

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL INQUIRY
SOCIETY OF IRELAND**

One Hundred and Fifty-second Session -1998/99

First Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 22 October, 1998. The President, Mr. William Keating was in the Chair.

Dr. Graeme Hutchinson (University of Ulster) presented a paper entitled "Public Sector Activity in Northern Ireland: Has the Growth of Government of the 1970s been Sustained?". A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor John Fitz Gerald (Economic and Social Research Institute) and seconded by Mr. Tom Flynn (Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Planning).

The following also spoke: Mr. Sean Cromien, Dr. Garret Fitz Gerald, Mr. Philip Furlong, Rev. John Brady.

Dr Hutchinson replied to the discussion.

Second Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 26 November, 1998. The President, Mr. William Keating was in the Chair.

Mr. Jim Nugent (Central Bank of Ireland) presented a paper entitled "Corporate Profitability in Ireland: Overview and Determinants". A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Robert Hutchinson (University of Ulster) and seconded by Mr. Ronan Smith (Bank of Ireland Asset Management).

The following also spoke: Dr. Philip Lane, Mr. Joe Durkan, Professor Colm Kearney, Dr. Jim Stewart, Professor Brendan Walsh, Mr. Noel Cahill.

Mr. Nugent replied to the discussion.

Third Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 18 February, 1999. The President, Mr. William Keating was in the Chair.

A symposium on “Economic Management in Ireland Post-EMU” was held with contributions from Professor John Bradley (ESRI), Mr. Brian Geoghegan (IBEC) and Mr. Manus O’Riordan (SIPTU).

The following also spoke: Professor John Fitz Gerald, Mr. Michael McGinley, Professor Dermot McAleese, Mr. Brendan Lynch, Mr. Kieran Crilly, Mr. William Scally.

The contributors replied to the discussion.

Fourth Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 25 March, 1999. The Vice-President, Mr. T.P. Linehan was in the Chair.

Dr. Aidan Kane (NUI, Galway) presented the Barrington Lecture on “Innovation Policy in Ireland: Economic Ideas and Institutional Diversity”. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. David Jacobson (Dublin City University) and Professor David McConnell (Trinity College Dublin).

The following also spoke: Dr. Philip Lane, Dr. Roy Johnston, Dr. Sally Hayward, Professor John O’Hagan, Dr. Grainne Collins, Professor Frank O’Connor.

Dr. Kane replied to the discussion.

Fifth Meeting

The Society met at the University College Cork on Thursday, 15 April, 1999. The President, Mr. William Keating was in the Chair.

Professor Gerry Boyle, Dr. Tom McCarthy and Professor Jim Walsh (NUI, Maynooth) presented a paper on “Regional Income Differentials and the Issue of Regional Equalisation in Ireland”. The vote of thanks was proposed by Professor P.J. Drudy (Trinity College Dublin) and Dr. Eoin O’Leary (University College Cork).

The following also spoke: Professor Denis Lucey, Mr. Michael McGinley, Dr. Pat O’Hara, Mr. William Keating.

Professor Boyle and Dr. McCarthy replied to the discussion.

Sixth Meeting

The Society met at the Royal Irish Academy on Thursday, 13 May, 1999 for the AGM. The President, Mr. William Keating was in the Chair.

Mr. Aidan Punch and Ms. Catherine Finneran (Central Statistics Office) presented a paper on “The Demographic and Socio-economic Characteristics of Migrants, 1986-1996”. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Alan Barrett (Economic and Social Research Institute) and Mr. Damien Courtney (Cork Institute of Technology).

The following also spoke: Mr. Aidan Meyler, Professor John Fitz Gerald, Mr. Donal Murphy, Mr. Gerry O’Hanlan, Rev. John Brady, Professor Frances Ruane, Mr. Eugene McCarthy.

Mr. Punch and Ms. Finneran replied to the discussion.

Seventh Meeting

The Society met at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown on Thursday, 20 May, 1999. Mr William Keating, President, was in the Chair.

Professor Robert Osborne (University of Ulster) presented a paper on “Higher Education Participation in Northern Ireland”. The vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Lindsay Paterson (University of Edinburgh) and Dr. Don Thornhill (Higher Education Authority).

The following also spoke: Dr. Garrett Fitz Gerald, Dr. Brain Caul, Professor Dermot McAleese, Professor Norman Gibson.

Professor Osborne replied to the discussion.