

**Report of the President
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1. Nominations, awards, special session and Executive Committee memberships

- Thanks to Roger Guesnerie for having chaired the nominating process for the coming elections.
- Thanks to Richard Blundell for having chaired the Yrjo Jahnsson committee.
- Thanks to Andreu Mas-Colell for having organized a special invited session in honor of Birgit Grodal, who should have been our President this year.
- Welcome to Monika Schnitzer and (soon) to Manuel Arellano as at-large members of the Executive Committee.

2. Consequences of the settlement with Elsevier

As agreed at the previous Executive Committee meeting, consultations have taken place to try and determine the extent to which the Association can compensate the former EER Editors for the work performed on behalf of EER but for which they have not been paid by Elsevier.

3. Congress coordination

At the last Executive Committee meeting, the interest from EFA and EARIE in coordinating with us was mentioned. The consensus view was that coordination could be good, but in sequential rather than parallel fashion, because of space constraints. We should discuss this with the Council and then the Econometric Society.

4. EEA anniversary

Next year, the EEA will be 20 years old, and will hold its Congress in Vienna, just as its inaugural Congress in 1986. Following suggestions from Jacques Drèze and Torsten Persson, it would be good to:

1. Set up a committee that would – in part on the basis of comments submitted for example by the Fellows – reflect on the achievements of the last 20 years and the opportunities ahead. This committee could report in Vienna next year.
2. Think of making the next Congress 'special', both in terms of enhanced attendance (with a special push for example with the Fellows) and high-visibility events.

5. ERC Governing Council

While the EEA had made recommendations for its 22-member Scientific Council (which will fund 'frontier research' at the EU level), in the end, I was approached to become a member of this body and have accepted. Note that this Council includes 17 researchers from 'hard sciences', two from humanities and three from social sciences.