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Editorial

Dear SHARE users and friends,

we are happy to send you the first newsletter from our new SHARE headquarters in Munich! The "new MEA" is now part of the [Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy](#):



So, if you are in Munich, just come by and have a Weisswurst and Weissbier with us!

During the last months, new SHARE based findings travelled east and west, while fieldwork for the fourth panel wave was finished in the SHARE countries. We will present some of last year's highlights as well as several brand new data features below.

After the wave is before the wave, and we have already started wave 5 preparations at our last SHARE meeting in Budapest, HU – so 2012 can start as busy as 2011 ends. But before that, we wish you all a relaxing vacation, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2012!

... and who knows, maybe our data news include a little Christmas surprise for you?!

Yours sincerely,
Axel Boersch-Supan
Munich, December 2011

Thanks to Tallinn

First of all, we want to take this opportunity to cordially thank all our users for their excellent contributions to an exciting user conference 2011 and especially our Estonian team who did a great job hosting more than 100 researchers from all over the world in a truly beautiful setting!



In sessions on the effects of early life conditions on later life health, work, retirement and family histories, as well as the relations between working life and older age health, we did not only learn a lot about ageing Europe in general, but life courses especially, as papers were all based on SHARELIFE data. If you are interested in more details, please visit our [website](#). You can find several interesting SHARELIFE publications [right here](#).

Just after Tallinn, another event was dedicated to the SHARELIFE ...

SHARELIFE across the pond

After our visit to [Las Vegas](#) this summer, this year's GSA (Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting) in Boston hosted a symposium on "Early life factors and later life outcomes", which showed that childhood circumstances have long lasting effects across the entire life course. Different social and societal backgrounds affect

- productive involvement (Howard Litwin and Iaroslav Youssim),
- regular health care utilization (Nicolas Sirven and Zeynep Or)
- successful aging (Martina Brandt, Christian Deindl and Karsten Hank),
- later life income (Omar Pacagnella and Christelle Garrouste)

as well as

-older adult loneliness (Pearl Dykstra, Tineke Fokkema and Jenny Gierveld), or – to put it in a nutshell – virtually every important aspect of later life. These analyses support the unique scientific value of the comparative life history information collected in SHARELIFE. We thank Howard Litwin for organizing an excellent symposium, all speakers for their fascinating presentations and Axel Börsch-Supan a very fruitful discussion of the findings presented!

SHARE in policy

On November 25th 2011 the Italian National Research Council in Rome (CNR) hosted a one-day conference on SHARE and its relevance for research and policy: "Population ageing and society in Italy and Europe. The role of SHARE". More than seventy researchers and policy makers listened to presentations by Guglielmo Weber, Agar Brugiavini and Tullio Jappelli on ways in which SHARE data can be used to assess issues such as pension reforms, long term care insurance and financial hardship risk, and a round table on the importance of micro data for ageing research and policy analysis. The conference was opened by Giovanna Morelli, from the Department of Cultural Identity of CNR, and closed by the newly appointed Minister for Labour and Social Security, Elsa Fornero.

SHARE data news

The first release of the wave four data is scheduled for autumn next year – and we would like to give you a first glimpse into the research opportunities our next panel wave will offer:

Three new countries joined SHARE, from the Southwest to the Northeast ([Portugal](#), [Slovenia](#), Hungary, and Estonia), so wave four will include 17 European countries and an even greater variety of historical, cultural and policy settings across Europe. We added a brand new social network module based on a name-generator approach, so social relations can now be analysed in much more detail than before – and for the very first time in a comparative panel study! In addition, new biomarkers such as dried blood spots, waist circumference and blood pressure will allow for even more detailed analyses of later life health, especially when we expand this German pilot project to more countries in the near future.

Another German pilot project which already started in wave 3 was again implemented in wave 4 of the survey: Upon respondents' consent, German SHARE interviews were linked to the administrative records of the German Pension system and thus enriching SHARE with the vast life course information included in the pension data base. And the best news is: The first release of these administrative data is available now! After registering at the [Data Research Center](#) of the German Pension Fund, you will receive a dataset which can be linked easily to the SHARE survey data. We are looking forward to a lot of exciting new papers by the SHARE user community! More information about the SHARE-RV project as well as the registration form will soon be available on our [website](#).

Presentation of the SHARE crew

Kathrin Axt

Kathrin is Head of SHARE Administration at the Munich Center for the Economics of Ageing (MEA), Max-Planck-Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, and thus one of the backbones of our central coordination of SHARE. She studied International relations in Strasbourg and London and holds a “Diplôme d'Etudes approfondies” in Political Science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Strasbourg. Kathrin worked as internal auditor and credit risk analyst before she joined SHARE in 2010.



Gábor Kézdi

Gábor is our (almost) new Hungarian Country Team leader. After studying in Budapest, he did his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Michigan in 2003. Now he is Associate Professor at the Economics Department of Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, as well as Research Fellow of the Institute of Economics at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. His research interests include household finances, survey measurement, and the education and labor market outcomes of the Roma minority in Hungary.



Selected new publications

Please check out our SHARE working paper series on our [website](#) in the section "Working Paper Series".

Bago d'Uva, T., M. Lindeboom, O. O'Donnell and E. van Doorslaer. (2011). Education-related Inequity in Health Care with Heterogeneous Reporting of Health. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A* 174(3): 639-664.

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Listl, S. (2011). Income-related inequalities in dental service utilization by Europeans aged 50+. *Journal of Dental Research* 90(6): 717-723.

Loerbroks, A., C. Stock, J. A. Bosch, D. G. Litaker and C. J. Apfelbacher (2011). Influenza vaccination coverage among high-risk groups in 11 European countries. *The European Journal of Public Health*.

Oudijk, D., I. Woittiez and A. de Boer. (2011). More family responsibility, more informal care? The effects of motivation on the giving of informal care by people aged 50 or over in the Netherlands

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Pagán, R. (2011). Self-employment and job satisfaction: Evidence for older people with disabilities in Europe. *European Journal of Ageing* 8(3): 177-187.

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Schmid, T., M. Brandt, and K. Haberkern. (2011). Gendered support to older parents: Do welfare states matter?. *European Journal of Ageing*.

Solé-Auró, A., M. Guillén and E.M. Crimmins. (2011). Health care usage among immigrants and native-born elderly populations in eleven European countries: Results from SHARE. *The European Journal of Health Economics*.

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Zamarro, G. and N. B. Coe. (2011). Retirement Effects on Health in Europe. *Journal of Health Economics* 30: 77-86.

Please find a complete list of SHARE-based publications on our [website](#). 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: "This paper uses data from SHARELIFE release 1, as of November 24th 2010 or SHARE release 2.5.0, as of May 24th 2011. The SHARE data collection has been primarily funded by the European Commission through the 5th framework programme (project QLK6-CT-2001- 00360 in the thematic programme Quality of Life), through the 6th framework programme (projects SHARE-I3, RII-CT- 2006-062193, COMPARE, CIT5-CT-2005-028857, and SHARELIFE, CIT4-CT-2006-028812) and through the 7th framework programme (SHARE-PREP, 211909 and SHARE-LEAP, 227822). Additional funding from the U.S. National Institute on Aging (U01 AG09740-13S2, P01 AG005842, P01 AG08291, P30 AG12815, Y1-AG-4553-01 and OGHA 04-064, IAG BSR06-11, R21 AG025169) as well as from various national sources is gratefully acknowledged (see www.share-project.org for a full list of funding institutions)."

The recent acknowledgement version can be found in the section "Research Data Center" on the [SHARE website](#).

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