Report of the President – August 2015
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EEA Central Office

Guglielmo Weber will be stepping down from his roles as EEA Executive Vice-President at the end of this year. I am very pleased to announce that he will be replaced by Antonio Cabrales (UCL). Antonio will sit for an initial period of 3-years. We are extremely grateful to Guglielmo for his work over the past few years and look forward to working with Antonio. Gemma Prunner-Thomas continues to manage the running of the central office with good humour and efficiency.

Journal of the European Economic Association (JEEA)

JEEA is published six times a year with the issue released bi-monthly. The Journal has undergone a meteoric rise and continues to excel in terms of its impact factor, profile and the number of submissions received. This excellent performance is due to the hard work and dedication of the Editors, to whom we are very grateful.

We have a very strong editorial team. Juuso Välimäki (Aalto School of Economics, Finland) is Managing Editor with a team of co-Editors including Dirk Krueger (University of Pennsylvania), Claudio Michelacci (EIEF, Rome) and Daniele Pascman (Boston University). We are pleased to announce that to new additions to the editorial team over the coming months will be Paola Giuliano (UCLA Anderson School) and Imran Rasul (UCL London). This marks an expansion of the Editorial team to, to reflect the growth in submissions and performance of JEEA. Paola and Imran bring very complementary skills to the current team of editors, and we are sure that they will make a strong contribution to the journal on its continued upward trajectory. We welcome all to the team.

Additional information on JEEA will be found in the Report of JEEA Editor.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Additional information on the activities of the EEA and the activities of the standing committees is available on the EEA website.

Standing Committee on Women in Economics (WinE)

Raffaella Giacomini (UCL) will be stepping down as Chair of the Standing Committee on Women in Economics (WinE) after three very busy years. We would like to thank Raffaella for her amazing hard work, and particularly for establishing the WinE Mentoring Retreat as a very successful event. The third retreat will take place at the start of EEA Mannheim 2015. I am pleased to announce that she will be replaced by Emmanuelle Auriol (Toulouse).

Standing Committee on Teaching of Economics

Margaret Bray (LSE) continues to chair the EEA Standing Committee on Education. The work of this committee is very important to the profession and we are grateful to Margaret for her hard work. Margaret has organized an important panel session during the Mannheim meetings, “Academia to Public Policy: What Should we Teach our Students?”
Standing Committee on Research in Economics

Richard Blundell (UCL) has agreed to serve as chair of the Research Committee, taking over from Marc Ivaldi (Toulouse). I would like to express our thanks to Marc for all of his hard work as past chair, and particularly in establishing the COEURE project (https://www.tse-fr.eu/coeure), a network financed by the European Commission under the 7th Framework, of which the EEA is a node together with CEPR and several European Universities. This project looks likely to deliver a number of important and interesting analyses of the state of research in Europe across a range of fields. We would like to thank Richard for his continued efforts in representing the EEA on COEURE.

EEA Ethics Committee

This Committee composed of Orazio Attanasio as chair, James Banks, Eliana La Ferrara and Philipp Kircher, have discussed issues concerning ethics in relation to the treatment of human subjects in research as well as the collection and management of survey data. Their remit is to survey existing procedures in different European countries and to produce guidelines about the conduct of economic research that could be eventually approved by the Association. The Committee is making progress. EEA members will be kept informed.

EEA Media Strategy

One of the objectives of the EEA is to raise the profile of economists and to provide a bridge between the economics profession in Europe and the wider public. The EEA Committee on the Dissemination of Economic Research in Europe, chaired by Paul Seabright (Toulouse), made a number of recommendations. Following on from these we have engaged the services of a media consultant who will work alongside academics at Mannheim 2015. The main aim will be to help academics who want to communicate their research to a wider audience to do so more effectively through the media and other outlets. We will also be making a number of short films on the findings and implications of some of the research presented at Mannheim, which will be made available via the EEA YouTube channel.

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 intended to increase the visibility of the JEEA, and the EEA in general, in the US. The speaker for the meeting in January 2015 was Eliana La Ferrara (Bocconi), whose lecture was entitled "Mass Media and Social Change: Can We Use Television To Fight Poverty?". We would like to thank Eliana for her excellent lecture and for her willingness to represent the EEA at the AEA meeting and at the headquarters of FBBVA in Madrid, where the lecture is also given.

The EEA is busy organising the 2016 FBBVA lecture at the AEA meeting, which will be delivered by Hélène Rey (LBS) on Monday January 4. All EEA members at the meetings are encouraged to attend the lecture.

Yrjö Jahnsson Award
In March 2015 the Yrjö Jahnsson Award Committee announced that the winner of the 2015 prize was Botond Köszegi of Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. The award is given biennially to a European economist no older than 45 years old who has made a contribution in theoretical and applied research that is significant to economics in Europe. Botond was given the award for his contribution to the theoretical foundations of behavioral economics, and its application to public finance and contract theory. His influential research on reference-dependent preferences extends the concept of loss aversion by determining the reference point endogenously. The approach has been applied with success to a wide range of economic issues including auctions, firms’ pricing behavior, labor supply and savings decisions, and risk preferences. Botond will receive the Award before the Schumpeter lecture at EEA Mannheim.

I would like to thank the Yrjö Jahnsson Committee, Fabrizio Zilibotti (Chair), Mark Armstrong, Timothy Besley, Hélène Rey and Juuso Välimäki, and the Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation, who sponsor the Award.

**Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) Award**

The 2015 FEEM Awards will be delivered before the Preisdential Address at EEA Mannheim. I congratulate the recipients - Keshav Dogra (Columbia University), Anne-Kartin Roesler, (University of Bonn) and Jörg L. Spenkuch, (Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University) and I would like to thank the 2015 Award Committee, Volker Nocke (Chair), Philippe Martin and Matteo Manera. I would like to thank also the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei for their continued support of this Award.

**Nominations For EEA Officer Election**

Nominations for election to the offices of the association have been made, and candidates have been selected. On behalf of the association I would like to thank the chair of the nominating committee, Tim Besley, and the other committee members. Online elections for officers begin in mid-September and take place for a month. EEA members can nominate suitable candidates (or self-nominate) for EEA officer elections through admin@eeassoc.org. The EEA central office will pass all nominations on to the EEA Nominating Committee Chair.

**EEA Mannheim 2015 Congress**

I am very much looking forward to the Congress in Mannheim, and I am sure that this Congress will live 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, Volker Nocke from University of Mannheim, as well as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, Jochen Streb, and his committee, Eckhard Janeba, Betty Küibe, Michèle Tertilt and Carsten Trenkler, for their work. I would also like to thank Gemma Prunner-Thomas for her continued hard work on all aspects of the Congress.

**EEA-ESEM Geneva 2016**

The 2016 Congress to be held from Monday August 22 to Friday August 26 in Geneva. The EEA, and the EEA President of 2016, Fabrizio Zilibotti, very much look forward to welcoming you there. Details will be available from the beginning of October on the EEA website – www.eeassoc.org.