

# sbe newsletter

**JUNE 2015**

## **AFTERNOON SEMINAR**

**Thursday 9 July 2015**

**4.30-6.00pm, Deutsche Bank, London EC2N**

**SIR DAVE RAMSDEN CBE, HM Treasury**

### ***Post-Summer Budget Meeting***

Sir Dave Ramsden, Chief Economic Adviser at HM Treasury and also, of course, the SBE's President, will discuss key aspects of the Chancellor's Summer Budget at this afternoon seminar. Dave joined the Civil Service in 1986 and the Treasury in 1988. He is currently Head of the Government Economic Service, the largest single employer of economists in the UK.

The meeting will take place at Deutsche Bank, Winchester House, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB.

Please email the SBE secretariat at [admin@sbe.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbe.co.uk) if you wish to attend. Light refreshments will be provided on arrival. We are grateful to Deutsche Bank for hosting this meeting.

## **LUNCHTIME MASTERCLASS**

**Tuesday 15 September 2015, 1pm-2.20pm, BBA**

**CHRIS WILLIAMSON, Market**

### ***Using PMI surveys to monitor economic trends: insights into methodology and track record***

Chris Williamson will kick off the SBE's autumn term with a Masterclass that will be of interest to many members, on the workings of Purchasing Managers' Indices (PMIs). Chris is chief economist at Markit, and joined the company in 2008 following the acquisition of NTC Economics, a provider of global macro-economic indicators.

The Masterclass will be held at the British Bankers Association, Pinners Hall, 105-108 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1EX. Registration is from 1pm-1.15pm with light refreshments available on arrival. The presentation will commence promptly at 1.15pm.

We are grateful to the **British Bankers' Association** for kindly hosting this event. Registration is required, so please contact [admin@sbe.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbe.co.uk) to reserve your place.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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**Markit**

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### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Tuesday 13 October 2015**

**9am-1pm,**

**One Great George Street,  
London**

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### **EVENING MEETING & AGM**

**Wednesday 11 November  
2015**

**6.00pm, Ashurst**

**JOHN PULLINGER,  
Government Statistical  
Service**

**KEVIN DALY, Goldman Sachs**

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## **RYBCZYNSKI PRIZE 2014-15**

Sir Dave Ramsden CBE, announced the winner of this year's Prize on 22 May 2015. Congratulations go to Tim Harford, for his prize-winning essay, *'How to see into the future'* which members can find in the members' 'Reading Room' section of the SBE website. Our thanks to KPMG for kindly sponsoring the prize of £5000 for the best piece of writing in 2014 on an issue of importance to business economists.

## **BOOK NOW! ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Tuesday 13 October 2015, 9.00am-1.00pm**

**One Great George Street, London**

This year's Annual Conference will be held on Tuesday 13 October at One George Street, London SW1. Chaired once again by BBC's Evan Davis, the conference is one of the highlights in the SBE calendar. This year's stellar speaker line up will include Claudio Borio, Head of the Monetary and Economic Department at the Bank of International Settlements; Spencer Dale, BP's Group Chief Economist; Andrew Sentance, Senior Economic Advisor at PwC (and, of course, the SBE's Vice President); Sarah Hewin, Standard Chartered; and Pantheon Macroeconomics' Chief Economist, Ian Shepherdson. Register for your place now; details are attached with this newsletter. Our thanks to PwC for sponsoring this event for a second consecutive year.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

An important deadline is approaching once again; membership subscriptions are due for renewal on **1 July**. Beat the deadline the easy way by calling the Secretariat and renewing over the phone by credit card, or send back the renewal form in the pre-paid reply envelope that will be posted to you over the next few days.

Whichever approach you prefer, do let us know at the same time if any of your membership details need amending so we can update the Society's Yearbook accordingly.

With the imminent start of a new membership year, now is an excellent time to introduce a colleague to the Society. The SBE's thriving and diverse membership network is one of its key assets, with members enjoying a full calendar of meetings and masterclasses. Copies of the membership leaflet and application form can be downloaded from the SBE website or are available from the Secretariat.

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Please welcome the following new members: Alicia Higson, CEBR; Vandana Patel, CEBR; Timothy Riddell; Donald Smith; Ian Tomb, Goldman Sachs International; Kamakshya Trivedi, Goldman Sachs International and Alex Wolf, Standard Life Investments. Welcome back to: Graeme Leach, Legatum Institute and Raffaella Tenconi, Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

## **SBE Membership Survey**

Our thanks to all of you who responded to the recent Membership Survey. The results are currently being analysed, after which a summary of your ideas and suggestions, and how these will be taken on board, will be published.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT ECONOMISTS ASSOCIATION**

Conrad Fritsch will speak on Revisiting Soviet Collective Agriculture: 20 Years after Restructuring on Wednesday 15th July. The meeting will start at 6.30pm at The Art Workers Guild, 6 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3AT. Both meetings will start at 6.30pm at The Art Workers Guild, 6 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3AT. Details can be found at [www.icea.co.uk](http://www.icea.co.uk)

## **NABE ANNUAL MEETING**

For more than fifty years, economists, analysts, business leaders and policymakers have met at the National Association of Business Economists Annual Meeting to discuss the outlook for the US and global economies, and the issues and trends that affect economic prosperity in both the near term and long term. The 57<sup>th</sup> NABE Annual Meeting will take place in October 10-13, 2015 in Washington DC. For details, see [www.nabe.com](http://www.nabe.com)