

## **Gunther Beyer Award 2014**

This Award is a tribute to dr Gunther Beyer (1904-1983), one of the founding fathers of the European Association for Population Studies. The Award honors the best paper by a young scholar at a European Population Conference.

The 2014 Gunther Beyer Award was presented to Haedong Qi of Lund University at the European Population Conference 2014 which convened in Budapest from 25-28 June. The winning paper was titled "Retirement behavior of the Swedish Notch Babies"

### **Background**

Full, single or duo authored papers by scholars who are (both) under 35 years of age at the time of the European Population Conference may be nominated for the Award. The Jury of the 2014 Gunther Beyer Award consisted of EAPS Honorary Presidents Janina Jozwiak and Francois Héran. The Jury evaluated the nominated papers on the following criteria: choice of topic and originality; theoretical foundation underlying or theoretical notions used in the paper; technical competence as displayed in the analysis and presentation of the data; use of existing professional literature, the structure of the paper and quality of its text.

Observing that the quality of the nominated papers on average was very high, the Jury decided to present the 2014 Gunther Beyer Award to Haedong Qi for his paper "Retirement behavior of the Swedish Notch Babies", ranking it as "outstanding among a fantastic set of papers".

### **Laureate Haedong Qi**

Haedong Qi is currently a PhD candidate at the Centre for Economic Demography of Lund University where he is studying the economic consequences of population ageing. He is a former graduate of the European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD). The European Doctoral School of Demography was founded in 2005 on the initiative of the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS). It currently receives the support of 7 universities (Amsterdam, Groningen, Lund, Roma, Rostock, Tallinn, Warsaw) and 5 research institutions (CED, INED, MPIDR, NIDI, VID).