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Letter from the board

Dear colleagues and members,

60 presentations, hours of networking and many beautiful memories - the Experimental Finance 2016 is over and we thank all of you for making this conference such a success. Special thanks go to the organizers, who laid all the groundwork!

Apart from a short recap of this year’s conference, this edition contains news from the general assembly. Our managing director, Jürgen Huber, reported about a successful year in which membership grew by an impressive 58% to more than 200. Our auditors confirmed that our finances are in order and that the society is standing on solid feet. We welcomed new members to the Scientific Board, and Bruno Biais has started his term as President of the society. Finally, a new managing board was elected, which is in fact addressing this newsletter to you.

Best regards,

Stefan Palan, Utz Weitzel and Stefan Zeisberger

Report from the EF 2016
The Experimental Finance 2016 is over and it received high marks by those present. With close to 100 participants and 60 presentations, the conference format debuted last year in Nijmegen has again provided a good balance between specialized parallel sessions and general-interest panel sessions. Furthermore, the keynotes by Armin Falk and Terrance Odean (see the conference website for downloads) were very well-received and provided plenty of fodder for discussions and new ideas. Terrance even stayed for the entire conference and thus was available for consultations and discussions throughout.

Our greatest thanks go to the organizers, Christoph Merkle, Alexandra Niessen-Ruenzi and Michael Kirchler, who invested a lot of work to ensure the success of the conference.

Report from the SEF general assembly

The general assembly started with the hand-over of the SEF’s presidency from outgoing president Martin Weber (University of Mannheim) to Bruno Biais (Toulouse School of Economics). After their welcoming addresses, managing director Jürgen Huber officially opened the general assembly and reported on the past year. The society is enjoying solid growth and is professionalizing itself. The cooperation with the Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance is a success and all members are encouraged to submit papers to the journal, which, with Jürgen Huber, has a new co-editor in chief. Michael Kirchler, the SEF’s conference officer, then announced that the upcoming conference will be held in Nice (2017) and that there will be a first regional meeting on November 13 in Tucson, Arizona, following right after the ESA conference in the same location. The auditors confirmed that the finances are in order and the general assembly unanimously accepted the managing board’s budget proposal. The general assembly then voted to unanimously for the new managing board:
Managing director: Utz Weitzel (Utrecht University/Radboud University Nijmegen)
Stefan Palan (University of Graz/University of Innsbruck)
Stefan Zeisberger (Stony Brook University)

The general assembly then voted unanimously to include the following members in the Scientific Board:
• Debrah Meloso (ESC Rennes)
• Terrance Odean (University of California/Berkeley)
• Stefan Trautmann (University of Heidelberg)

Finally, Peter Bossaerts was unanimously voted to become the incoming president, to take over from Bruno Biais in 2018.

Please find the full minutes of the meeting here.

Call for information about EF paper publications

The SEF website contains a list of papers which were presented at an Experimental Finance conference and have since been published by a journal. Please be sure to let us know when your own paper was published so we can include it on the website. Simply send us a short mail containing the citation and the year of presentation at an EF conference to office@experimentalfinance.org. We believe that presenting such a list on our website not only helps document the scientific heft of the society, but also increases the visibility of your work.

Save the date for the EF 2017

Please save the date for the Regional Meeting North America, which will take place in Tucson, Arizona, on November 13, 2016, and for the Experimental Finance 2016 conference, which will take place in Mannheim from June 14 through June 16, 2017.

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