Editorial

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Newsletters of scholarly associations are curious artefacts that provide an association’s membership with various bits of relevant information (about the latest publications, the relevant calls for papers, the recent prize winners, and so on) and allow the association’s officials to communicate on strategic matters. Anyone with access to an association’s archive can get a real sense of how concerns and strategies have evolved over time.

The changing format of a newsletter is equally telling, reflecting both technological developments and transformations of social communication practices. The EAEPE Newsletter appeared in paper form from January 1989 (N° 1) to January 2005 (N° 33) and in printable PDF form from July 2005 (N° 34) to July 2007 (N° 38), before being replaced by quarterly electronic mailings. The website performed the newsletter’s task more recently.

In its strategy to revitalise EAEPE after the critical events of 2011, the new EAEPE Council has recognised that communication with the membership needs to be improved, and has decided to bring the EAEPE Newsletter back to life. Accordingly, this is the first of a new series of regular electronic mailings, the main function of which is to draw the membership’s attention to the frequently updated content of the EAEPE website (www.eaepe.org).

Numerous changes to the structure and content of the website have already been implemented in order to make it into an effective instrument for the members. The website’s ambition is not only to provide the membership with information and various useful resources but also to document the rich history of EAEPE, Europe’s most important pluralist network of institutional and evolutionary economists broadly defined.

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‘Taking stock and looking ahead’, a message to the membership from the EAEPE Secretariat.

The new EAEPE Council has been established, and has held its first meeting in April 2012 in Kraków, Poland.

New Research Area Coordinators and a new Auditing Committee have been appointed.

A very successful EAEPE Symposium was held in May 2012 in Rome, Italy.

The increasingly popular EAEPE Summer School held for the last three years in Rome, Italy, has just ended.

Registration for the 24th Annual EAEPE Conference to be held from 18 to 21 October 2012 in Kraków, Poland, is now open. Please note that you need to be a paid-up EAEPE member in order to register, and that the registration fee increases after 15 August.

The three EAEPE Awards have been renamed. Please note that submissions for the EAEPE-Kapp Prize must now be published journal articles.

For its first listing in the Social Science Citation Index, the Journal of Institutional Economics has achieved a high citation impact factor. EAEPE members will receive JOIE as part of their membership benefits at least up to the end of 2015.

New member services, such as access to the minutes of past Membership Meetings, are now available, and more are being implemented. Please note that you need to be logged in to view this part of the website.

Numerous useful resources (including links to associations, newsletters, blogs, journals, book reviews, interviews, teaching materials, job announcements, etc.) are now featured.