EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

General Assembly Meeting
Virtual
Monday, October 10, 2022

MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (EEA Virtual 2021)

REPORTED

that the minutes of the last meeting be approved

2. REPORTS ON THE ASSOCIATION’S PAST ACTIVITIES

   a) Report of the President

RECEIVED

Report of the President

Oriana Bandiera

REPORTED

i) that Antonio Cabrales and Gemma Prunner-Thomas continued to manage the running
   of the central office of the EEA

ii) that the EEA held the fourth European Job Market (EJME), co-organised with the RES
    and SEA, virtually in 2021, in parallel with the EWMES, and that whilst the virtual
    interviews were decentralized, the EEA had developed a European Job Market
    Directory, directed at all candidates looking for jobs in Europe, and had run a series
    of virtual workshops for candidates

iii) that the 2022 EJME would be held virtually too, and that the EJME Committee had
     made recommendations to recruiters on timing of deadlines to stop the market
     unravelling for candidates, and had spoken out against the practice of “exploding
     offers”

iv) that JEEA continued to strengthen its impact, profile and the number of submissions
    received in 2021

v) that Andrea Weber had joined the JEEA editorial team, as 8th editor, in 2022

vi) that there would be some forthcoming changes to the 2023 editorial board - Imran
    Rasul would be replaced as Managing Editor by current co-editor Romain Wacziarg,
and Jonas Hjort would join the board and handle primarily papers in Development, Political Economy and Firms

vii) that the 10th WinE Retreat, co-chaired by Ghazala Azmat (EEA) and Catarina Calsamiglia had returned in person the day before the start of EEA-ESEM Virtual, and that the Retreat continued to be a success

viii) that over the past 12-months, the WinE Committee, alongside enlarging their WinE Bibliography, and their Research Highlights, had also organised a very well-attended lunch session during EEA-ESEM 2022

ix) that the Education Committee, chaired by Alvin Birdi, alongside consolidating their “Conversations with” series and their online resources, had also launched a series of Teaching Awards and a Seedcorn Fund, and had undertaken a survey on undergraduate economics teaching in European universities, the preliminary results of which would be presented in a forthcoming virtual session

x) that Andreas Peichl had recently stepped down as Chair of the Research Committee and the EEA was actively looking for his replacement

xi) that one of the first initiatives of the Minorities in Economics (MinE) Committee, chaired by Massimo Morelli, was to ensure that research on “LGBTQ+, Race-Ethnicity-Religion, Disabilities” was added on the EEA congress field list

xii) that the MinE Committee had also launched the MinE Best Paper Award, funded by the Hub for Equal Representation at the LSE, given to the best paper presented in the annual EEA congress whose focus is on the study of LGBTQ+, Race-Ethnicity-Religion and/or Disabilities, and that Federico Ricca and Francesco Trebbi had been awarded for their paper Minority Underrepresentation in US Cities

xiii) that another MinE initiative was to inaugurate an annual networking event, held during the annual congress, for minorities in economics. This first event was co-organised with the European Committee for LGBTQ+ Economists (ECQE)

xiv) that Jan Eeckhout had given the 2022 JEEA-FBBVA lecture at the virtual ASSA meetings in January and once again in Madrid in person in May

xv) that Mariacristina De Nardi would give the 2023 JEEA-FBBVA lecture, which would be held during the ASSA meetings in January

xvi) that Silvana Tenreyro had been given the 2022 Birgit Grodal Award

xvii) that the 2022 Hicks-Tinbergen medal, given to the author(s) of an outstanding article published in JEEA during the two preceding years, had been awarded to Espen R Moen, Plamen T Nenov, Florian Sniekers for their paper Buying First or Selling First in Housing Markets (JEEA Volume 19 Issue 1)
that the 7th edition of the EEA Young Economist Award, sponsored by UniCredit Foundation, had been awarded to Alastair Langtry, Laura Muñoz Blanco and Alison Schultz

that the 2023 officer elections would commence in mid-October

that EEA-ESEM 2023 would be hosted by Barcelona School of Economics

that the EEA continued to fund seed grants of the amount of €1,000 (Euro) for each application submitted to the PANEL SH1 of any European Research Council (ERC) grant programme.

that in 2022, the EEA had launched the Career Structures in Economics research grant initiative, co-funded with the Hub for Equal Representation at the LSE, and that the aim of this initiative was to provide an understanding of whether current career structures promote the selection and retention of talent among academic economists, and to provide concrete and feasible policy recommendations to the EEA to further its mission to contribute to the development and application of economics as a science in Europe

that 31 applications had been received and 5 were finally funded

that early in 2022, the EEA launched the "Jobs for Economists in Europe Hub" (JEEH) to promote equality of access to academic opportunities in Europe, and that the Hub hosted openings for pre-docs, post-docs and other academic positions, with a minimum duration of 9 months

RESOLVED

that the report of the President be approved

b) Report of the Executive Vice-President

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Report of the Executive Vice-President Antonio Cabrales

REPORTED

i) that Eliana La Ferrara had chaired the Nominating Committee for the 2023 officers and the online voting would commence in mid-October

ii) that the EEA main website was still housed at www.eeassoc.org, and it continued to host a dedicated European Job Market website, a Candidate Directory for job market candidates, the virtual events platform, and a submission and programme building platform – Congress Creator, and that all platforms were GDPR complaint and accessible to partially and non-sighted users
iii) that the EEA continued to use its Twitter account, which had a very large following of over 8000, and continued to send out new alerts about its initiatives, and bimonthly JEEA newsletters to its members

iv) that the latest figures available suggested that membership now stood at 3850 (with 12 Institutional members having paid for 2022)

v) that the EEA had made a surplus of €2,509,064.25 in 2021

vi) 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, 2021

vii) that the detailed accounts of the EEA were available upon request

viii) that at the end of 2022, the EEA General Assembly recognizes that the terms on Executive Committee for Silvana Tenreyro, and on Council for the following people – Paula Bustos, Camille Landais, Kalina Manova, Claudio Michelacci, Massimo Morelli and Uta Schönberg - would officially end

RESOLVED

ii) that the report of the Executive Vice-President and the accounts of EEA be approved

c) Report of the Editor of JEEA

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Report of the Editor of JEEA for 2021

Imran Rasul

REPORTED

i) that the 2021 editorial board was made up Pierre Dubois, Paola Giuliano (until Sept 2021), Guido Lorenzoni, Nicola Pavoni, Giovanni Peri, and Imran Rasul (Managing Editor), Vasiliki Skreta (from May 2021) and Romain Wacziarg (from Sept 2021)

ii) that 1189 papers were submitted in 2021, with all decisions being made (59 papers accepted with an acceptance rate of 5.3%)

iii) that the average decision time for new submissions was 52 days

iv) that the 2-year impact factor 2020 (under a new methodology) for JEEA was 4.301
that the publishing of non-vetted teaching materials, introduced in 2020, continued to be successful

3. **OPEN DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION’S ACTIVITIES**

   No Discussion

4. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

   None

5. **Next Meeting**

   Virtual, June 2023

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Oriana Bandiera

EEA President, 2022