VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
CO-EDITORS OF EUROCHOICES

The Agricultural Economic Society (AES) and the European Agricultural and Applied Economics Publications Foundation (EAAEP Foundation) are seeking to appoint two new Co-editors for the journal EuroChoices. The new appointments are to replace Csaba Csaki and Ulrich Koester, who will step down in the coming months. Candidates should be well-networked in the agricultural economics profession in Europe, have a good knowledge of the relevant literature and a clear interest in translational activities and policy making. It is vital that co-editors fully understand and in practice embrace the outreach purpose and philosophy of EuroChoices and work with the Chief Editor towards the dissemination of accessible, high quality socio-economic research and ideas to a wide body of readers in the fields of policy and practice, many of whom are not reached by traditional scientific journals. Co-editors should always be working with this overarching goal in mind in conjunction with the Chief Editor.

Proven reviewing expertise and experience as a member of the Editorial Board of a scientific journal is an advantage. A stimulating vision regarding the position and development of EuroChoices should accompany these requirements. Ability to work in a team and to manage deadlines effectively is definitely required. Given the composition of the editorial team, colleagues in the German speaking countries, Central, Eastern and Mediterranean Europe are especially requested to apply.

Profile of the EuroChoices

EuroChoices is a scientific journal that publishes peer-reviewed research papers, point-de-vues, parlons-graphiques and letters to the editor. Presently the journal appears 3 times per year in a glossy format. It intends to reach people interested in a reasoned discussion, usually with an economic underpinning, of agri-food and rural resource issues. EuroChoices is international in its readership, coverage and published authors.

Ownership and current ERAE Editors

AES (https://www.aes.ac.uk/) and the EAAEP Foundation (http://www.eaaep.org/, on behalf of the EAAE) own the journal. John Wiley and Sons Ltd publish the journal under a contract with the AES. EuroChoices operates with a Chief Editor and five co-editors. Chief Editor is John Davis (retired from AFBI and Queens University, Belfast). Co-editors are Wilfrid Legg (retired from OECD, UK), David Blandford (Penn State, USA), Catherine Moreddu (OECD, Paris), Csaba Csaki (Budapest), Ulrich Koester (Kiel). An Advisory Board with representatives from AES and EAAEP Foundation meets twice a year with the publisher and the Chief Editor. The appointment of a co-editor is for three years, renewable by mutual agreement.
Co-editors’ duties and method of working

The main duty of the co-editors is to provide the Chief Editor and Publisher with accessible policy relevant material for publication in EuroChoices that is of good scientific and presentational quality. Author Guidelines are used to explain contributing scientists how to write in a more accessible and attractive style. Co-editors should also be actively involved in identifying and encouraging potential authors who can contribute to this goal and to suggest topics or themes that should be pursued.

Supervision of the external review process (this normally involves two reviewers) is a key task. Co-editors must be able, in conjunction with the Chief Editor to organise reviews and liaise with reviewers and authors to ensure timely completion of the review process. The number of reviews handled by a Co-editor will vary from time to time but typically could be about 5 per year depending on the nature of submissions. The full terms of reference for co-editors is as follows:

- Handle the review process of 3-5 submissions each year, in all sections of the Journal, as invited by the Chief Editor.
- In consultation with the Chief Editor, organise and supervise independent and timely peer review contributions by members of the Journal Advisory Board and external reviewers, and to request the contributor to make such revisions as the Editor and/or reviewers deem appropriate, in accordance with Editorial policy; and subsequently to advise the Chief Editor as to whether submissions should be accepted or rejected.
- In handling reviews, to advise and assist authors to revise submissions as necessary, to meet the Editorial policy requirements, recognising the need for robust evidence-based contributions, respecting sensitivities, and ensuring readable and accessible contributions.
- Identify topics and potential authors that could be considered for the submission of articles in upcoming issues of the Journal.
- Solicit the submission of contributions to the Journal and make recommendations to the Chief Editor to invite such submissions or plan for special issues.
- Make suggestions, as deemed necessary from time to time, as to improving the submission review process.
- Engage in discussions from time to time with other Co-editors and the Chief Editor, including by teleconferences or emails, with a view to improving the review process.
- Propose articles in the Journal that should be considered for the annual EAAE Quality of Policy Contribution Awards.

The working language is English. Wiley provides all technical and production services from the point of manuscript acceptance onwards to publication. Nearly all communication amongst Editors, as well as between Editors and authors, referees and editorial assistant, occurs digitally.
Co-editors’ compensation

Co-editors receive an honorarium consisting of two elements: a retainer and a fixed fee for each article referred by the Chief Editor to a Co-editor for editorial evaluation, editorial input and supervision of the external review process. The honorarium is paid annually in arrears for the year ending 30th June. More information can be supplied on request.

Application process

Applicants are requested to send their application by e-mail before April 1, 2020 to:
Honorary Secretary-Treasurer EAAEP Foundation (Krijn.Poppe@wur.nl).

The application must consist of:

1) A letter of motivation (including applicant’s vision for EuroChoices)
2) CV with specific emphasis on the qualifications required for an Editor of EuroChoices

Applications will be considered by the current Editors in consultation with the Chair and Secretary of the Advisory Board. For more information about the duties and working methods please contact any of the following persons:

John Davis at eurochoices@aes.ac.uk
krijn.poppe@wur.nl (Chair of the Advisory Board, honorary secretary-treasurer of the EAAEP Foundation).
Paul.Caskie@afbini.gov.uk (Secretary of the Advisory Board on behalf of the AES).