Editorial

Dear SHARE users and friends,

Again, a lot has happened during the past half year - and even more is planned for the future.

This is the last SHARE newsletter you receive from our Mannheim central coordination base. Currently still in the midst of moving boxes, we will soon start our work as the Munich Center for the Economics of Aging, the "new MEA" which will be part of the Max Planck Institute for Social law and Social Policy. Our Munich contact details will be published on www.share-project.org as soon as everything is set up and running - for the time being you can still reach us at our Mannheim address.

Luckily, we were not only packing boxes, but also found out about new, innovative research within the SHARE community! Many of you have already started to use the new SHARELIFE data and submitted their work to the 3rd SHARE user conference taking place in Tallinn - the cultural capital of Europe 2011. We want to thank you again for the many excellent proposals! The programme (http://www.share-project.org/t3/share/fileadmin/press_information/News_and_Events/Agenda_UC.pdf) includes a vast range of exciting papers - all interested to find out more are cordially invited to join the conference. Just send an email to massoth@mea.uni-mannheim.de for registration details.
Find out more about SHARE's past, present and future in chronological order below. We wish you a fantastic summertime and hope to meet you in Tallinn, Estonia, September 1-3!

Yours sincerely,
Axel Boersch-Supan
Mannheim, June 2011

The new SHARELIFE book

The new book "The Individual and the Welfare State - Life Histories in Europe" has been published by Springer! It explores the richness of the SHARELIFE life histories collected in the third wave of the SHARE project. Combining these data with a comprehensive account of European welfare state policies (see e.g. the family policy data base at http://www.nidi.knaw.nl/Pages/NID/28/996.bGFuZz1FTkc.html) provides a unique opportunity to answer some of the most important questions of our time: how the welfare state affects people’s incomes, housing, families, retirement, volunteering and health. For more details please see http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/population+studies/book/978-3-642-17471-1.
SHARE-ERIC is born

SHARE has become the first ever European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC). The inauguration took place in the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture in The Hague, May 24-25th. The new legal status gives SHARE many of the advantages enjoyed by major international organisations, with much simpler procedures. Research, Innovation and Science Commissioner, Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, said: "Our ageing population presents crucial social and economic challenges for Europe. So it is good news that SHARE will become the first European Research Infrastructure Consortium. I hope other cross-border research infrastructure projects will also apply. That would be a major boost to our drive to complete the European Research Area by 2014: we received a clear mandate for that from Heads of State and Government at the February European Council. Meanwhile, SHARE's new legal status will help it to contribute to European and national policies to improve quality of life for older people and their families and to reinforce our economies to cope with demographic change." You can find more information on our website:

SHARE goes Las Vegas

"Research in Germany", an initiative by the German Research Foundation, will host a reception at the American Sociological Association meeting 2011 in Las Vegas to present the four major large scale social science studies based in Germany. We are proud to be one of those four! Please join the event on August 22nd if you are at the ASA meeting: http://www.research-in-germany.de/70092/2011-08-21-research-in-germany-reception-at-the-american-sociological-association-annual-meeting-2011,sourcePageId=34214.html - or book your flight to the gambling city now!

Presentation of the SHARE crew

This time we would like to introduce two team members from two of our new countries - one at the South-Western and one at the North-Eastern most tip of SHARE-land! Both are just about to finish fieldwork for their first SHARE wave, which is the fourth panel wave supplemented by a brand new social network module.

Alice Delerue Matos

shares the leadership of the Portuguese SHARE team with Pedro Pita Barros. She is Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Demography at the Department of Sociology, University of Minho, and Researcher Coordinator of Population, Family and Health Research Group at the Research Centre for the Social Sciences. Alice’s research interests include the sociology of ageing, family intergenerational relationships and
class and gender inequalities of the elder population. She had coordinated several research projects, and demographic and social surveys in Portugal, Belgium, Macao, S. Tomé and Principe, Burkina Faso, and East Timor. She was the 1991 Macao Population Census Team Leader.

Luule Sakkeus

is the Estonian country team leader from the Estonian Institute for Population Studies of Tallinn University. Her main focus of research is family formation, ageing and population health processes, especially in the immigrant population. She has a long-term experience in survey methodology, having been a working group member for many different national surveys over time and the coordinator of several survey-methodology related pilot projects on health aspects. She is a member of the Steering Committee on the European Health Survey System and the representative of Estonia in the Academic Network of European Disability Experts (ANED). Luule was just elected Chairman of the Estonian Statistical Council.
Selected new publications

Please check out our new SHARE working paper series at http://www.share-project.org/t3/share/index.php?id=503!


European typology of late-life families. Ageing and Society 31: 545-569.


Please find a complete list of SHARE-based publications on our website www.share-project.org.

Please help us to keep this list up-to-date by informing us about all SHARE-based publications. Moreover, always remember to include the user acknowledgement:

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