfect. Marco Francesconi did the hard work of selecting the papers and putting together the program, coordinating the work of a team of expert reviewers. Marianne Bitler gave an inspiring keynote lecture on marriage markets and family formation, and David Figlio proved to be not only an excellent researcher but also a great entertainer with his keynote talk on culture and the intergenerational transmission of human capital.

Although they always remain somewhat in the background, the conference and the society could not exist without the commitment of the ESPE council and, especially, the treasurer Marco Caliendo and the secretary, Laura Hospido. A particular word of thanks goes to Astrid Kunze who served their last year as members of the ESPE council. Laura Hospido is finishing her term as secretary of the society at the end of this calendar year. The society is very grateful for all the hard work she has done in the past years. We hate to see her go but we are lucky that we have found an excellent successor – Priscila Ferreira, University of Minho, will be the ESPE secretary as of January 1.

The next ESPE meeting will take place in Glasgow, June 14 to June 17, 2017. Michele Belot (University of Edinburgh) will be chair the scientific program and Robert Wright (University of Strathclyde) will be the local organizer. Keynote speakers will be Janet Currie (Princeton) and Wilbert van der Klaauw (New York Fed) and Marco Francesconi (University of Essex) will give the presidential lecture. For more information see: www.especonferences.org. I hope you will all be there!

Arthur van Soest, ESPE President 2016

3. 30th ESPE Meeting and General Assembly in Berlin

The 30th General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at the Harnack House, Berlin, Germany. The President of the Society, Arthur van Soest, chaired the Assembly.

He informed that Marco Francesconi will be the next President in 2017, whereas Michèle Belot will be the President-elect. He also informed about the composition of the current Council. He expressed his gratitude to Astrid Kunze and Laura Hospido, who are leaving the council this year.

The president informed that the council agreed on leaving the fees for the 2017 ESPE membership and for the 2017 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
PhD student with print subscription to the JpopEc	260 EUR	310 EUR	ESPE membership, online and print access to the Journal
ESPE accompanying person	180 EUR		Participation in the social events

Next, Marco Caliendo - the treasurer of the Society - presented the 2015 accounts. The accounts have been audited and approved by Jonathan James and Manuela Prieto. The Society's members also approve the accounts.

The report of the Journal of Population Economics was given by Klaus F. Zimmermann, Editor-in-Chief of the journal.

Finally, Arthur announced that next year the 2017 ESPE Annual Conference will be held on June 14-17 at the Strathclyde Business School, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. Michèle Belot will serve as the program chair.

Arthur van Soest, ESPE President
 Laura Hospido, ESPE secretary

4. 2016 Elections: President-elect and Council Members

Online-elections will take place in October 2016. The e-voting system will be provided to all ESPE 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 2018 President-Elect

Shelly Lundberg is the Leonard Broom Professor of Demography at the University of California, Santa Barbara and Adjunct Professor of Economics at the University of Bergen, Norway. She received her Ph.D. in Economics from Northwestern University in 1981. Lundberg is a Fellow and past President of the Society of Labor Economists and a Research Fellow at IZA, and is currently an associate editor of the Journal of Population Economics and the Journal of Demographic Economics. Her research is focused in labor economics and the economics of the family, including issues such as discrimination, inequality, family decision-making and the intra-household allocation of resources. Recent projects include studies of decision-making by children, the effects of child gender on parental behavior, the location decisions of married couples, the impact of government-provided care for the elderly on the labor supply of adult children, and the economic and social returns to psychosocial traits.

More information here:

http://econ.ucsb.edu/people/faculty_directory.html?f=shelly_lundberg

Candidates for the 2017 Council

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 such as education, earnings, and wealth. 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.

More information here:

<http://www.ucd.ie/research/people/economics/professorpauldevereux/>

Randi Hjalmarsson is a Professor of Economics at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden and a CEPR Research Fellow. She has previously been a Professor at Queen Mary University of London and an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland, School of Public Policy. She received her Ph.D. in 2005 from Yale University. She has done extensive research on the economics of crime and the criminal justice system. Her current research emphasizes (i) the determinants of crime, including education, military service and the role of the family, neighborhood and peers), (ii) the impact of jury composition on trial verdicts and sentences and the dynamics of jury decision making, and (iii) racial biases in the criminal justice system.

She studies these questions taking advantage of unique criminal justice data sets in the United States, administrative records in Sweden, and historical archives from the UK. Previously, she has studied the effects of prison, the death penalty, and gun shows on crime. Her work has been published in leading academic journals including the Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, The Economic Journal, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law and Economics, and Journal of Population Economics. She is currently funded as a Distinguished Young Researcher by the Swedish Research Council, and has received funding from the National Science Foundation and other Swedish agencies in the past.

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Mariola Pytliková is an assistant professor at CERGE-EI in Prague and a senior researcher at the VSB Technical University in Ostrava, the Czech Republic. She has previously worked at Aarhus University and at the Danish Institute of Governmental Research (KORA) in Copenhagen. She received her PhD in Economics from Aarhus University in 2006. Mariola is a research fellow at IZA, CReAM CCP and CELSI. In the past she has held visiting stays at Princeton University, University of Illinois at Chicago, among others. Her research interests are in the field of labor economics and industrial relations, in particular she has worked on topics dealing with international migration, ethnic workforce diversity, gender pay gap and income inequality. She has published in outlets such as the Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Journal of Population Economics, International Migration Review, European Journal of Population, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management and the Economics of Transition, among others.

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Kjell G. Salvanes is a professor in labor economics at the Norwegian School of Economics, and research director at CELE since 2012. He is a research fellow at CEPR, IZA, HCEO at the University of Chicago), and CEEP at LSE. Salvanes conducts research on a wide range of education, labor and health policy issues from returns to schooling, early investment in children and long-term outcomes, inequality in income, health and education and intergenerational mobility. His current research projects involve studying the interrelationship between health and education, and the role of educational and health institutions on human capital formation and health outcomes. Salvanes' work has been published in numerous leading journals, including the American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Labor Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, and The Journal of the European Economic Association. From 2012 he has been a Managing Editor of the Economic Journal. He was a member of the Norwegian Productivity Commission (2014-2016), and has been a board member of Norwegian and Danish Research Council in Education.

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

Dinand Webbink is Professor of Economics at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. He received his PhD from the University of Amsterdam and is research fellow of the Tinbergen Institute, IZA Bonn and ROA Maastricht. He also serves as board member of the Tinbergen Institute. His research interests cover various areas related to population economics, such as human capital, child development, labour, crime and health. He is especially interested in the identification of

causal effects of various interventions or public policies. He has published numerous articles in academic journals including: the Review of Economics and Statistics, Economic Journal, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization and Journal of Applied Econometrics. He has been appointed as co-editor of the Economics of Education Review.

More information here: <http://people.few.eur.nl/webbink/>

5. Call for Papers: 2017 ESPE Meeting in Glasgow

The 31th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) will take place on June 14-17, 2017 at the Strathclyde Business School, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. The local organiser is Professor Robert E. Wright. Professor Michèle Belot (University of Edinburgh) will serve as the program chair. The keynote speakers will be Professor Janet Currie (Princeton University) and Dr. Wilbert van der Klaauw (Federal Reserve Bank of New York). The presidential address will be given by Professor Marco Francesconi (University of Essex).

Papers must be submitted on-line at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/ESPE2017/>

The paper submission site will open by November 1, 2016. The submission deadline is February 1, 2017. Acceptance decisions will be announced by April 1, 2017. Accepted papers will only be included in the final programme if presenting authors have registered by May 1, 2017. 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 their student status.

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

6. Call for Contributions to the ESPE website

The ESPE website provide information on the society's activities, and contains links to related institutions and organizations. All members are kindly invited to use 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