

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

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Stephen Ramsden, Chair

# Overview

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# Executive Committee (Online) Activities 2020/21

- Mid Term Executive Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- Executive Committee Meeting 1 held on 28th March 2021
- Executive Committee Meeting 2 on 30th March 2021
- Main issue: Conference
  - Online / Hybrid / Physical
  - Online – development of AES website
- Otherwise: ‘Business as usual’

# Membership and Conference Attendance

- Society membership: 448
- Annual Conference 2021: 148 registrations and full programme
- AES-Defra One Day Conference December 2020: 65 participants
- Social media: 2020 - 475 / 2021 - 1,232 followers of @AgEconSoc

# Conferences

- Defra One Day Conference, December 2020
  - *Strengthening resilience in the food supply chain*
  - Presentations available on the AES website
- 2021 Conference
  - Please let us know of any issues, suggestions welcome
- 2022 Conference – provisionally KU Leuven, Belgium
- Note that AES website now has online conference facility

# Journal of Agricultural Economics

- Submissions: 528 (354 last year), turn-around: median = 8 days
- Impact Factor: 1.5 in 2015, 2.53 in 2019
- Most cited in 2020: Manda, 2016. *Adoption and Impacts of Sustainable Agricultural Practices*
- Most downloaded in 2020: Iyer, 2019. *Measuring Farmer Risk Preferences in Europe*
- The Editor thanks the editorial team and all those involved in the refereeing process

# Prize Essay

- Supported by the David Blandford and Katharine Hassapoyannes Endowment Trust
- Winner: Lan Le, University of Western Australia
- [Title]
- Members asked to encourage eligible applicants – details on the AES website

# Eurochoices

- Submissions: 46, from 172 authors in 19 countries
- Special issues: *Resilience in European Agriculture, Covid-19 Impacts on Agri-Food Systems*
- Full text downloads grew strongly to *circa* 48,000 (48% ↑)
- 2021: 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with three special editions
- The Editor thanks the editorial team, advisory board, referees and Michelle Stevenson, Editorial Assistant



# With Thanks

- Special thanks to AES Secretariat, Katy Thorne; AES Programme Secretary, Frederic Ang; and AES Secretary, Wilfrid Legg
- Thanks to Caretaker President, Prof Caroline Saunders
- Thanks to retiring Defra Executive members: Grant Davies and Mike Bourne
- Thanks to other AES Officers and Executive members

# Questions

# President's Welcome

- Welcome to our new President, Professor Janet Dwyer
- The presidential address will be after lunch at 13.00