

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL  
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DUBLIN MEETINGS

*First Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House on Thursday, 2 November 1978, the President, Dr Brendan Menton, in the Chair.

Dr John Bradley, on behalf of the Research Department, Central Bank of Ireland, presented a paper entitled *Modelling the Irish Economy: A Progress Report on the Central Bank's Macro-Econometric Model*. A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor N. J. Gibson and seconded by Professor J. E. Spencer. The following also spoke: Dr R. C. Geary, Mr J. Fitzgerald, Dr R. Johnston, Mr J. Wallace, Professor D. McAleese and Mr P. Teehan. Dr Bradley, Mr T. O'Connell and Mr C. McCarthy replied to the discussion.

*Second Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House on Thursday, 7 December 1978, the President, Dr Brendan Menton, in the Chair.

Mr Patrick A. Hall, Institute of Public Administration, presented a paper entitled *Issues in National Transport Policy: A Discussion Paper*. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Thekla Beere and seconded by Dr Sean Barrett. The following also spoke: Mr D. Mangan, Mr C. McCarthy, Mr B. Hayes, Mr J. Markham, Mr P. O'Keeffe and Mr D. McIlraith. Mr Hall replied to the discussion.

*Third Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House on Thursday, 8 March 1979, the President, Dr Brendan Menton, in the Chair.

Professor E. E. Davis, The Economic and Social Research Institute, and Dr Margret Fine-Davis, Institute of Public Administration, presented a paper entitled *On the Relationship between Objective and Subjective Social Indicators: Implications for Social Planning in Ireland*. A vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. Professor Liam Ryan and seconded by Mr T. P. Linehan. The following also spoke: Dr R. C. Geary, Dr M. Casey, Professor A. C. Cunningham, Mr P. A. Fahy, Dr M. Stuart, Mr P. Duffy, Mr Cantwell, Mr Horgan and Professor Hession. Professor Davis and Dr Fine-Davis replied to the discussion.

### *Fourth Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House on Thursday, 5 April 1979, the President, Dr Brendan Menton, in the Chair.

There was a Symposium on *Future Demands for Supplies of Energy* and the following contributed: Mrs S. Scott, The Economic and Social Research Institute on Energy Forecasts and Dr R. J. Nichol, Institute for Industrial Research and Standards on Costing Ireland's Energy Options. Dr J. J. Kelly and Professor J. A. Crutchfield responded to the contributions. The following also spoke: Dr P. O'Kane, Mr G. Duggan, Mr Cuffe, Mr B. Dowling, Professor McGennis and Mr O'Sullivan. Mrs Scott and Dr Nichol replied to the discussion.

### *Fifth Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House on Thursday, 3 May 1979, the President, Dr Brendan Menton, in the Chair.

Mr Brian J. Geoghegan and Dr Patrick F. Frain, Central Statistics Office presented a paper entitled *Some Aspects of Labour Costs and Earnings 1974 and 1975*. A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor K. A. Kennedy and seconded by Dr Eugene McCarthy. The following also spoke: Dr J. Cogan, Mr E. Embleton, Mr J. Sexton, Professor B. Walsh, Mr T. P. Linehan and Dr P. Honohan. Mr Geoghegan replied to the discussion.

### *Sixth Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House on Thursday, 24 May 1979, the President, Dr Brendan Menton, in the Chair.

Professor M. A. Moran and Mr M. J. Crowley, University College Cork, presented a paper entitled *The Leaving Certificate and First Year University Performance*. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr P. O'Flynn and seconded by Rev. P. Andrews, S. J. The following also spoke: Dr R. C. Geary, Dr Monica Nevin, Dr J. Bradley, Dr W. O'Riordan, Mr Colvan, Professor Nevin, Dr J. McCarthy, Dr D. Conniffe, Professor V. Rice, Dr Rafferty and Mr T. Linehan. Professor Moran and Mr Crowley replied to the discussion.

## **BELFAST MEETINGS**

### *First Meeting*

The Society met at Queen's University, Belfast on 28 November 1978, Professor R. D. C. Black in the Chair. There was a symposium on *Employment and Unemployment* to which the contributors were:

Professor W. Black (Department of Economics, Queen's University)  
Professor B. Walsh (Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin)  
Dr R. Van Slooten (Central Planning Unit, Department of Finance, Northern  
Ireland)  
Mr B. Harkin (Labour Relations Agency)

### *Second Meeting*

The Society met at Queen's University, Belfast on 8 December 1978, Mr D. Smale (Gallagher Ltd.) in the Chair. G.D.N. Worswick, Director, The National Institute of Economic and Social Research, London, read a paper entitled *The Use of Models in Economic Forecasting*. The paper described the experience of NIESR in building econometric models of the UK economy and in using them in producing regular short term forecasts.

This was a joint meeting with the Royal Statistical Society.

### *Third Meeting*

The Society met at Queen's University, Belfast on 12 March 1979, Professor R. D. C. Black in the Chair.

Dr D. G. Slattery, Central Economic Service, Department of Finance, Northern Ireland, read a paper entitled *Some Aspects of Net Emigration from Northern Ireland, 1959–1975*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs J. Trewsdale, Department of Economics, Queen's University. The following also spoke: Messrs Hewitt, Bradley, McClements, Boal, Compton, Jefferson and Professor W. Black.