

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the General Assembly of Members
Held virtually
Thursday, August 27, 2020

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Manchester 2019)

REPORTED

that the minutes of the last meeting be approved

2. REPORTS ON THE ASSOCIATION'S PAST ACTIVITIES

- a) Report of the President Per Krusell

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- i) that Antonio Cabrales and Gemma Prunner-Thomas continued to run the management of the EEA
- ii) that the EEA held the second European job market, co-organised with the RES and SEA, in 2019, and it was once again very successful, featuring over 185 recruiting teams who interviewed over 950 candidates over 2 days
- iii) that the European Job Market 2020 would be held virtually in December
- iv) that JEEA continued to strengthen its impact, profile and the number of submissions received in 2019
- v) that the editorial team had undergone a change at the beginning of this year – Claudio Michelacci had stepped down after completing his 2 terms, and was replaced by Guido Lorenzoni
- vi) that other developments in JEEA included the launch of providing teaching materials, alongside published papers, and that the idea behind this was to make it easier for other researchers to incorporate our papers into teaching syllabi; and the launch of a COVID-19 registry, with the goal of making aware and connecting researchers working on similar real- time projects in different countries
- vii) that Ingela Alger, Chair of WinE, had run the 8th WinE Retreat the day before the start of EEA Virtual, and that the Retreat continued to be a success
- viii) that over the past 12-months, the WinE Committee, alongside supporting the very large data collection on gender balance in EU research institutions, had also launched a WinE Bibliography, collecting research on women in economics
- ix) that the Education Committee, chaired by Alvin Birdi, had organized a session during EEA Virtual teaching online and what we had learnt from the Covid-19 natural experiment and what we wanted to retain for the long-term
- x) that the Research Committee, chaired by Estelle Cantillon, had organised for the third consecutive year a highly successful virtual workshop on data, and a panel and mentoring hour on applying for ERC grants

- xi) that Jan Eeckhout would be launching a committee on minorities over the coming 12-months
- xii) that Ulrike Malmendier had given the 2020 JEEA-FBBVA lecture at the ASSA meetings in January and would be holding it virtually, rather than in Madrid, in the Autumn
- xiii) that Monika Piazzesi had accepted the invitation to give the 2021 JEEA-FBBVA lecture, which would be held in virtually during the ASSA meetings in January
- xiv) that the 5th edition of the EEA Young Economist Award had once again been sponsored by UniCredit Foundation
- xvii) that the 2021 officer elections would commence in September

RESOLVED

that the report of the President be approved

- b) Report of the Executive Vice-President

Antonio Cabrales

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Report of the Executive Vice-President

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- i) that Rachel Griffith had chaired the Nominating Committee in 2020 and the online voting would commence in September
- ii) that the official site of the EEA remained www.eeassoc.org
- iii) that the EEA continued to use Twitter and continued to send out biannual newsletters about its activities, and bimonthly JEEA newsletters
- iv) that the latest figures available suggested that membership now stood at 4250 (with 14 Institutional members having paid for 2020)
- v) that the EEA has undergone a GDPR Audit over the past 9 months and that no major issues had been found, and that the EEA were currently implementing the very few suggestions that the lawyers had made
- vi) that the EEA had made a surplus of € 334,187.72 in 2019, which included the EEA-ESEM Manchester 2019 surplus, as well as the royalty from JEEA, and institutional member donations
- vii) that the EEA Audit committee had viewed the accounts and that in their opinion the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the EEA as of December 31 2019
- viii) that the EEA was increasing the annual budget of its committees (WinE, Education and Research).
- ix) that the detailed accounts of the EEA were available upon request

RESOLVED

that the report of the Executive Vice President and the EEA 2018 accounts be approved

- c) Report of the Editor of JEEA

Imran Rasul

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Report of the Editor of JEEA

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- i) that the 2019 editorial board was made up Paola Giuliano (UCLA Anderson School of Management), Bard Harstad (Oslo), Guido Lorenzoni (Chicago Booth), Nicola Pavoni (Bocconi), Giovanni Peri (University of California, Davis), and Imran Rasul, Managing Editor (UCL)
- ii) that 1113 papers were submitted in 2019, with all decisions being made (74 papers accepted)
- iii) that the average decision time for new submissions was 39 days
- iv) that the 2-year impact factor 2018 (Thomson Reuters) for JEEA was up to 3.388, and that in terms of the Article Influence Score (AIS), JEEA ranks currently close to top-5 amongst mainstream economics journals.

RESOLVED

that the report of the Editor of JEEA be approved

3. Open Discussion about the Association's Activities

No discussion

4. Any Other Business

None

5. Next Meeting

Date to be confirmed

Per Krusell
EEA President, 2020

Antonio Cabrales
EEA Executive Vice-President