

Report of the Secretary, August 2008

This report covers the period from August 1, 2008

1. Elections

The nominating committee for the 2008 election was comprised of:

Torsten Persson (Chair), Ernst Fehr, Nick Stern, Tim Besley and three coopted Council members Juan J. Dolado, Elu von Thadden and Jaume Ventura.

Christopher Pissarides was elected **Vice-President** for the Year **2009**. He will become **President-Elect** in 2010 and **President** of the EEA in 2011.

The newly elected members for the Council, for a term of office of five years starting 1 January 2009 are:

Robin Burgess, Francesco Caselli, Antonio Ciccone, Per Krusell, Dalia Marin and Philippe Weil

Andreu Mas-Colell has chaired the Nominating Committee for 2009 and the voting website will go live soon after the conference.

2. Websites

The EEA official site remains www.eeassoc.org

One can now electronically submit manuscripts through this site. The EEA Secretariat has responsibility for its maintenance and development. Apart from having the facility for storing files associated with JEEA content (for example, datasets, etc), the content matches that of the MIT Press hosted site for JEEA – but in MIT livery rather than EEA. We have good communication with the JEEA office and are able to keep the website up-to-date.

The Congress website remains the responsibility of the local organisation

Please email me, via our website, if you have suggestions for improvements or additional functionality.

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

3. Fellowship

In January 2009 the newly elected council members and the plenary speakers from the 2008 EEA Congress became Fellows.

4. Membership

The last report of the Secretary declared that membership at the time of the Milan Congress August 2008 conference was 2249 (+11 institutional members) with more about 59% of regular members switching to on-line membership. Almost all student members were online.

Thus the latest figures available suggest that membership now stands at 2500 (with 17 Institutional members having paid for 2008).

Membership income was €203919,99 in 2008 (figures taken from the end of year accounts, using the exchange rate at 31 Dec).

Table 1

Membership numbers	August 2009		August 2008		August 2007	
	Jeea	Jeea + EP	Jeea	Jeea + EP	Jeea	Jeea + EP
Members 1 year	303	63	279	76	450	107
Members 1 year on line	945	0	697	2	554	0
Members 3 years	287	108	396	117	431	136
Members 3 years on line	123	0				
Student members 1 year	23	3	21	0	24	3
Student members 1 year on line	619	5	551	0	203	1
Transitional Countries 1 + 3 year	16	5	33	13	106	25
Transitional Countries 1 + 3 year online			63	0	2	0
Total	2316	184	2041	208	2149	280
Total		2500		2249		2429

Table 2

Membership by Status %	August 2009	August 2008	August 2007	August 2006
Members 1 year	15	16	23	48
Members 1 year online	37	31	23	0
Members 3 years	16	23	24	24
Members 3 years online	5			
Student members 1 year	1	1	1	23
Student members 1 year on line	25	24	24	
Transitional Countries 1 + 3 year + online	1	2	5	5

Table 3

Geographical Distribution of Membership %	August 2009	August 2008	August 2007	August 2006
Europe				
EU Countries	82.2%	72.9%	71.0%	71.7%
Accession Countries	0.4%	0.4%	4.9%	4.3%
Non Accession Countries - Eastern Europe	0.1%	0.3%	0.7%	0.1%
Other non EU Countries	1.9%	10.7%	6.2%	7.3%
Rest of World				
Africa	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%
America North	11.8%	11.5%	11.2%	12.7%
America South	1.2%	1.0%	0.6%	0.7%
Asia	1.2%	2.2%	4.3%	2.4%
Oceania	1.1%	0.8%	1.0%	0.5%

5. EEA Logo

The EEA is pleased to unveil its new logo and communicate the webpage has undergone restyling. The logo will be used to represent the EEA in all correspondence

6. Suggestions for the future

We have achieved the major objectives of rationalising the statutes and securing the transfer of the long-term accounts of the EEA to the new Treasurer

Objectives that remain are: to renew the JEEA publishing contracts; to cooperate with the new Treasurer in setting up a fund raising campaign and to increase EEA membership

Further suggestions are welcome.