



Agricultural Economics Society

Report of the Executive Committee to the Annual General Meeting of the Agricultural Economics Society 14th April 2020

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Coverage

- Executive Committee Activities
- Key Statistics
- Conferences
- The Journal Agricultural Economics
- EuroChoices
- Other activities

The Executive - Meetings and Business

- Executive held three meetings in 2019/20
- Range of regular agenda items on finance, publishing, conferences and engagement
- Report updates on main issues plus some information on AES-Wiley publishing agreement renewed in period.



Key Statistics

- Society membership – 439 during 2019
- Annual Conference 2019 – 167 registrations
- AES-Defra One Day Conference – 87 registrations
- Social media – 475 followers of @AgEconSoc



Annual Conferences

- Cancellation of the 2020 annual conference at KU Leuven regretted but unavoidable
- Thanks to the Programme Secretary, AES Administrator, Belgium partners, Guest speakers and Contributors for extensive preparations
- 2021 Annual Conference:
University of Warwick 24th-26th March 2021
- 2022 Annual Conference:
To be confirmed



AES-Defra one day conference

- London 17th January 2020 (delayed):
'Going to Zero: UK Agriculture's Contribution to Climate Change Mitigation'
 - Policy focus
 - Presentations available at the AES website
- Planning for next joint conference:
 - London Winter 2020/21
 - Encourage participation.



The JAE – Editor's report

- Submissions - **34** passed initial screening in 2019
- 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, 2.0 in 2017 and **2.5** in 2018
- Full text downloads increased in 2019 to **115,000**.
- Editor thanks all those who acted as referees and gratefully acknowledges their contribution

EuroChoices – Editor's report

- Submissions - **16** received from 30 authors in 9 countries in 2019
- Vol. 18(1) was a special issue **comparing US and EU agricultural policies** and 18(2) focused on **Brexit** and 18(3) was a general issue
- Full text downloads grew strongly almost **35,000**
- Special thanks to Csaba Csaki and Ulrich Koester who retire as co-editors having served since 2001.
- Chief Editor thanks Co-editors, Advisory Board and all those who acted as referees

AES-Wiley Publishing Agreement

- Royalties from publishing JAE and EuroChoices main source of AES income
- Contract with Wiley renewed on improved terms
- Covers seven years until end 2026
- AES share of publishing revenues is higher and additional sponsorship of AES activities
- Open Access growing in importance but continued close collaboration with Wiley on new approaches to publishing will best position AES to manage disruption and exploit new opportunities.



Conclusion

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