

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

One Hundred and Fiftieth Session -1996/97

First Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 24 October 1996. The President, Professor Dermot McAleese was in the Chair.

Ms. Mary Walsh (University of Limerick) read her Barrington Prize Winning paper entitled “Demand Analysis in Irish Tourism”. A vote of thanks was proposed by Ms Margaret Hayes (Department of Tourism and Trade) and seconded by Professor John O’Hagan (Trinity College). The following also spoke: Dr Sean Barrett, Mr Brian Deane, Mr Daniel McCoy and Mr Jim Deegan.

Ms. Walsh replied to the discussion.

The President presented the Barrington Prize to Ms. Walsh and congratulated her on her paper.

Second Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 14 November 1996. The President, Professor Dermot McAleese was in the Chair.

Professor Frances Ruane and Mr Holger Görg (Trinity College, Dublin) presented their paper entitled “Aspects of Foreign Direct Investment in Irish Manufacturing since 1973: Policy and Performance”. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Kieran McGowan (IDA, Ireland) and seconded by Dr Eoin O’Malley (ESRI). The following also spoke: Rev. Fr. John Brady, Mr Michael McGinley, Mr Bill Keating, Mr William Scally, Mr Philip Furlong, Professor Patrick Honohan, Dr Donal de Buitléir, Dr Jim Stewart and Mr Michael Tutty.

Professor Ruane and Mr Görg replied to the discussion.

Third Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 30 January 1997. The President, Professor Dermot McAleese was in the Chair.

Dr John Fingleton (Trinity College, Dublin) presented his paper entitled “Standards of Competition in the Irish Economy”. A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Paddy McNutt (Competition Authority) and seconded by Mr Peter Dargan (The Consumers’ Association of

Ireland). The following also spoke: Mr Pat Massey, Mr Roderick Murphy, Dr Fionán Ó Muircheartaigh, Professor Frances Ruane and Mr Denis Cagney.

Dr Fingleton replied to the discussion.

Fourth Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 13 March 1997. The President, Professor Dermot McAleese was in the Chair.

A symposium was held on “Pensions: Implications for Public Policy”. Ms Anne Vaughan (Department of Social Welfare), Professor Gerry Hughes (Economic and Social Research Institute) and Mr Jimmy Joyce (Actuarial Consultant) presented papers. The following also spoke: Mr William Scally, Mr Michael McGinley, Dr Fionán Ó Muircheartaigh, Dr Donal de Buitléir, Dr Jim Stewart, Mr Michael Tutty, Professor Brendan Walsh and Mr William Blaney.

Ms Vaughan, Professor Hughes and Mr Joyce replied to the discussion.

Fifth Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Wednesday, 16 April 1997. The President, Professor Dermot McAleese was in the Chair.

Mr Donal McGettigan and Mr Geoff Kenny (Central Bank of Ireland) presented their paper entitled “Inflation in Ireland: Theory and Evidence”. A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Kieran Kennedy (ESRI) and seconded by Professor Rodney Thom (UCD). The following also spoke: Rev. Fr. John Brady and Mr Michael Tutty.

Mr McGettigan and Mr Kenny replied to the discussion.

Sixth Meeting

The Society met at Queen’s University, Belfast on Thursday, 17 April 1997. The President, Professor Dermot McAleese was in the Chair.

Professor Eithne McLaughlin presented a paper entitled “The Determinants of Residential and Nursing Home Care among Older People in Northern Ireland” by Bernard, Boyle, McLaughlin, Parker and Porter. A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Robert Stout and seconded by Ms Ann Lynch. There was a general discussion to which Professor McLaughlin replied.

Seventh Meeting

The Society met at the Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 8 May 1997. The President, Professor Dermot McAleese was in the Chair.

Dr Eileen Drew presented her paper entitled: "Reconceptualising Families in the EU: Changes in Demography, Households and the Allocation of Care". A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Joyce O'Connor (National College of Industrial Relations) and seconded by Professor John Fitz Gerald (ESRI). The following also spoke: Ms Gabrielle Veale, Mr Michael McGinley, Mr Gerry O'Hanlon and Professor Louis Smith.

Dr Drew replied to the discussion.