Report of the President – August 2016
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EEA Central Office

Antonio Cabrales started his first 3-year term in office at the beginning of this year. The EEA is very grateful to Antonio 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.

Journal of the European Economic Association (JEEA)

JEEA continues to be published six times a year, with the issues released bi-monthly. Since its launch in 2003, JEEA has excelled 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, which has expanded to include a 6th editor over the past few months. Juuso Välimäki (Aalto School of Economics) is Managing Editor with a team of five co-Editors: Paola Giuliano (UCLA Anderson School), Dirk Krueger (University of Pennsylvania), Claudio Michelacci (EIEF), Daniele Paserman (Boston University) and Imran Rasul (University College London). We thank them all for their hard work and dedication to JEEA and look forward to even more success for JEEA.

From 2017, JEEA will be published by Oxford University Press. I take the opportunity to thank Wiley-Blackwell, publishers of JEEA from 2011 to 2016.

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)

Emmanuelle Auriol (TSE) became Chair of the WinE Committee at the beginning of the year. Emmanuelle immediately took charge of the preparations set in place by her predecessor, Raffaella Giacomini, for the fourth EEA-ESEM Congress WinE Mentoring Retreat, which took place the day before the start of EEA-ESEM Geneva 2016. I extend my thanks to Emmanuelle, and all the mentors who have given up their time to take part in the Retreat, and my congratulations to all involved for another extremely successful Retreat. Details of the Retreat are published on the WinE section on EEA homepage.

The WinE Committee is exploring a number of further initiatives, amongst which is a gender data collection software. My thanks go to all the WinE Committee members.

Standing Committee on Economic Education

Margaret Bray (LSE) continues to chair the EEA Standing Committee on Education. Their remit is to improve the quality of economics education at all levels and thus (jointly with the Standing
committee on Research in economics) to contribute to improving the contribution of the economics discipline to society. The Committee is making progress. EEA members will be kept informed.

**Standing Committee on Research in Economics**

Richard Blundell (UCL) continues to chair the Research Committee. The work of the committee, over the past few years has been intrinsically linked to 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, which concludes in October, is set to deliver a number of important and interesting analyses of the state of research in Europe across a range of fields. Richard organised a COEURE session We would like to thank Richard for his continued efforts in representing the EEA on COEURE.

**Standing Committee on Ethics**

Orazio Attanasio (UCL) stepped down as chair of this committee in March of this year and was replaced by Francis Kramarz (CREST). Francis has enlarged the committee, whose original 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, and is considering enlarging the scope of the Committee. EEA members will be kept informed about its progress. We thank Orazio for all his work done over the past few years, and Francis for accepting our invitation to chair the committee. We look forward to working with Francis.

**EEA Media Strategy**

One of the objectives of the EEA over the past few years has been to raise the profile of economists and to provide a bridge between the economics profession in Europe and the wider public. For a trial period of 2-years, the EEA has engaged the services of a media consultant who has worked alongside academics at EEA Mannheim 2015 and EEA-ESEM Geneva 2016. The main aim is to help academics who want to communicate their research to a wider audience to do so more effectively through the media and other outlets. The media consultant acts as an intermediary between the academic and media too. We have also worked with a production team, EconFilms, who specialise in producing short films / interviews with economists in a way that is understandable to non-academics. All media briefings and subsequent news articles can be downloaded from the EEA website. All the short films / interviews are viewable via the EEA YouTube channel. The EEA will be evaluating the success of this initiative over the coming months and will decide whether to continue with it or not.

**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 2016 was Hélène Rey (LBS), whose lecture was entitled "Monetary Policy with Large Financial Flows". We would like to thank Hélène 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 2017 FBBVA lecture at the AEA meeting, which will be delivered by Tim Besley on Friday January 6. All EEA members at the meetings are encouraged to attend the lecture.
**Birgit Grodal Award**

In March 2016, after many months of deliberations by the Birgit Grodal Committee, Lucrezia Reichlin, London Business School, was announced the winner of the 2016 Birgit Grodal Award. The award is named after Professor Birgit Grodal who was the first female elected President of the EEA, but sadly passed away before she was due to take up her presidency. Lucrezia will receive the award before the Schumpeter lecture at the EEA-ESEM Geneva.

I would like to thank the Birgit Grodal Committee, Guido Tabellini (Chair), Tim Besley, Penelopi Goldberg, Monika Piazzesi and Christian Schultz, and the Danmarks Nationalbank, the sponsor of the Award.

**Hicks-Tinbergen Award**

In March the EEA publically announced that the Hicks-Tinbergen medal 2016 had been awarded to Riccardo Puglisi and James Snyder for their paper The Balanced US Press (published in JEEA Volume 13 Issue 2). Riccardo and James join us in Geneva to receive this award.

I would like to thank the 2016 Hicks-Tinbergen Committee, Juuso Välimäki (Chair), Rachel Griffith and Eliana La Ferrara.

**Young Economist Award**

The 1st edition of the EEA Young Economist Award, sponsored by UniCredit & Universities Foundation, given to the 3 best papers presented by young economists (no more than 3 years past a PhD defence) at the EEA congress is delivered before the Presidential Address. I congratulate the recipients - Jeanne Commault, Galip Ozhan and Stephane Wolton. I would like to thank the Award Committee, Philippe Bacchetta, Giacomo Ponzetto and Monika Schnitzer. I would like to thank also the UniCredit & Universities Foundation for their 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, Chris Pissarides, 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 – ESEM Geneva Congress**

I am sure that this Congress lives 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 EEA Program Chairs, Philippe Bacchetta (University of Lausanne) and Monika Schnitzer (Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich), as well as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, Stefan Sperlich, and his committee, Patricia Arnold, Theresa Carpenter, Michel Girardin, Jérémy Lucchetti, Yvonne Sperlich, Cédric Tille and Martina Viarengo.
EEA-ESEM Lisbon 2017

The 2017 Congress to be held from Monday August 21 to Friday August 25 in Lisbon. The EEA, and the EEA President of 2017, Philippe Aghion, very much look forward to welcoming you there. Details will be available from the beginning of October on the EEA-ESEM Congress website – www.eea-esem-congresses.org.