First Meeting

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 29 October 1987. The President, Professor J J Sexton, was in the Chair.

Mr Patrick Massey, DKM Economic Consultants, presented a paper entitled “Exchange Rate Policy in a Small Open Economy: An Examination of Irish Experience.” A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr J Durkan and seconded by Mr A J Leddin. The following also spoke: Professor B M Walsh, Dr P McGowan, Mr P McArdle, Mr S Cromien, Mr R Humphreys, Professor Louis Smith, and Mr Rory O’Donnell.

Second Meeting

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 3 December 1987. The President, Professor J J Sexton, was in the Chair.

There was a Symposium on “The Privatisation of State Assets and State Commercial Companies” and the following contributed: Mr Sean Cromien, Secretary, Department of Finance; Mr Peter Cassells, Assistant Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions; and Mr Moore McDowell, Lecturer in Economics, University College, Dublin. The following also spoke: Professor B M Walsh, Mr D de Buitleir, Mr J Lanehan, Mr O O Siochru, Mr B Hussey, Mr P Sweeney, Mr E Casey, Rev J Brady, Mr C McCarthy, Mr C O Brolachain, Mr J Radcliffe, Mr A McNamara, Mr C F Smith, Ms A Cass, Mr T Carroll, Mr P G Cox, and Mr T Ferris. The contributors replied to the discussion.

Third Meeting

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 25 February 1988. The President, Professor J J Sexton, was in the Chair.

Dr Dermot Walsh, Health Research Board, presented a paper entitled “The Delivery of Psychiatric Care to those Mentally Ill in Ireland: Proposals for Change.” A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Eamon O’Shea, University College, Galway, and seconded by Mr Michael Walsh, Eastern Health Board. The following also spoke: Dr M Mulcahy, Mr F Foley, Dr B Sheehan, Mr G Martin, and Professor J J Sexton. Dr Walsh replied to the discussion.
Fourth Meeting
The Society met at the Royal Irish Academy on Thursday, 21 April 1988. The President, Professor J J Sexton, was in the Chair.

Professor R D C Black presented a paper entitled “Measurement, Measures and the Millennium: The Society’s Activities in the Long Perspective.” A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T P Linehan and seconded by Mr. A Murphy.

The following also spoke: Professor R O’Connor and Mr. P G Cox. Professor Black replied to the discussion.

Fifth Meeting
The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 26 May 1988. The President, Professor J J Sexton, was in the Chair.

Mr. Donal Garvey, Central Statistics Office, presented a paper entitled “What is the Best Measure of Employment and Unemployment in Ireland?” A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Terry Corcoran and seconded by Mr. P Teahon.

The following also spoke: Professor R O’Connor, Dr. Eunice McCarthy, Mr. P G Cox, Mr. J Blackwell, Professor K A Kennedy, Mr. W Hyland, Mr. W Keating, Mr. D Murphy, Mr. F A Embleton and Professor J J Sexton. Mr. Garvey replied to the discussion.

The Barrington Prize Lecture
The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 14 January 1988. The President, Professor J J Sexton, was in the Chair.