

### **25th Annual Symposium held in Paris on March 30-31, 2017**

The 25th Annual SNDE Symposium (<http://snde2017.essec.edu/>) was a great success! We had a record number of submissions, an outstanding scientific program that can be found here <https://editorialexpress.com/conference/SNDE2017/program/SNDE2017.html>, and two excellent keynote speakers: Christian Gourieroux and Mark Watson. A major highlight was the conference dinner held at [Musée d'Orsay](#). We will post some pictures soon on the Society's website (<http://www.sndeecon.org/home/home.html>) under "Conferences." Many thanks to the program co-chairs Guillaume Chevillon and Fredj Jawadi for their hard work in organizing a fantastic symposium.

### **Awards**

The 2016 Best Paper Award for *Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics* (<http://www.sndeecon.org/journal/journal.html>), and a prize of USD\$2,500, goes to Mark J. Jensen (FRB Atlanta) for "Robust estimation of nonstationary, fractionally integrated, autoregressive, stochastic volatility," Volume 20, Issue 4, pp. 455--475.

The 2017 James B. Ramsey award for the best paper in econometrics presented by a graduate student at the 25th Annual Symposium, and a prize of USD\$500, goes to Elisabeth Pröhl (University of Geneva and Swiss Finance Institute) for "Discretizing the infinite-dimensional space of distributions to approximate Markov equilibria with ex-post heterogeneity and aggregate risk."

The 2017 Gerald P. Dwyer award for the best paper in finance presented by a graduate student at the 25th Annual Symposium, and a prize of USD\$500, goes to Kristina Bluwstein (European University Institute) for "Asymmetric macro-financial spillovers"

### **26th Annual Symposium to be held in Tokyo, March 19-20, 2018**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the first-ever SNDE symposium to be held in Asia. The location is [Keio University](#) in Tokyo. The program chair is Ippei Fujiwara: <https://sites.google.com/site/ippeifujiwara/>

### **SNDE application for ASSA membership approved!**

SNDE recently applied for membership in the Allied Social Science Association (ASSA). The requirements for ASSA membership are: (1) must be an open membership organization with a purpose in economics, (2) have at least 300 members, (3) have a set of bylaws, (4) have a leadership group that is elected by the members, (5) be in existence at least 3 years, (6) be structured so that program sessions do not substantially overlap with the purpose or programs of existing ASSA associations.

On March 22, 2017, the Society's application for membership in ASSA was approved! This is an important milestone for the Society and a recognition of the unique perspective that SNDE brings to the ASSA. As an ASSA member, SNDE has the privilege of organizing one session at the annual ASSA meeting held every year in early January. Watch your email inbox very soon for a call for papers for the inaugural SNDE session to be held at the ASSA meeting in Philadelphia on January 5-7, 2018.

### **Openings on SNDE Executive Committee**

The 9-member Executive Committee helps direct the Society in achieving its mission. More information about the Society, the current members of the Executive Committee, and their terms of office can be found on the Society's website: [SNDE -Home Page](#) In Fall 2017, we will hold elections for several openings on the SNDE Executive Committee. Check your email inbox for the call for nominations that will go out later this year.

### **New SNDE President!**

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Hilde Bjørnland has been elected to serve as the Society's President from 2017 to 2020. More information about Hilde and her outstanding qualifications can be found here: [Hilde C. Bjørnland's homepage - BI](#)

Best regards,

Kevin Lansing, SNDE Ex-President and Current Member of SNDE Executive Committee