

Subject - Newsletter from the Editor of JEEA, Fabrizio Zilibotti

Dear Members of the EEA

On behalf of the European Economic Association (EEA) and the Editorial Board of the Journal of the European Economic Association JEEA, I would like to inform you of some important new developments concerning our journal.

In 2009, the journal underwent a number of changes: I took over from Xavier Vives the editorship of the journal. Stefano DellaVigna replaced Orazio Attanasio as a co-editor. The current editorial team consists of Marios Angeletos (MIT), Fabio Canova (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Stefano DellaVigna (UC Berkeley) and Fabrizio Zilibotti (University of Zurich). We owe to Xavier and Orazio the warmest thanks for their excellent editorial work.

The current editorial team is committed to promote further the success of the journal and to provide a good service to the EEA and the profession. Our goal is to establish JEEA as a leading general-audience journal. We want to achieve this goal by attracting the best papers in all fields and provide an efficient editorial service. In particular, we are strongly committed to a faster editorial process. We can already provide some tangible results of this effort. In the period January 1st-August 31st 2009 we received 250 new submissions (400 new submissions over the entire year). The average time for a first decision to such new submissions was shorter than three months. Only 5 papers out of 250 were still pending as of December 31st 2009. We solicited 27 revisions, and 2 papers already reached final acceptance before the end of 2009. We are committed to keep and possibly improve further our turnaround performance. This effort relies on the decisive support of a great pool of associated editors and loyal referees which many of you are part of.

JEEA invites submissions in all area of economics, and promotes high-quality research without any methodological or affiliation bias. We have a very diverse editorial team covering a wide range of expertise including applied econometrics, behavioral economics, economic growth and development, economic theory, experimental economics, financial economics, macroeconomics, organization theory, political economy. We have an even farther-reaching pool of expertise among our associate editors. Several papers published in JEEA have become "classical" contribution with over 500 Google Scholar citations. The impact factor of the journal has increased by 50% in 2008 (for papers published in 2006-07) as compared with 2007 (for papers published in 2005-06). More changes will take place in 2011. The journal will switch to a new publisher and a new format. Each volume will consist of six regular issues. We will discontinue the publication of the proceedings of the EEA Congress. The main lectures will continue to be published in one of the regular issues.

The JEEA website has undergone some restyling and is now housed within the website of the EEA. Please visit us at: <http://www.eeassoc.org/index.php?site=JEEA&page=41>. New features include downloadable Forthcoming Papers, and a selection of the most highly cited Past Papers. The submission procedure has been streamlined.

For a continuing success, we count on the support of all EEA members. The journal has still an insufficient presence in libraries. We invite you to check whether your library subscribes (in paper or electronic format) to JEEA, and in case put pressure on your librarian. And, of course, send us your research and invite other people to submit to JEEA!

Best regards,

Fabrizio Zilibotti

Editor of JEEA