



EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Assembly of Members
Held at 7.30pm
At
Pompeu Fabra University
Barcelona, Spain, Wednesday August 26 2009

33 general members, Council members and Committee members were present.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Milano 2008)

REPORTED

that the minutes of the last meeting be approved

2. REPORTS ON THE ASSOCIATION'S PAST ACTIVITIES

- a) Report of the President Nicholas STERN

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Report of the President

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- i) that the EEA Secretariat continues to be based at La Cattolica University, Milan, Italy
- ii) that the publishing contract for JEEA with MIT Press would terminate at the end of 2010 and the situation was currently being reviewed and that the final decision would be taken before March 2010
- iii) that JEEA had been listed in the Web of Science and its impact factor in 2008 went up to 1.36
- iv) that Ramon Marimon and Reinhilde Veugelers had organised a round table on 'Strengthening Economic Research Funding and Graduate Education in Europe' at the congress.
- v) that the Job Market for Economists had merged with EconJobMarket.org website and that Antonio Cabrales now sat on the board of directors as the representative of the EEA
- vi) that the FBBVA-JEEA lecturer for the AEA meeting in January 2010 was Richard Blundell who would speak about "Empirical Evidence in Tax Policy Design: Lessons from the Mirrlees Review"
- vii) that due to the initial fund-raising campaign started in late 2008 the EEA had currently 17 institutional members, up from 13 in 2008
- viii) that the Yrjo-Jahnsson Foundation would announce the winner of the Yrjo-Jahnsson Award after the Marshall Lecture to be held the following day

RESOLVED

that the report of the President be approved

b) Report of the Secretary

Piero TEDESCHI

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Report of the Secretary

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- i) that Andreu Mas-Colell had chaired the Nominating Committee for 2009 and the voting website would go commence soon after the conference
- ii) that the EEA official site remained www.eeassoc.org and that the default email address remained eea@unicatt.it
- iii) that the latest figures available suggested that membership now stands at 2500 (with 17 Institutional members having paid for 2008)
- iv) that the EEA had recently unveiled a new logo that would be used to represent the EEA and that the website was currently undergoing restyling

RESOLVED

that the report of the Secretary be approved

c) Report of the Treasurer

Simon GAECHTER

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Report of the Secretary

REPORTED

- i) that reserves had increased by a small amount due to an overall increase in membership revenues and MIT Press finally paying outstanding editorial funds and royalties owed for the years 2006-2008
- ii) that JEEA costs would be cut from 2009 as there were only be three editors, not four, and that further cuts would be made for production costs due to a higher number of members registering for on-line membership
- iii) that all accounts of the EEA were now all in euro so transparency and exchange rate risk were no longer issues

RESOLVED

that the report of the Treasurer be approved.

d) Report of the Editor of JEEA

Xavier VIVES

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Report of the Editor of JEEA

REPORTED

- i) that Stefano Della Vigna had replaced Orazio Attanasio, who had resigned at the beginning of 2009, as co-editor from July 2009
- ii) that the 2008 JEEA board was made up of George-Marios Angeletos, Orazio Attanasio, Fabio Canova, Roberto Perotti and Xavier Vives
- iii) that Xavier Vives ended his term as editor at the end of 2008 and was replaced by Fabrizio Zilibotti

- iv) that a total of 387 papers were submitted in 2008 with 443 decisions being made, of which 383 were final decisions (39 papers accepted and 344 rejected)
- v) that despite 70% of the final decisions papers submitted were from Europe, the percentage had decreased by 4.4 points from 2007
- vi) that the proportion of accepted papers was 10.2%, which was a slightly higher rate than in 2007
- vii) that the expected publication lag after acceptance was on average 14 months
- viii) that the mean decision time for acceptances was 665 days, for rejections 153 days, for revise and resubmits 281 days
- xi) that the impact factor in 2008 for all papers published in the years 2006 and 2007 went up to 1.36

RESOLVED

that the report of the editor of JEEA be approved

3. Open Discussion about the Association's Activities

REPORTED

Mariano Alierta, EEA member, felt that the EEA should address more general questions than just purely economical

RESOLVED

that Timothy Besley, EEA President 2010, would consider introducing an EEA Newsletter where in members' comments could be published or experts would be invited to comment on specific questions and that, with David Stromberg, EEA Congress Programme Chair 2010 the possibility of organising an invited session on the investigation of issues at Glasgow 2010 would be considered

4. Any Other Business

None

5. Next Meeting

Glasgow 2010