

Report of the Secretary, August 2010

This report covers the period from August 1, 2009

1. Elections

The nominating committee for the 2009 election was comprised of:

Andreu Mas-Colell (Chair), Nick Stern, Tim Besley, Christopher Pissarides and three co opted EEA members Eric Berglof, Antonio Cabrales and Helene Rey.

Jordi Gali was elected **Vice-President** for the Year **2010**. He will become **President-Elect** in 2011 and **President** of the EEA in 2012.

The newly elected members for the Council, for a term of office of five years starting 1 January 2010 are:

Mark Armstrong, Emmanuelle Auriol, Estelle Cantillon, Giancarlo Corsetti, Benny Moldovanu, Paul Seabright and Silvana Tenreyro.

Mathias Dewatripont has chaired the Nominating Committee for 2010 and the voting website will go live soon after the conference.

2. Websites

The EEA underwent some restyling towards the end of 2009. However, there has been no change to the official site address and it still remains www.eeassoc.org.

Since January 2010, one can access forthcoming papers of JEEA through the member area. We have good communication with the JEEA office and are able to keep both the Association aspect of the website and the journal aspect up-to-date.

The Congress website remains the responsibility of the local organisation

The default email address is eea@unicatt.it and it is the only operational address.

3. Fellowship

In January 2010 the newly elected council members and the plenary speakers from the 2009 EEA Congress became Fellows.

4. Membership

The previous report of the Secretary declared that membership at the time of the Barcelona August 2009 conference was 2500 (+17 institutional members) with more than half of regular members switching to on-line membership. Almost all student members were online in.

Individual Membership income generated €170,378.29 in 2009, while Institutional Membership brought in an extra €131,591.31 (figures taken from the end of year accounts).

Thus the latest figures available suggest that individual membership now stands at 2850 (with an extra 16 Institutional members having paid for 2010). Therefore there has been an increase in individual membership during the 12 months.

Table 1

Membership numbers	August 2010		August 2009		August 2008	
	Jeea	Jeea + EP	Jeea	Jeea + EP	Jeea	Jeea + EP
Members 1 year	240	4	303	63	279	76
Members 1 year on line	1172	0	945	0	697	2
Members 3 years	270	65	287	108	396	117
Members 3 years on line	271		123	0		
Student members 1 year	11		23	3	21	0
Student members 1 year on line	808		619	5	551	0
Transitional Countries 1 + 3 year	8	1	16	5	33	13
Transitional Countries 1 + 3 year online	0	0			63	0
Total	2757	70	2316	184	2041	208
Total	2850		2500		2249	

Table 2

Geographical Distribution of Membership %	August 2010	August 2009	August 2008
Europe			
EU Countries	84.5%	84.5%	84%
Non Accession Countries - Eastern Europe	0%	0.1%	0.3%
Rest of World			
Africa	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
America North	11.8%	11.8%	11.5%
America South	1.2%	1.2%	1.0%
Asia	1.2%	1.2%	2.2%
Oceania	1.2%	1.1%	0.8%

5. Suggestions for the future

Now that the major objectives of my term as Secretary have been achieved (rationalising the statutes, securing the transfer of the long-term accounts of the EEA to the new Treasurer, renewal of JEEA contract), what is left to do is deal with a major problem - finding sites for the next congresses. Due to the large number of participants and the financial burden, universities are less willing to host us. In this last year of my mandate I will help the EEA to look into costs of centralising congress organisation so that the fees for participants are stabilised.

I will also try to ensure that the increase in the membership base over last few years continues, as this will allow the Association to have the financial security to consider further developments with its standing committees, and I will ensure that there is a smooth transition after my term of Secretary expires.

Further suggestions are welcome.