Minutes General Assembly 2014

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, James 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, Izmir, Turkey. Arthur van Soest will serve as the program chair.

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