

The Twenty-First General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at the University of Illinois (Chicago). Nearly 200 members attended the ESPE meeting and more than half attended the General Assembly. The President, Barry Chiswick, chaired the Assembly. He thanked all those involved in making the Chicago meeting such a success, with special thanks going out to Carol Martel and Jin Man Lee for their work on the local organising committee, as well as to scientific program chairman Christian Dustmann and all the members of the scientific program committee. Barry Chiswick also thanked Regina Riphahn, the ESPE treasurer, for her 6-years of service.

This year's meeting was very successful, due both to the warmly received plenary lectures given by Gary Becker and Laurence Iannacone, and to the high quality of the papers contributed. 414 papers were submitted, 230 of which were accepted. There were around 50 drop-outs. There were 180 participants at the meeting.

The next ESPE Annual Conference will be held on June 19-21, 2008 at the University College London (UCL). Jan van Ours (Tilburg University, The Netherlands) will serve as the program chair, Christian Dustmann, from University College London, 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 February 1, 2008.

The secretary of the Society, Sara de la Rica, reported on the results of the elections held during the autumn of 2006. More than 130 ballots were received. Christian Dustmann was elected President for 2008 and Jan van Ours was elected President-elect for 2009. Sara explained that in the 2007 elections voters had to cast ballots for two Presidents-elect (for the next and next-but-one years) due to the existence of a timing mismatch. From now on, the ballot every autumn will be to elect the President-elect for the next-but-one year. Sara thanked the outgoing Council Members, Klaus Zimmerman and Valerie Lechene, for their service to the Society. She also welcomed James Albretch, Deborah Cobb-Clarke and Steve Machin as the new members of the Council. Their positions are effective as of January 2007. The accounts of the Society, kept by the Treasurer Regina Riphahn, have been audited by René Böheim (University of Linz) and Mark Taylor (University of Essex). 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.

Finally, ESPE gave 10 fee waivers to the 2007 ESPE meeting to the following PhD Students: Katrine Loken (Norway), Tommaso Frattini (UK), Simen Markussen (Norway), Marta Lopez-Yurda (Netherlands), Alfred Garloff (Germany), Michel Dimou (France), Olga Sorokina (US), Maria Nieves Valdés (Spain), Martin Halla (Austria) and Marcela Umana Aponte (UK). There were 58 applications, and waivers were granted on the basis of the grades obtained in the refereeing process.

Barry Chiswick, ESPE President.
Sara de la Rica, ESPE secretary.