

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL INQUIRY SOCIETY OF IRELAND

One Hundred and Forty-Fourth Session - 1990/91

First Meeting

The Society met at the offices of the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 25 October 1990. The President, Professor K.A. Kennedy, was in the Chair.

Dr. Eileen Drew, Trinity College, presented a paper entitled "Part-time Working in Ireland in a European Context". A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Maurice Cashell, Department of Labour and seconded by Dr. Brian Nolan, ESRI. The following also spoke: Rev. J. Brady, S.J., Professor R. O'Connor, Mr. Donal Garvey and Mr. Gerry O'Hanlon. Dr. Drew replied to the discussion.

Second Meeting

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 15 November 1990. The President, Professor K.A. Kennedy, was in the Chair.

Professor Denis Conniffe, ESRI, presented a paper entitled "R.A. Fisher and the Development of Statistics - A View in his Centenary Year". A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor J.E. Spencer, Queen's University Belfast and seconded by Professor P. Boland, UCD. The following also spoke: Dr. Gilbert MacKenzie and Dr. Michael Stuart. Professor Conniffe replied to the discussion.

Third Meeting

The Society met at the offices of the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 6 December 1990. The President, Professor K.A. Kennedy, was in the Chair.

Mr. Alan Joyce, Aer Lingus, winner of the Barrington Prize, presented his

award-winning paper entitled "The Development of Yield Curves for the Irish Securities Market". A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Richard Breen, ESRI and seconded by Mr. Michael Grace, AIB Investment Managers. The following also spoke: Dr. A. Unwin, Professor P. Honohan and Mr. P. McArdle. Mr. Joyce replied to the discussion.

Fourth Meeting

The Society met at the offices of the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 21 February 1991. Professor R. O'Connor, Vice-President, was in the Chair.

Mr. G. Fagan and Mr. J. Fell, Central Bank of Ireland, presented a paper entitled "Techniques for Short-Term Economic Forecasting". A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Durkan, UCD, and seconded by Professor P. Honohan, ESRI. The following also spoke: Mr. J. Fitzgerald, Professor D. Conniffe, Dr. A. Unwin, Dr. D. Hurley and Mr. B. Ryan. Mr. Fagan replied to the discussion.

Fifth Meeting

The Society met at the Social Sciences Building, Queen's University, Belfast, on Thursday, 14 February 1991. Professor R.D.C. Black, Vice-President, was in the Chair.

There was a Symposium on "Geographic Information Systems". The main contributors were: M. Brand, Ordnance Survey for Northern Ireland, D. Bond and M. Hart, Northern Ireland Regional Research Laboratory and R. Tomlinson and M. Cruickshank, School of Geosciences, QUB.

Sixth Meeting

The Society met at the offices of the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 21 March 1991. The President, Professor K.A. Kennedy, was in the Chair.

There was a Symposium on "Local Government Reform" and the following contributed: Dr. T.J. Barrington, Mr. Colm McCarthy and Professor

John Bristow. The following also spoke. Mr. Des Fennell, Dr. Donal de Buitléir, Mr. J. Dorgan, Mr. M. McGinley, Mr. P. Byrne, Mr. J. McGinley, Mr. Paul Harron, Mr. Peter Gaffey, Ms. Ronnie Fay, Mr. John Goodwillie, Councillor T. Brown and Mr. M. Doody. The main contributors replied to the discussion.

Seventh Meeting

The Society met at the offices of the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 9 May 1991. The President, Professor K.A. Kennedy, was in the Chair.

Professor E.W. Henry, ESRI, presented a paper entitled "Estimated Employment and Gross National Product Impacts of 1989 Tourism in Ireland". A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. W.K. O'Riordan, UCD, and seconded by Dr. Sean Barrett, TCD. The following also spoke: Mr. B. Deane, Mr. T. Ferris, Dr. P. McGowan, Professor K.A. Kennedy, Mr. P. Cox, Professor C. Fanning, Mr. C. Smith and Mr. J. Deegan. Professor Henry replied to the discussion.