

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

March 24th 2026

Stephen Ramsden, Chair

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3. FORMATION OF THE SOCIETY

It was proposed by Mr. KING and seconded by Mr. THOMPSON that a Society called the "Agricultural Economics Society" be formed on the basis of the draft Constitution which had been submitted to all present.

After discussion the resolution was carried unanimously.

Your Executive Committee

- 519 members; 300 delegates at conference
- *Circa* 20 Exec members
- <https://aes.ac.uk/about-us>
- Represent the Society's interests
 - *Conferences and meetings*
 - *Journals and Journal management and advice*
 - *Finances*
 - *Election of president*
- Please contact an Exec member if you want to find out more

Changes in 2026

- **Wilfrid Legg** resigns from Honorary Secretary role
- **Derek Shepherd** resigns from the Honorary Treasurer role
- **David Stead (UCD)** appointed Honorary Secretary
- **Paul Caskie (AFBI)** appointed Honorary Treasurer
- **Sarah Baker (AHDB)** appointed Chair
- **Four new Exec members**

Conferences

- Dialogues between the AES and Agrifood Industry II: June 2025; a further meeting is planned
 - *Thanks to Carmen Hubbard and Sarah Baker*
- Defra One Day Conference, December 2025
 - *Mission Impossible? Assessing Agricultural Policy Success*
 - *Thanks to Defra, Lioba Wendling, Hannah Chaplin*
- 2026 Conference: Oxford
 - *Thanks to Hervé Dakpo, Katy Thorne and all involved*

JAE 2025/6

- 2025 submissions: 386 (34 full papers, 19 OA)
 - 77 from China, 55 from USA
 - Europe: 40% - resurgence from UK
- Issue 76:2 (2025)
 - *Special Focus on The Role of Agricultural Trade in Countering the Effects of Extreme Weather*
- Forthcoming:
 - *Special Focus on Sustainable Livestock in Latin America* – proposed by the Inter-American Development Bank
- Virtual Special Issue planned:
 - *“The Value of Robust Null Results in Agricultural Economics”*

JAE

- 2026: Issue 3
 - *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
- *Thanks to Jonathan Brooks*

EuroChoices 2025/6

- Article views ~ 73,000 (USA 'top reader' at 12%)
- Trending article 2026: *Assessing Alternative Options for a More Sustainability-focused CAP*
- Special issue:
 - Rewarding Environmental Outcomes from Agriculture
- EuroChoices celebrates its quarter century
 - A quarter century of EuroChoices: *Reaching Out to Inform Policy*
 - Tuesday at 16.45, led by Professor Rob Ackrill
- *Thanks to John Davis and Rob Ackrill*

Publishing contract

- Remain with Wiley for further seven years
- Signing on bonus + 46% royalty rate
- Sponsorship for conference, travel awards, poster prize
- Investment in journal support and workflow enhancements
- Ensure full editorial control
- JAE and EuroChoices will be available online 2027 onwards
- Final terms expected autumn this year
- *Thanks to Paul Caskie*

AES Awards and Support

- Blandford and Hassapoyannes Prize Paper Award
- AES Travel Awards
- AES Bursaries for the EAAE Workshop
- Support for the Defra One Day Conference
- Support for One Day Industry Dialogue meetings (2024, 2025, 2026)
- Support for the centenary conference
- Centenary Postgraduate Research Support

With Thanks

- Retiring president, Paul Wilson
- Programme Secretary, Herve Dakpo
- Conference delegates and AES members
- Wiley, publisher of the JAE and EuroChoices
- Wilfrid Legg and Derek Shepherd
- Katy Thorne, Secretariat