

Report of the President – August 2021

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The EEA continues to be very grateful to Antonio Cabrales who is now serving his 6th year in the role of Executive Vice-President of the EEA - 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 (EJME) 2021

The EEA held its 3rd European Job Market (EJME), co-organised with the Royal Economic Society (UK) and the Spanish Economic Association (SAE) virtually in December 2020, in parallel with the European Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society. We used our events' platform for this parallel event, and whilst the virtual interviews were decentralized, we developed a Job Market directory for candidates.

The EJME Committee has recently announced that the 2021 EJME will once again be held virtually in December 2021. They made the decision with careful consideration of the best interests of the job candidates. The EJME and the EEA all hope and believe that holding first-round job market interviews virtually will alleviate candidates' stress about how the market will play out and allow job candidates to plan and prepare accordingly; ensure equal access to job opportunities for candidates across a wide range of departments and European countries (which face potentially different COVID situations and/or restrictions); and ensure that candidates remain healthy through the first-round interview process and increase the chances of being able to conduct in-person fly outs. We look forward to returning to an in-person European job market in 2022 in Berlin! It remains to be said that such was the success of the EJME candidate directory developed for the EJME 2020, that we are currently developing this directory further.

All information regarding the EJME 2021 can be found on the EJME website :

<https://www.europeanjobmarketofeconomists.org/home>

Journal of the European Economic Association (JEEA)

JEEA is now in its 19th year of publication and is published six times a year by OUP.

Publishing JEEA remains one of the main activities of the EEA, and JEEA continues to achieve major results in terms of impact factor, profile and the number of submissions received. Moreover, the initiative launched in 2020 to provide teaching materials continues to be a huge success.

In 2021, we welcomed some new faces to the JEEA editorial board –Vasiliki Skreta replaced Bård Harstad, while Pierre Dubois joined as an 8th editor. In September, Paola Giuliano ends her 2nd term (6 years) and will be replaced by Romain Wacziarg. We thank Bård and Paola for their immense work during their terms, and we welcome Pierre, Vasiliki and Romain to the board.

Moreover, for the first time ever, a few months ago, the Editorial Search Committee of the EEA opened nominations for the editorship of the JEEA. It was noted in the call that the Committee encouraged participation by members of underrepresented groups in the publication process and would particularly welcome such nominees. We received around 15 nominations. The Committee is busy deliberating, and we will release news of the incoming JEEA editor in Autumn.

The EEA is extremely grateful to the immense work and dedication of the editors. 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)

Estelle Cantillon, member of the WinE Committee, alongside the ES co-Chair of the WinE Retreat, Maria Guadalupe, have just run the 9th WinE Retreat, its second virtual one. This Retreat saw 40 mentees join Estelle, Maria and 11 other mentors. I thank Estelle, Maria 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 forthcoming Retreats are published on the WinE section on EEA homepage.

Furthermore, during this past year, the WinE Committee, chaired by Ingela Alger, enlarged their [WinE Bibliography](#), which collects research on women in economics, and launched “Research Highlights” – an initiative that sees Female economists write short non-technical summaries of some of their recent work. These summaries appear on the WinE section of EEA website.

We also thank WinE members, Tore Ellingson and Sigrid Suetens for organising the WinE panel during EEA-ESEM. Panellists Ghazala Azmat, Marianne Bertrand and Camille Landais discussed the gender earnings gap, stereotypes or hard-wired preferences, and penalties for women in an academic career.

The EEA also continues to fund a very large data collection on gender balance in EU research institutions - <https://www.women-economics.com>. – which is ran by Guido Friebel and his research assistants.

Ingela Alger will be stepping down as Chair of the WinE Committee at the end of this year. She will be replaced by Ghazala Azmat. We thank Ingela for the huge energy she ploughed into WinE over the past 3 years, and to Ghazala to taking on this immense challenge.

Standing Committee on Economic Education

The Education Committee, chaired by Alvin Birdi – organized a workshop looking at teaching and communicating with data during EEA-ESEM. We thank, Alvin, and his fellow Committee members, Cloda Jenkins, Pedro Rey Biel and Marco Paccagnella for organizing the session.

Moreover, we thank the 3 research assistants at UCL – Abbas Amin, Veronica Hera and Shivam Gujral - who have worked with Alvin and Cloda over the past 10 months and have been instrumental in launching the “Conversations with” video series. This conversation series showcases innovating teaching ideas that academics across universities are using in their day-to-day teaching.

The Committee has a lot of interesting initiatives in the pipeline – we will keep our members posted about them via our newsletters.

Standing Committee on Research in Economics

Andreas Peichl took over the chairing of the Standing Committee on Research from Estelle Cantillon at the start of the year. We look forward to learning what plans the Committee has over the coming months and will let our members know via our newsletters.

Standing Committee on Minorities in Economics (MinE)

Much more can be done to promote diversity, inclusion and equal opportunities in the economics profession. The new MinE Committee, chaired by Massimo Morelli, and comprised of Ghazala Azmat, Vincent Sterk and Tim Lee, hopes to take a first step forward. The MinE Committee is officially launched during its first panel during EEA-ESEM Virtual 2021. We will shortly be launching a dedicated web section too so please keep your eye on EEA website for updated information.

EEA Audit Committee

I would like to thank the EEA Audit Committee – Claudio Michelacci (Chair), Jordi Galí and Ricardo Reis – for the work that they do auditing the EEA annual accounts. More on this is covered in the report of the EEA Executive Vice-President.

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. Monika Piazzesi gave the 2021 lecture, virtually. Jan Eeckhout will give the 2022 JEEA-FBBVA lecture at the ASSA meetings in January. Monika Piazzesi’s lecture is available for viewing on the FBBVA website.

Young Economist Award

The 6th 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) was awarded on Monday, August 23. I would like to thank the Award Committee, Philipp Kircher,

Giacomo Ponzetto and Antonella Trigari, and the UniCredit Foundation for their support of this Award. I congratulate the recipients – Sebastian Ellingsen, co-authors Victor Hernandez Martinez and Kaixin Lin, and co-authors Marta Morazzoni and Andrea Sy.

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, Fabrizio Zilibotti, and the other committee members. Online elections for officers begin in late September / early October 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 Virtual 2021

EEA-ESEM Virtual 2021 is a completely live event on a very large scale. We decided not to scale back on our events when we agreed not to cancel the 202 congress. The 2021 congress has proved even more challenging as there are two associations involved and many more live sessions. We invited our speakers and all of our members to accompany us on this journey of virtual meetings. The challenge, once again, was accepted in droves – there will be over 1200 presentations in over 320 sessions, and a large number of economists have signed up simply to participate in the event. We hope that our virtual platform, created specifically for our virtual events, has lived up to your expectations, and allowed for a model way of virtual networking. We hope that any problems have been dealt with swiftly by our team.

I want to thank, in particular, the scientific committee – led by Philipp Kircher and Antonella Trigari - who performed amazingly and stuck to the tightest deadlines during another extremely difficult year; the University of Copenhagen - Christian Schultz, Peter Norman Sørensen and Joanna Hagstrøm, who continued to accompany us on our virtual journey, and to all the students from University of Copenhagen, ERASMUS School of Economics, and University College London, who acted as our ZOOM room managers. Lastly, I thank all of our participants, for their support and presence at the EEA-ESEM Virtual 2021, which showed a very strong show of solidarity – once again - in these difficult times. I also want to thank the 100 plus graders and area coordinators, and EEA Council members who have given up their time over the past few days to chair sessions and offer guidance to the presenters on their research.

EEA –ESEM 2022

We are planning for an “in-person” congress in 2022, which will be held from Monday, August 22 to Friday, August 26, at Bocconi University, Milan, Italy. We hope that as we go into 2022, the situation will change and we can return to the “traditional” EEA-ESEM style of congress, where a lot of in-person networking can take place.

The EEA, and the EEA President of 2022, Oriana Bandiera, very much look forward to welcoming you there. Moreover, our EEA Vice President, Maristella Botticini, looks forward to welcoming you all to her institution.

Details will be available from the beginning of November on the EEA-ESEM website – www.eea-esem-congresses.org

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