

Report of the President – August 2009
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EEA Secretariat

The EEA Secretariat continues to be based at La Cattolica University, Milan, Italy. We are very grateful to Piero and Gemma for their effort.

Journal of the European Economic Association

The publishing contract for JEEA with MIT Press will terminate at the end of 2010 and the situation is currently being reviewed. The final decision will be taken before March 2010.

Orazio Attansio stepped down for his extra term on the JEEA Board of Editors on June 30 2009 and was replaced by Stefano DellaVigna. On behalf of the EEA, I thank Orazio for his excellent work and welcome Stefano to the board.

JEEA has been listed in the Web of Science and its impact factor in 2008 went up to 1.36.

Standing Committee on Research and Teaching

I thank Ramon Marimon and Reinhilde Veugelers for organising a round table on 'Strengthening Economic Research Funding and Graduate Education in Europe' at this congress. The initial aim of following European initiatives and policy debates on these issues and to make sure that the voice of economists is heard is now becoming reality.

Virtual Job Market

In our previous meeting, it was decided that Job Market for Economists should merge with EconJobMarket.org website. The merger has been successful and Antonio Cabrales now sits on the board of directors as the representative of the EEA. The EEA website now directly links users to the EconJobMarket.org

BBVA-JEEA Lecture at AEA Meeting

The BBVA Foundation continues to sponsor a lecture at the annual meeting of the American Economic Association. This lecture is also intended to increase the visibility of JEEA in the US. The lecturer for the meeting in January 2009 was *Jordi Gali* who spoke about "*New Perspectives on Inflation and Unemployment: Pitfalls and Promises*". The EEA held a coffee break after this lecturer, that was well-attended. The lecturer for the meeting in January 2010 is Richard Blundell who will speak about "Empirical Evidence in Tax Policy Design: Lessons from the Mirrlees Review". The EEA thanks both Jordà and Richard for their willingness to represent the EEA at the AEA meetings

Fund-Raising and Institutional Members

The executive committee decided to strengthen the fund-raising efforts for the EEA in 2008, establishing a fund-raising committee consisting of the Secretary (Piero Tedeschi), the current Past President (Ernst Fehr), and myself. The Treasurer (Simon Gaechter) joined the committee in April 2009. Central banks and potential institutional members have been approached in the past months and we are pleased to announce that the EEA has currently 17 institutional members, up from 13 in 2008

Yrjö - Jahnsson award

Continuing with existing tradition, the 2009 Yrjö –Jahnsson Award for best young economist in Europe will be delivered before the Marshall Lecture at this congress. I congratulate the recipient (whose identity I cannot yet reveal), and I thank the selection committee (consisting of Guido Tabellini, Chair, Manuel Arellano, Ernst Fehr, Guy Laroque and Seppo Honkapohja) for the work.

Nominations

Nominations for election to the offices of the association have been made, and candidates have been selected. On behalf of the association I thank the chair of the nominating committee, Andreu Mas-Colell, and the other committee members.

Barcelona Congress

This congress promises to be an outstanding event, full of interesting scientific presentations and debates, and other cultural and entertaining attractions. Many individuals contributed their time and energy to ensure the success of this Congress. In particular, I would like to thank the Chair of the Scientific Committee, Antonio Ciccone of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, and his deputy, Walter Garcia-Fontes, as well as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, Albert Carreras also of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, and his committee Carmen Bevià and Jordi Brandts, for their outstanding work.