

Memorandum of Understanding

between

the European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE)

and

the Agricultural Economics Society (AES)

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) and the Agricultural Economics Society (AES) share a common interest in promoting the agricultural and resource economics profession, to foster analytical capacities in all areas relevant for agriculture, the food sector, rural development and natural resources and to promote the exchange of experiences, ideas and information on research activities between agricultural economists.

This memorandum of understanding specifies the kind of activities the two Associations agree to perform with the aim of expanding cooperation and generating synergies, particularly with reference to the dissemination of information regarding their activities among each other's membership.

1. EAAE and AES agree to disseminate through the means they routinely use to inform their respective memberships (e.g. websites and newsletters) information regarding relevant activities promoted by each Association, including congresses, symposia, seminars, courses, publications and award programmes. The dissemination of information will take place in a timely manner following a specific request from either Association in which all relevant information is provided.
2. EAAE and AES agree to investigate possible common activities, such as seminars, conferences and joint events, which may serve the goals of both Associations.
3. Matters concerning the activities, ownership, financial control and governance of the AES-EAAE joint venture *EuroChoices* journal are addressed under the 2013 Memorandum of Agreement on *EuroChoices* and in the *EuroChoices* Steering Group Charter.
4. To facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding the AES will propose one of its members, possibly a member of its Executive Committee, who is also a member of EAAE, to serve as the Liaison Officer (LO) with the EAAE. The appointment of the LO will become operational once confirmed by the EAAE Board. The candidate must have the support of both the EAAE and the AES.
5. The main duties of the LO will be:
 - (a) to represent AES with the EAAE for the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding;
 - (b) to act as the contact point between the membership of both the AES and the EAAE;
 - (c) to forward information, via the AES Secretariat, on developments in the profession in his/her country that may be relevant for the short and medium term planning of EAAE activities; and

(d) to facilitate the flow of information on the activities of AES among the membership of the EAAE and of those of the EAAE among the membership of AES.

6. The AES and EAAE websites will provide information about the LO as well as links to the websites of EAAE and AES.
7. The AES will offer the LO the opportunity to briefly address its membership on relevant matters related with the activities of the EAAE at the time of its annual general meeting.
8. The Secretary General of the EAAE will act as the contact point between the EAAE and the LO. The LO will be invited to attend the meeting of the Board of the EAAE as an observer when this meets in his/her country. At the request of the LO, the EAAE will provide logistic support for the organization of a meeting of the members of AES at the time of its triennial Congress.
9. At every EAAE Congress, a meeting will be organized between the LOs and the Board of the EAAE to discuss activities and plans for the following triennial period. The meeting will also be used to explore the possibility of expanding cooperation activities jointly involving more than one National Association and the EAAE.
10. The EAAE and the AES agree to make an assessment of the implementation of this memorandum of understanding three years after the start of its implementation, revising it as agreed by both parties.
11. This memorandum of understanding does not give rise to binding obligations under law and either the EAAE or AES can terminate the arrangement by giving 3 months written notice to the other party.

Approved by the Board of the EAAE on March 14th, 2016
By Chantal le Mouël, President



Approved by the AES Executive Committee on 3 April 2016
By Brian J Revell, President.

