

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL INQUIRY  
SOCIETY OF IRELAND**

**One Hundred and Fifty-third Session -1999/2000**

**First Meeting**

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 25 November, 1999. The President, Mr. William Keating was in the Chair.

Dr. Patrick Paul Walsh and Dr. Ciara Whelan (Trinity College Dublin) presented a paper “The Importance of Structural Change in Industry for Growth”. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Eoin O’Malley (Economic and Social Research Institute) and seconded by Mr. Dan Flinter (Enterprise Ireland).

The following also spoke: Dr. Edgar Morgenroth and Professor Frances Ruane.

Dr Walsh replied to the discussion and the meeting ended.

**Second Meeting**

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 20 January 2000. The President, Mr. William Keating was in the Chair.

A symposium on “Market Liberalisation in Ireland: Competition, Privatisation and Regulatory Issues” was held. The contributors were Professor John Kay (London Economics and Financial Times), Mr. Moore McDowell (University College Dublin) and Mr. James Wyrnn (Dublin Institute of Technology).

The following also spoke: Professor John Fitz Gerald, Dr. John Fingleton, Mr. Pat Massey, Mr. Michael McGinley, Dr. Sean Barrett.

The contributors replied to the discussion and the meeting ended.

### **Third Meeting**

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 17 February, 2000. The President, Mr. William Keating was in the Chair.

A paper on “Volatility and the Euro: An Irish Perspective” was read by Mr. John Cotter (University College Dublin). A vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Margaret Hurley (National University of Ireland, Maynooth) and seconded by Mr. Jim Power (Bank of Ireland).

The following also spoke: Mr. Aidan Meyler, Professor Brendan Walsh, Dr. Jim Stewart, Dr. Pádraig McGowan, Professor Brendan Whelan, Mr. Shane Whelan

Mr. Cotter responded and the meeting concluded.

### **Fourth Meeting**

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 9 March, 2000. The President, Mr. William Keating was in the Chair.

A paper on “An Experimental Indicator to Forecast Turning Points in the Irish Business Cycle” was read by Mr. Gerard Keogh and Mr. Pádraig Dalton (Central Statistics Office). A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. John Frain (Central Bank of Ireland) and seconded by Mr. Jim O’Leary (Davy Stockbrokers).

The following also spoke: Ms. Anne Marie McKiernan, Fr. John Brady.

The authors responded and the meeting concluded.

### **Fifth Meeting**

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 30 March, 2000. The President, Mr. William Keating was in the Chair.

The Barrington Lecture on “Evaluating Labour Market Interventions” was read by Dr. Donal O’Neill (National University of Ireland, Maynooth). A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Philip O’Connell (Economic and Social Research Institute) and seconded by Mr. Peter Malone (Jurys Doyle Group).

The following also spoke: Dr. Tom McCarthy, Dr. Roy Johnston, Professor Denis Conniffe, Professor Gerry Boyle, Mr. Gerry O'Hanlon, Professor P.J. Drudy.

Dr. O'Neill responded and the meeting concluded with a presentation of the Barrington Medal by Mr. Ron Barrington.

### **Sixth Meeting**

The Society met at the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency, Belfast on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Mr William Keating, President, was in the Chair.

Two papers were read to the Society under the theme of "Socio-Economic Implications of Urban Renewal: A Comparison of Belfast and Dublin Experiences".

Professor P.J. Drudy and Mr. Michael Punch (Trinity College Dublin) presented a paper on "Economic Restructuring, Urban Change and Regeneration: The Case of Dublin". Mr. Tony McKibben (Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency) presented a paper on "Targeting Need: A Methodological Review of a Socio-Economic Urban Regeneration Initiative in Belfast". The vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Peter Tyler (University of Cambridge) and Dr. Frank Gaffikin (University of Ulster).

The following also spoke: Mr. Michael McGinley, Mr. Tim Bourke

Professor Drudy and Mr. McKibben responded to the discussion.

### **Seventh Meeting**

The Society met at the Royal Irish Academy on Thursday, 18 May, 2000 for its Annual General Meeting. The President, Mr. William Keating was in the Chair.

Professor Alan Matthews (Trinity College Dublin) presented a paper on "Productivity Growth in Irish Agriculture". The vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Gerry Boyle (National University of Ireland, Maynooth) and Mr. Gerard Brady (Central Statistics Office).

The following also spoke: Professor Seamus Sheehy, Dr. Eunice McCarthy, Dr. Miriam Hederman-O'Brien, Dr. Paul Walsh, Mr. Edgar Morgenroth, Mr. Brendan Kearney, Mr. Brendan Riordan, Mr. Paul Kelly.

Professor Matthews replied to the discussion.