Report of the President – August 2017
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EEA Central Office

Antonio Cabrales is now in the middle of his 3-year term in office. The EEA is very grateful to Antonio for his work in undertaking 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 January 2017, JEEA is now published by Oxford University Press. Since its launch in 2003, JEEA has strengthened in terms of its impact factor, profile and the number of submissions received. This superb performance is due to the extremely 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) 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.

Daniele Paserman and Dirk Krueger will be stepping down from the Editorial board at the end of 2017. They will be replaced by Nicola Pavoni and Giovanni Peri. We look forward to working with them. Claudio Michelacci will continue for a second 2-year term.

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) remains Chair of the WinE Committee. Once again Emmanuelle organised the EEA-ESEM Congress WinE Mentoring Retreat, this year it’s fifth, which took place the day before the start of EEA-ESEM Lisbon 2017. I thank Emmanuelle, and all the mentors who have given up their time to take part in the Retreat, and my offer 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 has over the past 12 months set up a web scraper) which crawls through the websites of European institutions regularly and collects data on the status of women in our profession in Europe. There was a session during EEA-ESEM Lisbon connected to the data collected.

My thanks go to all the WinE Committee members for their work done over the past 12 months.

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. During EEA-ESEM Lisbon the Committee organized a session concerned with changes in the delivery of economics teaching - looking at active teaching and learning including backwards teaching with the CORE curriculum, classroom games, the use of flipping in economics, and other uses of technology in the teaching of economics.

**Standing Committee on Research in Economics**

Now that the COEURE project has concluded, Richard Blundell (UCL) will hand over the chairing of the Research Committee to Estelle Cantillon in September of 2017. Estelle will set up a new Committee. EEA members will be kept informed.

**Standing Committee on Ethics**

Francis Kramarz continues to chair this committee. The Committee was enlarged and current members are Oriana Bandiera, James Banks, Philipp Kircher and Georg Weizsäcker. The remit of the Committee 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.

**JEEA-FBBVA Lecture at ASSA 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 2017 was Tim Besley, whose lecture was entitled "Preferences and Values as Cultural Capital: Theory and Policy Implications". We would like to thank Tim for his excellent lecture and for his 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 2018 FBBVA lecture at the AEA meeting, which will be delivered by Emmanuel Farhi on Friday January 5. All EEA members at the meetings are encouraged to attend the lecture.

**Yrjö Jahnsson Award**

In March 2017, the Yrjö Jahnsson Award Committee announced that the winners of the 2017 prize were Ran Spiegler, (Tel Aviv University and University College London) for his important contributions to economic theory and bounded rationality and Michèle Tertilt (University of Mannheim) for her important contributions to family economics and household finance. 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. Rani and Michèle received the Award before my Presidential Address at EEA-ESEM Lisbon.

I would like to thank the Yrjö Jahnsson Committee, Mark Armstrong (Co-Chair), Armin Falk, Hélène Rey (Co-Chair), Kjetil Storesletten and Hannu Vartiainen.
**Young Economist Award**

The 2nd 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 was delivered before the Marshall lecture. I congratulate the recipients – Stephane Dupraz, Matteo Gamalerio and Petra Thiemann. I would like to thank the Award Committee, Estelle Cantillon, Giacomo Ponzetto and Silvana Tenreyro. 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, Jordi Gali, 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 Lisbon 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, Estelle Cantillon (Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR) and Silvana Tenreyro (London School of Economics, CfM and CEPR), as well as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, Chair: Mário Centeno, his Vice-Chair: Vitor Escária and his Committee Alexandra Ferreira Lopes, Francisco Lima, and Luís Martins

**EEA-ESEM Cologne 2018**

The 2018 Congress to be held from Monday August 27 to Friday August 31 in Cologne. The EEA, and the EEA President of 2018, Eliana La Ferrera, 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.