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## EDITORIAL

Over the period covered by this edition, members of the Department continued to publish in a variety of places and to make broader contributions to the discipline in different ways.

The Department was sad to lose Dr Angela Black, who moved to a lectureship in accountancy at the University of Aberdeen. She will be sorely missed, for her personal as well as academic contribution to the life of the Department.

On the other hand, the Department was very pleased to welcome Professor Alan Sutherland, who moved to St Andrews from a chair at York. This is the first appointment of a senior macroeconomist to the Department for a very long time.

The secretarial arrangements were also reorganised, with Barbara Lessels moving to become Departmental Secretary in the Department of Management, and Caroline Moore becoming the full-time secretary in Economics.

David Cobham  
November 1999

## PUBLICATIONS

[1 October 1999 – 31 January 2000]

**Beath, J.** "Comparing Tax Yields Under Oligopoly", Discussion Paper, No. 0001, Department of Economics, University of St. Andrews.

**Cobham, D.** and P.Macmillan, 'Outsider or latecomer: the UK and EMU', *Brown Journal of World Affairs*, vol. VI, no. 2, Summer/Fall 1999, pp. 149-162

**Cobham, D.** and J.-M. Serre, 'A characterisation of the French financial system', *Manchester School*, vol. 68, January 2000, pp. 44-67

**FitzRoy, F.**, and M.Ward, "Discrimination, segregation and firm effects: some UK microevidence", *Applied Economics Letters*, 1999, 6, 711-715.

**FitzRoy, F.**, and A.Christev, "Employment and Wage Adjustment: Insider and Outsider Control in a Polish Privatization Panel Study", CRIEFF Discussion Paper No. 0003, Department of Economics, University of St. Andrews.

**McMillan, D.**, O. ap Gwilym and A. E. H. Speight, "The Intra-Day Relationship Between Volume and Volatility in LIFFE Futures Markets", *Applied Financial Economics*, (1999), 9, 593-604.

**Reid, G.C.**, 'Complex actions and simple outcomes: how new entrepreneurs stay in business', *Small Business Economics*, **13 (4)**, pp.303-315.

**Reid, G.C.**, 'Information system development in the small firm' in *Business & Economics for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - Volume III*, edited by D. Kantarelis, pp.1-10, (ISBN 0-9659831-2-9).

**Reid, G.C.**, 'Information system development in the small firm', CRIEFF Discussion Paper No. 0002, Department of Economics, University of St Andrews.

**Smith, I.**, 'The Economics of the Apocalypse: An Economic Model of the Biblical Book of Revelation', *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 155(3), pp.443-457, October 1999.

Acs, Z, FitzRoy, F and **Smith, I.**, 'High-Technology Employment and R&D in Cities: Heterogeneity vs Specialization', CRIEFF Discussion Paper No.9920, Department of Economics, University of St Andrews, December 1999.

## CONFERENCES ATTENDED

[1 October 1999 – 31 January 2000]

### **John Beath**

- On 17<sup>th</sup> November, I was a speaker at a Technology Policy Workshop organised jointly by the School of Public Policy, UCL and the Israeli Ministry for Science, and discussed the research being funded under the CNRS grant.
- On December 7<sup>th</sup>, I took part in a DTI/HMT seminar at HM Treasury, London, on Evaluating the Impact of Industrial Policy.
- On December 9<sup>th</sup>, I attended The Royal Bank of Scotland's Conference on the Scottish Economy at Hampden, Glasgow.
- On December 17<sup>th</sup> I attended the meeting of the Network of Industrial Economists at Edinburgh University.

### **David Cobham**

- attended the Money, Macro and Finance Research Group conference, Oxford, September 1999, where two papers were presented by him and his co-authors, Eric Girardin; and Stefania Cosci, Fabrizio Mattesini and Jean-Marin Serre.

### **Felix FitzRoy**

- attended the Jönköping International Workshop on Institution, Entrepreneurship, and Firm Growth, January 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> 2000. He presented his paper "Self-employed Wealth and Job Creation" (with M. Nolan).

### **Laurence Lasselle**

- presented her paper "Entry and Unemployment in a Union-Oligopoly" at the University of Nottingham, October 1999.

### **Gavin Reid**

- Attended the Scottish Economy Conference, Hampden, and contributed to the debate. Glasgow, 9 December 1999.
- Attended the Scottish Doctoral Programme Postgraduate Conference and acted as discussant on a paper, Peebles Hydro, 13-14 January 2000.
- As Chairman of the national Network of Industrial Economists (NIE) gave opening address to the meeting on 'Industrial Policy in a Devolved Economy', Edinburgh University Management School and chaired the round table session on this theme, 17 December 1999.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### John Beath

- The Subject Benchmarking Statement for Economics, jointly authored with Philip Arestis, was delivered to the QAA on December 17<sup>th</sup> and has since been published.
- David Ulph and I were asked by the Royal Economic Society to produce its formal response to the ESRC on its Consultation on Thematic Priorities. This was delivered to the the ESRC on 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- I was elected as a Senate representative on the Search and Selection Committee for the new Principal of the University and have been actively involved in the work of the Committee over the period.
- I attended a number of meetings and carried out a range of duties in connection with my role as Chairman of CHUDE, as a member of the ESRC's Research Priorities Board, as Chair of the Economics Benchmarking Group (QAAHE), as a member of the RAE panel and as a member of the Executive and Council of the Royal Economic Society.
- I was convenor on a PhD examining committee in St. Andrews and have been appointed as external examiner on a London PhD.
- I submitted two papers, on tax yields, and on the economics of university-firm scientific links, to the RES Conference.
- I have been appointed a Subject Specialist Reviewer for Economics by the QAA and will be actively involved in the institutional reviews in England and Northern Ireland that start in October 2000.

### David Cobham

- Visited Panteion University in Athens as part of an external team to evaluate the Department of Economic and Regional Development
- Visited LUISS in Rome where he gave a seminar and worked on joint research with Stefania Cosci and Fabrizio Mattesini
- Visited Jerusalem and the West Bank, where he gave a seminar at Birzeit University and discussed joint research with Yousef Nasser
- Spent two weeks in Clermont-Ferrand giving a DEA course on financial intermediation and central banking at the Université d'Auvergne.

### Gavin Reid

- Spoke to a postgraduate audience at Deans Court on 'The Research Enterprise', 13 October 2000.
- As President of the Scottish Economic Society (SES) chaired Council Meeting in the Royal Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh, 26 October 1999. Proposed vote of thanks to the RBS/SES Annual Lecturer, Professor Willem Buiter (University of Cambridge and Bank of England), Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.

## **NEW RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

[1 October 1999 – 31 January 2000]

### **Gavin Reid**

- is launching a new project on accounting for risk in high technology new ventures.

## **DEPARTMENTAL NEWS**

In January, Zawadzki Prizes in Economics were finally approved. The basis of these prizes is a donation of £10,000 from the widow of the financial Economist K.K.F Zawadzki. He read Economics and Political Sciences at St. Andrews (1944-46). He was the author of several books including "The Economics of Inflationary Processes" (1965) and "Competition and Credit Control" (1981), and of numerous articles in journals like Kyklos, Oxford Economic Papers and the Review of Economic Studies. The prizes will be awarded to students in the areas of financial economic theory and monetary policy, and to provide support for improving the library stock in monetary economics. It is hoped that the donor, Mrs Zawadzki, will be present in the University for the first award of Zawadzki Prizes in June 2001.

## **CRIEFF NEWS**

[1 October 1999 – 31 January 2000]

**Ramesh Subramaniam**, formerly a Research Fellow in CRIEFF (1992-1995) has been back in touch. He is a financial economist in the Financial Sector and Industry Division (East) with the Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines. He is currently organising a conference on SMEs in Asia, focussing on the policy and institutional environment facing SMEs in the region; business development services that are needed; and financial aspects of SME growth. The conference is being held in cooperation with OECD.

**Julia Smith**, formerly Research Fellow in CRIEFF (1993-1998), was an academic visitor to CRIEFF, 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> December 1999, working on several joint projects with Gavin Reid on information system development. She is currently a lecturer at Cardiff University Business School.

## POST-GRADUATE NEWS

[1 October 1999 – 31 January 2000]

- **Ben Gully, Yuki Iidaka** and **Martin Kuehle** have all successfully had their PhD viva voce examinations recently.

Ben's thesis, 'Measures of solvency in the UK life assurance industry', was examined by Professor Colin Mayer of the Saïd Business School, Oxford University and Dr Manouche Tavakoli of the Department of Management. Gavin Reid was Ben's supervisor.

Yuki's thesis was on 'The economic theory of contractual R&D with an application to the biotechnology industry', and the examining committee was composed of Professor Peter Swann of the Manchester Business School and John Beath. Yuki was supervised by Manfredi La Manna.

Martin's thesis was on 'Trading mechanisms and settlement systems of international stock exchanges', and the examining committee was composed of Dr Eric Levin of the Department of Economics, Stirling University, and Peter Macmillan. He was supervised by David Cobham.

- **Bernhard Walter** has also submitted his thesis recently.

Recent feedback about the career development of past students includes:

- **Geoff Strawbridge** (MEP 1994/5) has been busy developing his career in e-commerce and internet companies. He is currently director of membership services of the internet company Tripod, which has been acquired by Lycos.
- **Chris Barnes** (MEP 1996/7) is now married and working as manager of privatisation with the Insurance Council of Australia, based in Sydney. This involves lobbying the various Australian state governments. His area is privatising the underwriting of public monopolies.
- **Daniel Valentine** (MEP 1998/9) has been enjoying his work with Associates Capital Corporation Ltd of Manchester, where he is a financial analyst establishing performance indicators for all departments of the business. He hopes to be accepted for the M.Phil. in Management Studies at Cambridge.
- **Ryan Parks** (MEP 1998/9) is working for the US Commercial Service as an assistant foreign trade specialist. He hopes to be a fully fledged trade specialist leading to the status of Foreign Commercial Service Officer. This would enable him to serve in US Embassies abroad.

**PERSONAL**

[1 October 1999 – 31 January 2000]

**David Cobham**

- became a proud father-in-law on 27 November 1999.

**Clevo Wilson**

- was married on 22 January in Sri Lanka to Shirley.

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