Report of the President – August 2019
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EEA Central Office

The EEA is very grateful to Antonio Cabrales who continues in his role as Executive Vice-President of the EEA and we thank him for his work in undertaking the enormous task. He is assisted by Gemma Prunner-Thomas, who continues to manage the running of the central office.

European Job Market

The EEA launched the European Job Market in Naples in December 2018. The inaugural Job Market was a huge success. The event featured around 106 institutions whose teams interviewed approximately 660 candidates over 2 days. This new initiative aims at building an integrated market for junior positions in Europe.

From 2019 onwards, the EEA has joined forces with the 2 main national associations in Europe who until now have organized their own job market – the Royal Economic Society (UK) and the Spanish Economic Association (SAE) – and there will be ONE consolidated Job Market in Europe.

This year, the Job Market will be held in December (Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19) in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. 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 is now in its 17th year of publication, and continues to be published six times a year by OUP. JEEA’s strength, in terms of its impact factor, profile and the number of submissions received, has once again increased over the past 12 months. The EEA is extremely grateful to the immense work and dedication of the Editors.

The editorial team underwent a change at the beginning of this year - the role of Managing Editor was passed over to Imran Rasul (UCL). Imran manages 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). Claudio, whose second and last term comes to an end at the end of this year, will be replaced by Guido Lorenzoni (Northwestern). Paola Giuliano will begin her second term in September. We thank all the editors for their hard work and look forward to continued success for JEEA.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committee on Women in Economics (WinE)

Ingela Alger took over from Emmanuelle Auriol (TSE) at the beginning of the year as Chair of the WinE Committee. Ingela organised the seventh EEA-ESEM Congress WinE Mentoring Retreat, which took
place the day before the start of EEA-ESEM Manchester. I thank Ingela, 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.

Furthermore, last year, the WinE Committee initiated a very large data collection on gender balance in
EU research institutions. The objective of this is to monitor the status of women in the profession in Europe and undertake information collection. A website that stores all the information of gender in economics departments in the EU was launched around May - https://www.women-economics.com. We hope that it will help any department to benchmark on its gender balance in comparison with other departments in the EU of similar size and performance. We thank Guido Friebel (WinE Committee members), and his Research Assistant, Sascha Wilhelm, for the huge amount of work they have done on this data project.

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 Manchester, the Committee, now chaired by Alvin Birdi – organized a workshop looking at various types of active teaching and learning that are emerging or increasingly used within economics teaching including motivational sequencing with the CORE curriculum, classroom games, the use of flipping and other uses of technology. We thank, Alvin for organizing the session, and taking on the chairing of the Education Committee. We look forward to learning what plans the revived Committee has over the coming months and will let our members know via our newsletters.

**Standing Committee on Research in Economics**

The Standing Committee on Research is chaired by Estelle Cantillon (ULB). 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. Second, to build on COEURF’s recommendations to work towards making Europe a data research power-house. The Committee organised a few sessions and workshops in Manchester as part of their agenda to foster the use of high quality, innovative data by researchers in economics – 1) The Policy Impacts of Empirical Research; and 2) a workshop Data Wrangling for Economists with Stata and the Command Line. The Research session, for the third year running, also organised the highly successful mentoring session on applying for ERC grants.

**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. Orazio Attanasio gave the 2019 lecture. Ulrike Malmendier will give the 2020 JEEA-FBBVA lecture at the ASSA meetings in January. All EEA members at the meetings are encouraged to attend the lecture.

**Yrjö Jahnsson Award 2019**

In early Spring, the Yrjö Jahnsson Award Committee announced that the winners of the 2019 prize were Oriana Bandiera, (LSE) and Imran Rasul (UCL) for their work on the role of social relationships in
economics, advanced through pioneering field experiments in the workplace and social networks, which has provided salient contributions to economics, especially to the fields of personnel economics and development. The award is given biennially to a European economist no older than 45 years (extended in certain circumstances, such as for maternity leave (12 months per child), long-term illness, or national mandatory military service) who has made a contribution in theoretical and applied research that is significant to economics in Europe. Oriana and Imran received the Award before my Presidential Address at EEA-ESEM Manchester.

I would like to thank the Yrjö Jahnsson Committee, which I chaired, Orazio Attanasio, Armin Falk, Eliana La Ferrara, Kjetil Storesletten (Chair) and Hannu Vartiainen.

**Young Economist Award**

The 4th 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 was delivered before the Schumpeter lecture. I would like to thank the Award Committee, Barbara Petrongolo, Giacomo Ponzetto and Ricardo Reis. I would like to thank also the UniCredit Foundation for their support of this Award. I congratulate the recipients – Giulia Giupponi, Cian Ruane and Marta Santamaria.

**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, Orazio Attanasio, and the other committee members. Online elections for officers begin in late 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 Manchester Congress**

The Congress lived up to its promise to be another great gathering 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, Barbara Petrongolo and Ricardo Reis, and their full programme committee, as well as the Local Organizing Committee Chair: Ralf Becker, and his full committee, and everyone else involved onsite in Manchester to ensure its success.

**EEA Rotterdam 2020**

The 2019 Congress will be held from Monday, August 24 to Thursday, August 27 in Rotterdam. The EEA, and the EEA President of 2020, Per Krusell, very much looks forward to welcoming you there. Details will be available from the beginning of October on the EEA website – www.eeassoc.org.

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