



John Hooper BA (1923-1930)

Born 26 January 1878 (Cork City) **Died** 29 December 1930

John Hooper, first Director of Statistics for Saorstát Éireann, lived at Sunnyside, Westfield Road, Harold's Cross, Dublin. He was one of the five sons of Alderman *John Hooper*² a journalist and Irish Parliamentary Party Member of Westminster Parliament for South East Cork for 1885-1889, who moved to Dublin in 1891.

Education

Secondary Christian Brothers (CBC Cork) and, from 1891 O'Connell Schools, North Richmond Street, Dublin

University Royal University of Ireland

Degree 1898: BA, First Class Honours (Mathematics)

Director of Statistics

Appointed in 1923 at the foundation of State and served until December 1930 when he died unexpectedly of pneumonia at the age of 51 years.

Career

1900: After graduating he went to London to study for the First Division of the Civil Service into which he passed in 1900. His first appointment was in the Office of the Postmaster-General, London, but in 1902 he availed of an opportunity to transfer back to Dublin to the *Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction of Ireland (DATII)*, which was established in 1899, where he was appointed to the *Statistics and Intelligence Branch* under Professor William P. Coyne⁴ who was its first Superintendent.

1917: Appointed Superintendent of the *Statistics and Intelligence Branch* in 1917. He participated in the first Conference of British Empire Statisticians⁵ held in London on 20-26 February 1920 at which he presented two papers (one on "*Irish Agriculture Statistics*" and the other on "*Recording of Irish Trade*").

1923: Became the first *Director of Statistics* of the Irish Free State when he was appointed head of the Statistics Branch located in the new Department of Industry and Commerce established as part of a restructuring of Ministries by the Provisional Government. This Branch was formed by the amalgamation of the existing *Statistics and Intelligence Branches* in the Department of Agriculture and Technical Information (DATII) and *the Irish Department of the Ministry of Labour* established in 1919. The transfer of staff took place on 1 April 1923.

As the first Director of Statistics, John Hooper shaped the development of official statistics for the new State until his death in December 1930. He was a member, together with the economics Professors *John Busted* (UCC) and *Charles Francis Bastable* as Chairman, of a Committee established by the Minister for Industry and Commerce on 8 November 1924 to advise him on the statistics required for the proper information of the Oireachtas and the public. The report was presented on 19 January 1925 and led to the development of new statistics (e.g. first Census of Population and Census of Industrial Production in 1926), and the 1926 Statistics Act which was largely framed by Hooper. A fulsome tribute to John Hooper titled "*A Great Civil Servant*", written by an unnamed colleague, appeared in the *Irish Independent* on the day of his Funeral Thursday 1 January 1931

Professional Bodies

John Hooper joined the *Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland (SSISI)* in 1924. He was elected a Vice President in 1925 and held the Presidency for the 1929-30 Session. He read one paper to the Society on "*Statistics of Examinations*" which suggested a fundamental change in the existing system for allocating marks. It attracted widespread attention and was reprinted as an Appendix to the report of the Department of Education for 1927-28. He was a member of *the Royal Statistical Society*.

Just before he died, the signal honour⁶ was conferred on him of election as a member of the *International Statistical Institute (ISI)*⁷ which is a prestigious international association of academic and official statisticians established in 1865. It was intended that the honorary D.Econ.Sc. should be conferred on him by the NUI in recognition of his statistical work for the State and in particular for his analyses of the several volumes of the Census of Population for which he was responsible.



Stanley Lyon BA (1931-1947)

Born 26 January 1882 (Dublin) **Died** 8 September 1975

*Stanley Lyon*¹ lived at 62 Leinster Road, Rathmines. His wife *Susan* died on 18 April 1958 (Death Notice in the Irish Times. Stanley died on 8 September 1975 at Our Lady's Hospice, Harolds Cross, aged 92.

Education

Secondary Early schooling in Drogheda and finished off in Clongowes Wood College

University (ref. 1975 Clongonian)

Degree **1898:** BA (Classics, Logic and Political Economy)

Director of Statistics

Served from January 1931 to his retirement at 65 years of age in October 1947.

Career

1901: Appointed a boy clerk in the *Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction of Ireland (DATII)* in 1901. The Census for that year records him as living at "Altone", 43 Howth Road and aged 17 years. He served for a short period in London before returning to Dublin 1903. In the 1911 Census he was listed with his family² at 15 Howth Road and recorded as aged 27 and a Civil Servant in the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

1903-1919: Worked in the *Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction of Ireland (DATII)*

1919: Promoted to Head of the *Statistics and Intelligence Branch* in the newly established Irish Department of the UK Ministry of Labour.

April 1923: Transferred with the other staff of the Branch in April 1923 as Superintending Officer of the new *Statistics Branch* in the Department of Industry and Commerce headed by *John Hooper* (Director of Statistics).

January 1931: Appointed head of the Statistics Branch and Director of Statistics when John Hooper unexpectedly died in December 1930.

October 1947: Retired as Director of Statistics and was succeeded by *Dr. Roy Geary*. He died in 1975 at the age of 92.

Professional Bodies

Stanley Lyon was elected President of the *Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland (SSISI)* for the Sessions 1938-42. He read 12 papers to the Society (the first in the 1924-1925 Session and the last in the 1947-1948 Session). One paper titled "*The Population Problem*" took the form of an innovative radio discussion in April 1938.

He was elected a member of the *International Statistical Institute (ISI)* in 1932.



Roy Geary MSc, DSc (1948-1957)

Born 11 April 1896 (Dublin) **Died** 8 February 1983

Robert (“Roy”) Charles Geary¹ was born in Drumcondra, Dublin. He was the son of *Edmond* and *Jennie O’Sullivan Geary*, migrants from Cork and Kerry, respectively. His father had returned from the Customs Service in Gravesend to the General Registrar’s Office in Charlemont House (now the Municipal Gallery) where he was responsible not only for vital statistics, but also censuses of population².

R.C. Geary was an international luminary of the statistical world in his time. He listed 127 papers in his final CV (see: 1997 ESRI publication “*Roy Geary 1896-1983: Irish Statistician*”) which ranged widely over official and mathematical statistics, econometrics and economics; these excluded an unknown number of unpublished papers). In 1981 he received the *Boyle Medal*³ which is awarded annually by the Royal Dublin Society (RDS) for scientific research of exceptional merit carried out in Ireland by the RDS in 1981. His work as a social scientist was specially recognized by University College Dublin (UCD) in 2005 by renaming the Institute for the Study of Social Change (ISSC) in his honour⁴ and to reaffirm its basic scientific mission.

Education

<i>Primary</i>	Model Training School of the Board of Agriculture in Glasnevin
<i>Secondary</i>	Christian Brothers, North Richmond Street, Dublin
<i>University</i>	1913-1918: University College Dublin 1918: Travelling Studentship in Mathematics 1919-1921: Sorbonne, Paris
<i>Degree (Awarded)</i>	1916: BSc First Class Honours (Mathematics) 1917: MSc First Class Honours (Mathematics)
<i>Degree (Honorary)</i>	1962: DEconSc, NUI 1968: DSc (Econ), QUB 1973: ScD, TCD

Director of Statistics

He served from 2 November 1947 to 31 May 1949 as Head of the Statistics Branch in the Department of Industry and Commerce and subsequently as Director of the newly established Central Statistics Office (CSO from 1 June 1949 until he retired in February 1957.

Career

1922: Appointed lecturer in mathematics at University College Southampton in 1922, the College released him to take up an appointment as statistician in the Department of Industry and Commerce.

1 January 1923: Appointed to the *Statistics Branch* of the Department of Industry and Commerce on a temporary non-established basis as a Junior Administrative Officer (JAO). He was one of the earliest Honours University graduates appointed to the Civil Service of the new State before the first Junior Administrative Officer (JAO) competition in 1925.

13 January 1926: Appointed as an *established* Junior Administrative Officer (JAO) in the Statistics Branch.

1 October 1926: Appointed to a newly created post of *Senior Technical Assistant*.

6 January 1932: Promoted to one (i.e. technical) of the two *Superintending Officer* posts (graded at Assistant Principal, General Service level) in the Statistics Branch (i.e. Assistants to the Director *Stanley Lyon*).

19 February 1934 to 16 August 1934: Loaned to the Office for Public Works (OPW) to provide statistical and economic advice in connection with large expenditures on public works.

21 January 1948: Offered promotion to *Director* of the Statistics Branch following Stanley Lyon's retirement as Director of the Branch in October 1947 (his promotion was sanctioned by the Minister of Finance on 2 December 1947, but he raised issues relating to salary, grading and the reorganisation of the statistical service in a minute dated 17 December 1947 and accepted the offer on receipt of a reply dated 15 January 1948 stating that an examination of these issues was being expedited).

1 June 1949: Appointed the first Director of the Central Statistics Office (CSO) when it was established as an independent Office attached to the Department of the Taoiseach.

One of Roy Geary's most notable contributions to Irish statistics was the development of the first set of National Income and Expenditure estimates for the period 1938-44 published in 1946 as a Government White Paper (P. No. 7,3556). This publication caught the attention of many persons internationally, in particular that of *Richard Stone* (1913-1991), Director of the newly formed Department of Applied Economics at Cambridge University. Geary was offered and, with formal Government approval, accepted a Temporary Fellowship at Cambridge for the purpose of research work on National Income for the period of the academic year 1946-47.

Contact with Stone subsequently continued through the *International Association of Research on Income and Wealth (IARIW)*, in which Geary played a leading part, and when Stone spearheaded the standardisation of national accounting as Director of the National Accounts Research Unit of the *Organisation for European Economic Co-operation* (as the present OECD was then known).

Following Retirement from the CSO

Geary retired from the CSO at the age of 60 in February 1957 and continued to lead a very active life:

1957-1960: Served as Head of the National Accounts Division in the *UN Statistical Office*, New York.

1960-1966: Appointed Director on 23 July 1960 of the newly established *Economic Research Institute (ERI)* and shaped its initial development. He retired as Director of the Institute (re-titled the *Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)* to mark the extension of its mandate in 1966 to cover social research) in October 1966 at the age of 70 and was succeeded by *Dr. Donal McCarthy* Director of the CSO.

1966-1983: Continued as a very active consultant in the ESRI and carried a full research load until he died on 8 February 1983 at the age 87.

Annual Geary Lecture

Roy Geary continues to be honoured by the annual *Geary Lecture* organised by the ESRI and given annually by some of the world's foremost scholars in the fields of economics, statistics and sociology, including a number of Nobel Prize winners. This was proposed to the December 1966 ESRI Council meeting by Dr. Donal McCarthy, his successor in both the CSO and ESRI.

The first lecture was delivered by his friend *Sir Roy Allenson* 28 April 1967. His versatility was highlighted by *Sir Maurice Kendal* in the 6th Geary lecture in 1973 who stated that he was:

"an inter-disciplinarian if ever there was one, equally at home in all these subjects, and among his many distinctions possessing one which I think is unique, that of being the only former head of a Government Central Statistical Office whose name is attached to a mathematical theorem, has acted at the Abbey Theatre and has been offered a job as a professional footballer"

It was appropriate that the 1999 Lecture was delivered by *Dr. Tim Holt*, Director of the UK Office for National Statistics, to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Irish CSO and Roy Geary as its first Director in June 1949.

International Involvement

Roy Geary was very active internationally through both his official and his theoretical statistical work. In addition to his Fellowship at Cambridge University for the academic year 1946-47 he also spent spells as consultant with international agencies; several times with the FAO in Rome and once with the UN Statistical Office. It was when a Consultant with the FAO in Rome he wrote his short classical paper, as put forward in his 1958 Royal Statistical Society paper "*A Note on the Comparison of Exchange Rates and Purchasing Power between Countries*" which is the basis currently used by the UN for the compilation of Purchasing Power Parities (i.e. Geary-Khamis method).

Geary was very active in the establishment of the *International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW)*. He attended the first meeting in Cambridge in 1949 with *T. K. Whitaker* (Department of Finance), was a member of the Council over the period 1951-69 and Chairman for the years 1961-67.

Roy Geary was also one of the 8 founding fathers of the *Conference of European Statisticians (CES)*⁵. The other heads of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) involved in this development were *Barberi* (Italy), *Bjerve* (Norway), *Campion* (UK), *Closon* (France) *Dufresne* (Belgium), *Furst* (Germany) and *Idenburg* (Netherlands). He was Group Chairman at the 1st Regional Meeting of European Statisticians in March 1949 and chaired the 2nd meeting in September 1951. Geary drafted and elaborated through correspondence with the other seven other founding heads of *National Statistical Services* the memorandum that formed the basis on which the Conference was founded at the 3rd meeting on 15-20 June 1953 (see *Bjerve: Statistical Journal of the UN ECE*, Volume 1, No 1, June 1982).

Professional Bodies

Roy Geary was a Secretary (1926-46) and President (1946-50) of the *Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland (SS/ISI)*. He read 11 papers to the Society. In presenting his last paper to the Society in March 1982 in his 86th year he established two records which are unlikely to be broken, namely: the oldest to do so and the time span between it and his first paper in February 1925 was an amazing 57 years.

Roy Geary was also:

- Member (elected in 1935) and Vice President (1951-57) of the *International Statistical Institute*;
- Vice President of the *Royal Irish Academy*;
- Honorary Fellow of the *Econometric Society* (1951) serving as Council Member for 1962 - 64;
- Honorary Fellow of the *Royal Statistical Society*;
- Honorary Fellow of the *American Statistical Association*;
- Member (1951-69) and Chairman (1961-67) of the Council of the *International Association for Research in Income and Wealth*;



Dr Donal McCarthy MSc, PhD (1957-1967)

Born 4 June 1908 (Midleton, Co Cork) **Died** 31 January 1980

M.D. ("Donal") McCarthy pursued three separate careers in his life time, namely:

An *academic* during 1931 – 1949 as a University Lecturer and Professor of Mathematical Physics;

A *public servant* as Deputy Director (1949 - 1957) and Director (1957 – 1966) of the CSO, and Director (1966 - 1967) of the ESRI;

A *university administrator* during 1967 – 1977 as President of UCC.

He was internationally honoured by being elected Chairman of the *UN Statistical Commission*¹ for the two successive periods 1960 – 1961 and 1962 – 1963. In his youth he played inter-county senior hurling with Cork and inter-varsity hurling with University College Cork (UCC).

To mark the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Office the CSO in 1999 initiated in his honour the annual "*Donal McCarthy Postgraduate Research Scholarship*" in the Statistics" at UCC to promote university research in the area of official statistics

Education

Secondary

Christian Brothers' School Midleton and Rockwell College

1925: 1st Place in Mathematics (Leaving Certificate)

1925: 1st Place in Honan and Entrance Scholarship Examinations, UCC

University

1925-1929: UCC

1936-1937: Department of Statistics, University College, London

Degrees (Awarded)

1928: BA 1st Class Honours in Mathematics/Mathematical Physics (UCC)

1929: 1st Place in Special Economics Course (UCC)

1934: MSc 1st Class Honours in Mathematical Science (UCC)

1938: PhD in Statistics (UCC)

Degrees (Honorary)

1967: DSc, NU **1971:** LLD, TCD

Director of Statistics

He served as Director of the Central Statistics Office (CSO) from 1 April 1957 to 30 November 1966 when he resigned to become Director of the *Economic Research Institute* following Roy Geary's retirement as its first Director.

Career

1 January 1930 to 19 September 1931: Worked in the established capacity of *Junior Statistical Officer* in the *Statistics Branch* of the Department of Industry and Commerce.

1931-1944: *Lecturer* in Mathematics (mainly through Irish) in UCC. In 1939 he introduced Statistics as a subject for postgraduate study in UCC.

20 April 1944: Appointed to the *Chair of Mathematical Physics* in UCC vacated by Professor *Alfred O'Rahilly* on becoming President.

7 July 1949: Appointed *Deputy Director* of the newly established *Central Statistics Office (CSO)* and was elected Professor Emeritus of UCC on his departure.

1 April 1957: Appointed *Director of the Central Statistics Office (CSO)* on the resignation of *Dr. Roy Geary* to head the National Accounts Division of the UN Statistical Office in New York.

1 November 1966: Appointed *Director of the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)* - he had played, as Director of the CSO, an active role in its establishment as the Economic Research Institute (ERI) in 1960, and also in the extension of its mandate (Government decision on 15 November 1965) to include the social dimension.

13th July 1967: Appointed *President* of UCC by the Senate of the National University of Ireland (NUI). He took up his appointment on 1st September 1967 and was invested as President by President De Valera, Chancellor of the NUI, on 30 September 1968. He continued to manage the ESRI until his successor *Dr. Michael Fogarty*, Montague Burton Professor of Industrial Relations at University College Cardiff during 1951 - 1966, took up his appointment in January 1968 as Director. He retired as President of UCC on his 70th birthday in 1978. He was said to be "*one of the great Presidents of the College*" ("*The College*" by John A. Murphy, Cork University Press, 1995, page 332).

Professional Bodies

Donal McCarthy was Secretary (1955-62) and President (1963-65) of the *Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland (SSISI)*. He was also:

A member (elected in 1952) of the International Statistical Institute (ISI); A member of the Royal Irish Academy.



Tom Linehan BE, BSc (1967-1991)

Born 8 April 1926 (Cork)

T. P. ("Tom") Linehan was Director of the CSO for twenty four years, the longest serving to-date. He was one of the four original Statisticians appointed when the Office was established on 1 June 1949. He, W.J. ("Bill") Hyland, and Patricia McHenry were students who completed a postgraduate statistics course in UCC under Professor Donal McCarthy; the fourth was J.B. ("Brendan") Broderick, a UCD graduate and winner of a Travelling Studentship in Mathematical Science. Tom Linehan was appointed Director of the CSO on 1 December 1966 at the relatively young age of 41. He steered the Office through Ireland's accession to the EEC in 1973 which necessitated major developments to meet legal Community statistical requirements. He was very active and well known on the international statistical front where his statistical poems were very popular, for example:

Statistics

*Though we don't know what we measure
We publish it with pleasure
And we hide our mortal terror
Of a quite substantial error.*

Education

Secondary

Christian Brothers' School (CBC, Cork)

1943: 1st place UCC Honan and Entrance Scholarship

University

1942-49: University College Cork

1948-49: Postgraduate Course in Statistics, UCC

1949-50: US Department of Agriculture Post Graduate Courses in
(i) Statistics and (ii) Sampling, Washington DC

Degrees (Awarded)

1946: BE (Civil): 1st Place, 1st Class Honours

1946: Peel Memorial Prize

1948: BSc (Mathematical Science): 1st Place, 1st Class Honours

Director of Statistics

Tom Linehan served as Director of the Central Statistics Office (CSO) from 1 December 1966 until 30 April 1991. His retirement date was extended beyond his 65th birthday in the public interest because of the Census of Population held on 21 April 2001.

Career

1946-47: Demonstrator in Engineering and College Engineer, UCC

1947-49: Demonstrator in Mathematical Science, UCC

1 June 1949: Appointed as one of the first batch of 4 honours graduates appointed to the grade of Statistician in the newly established CSO - with Patricia McHenry (UCC) on the first day of the Office's existence; Brendan Broderick (UCD) arrived on 14 June, and Bill Hyland (UCC) on 28 June.

1949-50: Under an Economic Co-operation Administration (ECA) Technical Assistance Project of the post Second World War European Recovery Programme (ERP) he and Bill Hyland spent from 5 October 1949 to June 1950 on a familiarisation placement in US statistical agencies. On his return he worked on the development of National Accounts, Balance of Payments, agriculture, industry, prices, services and foreign trade.

30 November 1957: Promoted together with Brendan Broderick to the newly created posts of Senior Statistician, each with responsibility for half of the statistical activities of the CSO.

End 1963: Spent a period of 4 or so weeks as a Consultant in the Statistical Division of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and presented a seminal paper titled "*Basic Data for Weights and Series and Practical Problems of Compiling Index Numbers of Industrial Production*" to the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) Working Group on Industrial Statistics (ref: Conf. Eur. Stats/WG.13/27, 27 January 1964).

1 December 1966: Appointed Director of the CSO when Dr. Donal McCarthy resigned to become to Director of the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI).

30 April 1991: Retired as Director of the CSO.

International Involvement

As Director of the CSO for 24 years Tom Linehan was extensively involved in international statistical matters.

He participated in all twice yearly meetings of the Directors General of the National Statistical Institutes (DGINS) of the European Communities, which was the top level statistical policy committee, from May 1972 (Marseilles) to 1990 (Copenhagen), and in the first three quarterly meetings during 1990 of the Statistical Programme Committee (SPC) which took over this policy role under Council Decision 89/382. In recognition of his contribution to European statistics he was presented the prestigious *Schuman Medal* by Yves Franchet, Director General of Eurostat, on behalf of the Commission at the last Statistical Programme Committee (SPC) that he attended in November 1990.

He was a member and a Vice Chairman (1976-79), and subsequently Chairman (1979-81), of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) which steers the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) statistical work under the joint auspices of the UNECE and the United Nations Statistical Commission. As the most senior attending ex-Chairman, he for many years, after extensive consultation with other NSI representatives, proposed for election (generally accepted by applause) to the Conference the Chairperson and Members of the Bureau every two years up to his retirement in 1991 (colloquially referred to as the "King Maker").

He was a member of the *UN Statistical Commission* for 1979-86, Rapporteur in 1979, and honoured by being elected a Vice Chairman in 1983 and Chairman in 1985.

Following retirement from the CSO he:

- Chaired a *Publications Advisory Group* for the Statistical Division of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), 1992;
- Chaired a *Publications Advisory Group* for the UN Statistical Office, 1993;
- Chaired the *International Statistical Institute (ISI) Publications Committee*, 1993-96;
- Was a member of an *International Conference on the Development of Official Statistics*, New York 1994 and Jerusalem 1995.

Statistical Bodies

Tom Linehan was a Member (from 1951), Vice President and President (1974 - 1977) of the *Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland (SSISI)* to which he has read 3 papers. He was also:

- Member (ex-officio as Director of the CSO) of the Council of the *Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)* 1967-91;
- Member (ex-officio as Director of the CSO) of the *National Statistics Board* 1987-91;
- Elected member of the *International Statistical Institute (ISI)* in 1967 and also a member of its subsidiary *International Association of Official Statistics (IAOS)*;
- Elected an Honorary Fellow of the *Royal Statistical Society (RSS)* in June 1985.



Donal Murphy MSc, M.EconSc, MMgtSc (1991-2000)

Born 28 December 1940 (Timoleague, Co Cork)

Daniel (“Donal”) C. Murphy was mainly responsible for the drafting of the Statistics Act 1993. He was sponsored by the CSO on the two year TCD/IMI M.Sc. (Mgmt) Programme on Organisation Behaviour during 1989 -1991. He was the first person to be appointed Director of the CSO under the competitive Top Level Appointments Committee (TLAC). He was upgraded to the post of *Director General* provided for in the *Statistics Act 1993* when it came into operation on 1 November 1994.

As head of the CSO, Donal was responsible for the implementation of two major developments, namely the decentralisation of the bulk of the activities of the Office to Cork in February 1994 and the initiation of the Government’s *Strategic Management Initiative (SMI)* modernisation programme in the CSO.

Education

Primary **1945-47:** Timoleague NS

1947-53: Ballinlough NS, Cork

Secondary **1953-59:** North Monastery CBS, Cork

1959: Cork County Council Scholarship to UCC

University **1959-64:** University College Cork (UCC)

1989-91: Trinity College Dublin (TCD): TCD/IMI M.Sc. (Mgmt) Programme on Organisation Behaviour

Degrees (Awarded) **1962:** BSc, 1st Class Honours, UCC (Mathematics and Statistics) with the *Peel Memorial Prize* for academic achievement

1963: MSc, 1st Class Honours, awarded by the NUI Senate based on the results (4th place) achieved in 1993 NUI Travelling Studentship Examination in Mathematical Science (Mathematics taken as a major and Statistics as minor subject) with a NUI Studentship prize for level of achievement

1964: MEconSc (by Thesis in UCC): 1st Class Honours awarded by the NUI Senate with the NUI *Coyne Memorial Scholarship*.

1991: M.Sc. (Mgmt), TCD, 1991 with the 1991 *Sir Charles Harvey Award* (for achieving 1st place in IMI class)

Director of Statistics

1 May 1991 to 31 October 1994: Director of the CSO.

1 November 1994 to 28 December 2000: Appointed to the new post of Director General graded at the level of Secretary (standard rate) of a Government Department, on a contract basis terminating on 60th birthday. The appointment was made by the President on the recommendation of the Taoiseach under the provisions of Section 12.1 of the *Statistics Act 1993* when it came into operation on 1 November 1994. The Act established the new statutory position of Director General and created the CSO as a statutory body in the Civil Service under the aegis of the Taoiseach.

Career

1962-93: Demonstrator in 2nd Year Engineering Mathematics, UCC

1963-94: Demonstrator in 1st Year Engineering Mathematics, UCC

19 March 1964: Appointed Statistician in the CSO with responsibility for HBS, CPI and WPI

13 May 1964: Promoted to Senior Statistician with responsibility for HBS, CPI, WPI, Distribution.

31 March 1981: Promoted to Deputy Director with responsibility for:

1981-86: 2 Divisions (Prices, HBS & Distribution; Industry & Building)

1986-89: 3 Divisions (Prices, HBS & Distribution; Industry & Building; Demography, Labour Market & Vital Statistics)

1989-91: 3 Divisions (Prices, HBS, Distribution; Industry & Building; Trade, Transport & Tourism

1986-91: Responsibility for dissemination policy

1 May 1991: Promoted to Director (TLAC Competition)

1 November 1994: Upgraded to Director General on a TLAC contract basis when the Statistics Act 1993 came into operation.

28 December 2000: Retired on 60th birthday in accordance with the Director General service contract.

International Involvement

As Director of the CSO Donal was extensively involved in European and wider international statistical matters:

- Participated in a wide range of Commission (EUROSTAT) Working Party/Committee meetings and Council Working Group meetings commencing with a 2-day meeting on prices in Luxembourg in June 1972; he was the CSO representative at the EUROSTAT and Council Working Party meetings which negotiated the following European Statistical System (ESS) infrastructural legislation:
 - *Council Decision (89/387/EEC) of 19 June 1989 establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programme (SPC) of the European*
 - *Council Regulation (EEC) No 1588/90 of 11 June 1990 on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities*
 - *Council Decision 91/115/EEC of 25 February 1991 setting up the European Advisory Committee on statistical information in the economic and social spheres (CEIES)*
 - *Council Regulation (EC) No. 696/93 of 15 March 1993 on the statistical units for the observation and analysis of the production system in the Community*
 - *Council Regulation (EC) No. 322/97 of 17 February 1997 on Community statistics ("EU Statistics Act")*
 - *Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2186/93 of 22 July 1993 on Community co-ordination in drawing up business registers for statistical purposes*
- Participation, since appointment as Director in 1991, in each quarterly meeting of the Statistical Programme Committee (SPC) and the annual DGINS Conference attended by the Director Generals of the National Statistical Institutes (DGINS) of the European Communities to shape EU Statistical policy.
- Chaired in early 2004 a SPC Taskforce, comprised of representatives from the UK, Netherlands, Spain and Ireland, which produced two reports dated 30 July 2004 making proposals for the:
 1. Revision of the Statistical Law (CPS2004/54/3a); and
 2. Development of a Code of Practice for the European Statistical System (ESS) (CPS2004/54/3b).

These were considered by the SPC in November 2004. The latter formed the basis of the Code of Practice¹ that was adopted by the SPC on 24 February 2004 and promulgated in the Commission Regulation of 25 May 2005 on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical authorities.

- Participated in many OECD, ILO and Conference of European Statistician (CES) statistical meetings.
- Elected a member of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) for 1994 – 1999, Vice Chairman for 1996 – 1999, and co-opted as Vice President for the 1999 -2000 session to fill a vacancy.

Professional Bodies

Member (ex-officio as Director of the CSO) of the *National Statistics Board*, 1991 - 2000.

- Member of the Council of the *Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)*, 1991 - 2000).
- Member of the Council of the *Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland (SSISI)*, 1991 - 2000.
- Member (ex-officio as Director of the CSO) of the *European Advisory Committee on Statistical Information in the Economic & Social Spheres (CEIES)*, 1992 – 2000.
- Member (ex-officio as Director of the CSO) of the Board of the *TES (Training of European Statisticians) Institute* (1991-2000).
- Member of the *UCD Institute for the Study of Social Change (ISSC)* established in 1999 which incorporates the new *UCD/ESRI Irish Social Science Data Archive (ISSDA)* in which the CSO will deposit anonymised micro household data sets for research analysis purposes (1999 – 2000).
- Member of the *Irish Economics Society*
- Elected a Member of the *International Statistical Institute (ISI)* in 1991 and also a member of its subsidiary *International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS)*.
- Elected a Fellow of the *Royal Statistical Society (RSS)* in 1991.



Donal Garvey MSc, MSc (Mgmt) (2000-2007)

Born 9 August 1947 (Millstreet, Co Cork)

Education

Primary

Millstreet NS

Secondary

Colaiste Padraig, Millstreet, Co. Cork.

University

1964-68: University College Cork (UCC)

1993-95: Trinity College Dublin (TCD): TCD/IMI M.Sc. (Mgmt)

Degrees (Awarded)

BSc and MSc in Mathematics and Statistics.

1995: M.Sc. (Mgmt)

Director of Statistics

29 December 2000 to 9 August 2007: Director General of the CSO.

Career

Joined CSO as a Statistician in November 1968 and spent entire working career in various roles in the CSO.

Appointed Director General in December 2000 following a TLAC competition.

Elected Chairman (2003 – 2005) of the Statistical Programme Committee (SPC) by the Director Generals of the National Statistical Offices of the EU Member States.

Retired on 60th birthday, 9 August 2007, in accordance with TLAC contract conditions.