First Meeting

The Society met at the offices of the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 30 October 1986. The President, Professor J J Sexton, was in the chair.

There was a symposium on the Report of the Commission on Social Welfare. Papers were read by Mr J Curry, Chairman of the Commission on Social Welfare, Mr B R Dowling of J & E Davy and Dr F Kennedy, Economist. The following also spoke: Rev J Brady, Mr T O'Connell, Ms Eithne Fitzgerald, Mr K Crilly, Mr D Humphreys, Mr K Rush, Professor D Hannan, Mr T McCashin, Mr P Cassells and Dr P Honohan. The authors replied to the discussion.

Second Meeting

The Society met at the offices of the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 22 January 1987. The President, Professor J J Sexton, was in the chair.

Dr G E Boyle, of An Foras Taluntas, presented a paper entitled “agricultural volume index numbers and the choice of aggregation formula: an empirical investigation for the Member States of the EC.” A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor P Geary and seconded by Mr G O’Hanlon. The following also spoke: Mr F E Embleton and Dr J Murphy. Dr Boyle replied to the discussion.

Third Meeting

The Society met at the offices of the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 26 March 1987. Professor R O'Connor was in the chair.

Professor J O'Hagan and Mr P Waldron, of Trinity College, Dublin, presented a paper entitled “Estimating the magnitude of tourism in the European Community: data deficiencies and some results.” A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr D Jennings and seconded by Mr Alan Gray. The following also spoke: Dr E Henry, Mr T Byne and Mr S Barrett. Professor O'Hagan and Mr Waldron replied to the discussion.

Fourth Meeting

The Society met at the offices of the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 21 May 1987. The President, Professor J J Sexton, was in the chair.
Mr N T O’Gorman and Mr T A Carroll, of the Department of Finance, presented a paper entitled “The dilemma of Irish economic development – perspectives on the evolution of Ireland’s public finances and economy from the early 1960’s to the mid-1980’s.” A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr P Bacon and seconded by Mr J Fitzgerald. The following also spoke: Dr J Bradley, Dr P Honohan, Professor K A Kennedy and Dr J Durkin. Mr O’Gorman and Mr Carroll replied to the discussion.