EEA Secretariat

The EEA Secretariat will be based at La Cattolica University, Milan, Italy, until the end of Piero Tedeschi’s mandate which officially ends in December 2011. However, it was recently decided that the EEA will merge the roles of Secretary and Treasurer so it is likely that Piero will stay on a little longer so the transition to this new merged role is smooth. Should any member wish to apply for the position the details are published on the EEA website. The EEA has also recently signed a separate contract with Gemma Prunner-Thomas and she now works for the EEA in the role of General Manager. The EEA is very grateful to both Piero and Gemma for their efforts during the past few years.

Journal of the European Economic Association

JEEA, which is now published by Wiley-Blackwell, comes out as six regular issues bi-monthly. All papers of the EEA congress (since 2001) can be found at the Webmeets website.

JEEA is listed in the Web of Science and its impact factor in 2010 went up to 1.70

Standing Committees on Research, Teaching and Women in Economics

I thank Ramon Marimon for organising the panel session ‘Research Funding in Times of Crisis’ at this congress and for his previous work done on the survey about research funding in Europe, the results of which were presented to representatives of the EU in Brussels at the beginning of July of this year.

And I once again thank Piero Tedeschi, who has chaired the Teaching committee since the beginning of this year, for organising the third PhD lunch at the Oslo Congress, and for expanding the committee. The committee, which is now composed of 9 members representing different geographical areas of Europe, is continuing the initial aim to broaden the 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 also thank Silvana Tenreyro, Chair of the Standing Committee on Women in Economics (affectionately known as WinE) for all the work that she and her committee have done over the past 12 months. I am pleased to announce that the EEA has instituted a prize dedicated to women economists, which will be named after Birgit Grodal, the first female to be elected president to the EEA presidency but who sadly passed away in 2004 before taking office. The prize will be awarded to a female European-based economist who has made a significant contribution to economics. The first prize will be awarded at the 2012 congress in Malaga. I thank the Danmarks National Bank for agreeing to fund the first three editions of this award, which will be presented every even year. The first committee has already been approved and will be chaired by Jean Tirole.

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 speaker for the meeting in January 2011 was Daron Acemoglu whose lecture was entitled
“Intellectual Property Rights Policy, Competition and Innovation”. The EEA thanks Daron for his willingness to represent the EEA at the AEA meetings

Yrjö-Jahnsson Award

In 2010, the EEA and the Yrjö-Jahnsson Foundation agreed to change the nomination procedure so that both the EEA and Foundation now approve the proposal of the Yrjö-Jahnsson Award Committee. It was also decided to bring forward the announcement of the award winner, although the presentation of the award will still be at the EEA meetings. In May the EEA and the Foundation publically announced that Armin Falk of the Universitat Bonn has won the 2011 Yrjö Jahnsson Award. Armin received his award before the Schumpeter lecture at the Oslo Congress.

I would like to thank the 2011 committee, Ernst Fehr (Chair), Manuel Arellano, Mathias Dewatripont, Rachel Griffith and Seppo Honkapohia. Ernst Fehr and Manuel Arellano are leaving the committee so I thank them for their time and all their work over the past two award editions.

FEEM Award

The 2011 FEEM Awards were awarded to Jan Grobovsek of Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona for his paper Development Accounting with Intermediate Goods; Ronald Wolthoff of University of Toronto for his paper entitled "Applications and Interviews: A Structural Analysis of Two-Sided Simultaneous Search ", and Gabriel Zucman of Paris School of Economics for his paper entitled "The Missing Wealth of Nations: Evidence from Switzerland 1914 – 2010"

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, Richard Blundell and the other committee members.

Oslo 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, Espen Moen of the Norwegian Business School in Oslo, as well as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, Asbjorn Rodseth of the University of Oslo, and his committee, Michael Hoel, Diderik Lund, Tore Nilssen, Eilev Jansen, Rolf Golombek, Rhiana Bergh-Seeley and Kari Anette Sverre, for their outstanding work.