



Agricultural Economics Society

Report of the Executive Committee
to the Annual General Meeting of
the Agricultural Economics Society
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Chair of the Executive

Coverage

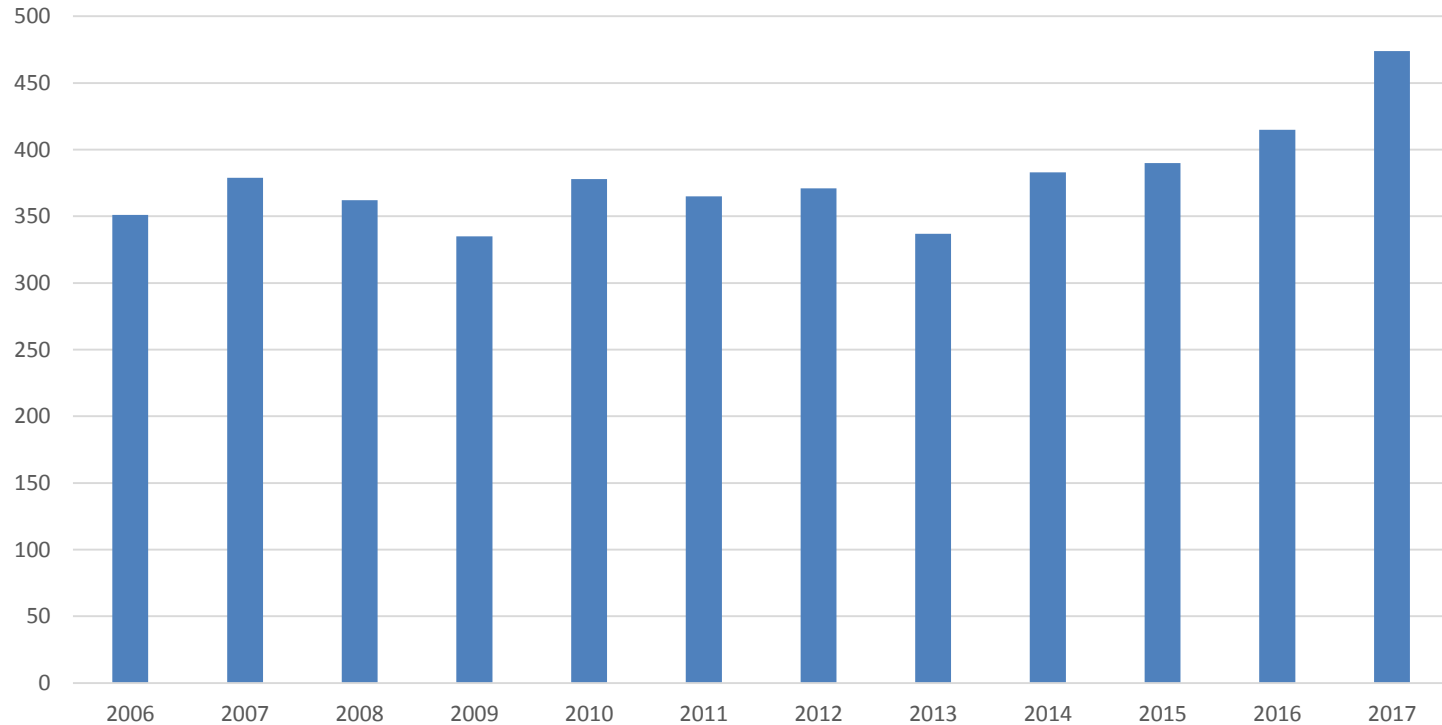
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The Executive - Meetings and membership changes

- Meetings since the last AGM
- Changes in membership and roles
 - Joining the Exec in 2017 – Frederic Ang, Janet Dwyer, Yiorgas Gadanakis and Brendan Bayley (co-opted)
 - Leaving the Exec in 2018 – Carmen Hubbard and Vera Eory.
 - Changing role in 2018 – Caroline Saunders (President Elect), Grant Davies (Defra ex-officio), Frederic Any (Programme Secretary)
 - Joining the Exec in 2018 – Four ordinary members and Neil Chalmers (co-opted).

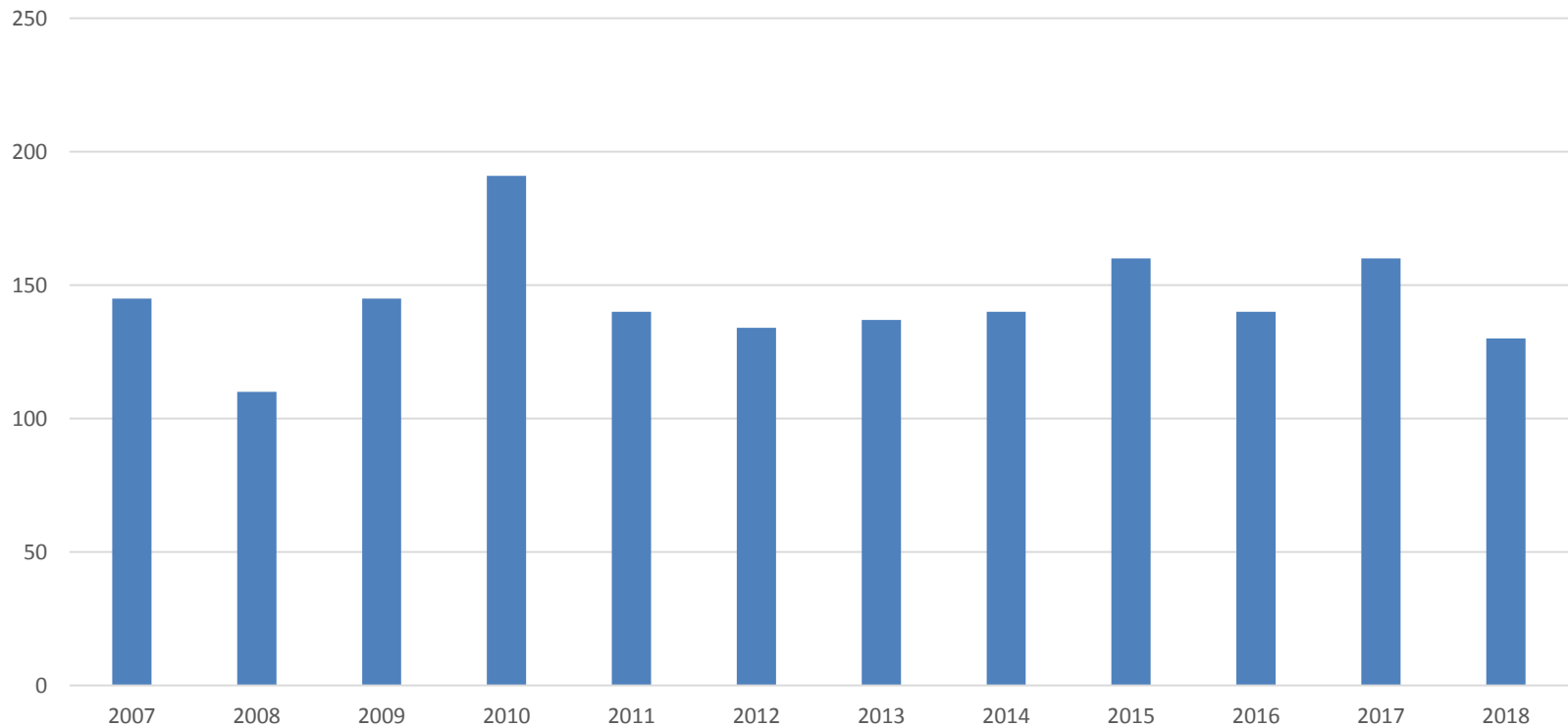
Membership of the Society

- Membership is healthy - reaching 474 in 2017.



Conference

- The Annual Conference attendance averages 140 per year



Future conferences

- The policy is that Warwick remains the default venue for the annual conference but the Executive and the members' survey supported the idea of using other venues intermittently.
- The conferences in 2019 and 2021 will be at Warwick, while the 2020 conference will be held in Edinburgh.

AES-Defra one day conference

- Nobel House 12th March 2018:
 - Agricultural Trade and Brexit
 - Welcome by George Eustice, Minister of State for Farming and Food,
 - 7 speakers on range of subjects and panel discussion
 - Presentations available at the AES website
- Planning for 2018 event:
 - London Winter 2018/19
 - Encourage participation.



The JAE – Editor's report

- Submissions remained healthy with **87** passing initial screening in 2017
- Turn around time to first decision was less than 120 days for **>95%** of submissions
- Citation was 0.97 in 2013, 1.3 in 2014, 1.5 in 2015 and **1.8** in 2016
- Full text downloads increased by 20% to **85,400**.
- Editor thank all those who acted as referees and gratefully acknowledge their contribution

Euro Choices – Editor's report

- Submissions stable with **23** received from 59 authors in 13 countries in 2017
- Vol. 16(1) was a special issue the **Brazilian Agri-food Sector** and 16(2) focused on **Brexit** and 16(3) focused on the **CAP and Rural Jobs**
- Full text downloads increased by 19% to **25,500**
- Advisory Group includes representatives from AES, EAAE, OECD, DG AGRI and DG RTD
- Strategy workshop was hosted by Wiley in June
- Editors thank all those who acted as referees and gratefully acknowledge their contribution

Travel Grant Scheme

- Provides established members with financial assistance for travel that aids professional development
- Annual fund of £10K
- Open to all types of members
- Support to authors presenting at approved list of conferences and members undertaking study visits
- 4 eligible conferences: EAAE Congress, IAAE Congress, AARES annual conference and AAEA annual meeting
- Support provided to 12 members to attend the EAAE Congress in 2017 and 1 member to attend AARES 2018
- Spring 2018 call open until 1st May for applications.



Thanks

- Thanks to all Executive members but special thanks to:
 - Katy Thorne – Administrator
 - Wilfrid Legg – Hon. Secretary
 - Derek Shepherd – Hon. Treasurer
 - Vera Eory – Programme Secretary
 - David Harvey and John Davis (Editors JAE and EuroChoices)
 - Grant Davies (for organising the Defra/AES one-day conference)
 - Retiring members of the Executive: Carmen Hubbard and Vera Eroy

