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First Meeting

The first meeting of the Society was held at 4:00pm on Thursday 30th September 2010 at the Central Statistics Office, Skehard Road, Cork. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair.

Professor Tim Callan delivered a paper co-authored with Ms Claire Keane, Mr John R. Walsh and Ms Marguerita Lane. The paper was titled From Data to Policy Analysis: Tax-Benefit Modelling using SILC 2008. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Tom McMahon (CSO) and seconded by Mr Jim Walsh (Social Inclusion Division, Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs). Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Kieran Walsh, Mr Pat McArdle, Dr Seán Lyons, Mr Pádraig Dalton and Mr Bill Keating. The President invited the presenter to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and the contributors.

Second Meeting

The second meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 2nd November 2010 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair.

Dr John McCartney (CSO) delivered his paper Predicting Turning Points in the Rent Cycle Using the Natural Vacancy Rate – An Applied Study of the Dublin Office Market. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Brendan Williams (UCD) and seconded by Dr Clare Eriksson (Jones Lang LaSalle). Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Brian McCormick, Dr Keith Walsh, Mr Karl Deeter, Dr Duncan Cleary, Mr Ivor O'Shea and Mr Noel O'Gorman. The President invited the presenter to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and the contributors.

Third Meeting

The third meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 9th December 2010 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair.

Dr Keith Walsh (Office of the Revenue Commissioners) delivered his paper The Economic and Fiscal Contribution of US Investment in Ireland. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Jim Stewart (TCD) and seconded by Dr Jonathan Healy (Forfás). Contributions from the floor were made by Dr Donal de Buitléir, Dr Christopher Sibley, Mr John Burke, Prof. Frank Barry, Mr Brian Cotter, Prof. Paul Gorecki, Mr Eamon O'Dea and Ms Breda O'Sullivan. The President invited the presenter to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and the contributors.

Fourth Meeting

The fourth meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 3rd March 2011 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair.

Mr Steve MacFeely (CSO) delivered his paper A Study of the NUTS 2 Administrative Regions using Input-Output Analysis, which was co-authored by Dr Richard Moloney and Mr Martin Kenneally (UCC). The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof Eamon Henry (formerly at ESRI and CSO) and seconded by Mr Kieran Moylan (BMW Regional Assembly). Contributions from the floor were made by Prof. Frances Ruane, Mr Bill Keating and Dr Patrick Quill. The President invited the presenter to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and the contributors.

Fifth Meeting

The fifth meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 24th March 2011 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair.

Dr Cal Muckley (UCD) delivered the 2010/11 Barrington Lecture, Terrorism, Tourism and FDI: Estimating a lower bound on the Peace Dividend in Northern Ireland. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Joe Durkan (UCD and ESRI) and seconded by all present. Contributions from the floor were made by Dr Tony Dignan, Mr Paul Sweeney and Prof. Philip Burke. Dr Muckley responded to the comments and questions raised. The President congratulated Dr Muckley on his lecture and presented him with the Barrington prize and medal.

Sixth Meeting

The sixth meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, 12th April 2011 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair.

Papers were read by Prof. Frances Ruane (ESRI) and Prof. Brendan Whelan (TILDA, TCD); Dr Rory O'Donnell (NESC), and Mr Ed Hearne (Department of Finance), with the last-mentioned paper being co-authored by Mr Robert Watt (Department of Finance). Contributions from the floor were made by Prof. Frank Barry, Dr Nat O'Connor, Dr Roy Johnston, Dr Duncan Cleary, Dr Edgar Morgenroth, Prof. Gerry Boyle, Dr Jane Suiter, Mr Gerry O'Hanlon, Dr Anne-Marie McGauran, Mr Laurence Bond, Dr Tom McCarthy and Ms Mary Van Lieshout. The President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and the contributors.

Seventh Meeting

The seventh meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 19th May 2011 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair.

Mr Niall O'Hanlon (CSO) delivered his paper Constructing a National House Price Index for Ireland. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr David Duffy (ESRI) and seconded by Ms Marian Finnegan (Sherry FitzGerald). Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Michael Garvey, Mr Pat McArdle, Dr Eunice McCarthy, Mr Aidan Punch, Mr Steve MacFeely, Mr Geoff Tucker, Dr Chris Sibley, Mr Tim Hennessy and Dr Duncan Cleary. The President invited the presenter to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and the contributors.

Eighth Meeting

The eighth meeting of the Society was held at 4:00pm on Monday 13th June 2011 at the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency, Castle Street, Belfast. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair.

Honorary Secretary Dr Norman Caven welcomed members to Belfast. Dr David Marshall and Dr Jos Ijpelaar (NISRA) then read their paper Ageing in Northern Ireland. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Brendan Whelan (TILDA, TCD) and seconded by all present. Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Sandy Fitzpatrick, Dr John Mallon, Ms Christine Irvine, Mr Bumper Graham and Dr Tony Dignan. The President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and the contributors.