

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ERICH SCHNEIDER

Erich Schneider was a member of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth for more than twenty years, until his death last year. The note which follows was received from Dr. Jens Lübbert, of Hamburg University, a former student of Professor Schneider.

Erich Schneider, professor emeritus at the University of Kiel and an economist of world fame, died on December 5th 1970, but few days before his 70th birthday. His departure has meant a loss to economics, to economists, and to many friends the world over the weight of which cannot even now be fully appraised. His contributions to economics in general and economic theory in particular have been so many and so manifold that any attempt to give more than a sketchy survey on limited space is doomed to failure.

The author Erich Schneider has left behind a monumental life work. Many of the more than 200 articles, the large number of monographs, and his famous textbooks have become classics during the lifetime of their author. They have strongly influenced generations of contemporary economists and are likely to do so in the future. Almost all of these publications excel in their clarity of thought and the lucidity of exposition. Many of them contain new insights—be it in the form of new and highly original thoughts or the form of clarification of blurred issues.

The fame of the teacher Erich Schneider rested on a rare combination of mastery both of the written and the spoken word. While the four volume work “Einführung in die Wirtschaftstheorie” might have contributed most to his fame as a teacher of economics one must not forget that his influence went far beyond these justly famous textbooks. The overcrowded classrooms at his home universities and the large audiences he drew in many countries gave ample proof of the admiration for the teacher.

In order to fully appreciate the extent of his contribution to economics one has to consider the man Erich Schneider and his personality. Opportunism he had no part of and pure theory, not political activism was his field of work. This did not stop him from leaving the academic ivory tower to stand up for what he thought was right and necessary. This contributed to his decision to leave his home country in 1936. This attitude combined with the general confidence in his absolute integrity made his advice sought after in later years. Had it not been for the scientist, the teacher, and the man Erich Schneider the standing of economists and the confidence put in economic reasoning would not be what it is.

It speaks for our profession that his qualities found full appreciation from the very beginning of his career as an economist. Those that he left behind will always feel obligated to the standards that he set and stood for.

Jens Lübbert

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN INCOME
AND WEALTH

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIRTEENTH GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1973
AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Thirteenth General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth will be held in August 1973. The exact dates and place of the meeting have not yet been fixed. The program is under the overall direction of Zoltan Kenessey, incoming Chairman of the Council of the Association. The topics and organizers of individual sessions are listed below. Persons interested in submitting papers to be considered for presentation in any of these sessions should write directly to the specific session organizer, giving an abstract or precis of the proposed paper.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

- Session 1. Topic: The treatment of human resources in the national accounts
Organizer: Professor John W. Kendrick, Department of Economics,
George Washington University, Washington, D.C. 20006, U.S.A.
- Session 2. Topic: Problems of determining and measuring the reliability of national
accounts
Organizer: Mr. L. S. Berman, Central Statistical Office, Cabinet Office,
Great George St., London, S.W.1, England
- Session 3. Topic: Economic accounting for developing countries
Organizer: Mr. M. Mukherjee, Indian Statistical Institute, 203 Barrackpore
Trunk Road, Calcutta-35, India
- Session 4. Topic: Distribution of the benefits of public expenditures
Organizer: Mr. Branko Horvat, Sedmog Jula, 69, Belgrade, Yugoslavia
- Section 5. Topic: Problems of measuring the distribution of wealth
Organizer: Dr. Harold Lydall, School of Social Studies, University of
East Anglia, University Plain, Norwich NOR 88C, Norfolk, England
- Session 6. Contributed Papers. In addition to the above sessions, specific topics have
been suggested as areas within which the conference would like to invite
contributed papers. These are:
- The measurement of poverty
 - Non-income income
 - The true cost of living index
 - Secular inflation
 - Manpower and labor force participation
 - The development and use of micro data sets in economic and social
accounts.

Persons interested in contributing papers on these topics should communi-
cate with the Secretary, Nancy D. Ruggles, I.A.R.I.W., Box 2020, Yale
Station, New Haven, Conn. 06520, U.S.A.