Dear SHARE users and friends,

At the end of the year we would like to inform you again about news of the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE):

Two major SHARE events have taken place since summer. Our book release event: Ageing in Europe - Supporting Policies for an Inclusive Society in Brussels in October and the SHARE user conference in Luxembourg in November. In addition, we would like to introduce to you two new Country Team Leaders (Luxembourg and Denmark) and we are happy to welcome our new colleague Tobias Roeckl in the SHARE Public Relations team.

There are good reasons to remain faithful to SHARE in the next years: Apart from a data update of Waves 1 to 5 that will be released in spring 2016 and will include the latest state of data cleaning as well as updated weights, imputations and new generated variable modules, the data collection for Wave 6 with interesting new objective health variables has been finished and the data is now going to be prepared for release. Furthermore, we are in the final preparations for the new SHARELIFE data collection (Wave 7), which will go into the field in early 2017.

We wish you happy holidays and a wonderful New Year! Please enjoy our SHARE Newsletter No.17.

Yours sincerely,
Axel Börsch-Supan
Munich, December 2015

*Important note: Please do not forget to keep informing us about your SHARE related research and publications. Simply send an email to our team and your SHARE publication will be included in the respective publication section of our website. Please be kindly reminded that including the SHARE acknowledgment in every article using SHARE data is essential for SHARE as well as our funders.
Book Presentation in Brussels: European policy for inclusive ageing societies

At 29 October 2015, the release of a new book based on results from SHARE Wave 5 took place in Brussels. Around 90 people, consisting of scientists, EU representatives, politicians and media attended the event.

Presentations from representatives of the European Commission’s Directorates General for Employment, Economic and Financial Affairs, Research and Innovation, and Health on the relevance of evidence based policy making were held.

Ruth Paserman, Deputy Head of the Cabinet of Marianne Thyssen, EU-Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, informed the guests about the relevance of the research with SHARE data: “Population ageing presents us with huge challenges, but also opportunities. The knowledge generated by SHARE will help us deliver reforms aimed at extending working lives and making social protection systems sustainable in our ageing societies. Now we must get more countries to participate in SHARE to enhance its usefulness as a tool for mutual learning” stressed Ruth Paserman. After these presentations, Thorsten Kneip presented key findings from the new book: “Ageing in Europe – Supporting Policies for an Inclusive Society”. In addition, researchers from all over Europe and Israel provided new scientific findings in a poster session.

More information:

Press release: European policy for inclusive ageing societies

Book: Ageing in Europe – Supporting Policies for an Inclusive Society (Open Access)

Summary of selected chapters (PDF)
5th SHARE User Conference

From 12-13 November the 5th International SHARE User Conference took place at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-economic Research (LISER) in Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg.

The conference provided a forum for old and new users to share their experiences with the SHARE data, to discuss their ongoing research projects with an interdisciplinary and international audience, and to stimulate future research.

Researchers from all over Europe, but also Israel, China, and the United States presented their work on topics related to health and socioeconomic inequality, retirement behavior, family and social networks, retirement, health and well-being, long-term care and the welfare state as well as survey methodological questions.

The agenda, a book of abstracts, and the presentations are available for download at the SHARE website.

To have a look across the borders of Europe and to emphasize the value of having comparable ageing studies around the globe, Yafeng Wang from the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study (CHARLS) gave a keynote lecture on the progress of and recent findings from this study.

Follow-up to the Conference (French)

SHARE user support team

Throughout the entire conference, a SHARE user support team was present. At the SHARE user support help desk, researchers made use of the possibility to direct their questions regarding the data and the questionnaires to experts from SHARE Central and get support solving issues they struggle with in their current research.

Furthermore, they had the possibility to have a look into recent SHARE related publications and to obtain extensive information material.

On behalf of the SHARE user support team we would also like to say thank you to all of those who came by for their valuable feedback and suggestions!
Luxembourg’s New Country Team Leader

Eric Bonsang is senior researcher at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER). He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from University of Liège (2008). Eric is also a fellow of the Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market (ROA, Maastricht University), the Network for Studies on Pensions, Aging and Retirement (Netspar, Tilburg University), and the Research Centre in Public Economics and Population Economics (CREPP, University of Liège). He is Associate Editor of Ageing and Society and the Journal of the Economics of Aging. His current research interests focus on economics of ageing, labour and demographic economics, and applied microeconometrics.

New Country Team Leader in Denmark

Marie Kruse is a senior researcher at the Department of Business and Economics at University of Southern Denmark. She is an affiliate of the Centre of Health Economics Research (COHERE) which is based at the Department of Business and Economics, as well as the Department of Public Health. At the Department of Business and Economics Marie Kruse works part time as researcher and part time as the department’s Data Manager.

Marie Kruse has a MSc. in Economics from University of Copenhagen and a Ph.D. in Health Economics from University of Southern Denmark. The Ph.D. comprised use of survey data linked with register data.

Our new Colleague in Munich

In November, graphic designer Tobias Roeckl joined the SHARE team in Munich. With his long-term experience and his creative and conceptual skills he is an ideal addition to our European Relations Unit. Within his scope will be in particular the corporate design and corporate identity aspects of SHARE.
SHARE User and Publication Statistics

More than 5000 SHARE users worldwide

The number of SHARE users is steadily increasing. In 2015 we have surpassed the mark of 5000 scientists who are registered and use SHARE data for research in Economics, Sociology and health related fields. If you are interested in using SHARE data, please refer to our Research Data Center on our website.

Two new SHARE publications per week

After ten years of SHARE publications we are proud of 1245 publications in total. Over 120 journal articles, book sections and books were added so far in 2015, that makes around two publications per week and we are looking forward to many more releases in 2016.

Please inform us about any SHARE related publications. Simply send an email to our team and your publication will be included in our publication database >> more information.
Selected New Publications

Books


Book Chapters


Journal Articles

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