

**Report of the President – August 2010**  
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**Glasgow 2010**

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 Association has recently signed a new six-year publishing contract for JEEA with Wiley-Blackwell. JEEA will now be published as six regular issues bi-monthly. Papers and Proceedings of the EEA congress will be available online only.

JEEA is listed in the Web of Science and its impact factor in 2009 went up to 1.425

Standing Committees on Research, Teaching and Women in Economics

I thank Ramon Marimon for organising the panel session '25 years of Economic Research in Europe' at this congress and for his work done on the survey about research funding in Europe. And I thank Reinhilde Veugelers for organising the PhD lunch, which aims to broaden EEA network of PhD programmes in Economics in Europe, to exchange information, to discuss common problems, and to put forward initiatives that the EEA can bring to the attention to the European Commission, or other Higher Education Policy Institutions.

I would like also like to thank Silvana Tenreyro for agreeing to chair the standing committee on women in economics (known as WinE) and for establishing a committee of 10 other members. Information on the activities of all the standing committees can be found on the EEA website.

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 2010 was *Richard Blundell* who spoke about "Empirical Evidence in Tax Policy Design: Lessons from the Mirrlees Review". The EEA held a coffee break after this lecture, which was well-attended. The EEA thanks Richard for his willingness to represent the EEA at the AEA meetings

Hicks-Tinbergen Award

Continuing with existing tradition, the 2010 Hicks-Tinbergen Award for the best paper published in JEEA volumes 6 and 7 was awarded before the Schumpeter Lecture at this congress. I congratulate the authors Denis Fougère, Francis Kramarz & Julien Pouget for their paper 'Youth Unemployment and Crime in France', and I thank the selection committee (consisting of Fabrizio Zilibotti, Chair, Jordi Gali' and Ernst Fehr) 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, Mathias Dewatripont and the other committee members.

Glasgow Congress

This congress is an outstanding event, full of interesting scientific presentations and debates, and other cultural and entertaining attractions. Many individuals have 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, David Stromberg of Stockholm University, as well as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, Alberto Paloni of the University of Glasgow, and his committee Richard Harris, Campell Leith and Gabriel Talmain, for their outstanding work.