First Meeting

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 10 November 1988. The President, Professor J.J. Sexton, was in the Chair.

Mr. Alan Matthews, Trinity College, presented a paper entitled "Common Agricultural Policy Reform and National Compensation Strategies". A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Seamus Sheehy, UCD, and seconded by Mr. Brendan Kearney, Teagasc. The following also spoke: Dr. A. Conway, Dr. B. Riordan, Mr. J. Durkan, Rev. J. Brady, S.J., Mr. P. Ryan, Dr. R. Johnston, Mr. Seamus Healy, Mr. J. Murphy, Ms. Eithne Murphy. Mr. Matthews replied to the discussion.

Second Meeting

The Society met at Queens University, Belfast, on Thursday, 1 December 1988. The President, Professor J.J. Sexton, was in the Chair.

Dr. P. McGowan, Central Bank of Ireland, read a paper entitled "Money and Banking in Ireland: Origins, Development and Future". A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Norman Gibson, University of Ulster, Coleraine. The following also spoke: Mr. R. Hutchinson, Professor R. Kinsella and Mr. K.P. O'Shaughnessy. Dr. McGowan replied to the discussion.

Third Meeting

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 2 March 1989. The President, Professor J.J. Sexton, was in the Chair.

There was a Symposium on "The International Dimension in Corporate Mergers and Acquisitions: The Implications for Ireland". The main contributors were: Dr. J. Teeling, Chairman of Business Ventures in Ireland and Abroad; Mr. P. Cassells, General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions; and Mr. J.J. Hayes, Managing Director, Finance and Development, Cement Roadstone Holdings plc. The following also spoke: Rev. J. Brady, S.J., Mr. M. McGinley, Mr. F. O'Brolchain, Dr. P. McGowan, Mr. J. Bourke, Professor K.A. Kennedy, Professor Louis Smith, Mr. R. Dennis, Mr. W. Scally and Dr. R. Johnston. The main contributors replied to the discussion.
Fourth Meeting

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 27 April 1989. Professor R. O'Connor, Vice-president, was in the Chair.

The President, Professor J.J. Sexton, presented a paper entitled “On Producers and Users of Statistics”. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Brendan Kearney, Teagasc, and seconded by Mr. T.P. Linehan, CSO. The following also spoke: Mr. J. O’Hanlon, Mr. M. McGinley, Mr. J. Blackwell, Mr. B. Geoghegan, Mr. D. Garvey, Professor K. A. Kennedy, Mr. J. Higgins, Dr. P. McGowan, Dr. Eunice McCarthy and Professor R. O’Connor. Professor Sexton replied to the discussion.

Fifth Meeting

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 18 May 1989. The President, Professor J.J. Sexton, was in the Chair.

Mr. W. Keating and Mr. T. Keane, Central Statistics Office, presented a paper entitled “Irish Industrial Structures, 1979 to 1985 (A Longitudinal Analysis)”. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. John Blackwell, UCD, and seconded by Dr. John McKeon. The following also spoke: Professor E. Henry, Mr. T.P. Linehan, Mr. John FitzGerald, Mr. J. Higgins, Professor J.J. Sexton and Ms. D. McHugh. Mr. Keating replied to the discussion.