Dear SHARE users and friends,

in this winter edition of our newsletter we would like to keep you up to date concerning recent developments of SHARE.

As the year 2014 comes to an end, we are happy to announce that the use of SHARE data is steadily increasing. During this year the number of registered users has surpassed the mark of 4.000. For almost ten years SHARE has continuously been a cornerstone...
of research on health, ageing and retirement in Europe.

Another reason to celebrate is the fact that our publication database now has more than 1.000 entries. While we are pleased to announce these milestones, we would like to encourage you 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.

Furthermore we are well underway for the preparations of Wave 6 which will start its field phase in early 2015. From all of us at SHARE, we wish you a relaxing holiday season and a good start into the year 2015.

Yours sincerely,
Axel Börsch-Supan
Munich, December 2014

P.S.: To stay up to date in the meantime, you can “like” us on facebook or “follow” our twitter account.

4.000 + SHARE Users

SHARE continues to be popular among scientists worldwide. More than 4.200 scientists 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.

For a more detailed overview of statistics on SHARE users, please visit the following page.
For almost ten years the number of SHARE publications has been steadily increasing. We are especially happy to announce that
the 1,000th reported publication using SHARE data is “Born at the right time? Childhood health and the business cycle.” by V. Angelini and J.O. Mierau, published in the journal Social Science and Medicine (2014).

If you would like to inform us about your SHARE based publication or review detailed statistics, please visit our publications database.

New SHARE-ERIC Members

In March 2011, the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) became the first European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC). The project aims to help researchers understand the impact of population ageing on European societies and thus help policy makers make decisions on health, social and economic policy.

Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany and the Netherlands are the founding members of SHARE-ERIC, with
Switzerland having an observer status. Italy joined in June 2011. Since November 2013 also Greece, Israel, Slovenia and Sweden have acceded. On October 22nd Poland has also become a member.

For in-depth information about SHARE-ERIC and an updated version of the statutes, please visit the following page.

**SHARE Compliance Profiles – Wave 5**

The SHARE Compliance Profiles consist of a set of quality control indicators based on the SHARE Survey Specifications which are appended to the SHARE Model Contract. All participating countries are evaluated on these indicators uniformly, although the environments for conducting the survey differ among European countries. The combination of ex-ante Survey Specifications and ex-post Compliance Profiles levels the playing field for all participating countries and allows for a fair comparison of national survey quality. An ex-ante harmonized endeavor like SHARE cannot afford to set country-specific standards on what qualifies as good performance.

The document reports how SHARE quality standards were adhered to in wave 5, describes the data input for this evaluation, lists the survey agencies involved from wave 1 to wave 5 and reports the results in form of the various indicators.

A PDF version can be downloaded here.

**Selected New Publications**

**Book Chapters**


Journal Articles


**Working Papers**


**Others**

Aichberger, M.C. (2014). Soziale Determinanten depressiver Symptomatik bei Menschen mit Migrationshintergrund in


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