

We apologise for the late appearance of what should have been the May Newsletter.
We will catch up in August with another Newsletter then.

BSPS MEETINGS

Wednesday 6 July

BSPS AGM and Day Meeting

The 2005 Annual General Meeting of the British Society for Population Studies will be held at 10.30am on Wednesday 6 July in the Graham Wallas Room at the London School of Economics (directions to the venue at the bottom of the day meeting announcement on BSPS website). The Annual Report and accounts for 2004 and the agenda for the meeting will be distributed to members in advance of the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

To be followed by:

BSPS Day Meeting Recent Developments in Ethnic Demography 6 July 2005

To be held in the Graham Wallas Room at the London School of Economics, following the BSPS Annual General Meeting. Members and non-members are welcome to attend this meeting, for which there is no charge.. However, please pre-register by emailing pic@lse.ac.uk or by phone to 020 7955 7666 (so that numbers attending can be assessed).

Coffee/Registration for Day Meeting

Welcome/Introduction – *John Hollis (Greater London Authority)*

ONS update on current work and ethnic group population projections –
Michael Rendall (Office for National Statistics)

Lunch

Ethnic change between generations – *Baljit Bains/John Hollis (Greater London Authority)*

Health inequalities – *James Nazroo (University College London)*

Census profiles – *Greg Ball (Birmingham City Council)*

migration, population mobility and ethnicity; sub-national data; census, local government & national issues; fertility; evolutionary demography; historical demography; health inequalities; reproductive health. A **poster session** will be held on the first evening and posters will be displayed throughout the Conference. (The BSPS is happy to display material of interest to participants – please contact the Secretariat to arrange). As in 2004, there will be a **poster prize** of £100 in book tokens for the poster judged to be the best on display. Judges to be announced later.

Registration will be £50 for members and £75 for non-members. Accommodation packages for the entire Conference are available at £113 (shared bathroom facilities) and £147 (ensuite). Twenty-four hour stays and day registration are also available. Booking forms available from the Secretariat, or download from the website.

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OTHER MEETINGS

20th June 2005

Migration Statistics from the Census A joint LARIA/CCSR/LGA Seminar Crewe Alexandra Football Club, Crewe

What Is It All About? Migration tells about a locality's fortunes. The Census is the richest source of migration statistics in the UK. They inform population projections, monitor the social balance of those who arrive and leave, map the fortunes of cities and their hinterlands, and explain the changing racial composition of localities. This seminar, organised by the Local Authorities Research and Intelligence Association (LARIA), the Centre for Census and Survey Research (CCSR) and the Local Government Association (LGA), aims to guide researchers through the variety of migration statistics available from the 2001 Census, to advise on their quality and on their efficient use. The speakers are experienced practitioners who will also give examples of best practice in the application of migration statistics for local and national policy.

Further information from; lariaoffice@aol.com

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departments and the voluntary sector who are involved in commissioning research. Issues to be covered will include: themes and content covered by the MCS1 survey; survey design, non-response and weighting of MCS sample; future surveys of MCS; accessing the MCS via the ESDS; introduction to MCS documentation and meta-data; and a practical session using the *Idealist* data dictionary and subsets of MCS data.

A non-refundable fee of £60 (£30 for HE students) covers a buffet lunch and workshop documentation.

A copy of the provisional programme and booking form for this meeting are available via the ESDS website:

<http://www.esds.ac.uk/longitudinal/news/eventdetail.asp?ID=1349>

Places are strictly limited. Please email booking@esds.ac.uk as soon as possible to reserve a place.

An on-line version of the summer 2005 issue of the *cls* cohort studies newsletter (kohort) is now available via the institute of education website:

HTTP://WWW.IOE.AC.UK/BEDFORDGROUP/CLS/KOHORT/SUMMER05_ONLINE.PDF

Please do remember to notify us of any reports, papers, books etc that you have had published recently based on *cls* cohort study data - by faxing back or posting a copy of the form on the final page of the newsletter.

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NOTICES

Parkes Foundation Small Grants Fund 2006

The Parkes Foundation Small Grants Fund helps to promote research into the biosocial sciences. Priority is given to the support of research which involves the integrated study of biological and social features of human populations. Relevant disciplines are anthropology, demography and population studies, ecology & environmental studies, nutrition,

programme of census computerisation and indexing, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has announced its intention to produce a searchable database of the 'historic' civil registers of births, marriages and deaths. Although the precise timescale for the completion of these indexing projects is not available at present, however, it is expected that they will be generated over the course of the next five years.

Although these resources are being created primarily with the huge genealogical and family history communities in mind, they potentially offer significant opportunities to the academic research community as well, particularly in facilitating the possibility and potential for tracing individuals over the course of the second half of the nineteenth century.

The primary objectives of the pilot project are:

- to test differing sampling and methodological issues;
- to examine the linking problems involved.
- to investigate the relationship between the VPS and other longitudinal data projects (both contemporary and historical);
- to explore the strategic partnerships which will support the VPS;
- to recommend a framework and strategy for creating a full VPS.

An online questionnaire forms another important part of the VPS pilot project: to gain input into both the demand for and potential uses of a VPS. Despite the technical possibilities that exist for creating a VPS, clearly the full project will not be funded unless sufficient demand for the resulting VPS can be demonstrated. In view of this, your opinion counts. We would therefore be grateful if you could take the time to complete the short questionnaire online at:

www.data-archive.ac.uk/home/vps_survey.asp

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COURSES

European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD)

The EDSD is a new, eleven-month program that will be offered every year. Students will acquire a solid knowledge base on causes and consequences of demographic change, population data, statistical and mathematical demography, as well as modeling, simulation and forecasting. The program is intended for young researchers at a very early stage in their career, namely in the first year of their doctoral education. EDSD is under the auspices of the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS). For school years 2005-2006, contact: Tj659.25 1 TD -0.2467 Tc 0 Tw (-) Tj 3 0 TD 0.031 0 -10569.2-

boomers as they reach retirement age and how to resolve labour

I was very grateful to receive funding from BPS and the Department of Human Sciences, Loughborough University to enable me to present a poster based on my qualitative and preliminary quantitative work from my PhD – *Sputis, Stuiips and Saline Drips: Health-seeking behaviour for childhood illnesses in urban South Africa*.

This was the first time I had ever attended such a conference and I was quite overwhelmed by the number of topics and sessions being run. It was just not possible to listen to all the paper presentations and see all the posters I would have liked. Some sessions I chos