EEA Secretariat

Guglielmo Weber took over the position of Executive Vice President (holding the joint role of Secretary and Treasurer) on January 1 2013 for an initial period of 3 years. The EEA is very grateful to Guglielmo for agreeing to take on this enormous task. He is assisted by Gemma Prunner-Thomas, who continues to manage the running of the central office.

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JEEA comes out as six regular issues bi-monthly.

JEEA is about to undergo a significant Editorial re-haul as the extra terms of George-Marios Angeletos and Fabio Canova are coming to an end at this year. Stefano Della Vigna will stepping down too. On behalf of the EEA, I thank George-Marios, Fabio and Stefano for such superb editorial work each of them did on JEEA that contributed to taking JEEA to the top. Announcements on who will be replacing them will be made in the Autumn.

Standing Committees on Women in Economics, Research and Teaching

I thank Silvana Tenreyro, Chair of the Standing Committee on Women in Economics (affectionately known as WinE), who stepped down from chairing this Committee earlier this year. Silvana, who has remained on the WinE Committee for another year, was replaced by Raffaella Giacomini as Chair. Raffaella immediately took charge of the preparations set in place by her predecessor for the first-ever EEA-ESEM Congress WinE Mentoring Retreat, which took place the day before the start of EEA-ESEM Gothenburg 2013. I extend my thanks to Raffaella too and my congratulations to her for organizing such a successful Retreat. Details of the Retreat will be published on the WinE section on EEA homepage.

I also thank Marc Ivaldi, Chair of the EEA Standing Committee on Research for organising this year’s panel session "Disseminating Economic Research in The Policy Debate" and for all his work done during the year.

I extend my thanks also to Margaret Bray who replaced Piero Tedeschi last year as Chair of the EEA Standing Committee on Teaching. The Committee is continuing its initial aim, which is to broaden the EEA network of PhD programs 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.

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 2013 was John Van Reenen whose lecture was entitled "Growth and the New Economics of Management". The EEA thanks John for his willingness to represent the EEA at the AEA meeting.
The EEA is busy organising the 2014 lecture at the ASSA meeting and I am pleased to announce that Jean-Charles Rochet will be giving the lecture on Saturday January 4. All EEA members at the meetings are encouraged to go to the lecture.

Yrjö-Jahnsson Award

Following on from changes made in 2010-2011 to the way this Prize was awarded and announced, In April the EEA and the Foundation publically announced that Thomas Piketty, Paris School of Economics and Hélène Rey, London Business School, had been jointly awarded the Yrjö Jahnsson Award. Thomas could not be with us in Gothenburg to receive his award but Hélène picked hers up at the Gothenburg Congress.
I would like to thank the 2013 Yrjö-Jahnsson Committee, Tim Besley (Chair), Matthias Dewatripont, Rachel Griffith, Juuso Välimäki and Fabrizio Zilibotti; and the Yrjö-Jahnsson Foundation, who continue to finance generously this Award.

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) Award

Continuing with existing tradition, the 2013 FEEM Awards will be delivered before the Marshall Lecture at this congress. I congratulate the recipients - Jonathan Colmer (LSE), Michele Piffer (LSE) and Rosen Valchev (Duke University) and I thank the 2013 Award Committee, Maristella Botticini (Chair), Jan Eeckhout and Matteo Manera. I would like to thank also the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei for their continued support of this Award.

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, Ernst Fehr and the other committee members. Online elections for officers will begin in mid-September and take place for a month.

Gothenburg Congress

This congress lived up to its promise to become an outstanding event with many interesting presentations. Many individuals have contributed their time and effort to make this congress a success. I want to thank, in particular, the program chair of the congress, Maristella Botticini from the Università Bocconi, as well as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, Ola Olsson of the University of Gothenburg, and his committee, Arne Bigsten, Karin Jonson, Andreea Mitrut, Amrish Patel, Thomas Sterner and Måns Söderbom, for their outstanding work. Special thanks are also due to the EEA General Manager, Gemma Prunner-Thomas for rising to the challenge of launching this year a new model of organizing the meetings.

EEA-ESEM 2014 Congress Toulouse

The EEA very much looks forward to seeing its members, and welcoming new ones, at the 2014 Congress to be held from Monday August 25 to Friday August 29. Details will be available from October 1 on the EEA-ESEM Congress website –www.eea-esem-congresses.com