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First Meeting

The first meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 2nd October 2008 in the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Dr Donal de Buitleir, was in the Chair, and he held the first of two required votes on the proposed amendments to the Society's Laws and Constitution. The amendments were passed by the Members present. Mr Steve MacFeely and Ms Caitriona O'Brien then delivered their paper, *Family Businesses in the Irish Services Sector: Profile and Productivity*.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Stefanie Haller (ESRI) and seconded by Ms Jane Williams (The Sia Group). Contributions from the floor were made by Dr Eunice McCarthy, Mr William Scally, Dr Tom McCarthy (IMI) and Mr Bill Keating (CSO). The President invited the presenters 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 11th December 2008 in the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Dr Donal de Buitleir, was in the Chair. The President held the second of two required votes on the proposed amendments to the Society's Laws and Constitution, and the amendments were passed by the Members present. The Laws and Constitution were therefore deemed amended.

The President announced with sadness the recent death of Professor R.D.C. Black and discussed briefly his significant contribution to the Society. Professor Black wrote the centenary history of the Society in 1947, was for years the mainstay of the Society in the North, presented at least four papers, and was an active participant in many discussions.

Dr Edgar Morgenroth then delivered his paper, *Exploring the Economic Geography of Ireland*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. David Jacobson (DCU) and seconded by Dr Patricia O'Hara (Western Development Commission). Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Todz Haase, Mr Aidan Punch and Prof. Patrick Honohan. 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 Tuesday 20th January 2009 in the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Dr Donal de Buitleir, was in the Chair.

Dr Shane Whelan and Mr Michael Moloney then delivered their paper, *Pension Insecurity in Ireland*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Patrick Honohan (TCD) and seconded by Dr Orlaigh Quinn

(Department of Social and Family Affairs). Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Fergus Whelan, Mr Tom Healy, Mr Michael Terry, Mr Tom Barry, Prof. Gerry Hughes, Mr William Scally, Mr Donal Casey, Prof. Colm McCarthy and Ms Aisling Kennedy. The President invited the presenters 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 4:00pm on Tuesday 10th March 2009 at the Central Statistics Office, Skehard Road, Cork. The President, Dr Donal de Buitleir, was in the Chair. Professor Richard Tol then delivered his paper, *Towards Regional Environmental Accounts for Ireland*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Brian O’Gallachoir (UCC) and seconded by Mr Steve MacFeely (CSO). Contributions from the floor were made by Dr Colum Gibson, Mr Gerry O’Hanlon, Mr Seamus Harrington, Mr Neil Cammish and Mr Noel Duffy. The President invited the presenters 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 4:00pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2009 at the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency, Castle Street, Belfast. The President, Dr Donal de Buitleir, was in the Chair. Honorary Secretary Dr Norman Caven welcomed members to Belfast, and Dr Tony Dignan then delivered his paper, *Population projections: Sources of uncertainty and the user perspective*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr John Power (Northern Ireland Assembly) and seconded by Mr Aidan Punch (CSO). Contributions from the floor were made by Dr John Mallon, Dr Patrick McGregor, Mr David Croughan, Mr Robert Beatty, and Dr Seán Lyons. The President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and the contributors.

Sixth Meeting

The sixth meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 30th April 2009 at the Royal Irish Academy. The President, Dr Donal de Buitleir, was in the Chair. Mr. Mark Turner (HSE) delivered his paper, *HealthStat – supporting high performance in the health system*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Charles Normand (TCD) and seconded by Dr Edmond Molloy. Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Laurence Bond, Dr Claire Finn, Dr Pdraig McGowan, Mr John Dunne and Prof. Brendan Drumm. The President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and the contributors.