IN MEMORIAM: ANN CHADEAU (1944–2002)

Ann Chadeau died in April this year after a long illness. She was 58. Ann was an active member of our Association for many years, serving on the Editorial Board from 1985 to 1990 and on the Council from 1995 to 2000. All those who knew her will be saddened at the loss both for her warm and outgoing personality as well as for her professional abilities.

Ann was born in Bombay in 1943. Her mother was French, her father British and her schooling was divided between England and France. She went to university in Paris, obtaining her Doctorat d’Économie Appliquée at the Université de Paris IX in 1970. She worked in market research in London and Paris before joining the staff of the Université de Paris V where she was responsible for organizing and teaching courses in national accounting and macro-economics. Ann took several consultancies for the OECD, World Bank and INSEE in national accounting topics and worked full-time in the Statistics Directorate of the OECD from 1990 to 1998.

Ann was particularly well known for her work on the measurement of unpaid household production, a topic on which she wrote for the Review and on which she organised a memorable session at the 24th General Conference in Lillehammer. So popular was her session on Accounting for Time that it had to be extended into the evening with a total of 12 papers from all the recognised experts in the field. At the OECD she set up the Non-Market Household Production Network, published a review of non-market production Household Production in OECD Countries and was active in the International Association for Time-Use Research.

Ann would not, however, want to be remembered only for her work in this area. Indeed, as a working parent—Ann had two sons, Fabien and Marc—she took a realistic view of the value of household work and carefully distanced herself from those who see measurement of unpaid production as a tool of gender politics. She also made significant contributions to the measurement of paid services. She wrote the OECD report on the deflation methods used by Member countries, Services: Measuring Real Value Added and Ann was the key person in developing statistics on trade in services, acting as Secretary of the expert group that wrote the UN manual Statistics on International Trade in Services. In addition to Ann’s technical contributions, the eventual publication of this manual was a tribute to her tact and unfailing good humour in focussing a group whose members had opposing agendas and different kinds of expertise. In recognition of her wide knowledge of macro-economic statistics, Ann was appointed to the editorial board of OECD Economic Studies.

Ann showed great fortitude in fighting her long illness and kept her sense of humour throughout. Her mind and wit remained as sharp as ever and she kept in close touch with her former colleagues at OECD. Her funeral service at the
Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris was attended by her many friends at the OECD as well as her academic colleagues and family. They will all remember her as a warm and witty colleague and a loyal friend.

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