

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

April 2025

Stephen Ramsden, Chair

Executive Committee Activities 2024/25

- Profiles of Exec Members on the AES website
- Three Exec meetings, one in October, one online, one post-conference in Bordeaux
- Preparation for Bordeaux 2025 and Defra one-day conference
- Industry one-day conference (2024 and 2025)
- Preparation for centenary conference, 2026
- Proposal for a part-funded AES PhD
- Journals: JAE and EuroChoices
- Transition to new officers of the Society

Transition: 2026

- **Wilfrid Legg** steps down as Honorary Secretary; David Stead (UCD) elected as Honorary Secretary
- **Derek Shepherd** steps down as Honorary Treasurer
- **Stephen Ramsden** steps down as Chair of the Executive
- See the AES website for further information; Society members interested in the latter two positions are invited to contact myself or Katy Thorne (AES Administrator).
- All roles subject to a shadowing period to ensure continuity.

Membership and Conference Attendance

- Society membership: **663**
- Conference 2025: **210**
- Social Media: increased emphasis on LinkedIn and Blog posts
 - *What is Agricultural Economics?*
 - *The effects of agricultural tariffs*
 - *Mathew Melchor: The First of (Hopefully) Many Trips to the AES Annual Conference*

Conferences

- Dialogue between the AES and Agrifood Industry, June 2024 (I) and June 18th 2025 (II)
 - *Thanks to Carmen Hubbard and Sarah Baker*
- Defra One Day Conference, December 2024
 - *Whole Farm Business Resilience*
 - *Thanks to Defra, Lioba Wendling, Elle Brown*
- 2025 Conference: Bordeaux School of Economics
 - *Thanks to Hervé Dakpo, Wilfrid Legg and Katy Thorne*

Journal of Agricultural Economics

- Submissions: 335
 - Europe: Italy, France, Germany
 - China
 - USA
- Most viewed of 2024: *Assessing the potential of ICT to increase land and labour productivity in agriculture*
- Blandford and Hassapoyannes Prize Paper Award: Dr Luigi Biagini

Journal of Agricultural Economics

- Special Issues
 - Market impacts of extreme weather events, coordinated by John Saunders at Lincoln University, New Zealand
 - Plans for Special Issue commemorating the Society's centenary
- Jonathan Brooks thanks the editorial team (Co-editors and Associate Editors) and all those involved in the refereeing process

EuroChoices

- Article views ~ 80,000
- Three issues:
 - 1) Implications of the war in Ukraine
 - 2) Results from the EU ROADMAP project on AMR
 - 3) “Largest issue to date” and tribute to Giovanni Anania
- Societal Impact Award funded by EAAE:
 - *Jelliffe, Fuglie and Morgan: Productivity-led Pathways to Sustainable Agricultural Growth: Six Decades of Progress*

Eurochoices

- “Submissions from early career researchers welcome”
- John Davis thanks the editorial team, advisory board, reviewers and Rachel Cameron, editorial assistant
- Paul Caskie co-opted to Exec to lead on publishing contract renewal for EuroChoices and the JAE.

Awards and Support

- Blandford and Hassapoyannes Prize Paper Award
 - AES Travel Awards
 - AES Bursaries for the EAAE Workshop
 - Support for One Day Industry Dialogue meetings (2024 and 2025)
 - Support for the centenary conference: 23 March, 2026, Wadham College, Oxford
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- Proposed co-funding of an AES PhD

With Thanks

- Retiring president, Deb Roberts
- Programme Secretary, Herve Dakpo
- Conference delegates and AES members
- Wiley, publisher of the JAE and EuroChoices
- Katy Thorne, Secretariat