



**Minutes of the EEA General Assembly 2009
Barcelona, Spain, Wednesday August 26 2009**

The 2009 General Assembly of the European Economic Association (EEA) was chaired by Nicholas Stern, the EEA President 2009. 33 EEA members were present, including representatives of the EEA Executive Committee.

President Stern opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. by welcoming all of the EEA members attending the 24th EEA Annual Conference in Barcelona, Spain, and thanked those who were present at the General Assembly for their valued participation in the meeting. Nicholas Stern also thanked the Local Organising Committee of the congress for the organisation of such a successful congress.

Nicholas Stern then spoke a few minutes about the 25th EEA Congress to be held on Glasgow, Scotland, 2010.

Nicholas Stern then announced that copies of the agenda and minutes of the last meeting had been previously distributed and were available on-line, while reports of the President and Secretary would be available online from September 2009. He announced that there had been no comments or suggestions to the agenda by EEA members.

The first item on the agenda was consideration of the minutes of the previous annual meeting, published on the EEA homepage (<http://www.eeassoc.org/index.php?site=&page=183>) The minutes were approved as published.

The next items on the agenda were the reports of the President (Nicholas Stern), Secretary (Piero Tedeschi), Treasurer (Simon Gaechter), Editor of the *Journal of the Economic Association (JEEA)* (Fabrizio Zilibotti but presented by Xavier Vives). The President and Secretary reports covered the period from August 2008 to August 2009, while the Treasurer and Editor reports covered the period 2008.

Each discussed his written report, published online (<http://www.eeassoc.org/index.php?site=&page=30>) and made additional comments. Nicholas Stern thanked Piero Tedeschi and Gemma Prunner-Thomas, EEA Secretariat, for all work being done to ensure the EEA continues to respect its aims.

Nicholas Stern then opened discussion about the Association's activities amongst members present. Mariano Alierta, EEA member, raised his hand and thanked Nicholas Stern for an excellent Presidential address. He felt that Nicholas Stern had addressed more general questions than just purely economical and suggested that the Association should address such issues on a more regular basis. Nicholas Stern thanked Mariano Alierta for his intervention and promised that his comments would be investigated further. A Possible solution considered was an EEA Newsletter where in members' comments could be published or experts would be invited to comment on specific questions. Nicholas Stern promised that these suggestions, and the possibility of organising an invited session on the investigation of issues at Glasgow 2010 would be passed on to Timothy Besley, EEA President 2010, and David Stromberg, EEA Congress Programme Chair.

Nicholas Stern then asked if there were any other issues to which nobody responded. He thanked all those present for their continual support, without which the Association would not be possible. Nicholas Stern then announced that the next General Members Assembly would be held at the 25th EEA Congress to be held in Glasgow, Scotland from August 23 – 26 2010.