I am pleased to announce that Antonio Cabrales’s second 3-year term as Executive Vice-President, will begin in January 2019. The EEA is very grateful to Antonio for his work in undertaking this enormous task, and his willingness to sit for a second term. He is assisted by Gemma Prunner-Thomas, who continues to manage the running of the central office.

**European Job Market**

I am delighted to inform you that the EEA will launch a new initiative, a European job market, to be held in conjunction with the Econometric Society Winter Meetings (ESWM). The first edition of the European Job Market will be in Naples on December 6-7, 2018, immediately after the ESWM. The event aims at facilitating the match between employers and PhD candidates. It provides a forum for preliminary interviews between candidates and employers. With the steady improvement of academic programmes in Europe, the supply of high quality PhD’s has reached a level that demands an effort to achieve scale. The new initiative aims at building an integrated market for junior positions in Europe, coordinating the many local recruiting efforts. As a member of the EEA, I would really like you to promote the EEA Job Market to your placement officer / person in charge of recruitment and to graduating students at your institution. All logistical details of the Job Market can be found on the EEA website.

**Journal of the European Economic Association (JEEA)**

JEEA, now in its 16th year of publication, and published by OUP since 2017, continues to be published six times a year, with the issues released bi-monthly. JEEA’s strength, in terms of its impact factor, profile and the number of submissions received, continues to increase. Its excellent positioning is due to the extremely hard work and dedication of the Editors, to whom we are very grateful.

The editorial team will undergo a change at the end of this year, as the current Managing Editor, Juuso Välimäki (Aalto School of Economics), will step down. The role of Managing Editor will be undertaken by Imran Rasul (UCL), who is a current co-editor of JEEA. Imran will manage a team of five co-Editors: Paola Giuliano (UCLA Anderson School), Nicola Pavoni (Bocconi), Giovanni Peri (UC Davis), Claudio Michelacci (EIEF – who sits for his second term), and Bård Harstad (University of Oslo – who replaces Juuso). We thank them all for their hard work and dedication to JEEA and look forward to even more success for JEEA.

We take the occasion to thank Juuso for the huge amount of work and his commitment to JEEA over the last 4 years.

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

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Standing Committee on Women in Economics (WinE)**
Emmanuelle Auriol (TSE) has chaired the WinE Committee for her 3rd year. Emmanuelle organised the sixth EEA-ESEM Congress WinE Mentoring Retreat, which took place the day before the start of EEA-ESEM Cologne 2018. I thank Emmanuelle, and all the mentors who gave up their time to take part in the Retreat, and I offer my congratulations to all involved for another extremely successful Retreat. Details of the Retreat are published on the WinE section on EEA homepage.

Moreover, Emmanuelle, and her WinE Committee member colleague, Guido Friebel, over the past 12 months, have been extremely busy working on a web scraper that tracks the identity of male and female researchers in economics and related fields, across European universities, business schools, and research institutions. Based on the gathered data, information on the job situation of female researchers will be provided to the research community and anybody interested in these data, for instance, the media. We thank Emmanuelle, Guido, and his Research Assistant, Sascha Wilhelm, for the huge amount of work they have done on this.

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

**Standing Committee on Economic Education**

During EEA-ESEM Cologne, the session organized by the Committee at Lisbon – “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 – was organized again.

**Standing Committee on Research in Economics**

Since September 2017, the Standing Committee on Research is chaired by Estelle Cantillon (ULB). Alongside Estelle, the Committee is composed of Caterina Calsamiglia (Institute of Political Economy and Governance), Nezih Guner (CEMFI), Miklos Koren (CEU), Katrine Løken (NHH), Magne Mogstad (Chicago) and Andrea Weber (CEU).

The agenda of the Committee is twofold. First, to continue the Association’s effort to encourage and support researchers to apply for an ERC grant. The second item on the Research Committee’s agenda builds on COEURE’s recommendations to work towards making Europe a data research power-house.

During EEA-ESEM Cologne, the Research Committee organised two sessions as part of their agenda to foster the use of high quality, innovative data by researchers in economics – 1) Innovative Models of Data Access for Researchers; and 2) a workshop Getting Data from the Web: Scraping for Economists.

**Standing Committee on Ethics**

The Ethics Committee has concluded its work over the past 12 months. Its objective was to provide ethical guidance (both usage and collecting of data) for economists’ practices, and to this end the Committee has released its final document “Ethical Principles for the European Economist”. The document outlines in broad strokes key principles that researchers and their institutions should contemplate when considering the ethics involved in their research. It highlights areas of particular importance, and prompts the establishment of procedures to resolve sources of conflict. Its intent is to provide broad guidance for the researchers themselves as well as for their employers. It should also serve as a basic document that outside institutions (academic journals, etc.) can use to ask for compliance with in terms of ethical conduct of the research they are encountering. It is intended to be applicable across a number of different forms of research (laboratory experiments, field experiments, surveys, use of administrative data...) and therefore does not delve into the specifics of any of them at this point.
Documents outlining more specific requirements or providing specific resources in each of these fields may be developed in the future. The document can be found on the EEA website.

**JEAA-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 JEAA, and the EEA in general, in the US. The speaker for the meeting in January 2018 was Emmanuel Farhi, whose lecture was entitled “The Microeconomic Foundations of Aggregate Production Functions”. We would like to thank Emmanuel 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 2019 FBBVA lecture at the AEA meeting, which will be delivered by Orazio Attanasio on Friday, January 4. All EEA members at the meetings are encouraged to attend the lecture.

**Birgit Grodal Award**

In March 2018, after careful work and deliberation by the Birgit Grodal Committee, Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, Paris School of Economics, was announced the winner of the 2018 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. Ekaterina received the award before the Presidential Address at the EEA-ESEM Cologne 2018.

I would like to thank the Birgit Grodal Committee, Ernst Fehr (Chair), Rachel Griffith, Rondini Pande, Christian Schultz and Guido Tabellini, and the Danmarks Nationalbank, the sponsor of the Award.

**Hicks-Tinbergen Award**

In March, the EEA publically announced that the Hicks-Tinbergen medal 2018 had been awarded to Luigi Guiso, Paola Sapienza and Luigi Zingales, for their paper “Long-term Persistence” (published in JEAA Volume 14 Issue 6). Luigi Guiso joined us in Cologne to receive this award before the Schumpeter lecture.

I would like to thank the 2018 Hicks-Tinbergen Committee, Juuso Välimäki (Chair), Philippe Aghion and Per Krusell.

**Young Economist Award**

The 3rd edition of the EEA Young Economist Award, sponsored by UniCredit Foundation, given to the 3 best papers presented by young economists (no more than 3 years past a PhD defence) at the EEA congress will be delivered before the Marshall lecture. I would like to thank the Award Committee, Nicola Gennaioli, Giacomo Ponzetto and Marta Reynal-Querol. I would like to thank also the UniCredit Foundation for their support of this Award. I also congratulate the recipients - Michela Carlana, Sebastian Doerr and Lukas Hensel.

**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, Manuel Arellano, 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 Cologne Congress**

I am sure that this Congress is living up to its promise to become a great event with an array of presentations. Many individuals have contributed their time and effort to make this congress a success. I want to thank, in particular, the EEA Programme Chairs, Nicola Gennaioli and Marta Reynal-Querol, and their full programme committee, as well as the Local Organizing Committee Chair: Felix Bierbrauer, his coordinator, Raphael Flore, and his full committee, and everyone else involved onsite in Cologne to ensure its success.

**EEA-ESEM Manchester 2019**

The 2019 Congress will be held from Monday, August 26 to Friday, August 30 in Manchester. The EEA, and the EEA President of 2019, Kjetil Storesletten, 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.

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