



***Honorary Secretary's Report
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First Meeting

The first ordinary meeting of the 175th session of the Statistical & Social Inquiry Society of Ireland was held at 4pm on Thursday, 21st October 2021. The event took place in Áras an Uachtaráin, with the audience joining online due to the covid19 pandemic, with assistance from Trinity Research in Social Sciences. The meeting opened with a brief welcome from Society Vice President, Paul Sweeney, and the Honorary Secretary, Ronan Lyons, reading the minutes of the previous meeting. The Vice President then invited An tUachtarán, Michael D Higgins, to give an introduction, where he reflected on the longevity of the Society and its contributions, as well as challenges for the future. The Society President then gave his Presidential Address, entitled 'Sustainable Development: "Still" The Opportunity for Irish Economic Policymakers'. Responses were given by An tUachtarán, Michael D. Higgins, and Dr Marie Donnelly. The Vice President then brought the event to a close.

Second Meeting

The second ordinary meeting of the 175th session of the Statistical & Social Inquiry Society of Ireland was held at 4.30pm on Thursday, 16th December 2021, online due to the covid19 pandemic and associated restrictions on physical meetings. Vice-President, Frances Ruane, was in the Chair, for a Symposium with the theme "Societal Impact of our Universities". The symposium included contributions from representatives of NUI Galway, University College Cork and Queen's University Belfast, namely Marie Coleman, Professor of History QUB, Nola Hewitt-Dundas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor QUB, John O'Halloran, President UCC and Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, President NUIG. During the subsequent discussion, questions and contributions were made by Giselle Myles, Donal O'Brolchain and Eóin Flaherty. Following the discussion and responses from the authors, the Vice-President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

Third Meeting

The third ordinary meeting of the 175th session of the Statistical & Social Inquiry Society of Ireland was held at 4.30pm on Thursday, 27th January 2022, online due to the covid19 pandemic and associated restrictions on physical meetings. Society President, Danny McCoy, was in the Chair, for the Barrington Lecture, which was given by Dr Paul Kilgarriff, with the title "Price, Size & Density: Dublin housing in an EU context". During the subsequent discussion, questions and contributions were made by Ronan Lyons, Donal O'Brolchain, Frances Ruane, Patrick Honohan, Sean Barrett, Barry Kelleher and Mary Doyle. Following the discussion and responses from the authors, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

Fourth Meeting

The fourth ordinary meeting of the 175th session of the Statistical & Social Inquiry Society of Ireland was held at 4.30pm on Thursday, 24th March 2022, at IBEC, Baggot Street, with the President, Danny McCoy, in the chair. This was the first face-to-face meeting of the Society in over two years, due to the covid19 pandemic and associated restrictions on physical meetings, with an option for joining online. The meeting comprised a symposium with the theme "1997-2022 - A Generation of Change" and three speakers: Prof Tony Fahy (University College Dublin), Dr Theresa Reidy (University College Cork) and Dr Barra Roantree (ESRI and Trinity College Dublin). Following the three presentations, there

were contributions from the floor by Patrick Kinsella, Sean Barrett, Paul Sweeney, John Fitz Gerald, and Ursula Quill. After the discussion and responses from the presenters, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

Fifth Meeting

The fifth ordinary meeting of the 175th session of the Statistical & Social Inquiry Society of Ireland was held at 5.30pm on Thursday, 5th May 2022, at the Royal Dublin Society but with the ability for others to join online. The President, Danny McCoy, was in the Chair, for a paper entitled “A Century of Irish agriculture - A policy-driven sector” delivered by Prof Cathal O’Donoghue. The paper was proposed by Prof Ciara Whelan (UCD) and seconded by Prof Alan Matthews (TCD) and during the subsequent discussion, questions and contributions were made by, among others, Eoin Flaherty, John FitzGerald and Pat Crowley. Following the discussion and response from the author, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

Sixth Meeting

The sixth and final ordinary meeting of the 175th session was at 4.30pm, Thursday 26th May, at IBEC, Baggot Street with the ability for others to join online. This was also the Annual General Meeting of the 175th session. The President, Danny McCoy, was in the Chair, for an invited paper entitled “175 Years of Mismeasuring Ireland? Some Traps Set by Historical Data” authored by Alan de Bromhead (Queen’s University Belfast), Alan Fernihough (Queen’s University Belfast) and Cormac Ó Gráda (University College Dublin). The paper was proposed by John Fitzgerald (Trinity College Dublin) and seconded by Jennifer Banim (CSO). During the subsequent discussion, contributions were made by Patrick Paul Walsh and Gerry O’Hanlon, and following the responses from the authors, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.