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EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL I.E.A. CONFERENCE.

RAMADA HOTEL BELFAST, APRIL 23RD - 25TH 2004.

Preliminary Call for Papers

The conference invites papers in all areas of economics, which will be delivered in conventional (parallel) and poster sessions. There will also be two plenary sessions with invited guest lecturers. Financial support will be available for a limited number of graduate students whose papers are accepted for presentation. Further details will be available soon in the definitive call for papers, which will be posted on the IEA Website. The deadline will be mid-January, 2004 and submitted papers in pdf or word/rtf format should be e-mailed to john.sheehan@ucd.ie . Full details will be available on www.iea.ie in late October.

**IEA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, CASTLETROY PARK HOTEL, LIMERICK,
27 APRIL, 2003.**

Extracts from the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports:

The secretary reported on conference organisation and other tasks during the year. In particular, there is an increasing tendency for delegates to participate for only one or two days, a demand which the Association needs to note in making arrangements for future conferences

The Treasurer reported on the Association's Income and Expenditure for 2002 as follows (€):

Income		Expenditure	
Subscription Income	4,534	Printing, Postage, Website	751
Interest Income	918	Council Expenses	378
Annual Conference Surplus	- 689	International Subscriptions	500
		Bank Charges	47
		ESR IEA Issue	999
		Conference Students	2,200
Total Revenue	4,764	Total Expenditure	4,876
<i>Revenue Surplus (Deficit)</i>	<i>(112)</i>		

APPOINTMENTS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE, PROMOTIONS, Autumn 2002.

Victor Hewitt is leaving his post as Head of Economics Profession in the NI Civil Service to become the first Director of the new Economic Research Institute of Northern Ireland.

Derek Moran has been appointed Head of the Economic Policy Unit, Budget & Economic Division, in the Department of Finance, Dublin, from Summer 2003.

Professor Alan Matthews (alan.matthews@tcd.ie) has taken over as Head of Department from the three-year period 2003-2006 from Professor Antoin Murphy.

Appointments in economics/finance at QUB: Sumon Bhaumik (from LBS), Duncan McVicar (from NIERC),

Hiroyuki Kawakatsu (from UC Irvine) and Gauthier Lanot (from Loughborough)

Dr Ivan Pastine has been appointed College Lecturer in the Economics Department, UCD.

Dr Jacco Thijssen (jacco.thijssen@tcd.ie) has joined the TCD Economics Department from the University of Tilburg.

Tuvana Pastine (Tuvana.Pastine@may.ie), Joe Tharakan (Joseph.Tharakan@may.ie), and Bridget McNally have been appointed lecturers in Economics at NUI Maynooth.

Dr. Brendan McElroy (b.mcelroy@ucc.ie) has been appointed as Lecturer in Economics in UCC, from 1st

September 2003. He will be coordinator of the Health Economics Group.

Colin Bermingham (colin.bermingham@centralbank.ie) Alan Murphy (alan.murphy@centralbank.ie) and Suzanne Linehan (suzanne.linehan@centralbank.ie) have been appointed as economists in the Economic Analysis, Research and Publications of the Central Bank

Jenny Osborne has been appointed as economist in the European Monetary Affairs and International Relations Department of the Central Bank.

Statistician appointments at the CSO: Kathryn Carty (Quarterly National Household Survey); Tony Kelleher (Labour Cost Index); Denis Murphy (Social Statistics Integration); Patrick Quill (National Accounts); Christopher Sibley (National Accounts); Mairead O'Sullivan (Wholesale Price Index).

Dr Frank Bohn and Dr Arnaud Chevalier have been appointed to lectureships in UCD for 3 years commencing September 2003

Ms Han Nie, Ms Lynda Porter and Dr Susanna Thede have been appointed to one-year lectureships in UCD, September 2003.

Rory McElligot (Rory.McElligot@may.ie) has joined the Department of Economics, NUI Maynooth on a contract basis.

Ms. Sheelagh Connolly and Dr. Gerald Pech have been appointed to a Fixed Contracts (Teaching) in the Department of Economics at NUI, Galway.

Patrick Callinan has been appointed Junior Lecturer at UL, for a 10 month period. Before joining UL, he was Senior Analyst with Forrester Research, Cambridge (MA, USA).

Niamh McCarthy has been appointed Research Assistant, and Emma Quinn Researcher Archivist at the ESRI

Paul Hanly has been appointed to a college teaching assistantship at UL.

Research Assistants at the Monetary Policy and Financial Dr Patrick P. Walsh (ppwalsh@tcd.ie) has returned to TCD from a Government of Ireland Award sabbatical at Harvard University

Delma Byrne, Natalie Lubenets (Research Assistants) have left the ESRI.

David Hitchens has retired from QUB.

RECENT WORKING PAPERS.

UCD CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH.

WP03/14: Arnaud Chevalier, Kevin Denny and Dorren McMahan: "A Multi-Country Study of Inter-Generational

Stability Department of the Central Bank: Sinead Murphy and Gavin Murphy.

Finbarr Bradley (Finbarr.Bradley@may.ie) has been appointed Programme Director of the Finance and Venture Management programme being established in the Department of Economics, NUI Maynooth.

Luis Diaz Serrano has joined the NUI Maynooth Economics Department on a two-year Post-Doctoral fellowship.

Dr Chris Minns (chris.minns@tcd.ie) will be organising Dublin Economics Workshop seminars at TCD for 2003-04.

Dr Colm Harmon is on leave of absence from UCD Economics Department for 3 years to be Director, ISSC, UCD.

Professor Rodney Thom is on leave of absence from UCD Economics Department for 3 years to be Dean of International Affairs at UCD.

Dr A Murphy, Prof J P Neary, Prof C O Gada and Dr Aisling Reynolds-Feighan are on leave of absence from UCD for the academic year 2003/04.

Professor Kevin O'Rourke (kevin.orourke@tcd.ie) is on a Government of Ireland Award sabbatical from TCD for the academic year 2003-2004. His teaching responsibilities are being carried by Dr Todor Gradev (todor.gradev@tcd.ie).

Dr. Catherine Kavanagh is on extended leave of absence from UCC to act as Project Manager for the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs at Forfás during the current academic year.

John Turner is on sabbatical from QUB at the Bank of England.

Mary O'Donnell is on leave of absence from UL for the period Sept 2003 – June 2004.

Dr Kevin Denny and Dr Ciara Whelan have returned to the Economics Department, UCD, from leave of absence.

Educational Mobility" May 2003

WP03/15: Timothy W Guinnane, Desmond McCabe and Cormac Ó Gráda: "Agency and Famine Relief: Enniskillen Workhouse during the Great Irish Famine" May 2003

WP03/16: Cormac Ó Gráda: "Financial Panic, Famine and Contagion: Ireland in the 1840s and 1850s" May 2003

WP03/17: J Peter Neary: "Europe on the Road to Doha: Towards a New Global Trade Round" June 2003

WP03/18: Kevin Denny: "The Effects of Human Capital on Social Capital: A Cross-Country Analysis" July 2003

WP03/19: Kevin Denny, Colm Harmon and Vincent O'Sullivan: "Functional Literacy, Educational Attainment and Earnings: A Multi-Country Comparison" August 2003

WP03/20: Arnaud Chevalier and Gavan Conlon: "Does it pay to attend a prestigious university?" August 2003

WP03/21: Patrick Honohan and J Peter Neary: "W.M.

Gorman (1923-2003)" August 2003

WP03/22: Jean-Michel Chevet and Cormac Ó Gráda: "What were demographic crises like in mid-nineteenth century France?" September 2003.

Working Papers represent preliminary reports on research in progress and should not be cited without permission from the authors. Papers may be downloaded from the Department website: www.ucd.ie/economic/research.htm

TRINITY ECONOMIC PAPERS.

available from
http://www.tcd.ie/Economics/economic_papers.htm

MAYNOOTH WORKING PAPERS.

Roche, M. and K. McQuinn, 'Efficient Allocation of Land in a Decoupled World', January 2003.

Dewit, G., D. Leahy and C. Montagna, 'Employment Protection and Globalisation in Dynamic Oligopoly', January 2003.

Boyle, G., 'Tests of Market Power in Irish Manufacturing Industries', May 2003.

Broome, S., 'Limited Reserves and the Optimal Width of an Exchange Rate Target Zone', August 2003.

Boyle, G. and K. McQuinn, 'Direct Payments and Risk Premia: How Fared Irish Cereal Producers Under the MacSharry Reforms?', August 2003.

Working papers may be downloaded from
www.may.ie/academic/economics/papers_main.html

NUI GALWAY WORKING PAPERS

The first group of this year's DEW series will be held at NUI Maynooth, in the Edgeworth Room in Rhetoric House, at 4pm on the following dates (organiser: Tom Flavin):

Friday October 17th: Harald Wiese, Universitat Leipzig, *The Outside Option Value with special reference to the Irish Elections of 2002*.

Friday October 31st: Jaume Ventura, MIT & Universitat Pompeu Fabra, *TBA*

Friday November 7th: Maria Concetta Chiuri, University of Bari, *Labour Market Time and Home Production: A new test for Collective Models of intra-household Allocation*.

Friday November 14th: Ana Agundez Garcia, Universidad de Extremadura and University of York, *On sharing the redistribution function in a Federation: Positive and normative implications*.

Friday November 21st: Ivan Pastine, University College Dublin, *TBA*.

DUBLIN LABOUR STUDIES GROUP

The Dublin Labour Studies Group will also be hosting seminars at NUI Maynooth in Spring 2004 (organiser: Donal O'Neill). Dates finalised so far include:

Working Paper 68. Joan O'Connell. "On Growth & Saving." June 2003.

Working Paper 70. Michael J. Keane & Eoghan Garvey. "Measuring the Employment Effects of the Rural Renewal Tax Scheme." August 2003.

Details of all Working Papers are available on the Department of Economics, NUI, Galway, website (www.economics.nuigalway.ie/index.html) or from Claire Noone, email: claire.noone@nuigalway.ie

CENTRAL BANK OF IRELAND, TECHNICAL PAPERS

All Central Bank Technical Papers, Quarterly and Annual Reports are available on the Bank's website: www.centralbank.ie

The following papers have been released since January 2003:

1/RT/03: *Structural Models of Irish Inflation*: Geraldine Slevin

2/RT/03: *Alternative Models of the Irish Supply Side*: Kieran McQuinn

3/RT/03: *Dynamic Factor Demands in a Changing Economy: An Irish Application*: Kieran McQuinn.

UL ECONOMICS WORKING PAPERS

These can be accessed from: www.ul.ie/eac/ and www.ul.ie/nctps/

A complete series of working papers will soon be available at the new DoE web site.

ECONOMICS WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

DUBLIN ECONOMIC WORKSHOP:

Friday, February 13th: Anders Bjorklund, Stockholm University, *TBA*.

Friday, April 2nd: David Jaeger, William and Mary College and IZA, *TBA*.

ESRI SEMINARS: October 2003 - January 2004

Seminars are held on Thursdays in the Lecture Hall, commencing at 4 p.m. Tea/coffee at 3.45 p.m. All welcome.

23 October: "Return to Infrastructure in Ireland", Edgar Morgenroth

6 November: "A Cross-Sectional Analysis of the utilisation of GP Services in Ireland, 1987-2000", Anne Nolan, Brian Nolan

27 November: "Modelling Migration and the Housing Market In Ireland", David Duffy, John Fitz Gerald, Ide Kearney

11 December: "Trends in Top Incomes in Ireland from the 1930s", Brian Nolan

29 January 2004: "Industrial Specialisation and Regional Growth in Ireland", Edgar Morgenroth

UCC RESEARCH SEMINARS.

These occur weekly during term (Friday at 4.00p.m.) and the relevant Research Group Coordinators (contact in brackets) can be contacted for information:

Strategy Organisation & Competitiveness (Dr. Edward Shinnick, e-mail: e.shinnick@ucc.ie).

Financial Markets & Institutions (Mr. Niall O'Sullivan, e-mail: niall.osullivan@ucc.ie) *Economy Performance, Strategies & Governance* (Dr. Ella Kavanagh, e-mail: e.kavanagh@ucc.ie)

Health & Evaluation Studies (Dr. Brendan McElroy, e-mail: b.mcelroy@ucc.ie).

NUI, GALWAY SEMINARS.

October 17th. Salvatore di Falco (Idari Post Doctoral Research Fellow, NUI, Galway). "Rational Farmers and Myopic Policies. The Case of Crop Diversity Loss." Venue: To be announced.

October 24th. Brian Caulfield (Centre for Transport Research, TCD). "Evaluating the Success of Quality Bus Corridors in Dublin using an Automatic Licence Plate Recognition System." Venue: SAC Meeting Room, St. Anthony's.

November 28th. Paul Anand (Department of Economics, Open University). "Why Rational Agents Don't Need Transitive Preferences?" Venue: SAC Meeting Room, St. Anthony's.

December 5th. Greig Mill (Institute of Energy & Sustainable Development, De Montfort University). "The Effect of a Switch to Socially Responsible Investment on Portfolio Performance: An Empirical Study." Venue: A114 Quadrangle.

QUB SEMINARS

There are external speakers on Friday afternoons and internal speakers on Tuesday lunchtimes. Full details for the forthcoming semester are on <http://www.qub-efrg.com/seminars/>

The Economics and Finance Research Group (EFRG) has a new web URL: <http://www.qub-efrg.com/>

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

34th Annual Conference of the Regional Science Association: British and Irish Section, will be in UCC in August 2004 - Call for papers will be posted at <http://www.rsaibis.dundee.ac.uk/> soon.

INFORMATION FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

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