



Agricultural Economics Society

Report of the Executive Committee to the Annual General Meeting of the Agricultural Economics Society 16th April 2019

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Coverage

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The Executive - Meetings and membership changes

- Executive holds three meetings each year
- GDPR compliance
- Publishing contract negotiations with Wiley
- Website refresh and social media

Key Statistics

- Society membership – 400 during 2018
- Annual Conference attendance – 165 registrations
- AES-Defra One Day Conference – 90 participants



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.
- 2020 Annual Conference:
 - KU Leuven 15th-17th April 2020
- 2021 Annual Conference:
 - SRUC Edinburgh March 2021

AES-Defra one day conference

- London 10th December 2018:
 - ‘Public Goods for Public Money’
 - Opening address by George Eustice, Minister of State for Farming and Food
 - Policy focus
 - Presentations available at the AES website
- Planning for 2019 event:
 - London Winter 2019/20
 - Encourage participation.



The JAE – Editor's report

- Submissions - **58** passed initial screening in 2018
- 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, 1.8 in 2016 and **2.0** in 2018
- Full text downloads stable in 2018 **85,350**.
- Editor thanks all those who acted as referees and gratefully acknowledges their contribution

EuroChoices – Editor's report

- Submissions up with **36** received from 109 authors in 17 countries in 2018
- Vol. 17(1) was a special issue the **Impact of Research on EU Agriculture** and 17(2) special section on **Brexit** and 17(3) section on the **Environmental and social benefits from farming and forestry.**
- Full text downloads remained strong at **24,500**
- Advisory Group includes representatives from AES, EAAE, OECD, DG AGRI and DG RTD
- Chief Editor thanks Co-editors and all those who acted as referees



Travel Grant Scheme

- Provides established members with financial assistance for travel that aids professional development
- Annual fund of £10K
- 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 11 members to attend the IAAE Congress in Vancouver during 2018
- No spring call in 2019 but an autumn will open for applications as usual.



Conclusion

- Thanks to all AES Officers Executive members and special thanks to the AES Administrator Katy Thorne
- Questions