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Editorial

Dear SHARE users and friends,

in this summer edition of our newsletter we would like to keep you up to date concerning recent developments of the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe. We are pleased to announce that the statutory seat of SHARE-ERIC has been transferred from Tilburg, the Netherlands to Munich, Germany, where its central coordination was already located since the setting up of SHARE-ERIC in March 2011. Thanks to the Netherlands, and happy 200th birthday!

We are proud to communicate that SHARE-ERIC has four new members: Greece, Slovenia and Israel as first Member in an ERIC from outside Europe. Very recently also Sweden acceded. Congratulations! Poland has already launched the process of acceding to the ERIC. In March the annual SHARE-ERIC Council meeting took place in Munich. This time the setting of the financial course of SHARE-ERIC took centre stage.

With respect to the scientific progress of SHARE we would like to highlight the new release of the SHARE Job Episodes Panel. Thanks to our Italian colleagues! Please read on for detailed information.

While the preparations for the next wave as well as the upcoming (2015) First Results Book are well underway, we would like to encourage you to inform 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 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.

Our next newsletter will be published before Christmas 2014 – until then we wish you a pleasant autumn. To stay up to date in the meantime, you can “like” us on facebook or “follow” our twitter account.

Yours sincerely,
Axel Börsch-Supan
Munich, September 2014

**SHARE-ERIC has transferred its statutory seat from the Netherlands to Germany - Four new Members**

On March 6th 2014 the SHARE-ERIC Council meeting took place in Munich. More than before administrative issues needed to be foregrounded concerning the necessary measures in order to secure the sustainability of SHARE also in times of economic crisis in many participating countries. During the Council meeting the SHARE-ERIC Annual Activity Report 2013 was approved and recently also published. This report provides an in-depth overview – about the scientific, operational and financial aspects of SHARE-ERIC.

On May 28th 2014 the European Commission has published a decision concerning several amendments of the SHARE-ERIC Statutes which can be found here. This decision is the final milestone of a broader process in which also the seat of SHARE-ERIC has moved from the Netherlands to Germany and three countries, Greece, Slovenia and Israel became new members of SHARE-ERIC. We would like to take the opportunity to thank our Dutch partners for their help and hospitality in the initial period of SHARE-ERIC, and welcome the new member countries. Very recently also Sweden acceded to the ERIC our first Scandinavian member in SHARE-ERIC. With Poland – which has recently started the official steps in order to become the next member SHARE-ERIC will have 11 members (AT, BE, CZ, DE, GR, IL, IT, NL, PL, SE, and SI) and one observer (CH).

Further information about the SHARE-ERIC can be found on our website.
New release of the SHARE Job Episodes Panel

The job episodes panel is a generated dataset that rearranges information taken from waves 1 to 3 of SHARE in order to create a ready-to-use “long panel”. The second release contains details about the labour market status and job characteristics as well as country of residence, family composition and pension entitlements of each SHARELIFE respondents throughout her/his life, to the details.

This dataset is based on release 2.5.0 of waves 1 and 2 and release 1 of wave 3. Consistency with other releases cannot be granted. A detailed description of the methodology and assumptions underlying the construction of the dataset is available in the SHARE working paper 11-2013: “Working life histories from SHARELIFE: a retrospective panel”, by Agar Brugiavini, Danilo Cavapozzi, Giacomo Pasini, and Elisabetta Trevisan, and on the SHARE working paper 18-2014: “Migration, family history and pension: the second release of the SHARE Job Episodes Panel”, by Liudmila Antonova, Luis Aranda, Giacomo Pasini, and Elisabetta Trevisan.

easySHARE Update

easySHARE is a simplified HRS-adapted dataset for student training, and for researchers who have little experience in quantitative analyses of complex survey data. While the main release of SHARE is stored in more than 100 single data files, easySHARE stores information on all respondents and of all currently released data collection waves in one single dataset. Moreover, for the subset of variables covered in easySHARE, the complexity was considerably reduced. For example the information collected only from one person of a couple or in a household was transferred to all respective respondents; time constant information collected only in the first interview was transferred to all later interviews; the coding of missing values was enriched to provide an easier understanding of the routing and filtering of the interviews; etc. In addition, several ready to analyse generated variables have been added, such as health indexes, demographic information, or economic measures. Moreover, when possible measures have been selected or recoded to facilitate comparative analyses with the US Health and Retirement Study (HRS).

In addition to Stata and SPSS easySHARE is now also available in the statistical program R. Please visit our easySHARE website to find more information on the dataset.
Selected new publications

Books


Book Chapters


Journals


Policy Papers


Working Papers


Others


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