



Agricultural Economics Society

Report of the Executive Committee
to the Annual General Meeting of
the Agricultural Economics Society
25th April 2017

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Chair of the Executive

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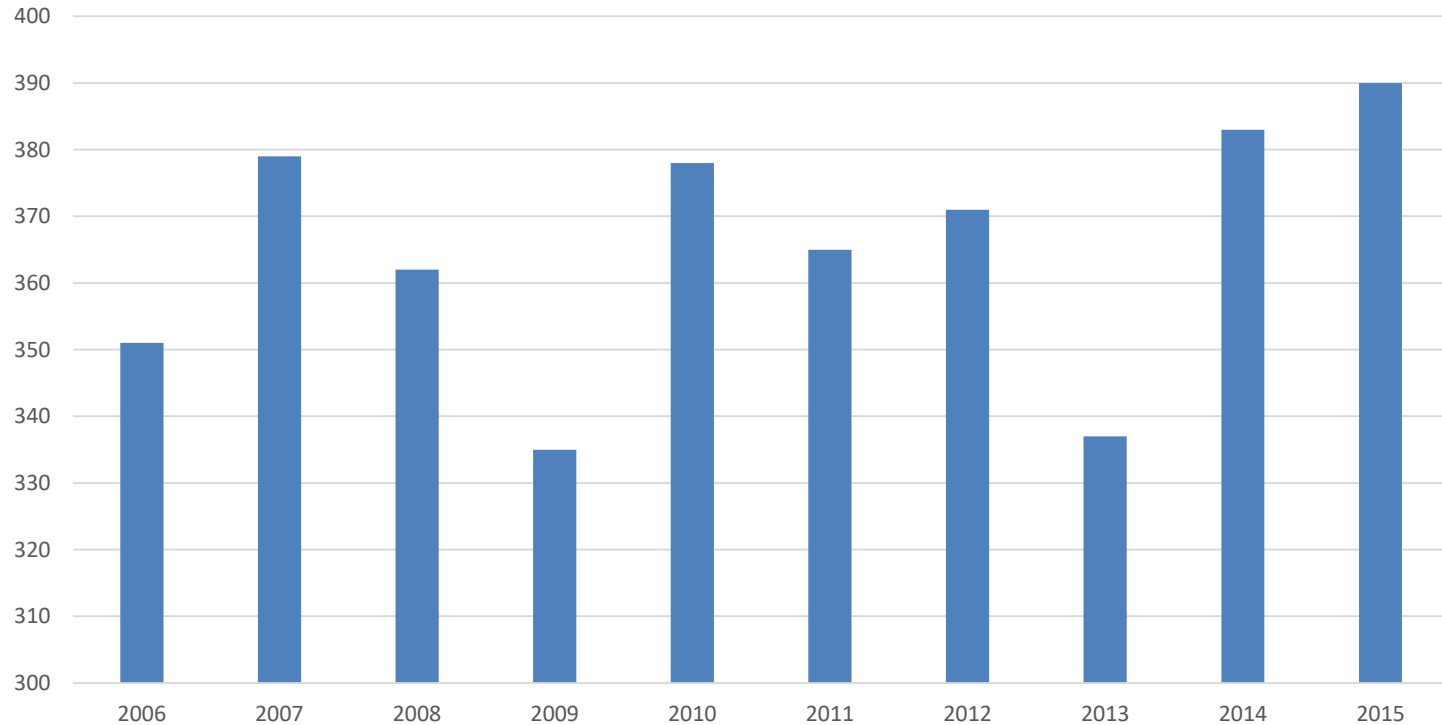
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The Executive - Meetings and membership changes

- Meetings since the last AGM
 - Wednesday 6th April 2016 Warwick
 - Friday 7th October 2016 London
 - Sunday 23rd April 2017 Dublin
- Changes in membership
 - Joining the Exec in 2016 – Peter Midmore (President Elect), Trevor Donnellan, Dominic Moran and Richard Tranter (co-opted)
 - Leaving the Exec in 2017- Francisco Areal, Cathal O'Donoghue and Brian Revell
 - Joining the Exec in 2017- John Davis (President Elect).

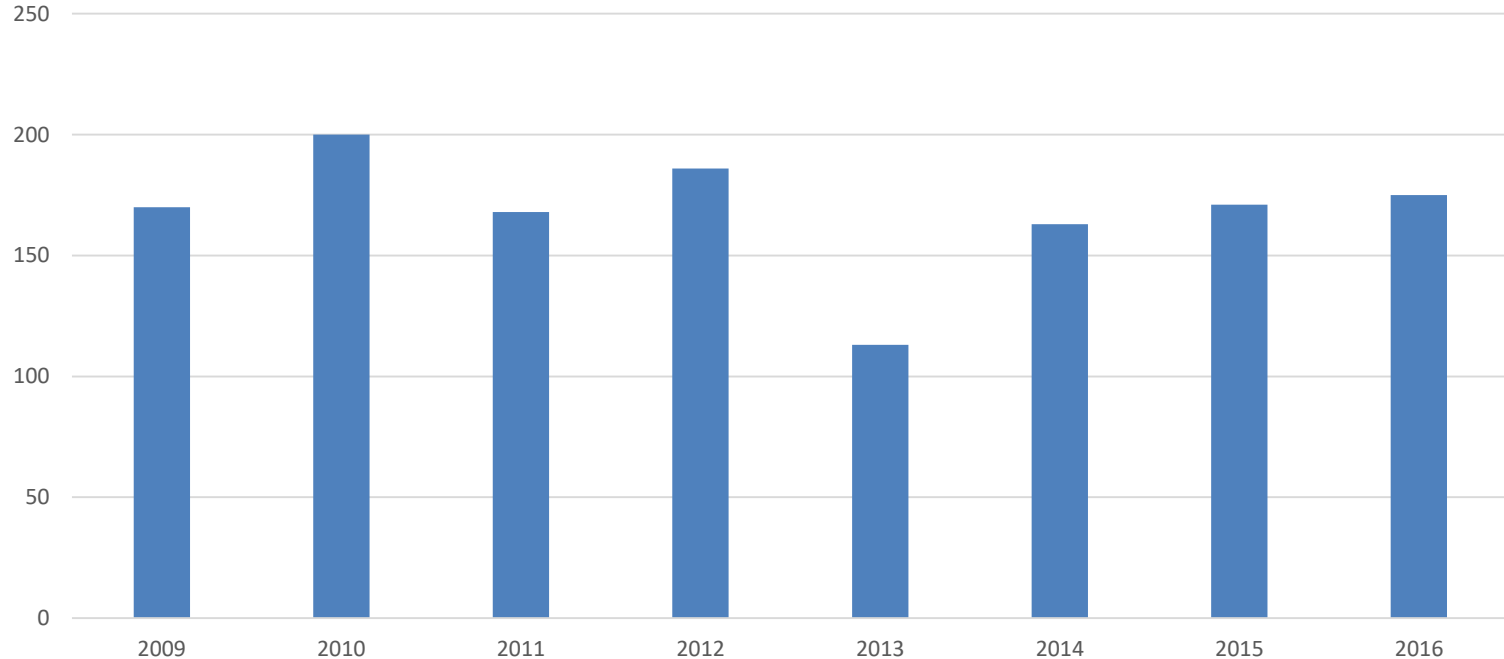
Membership of the Society

- Membership is healthy - reaching 415 in 2016.



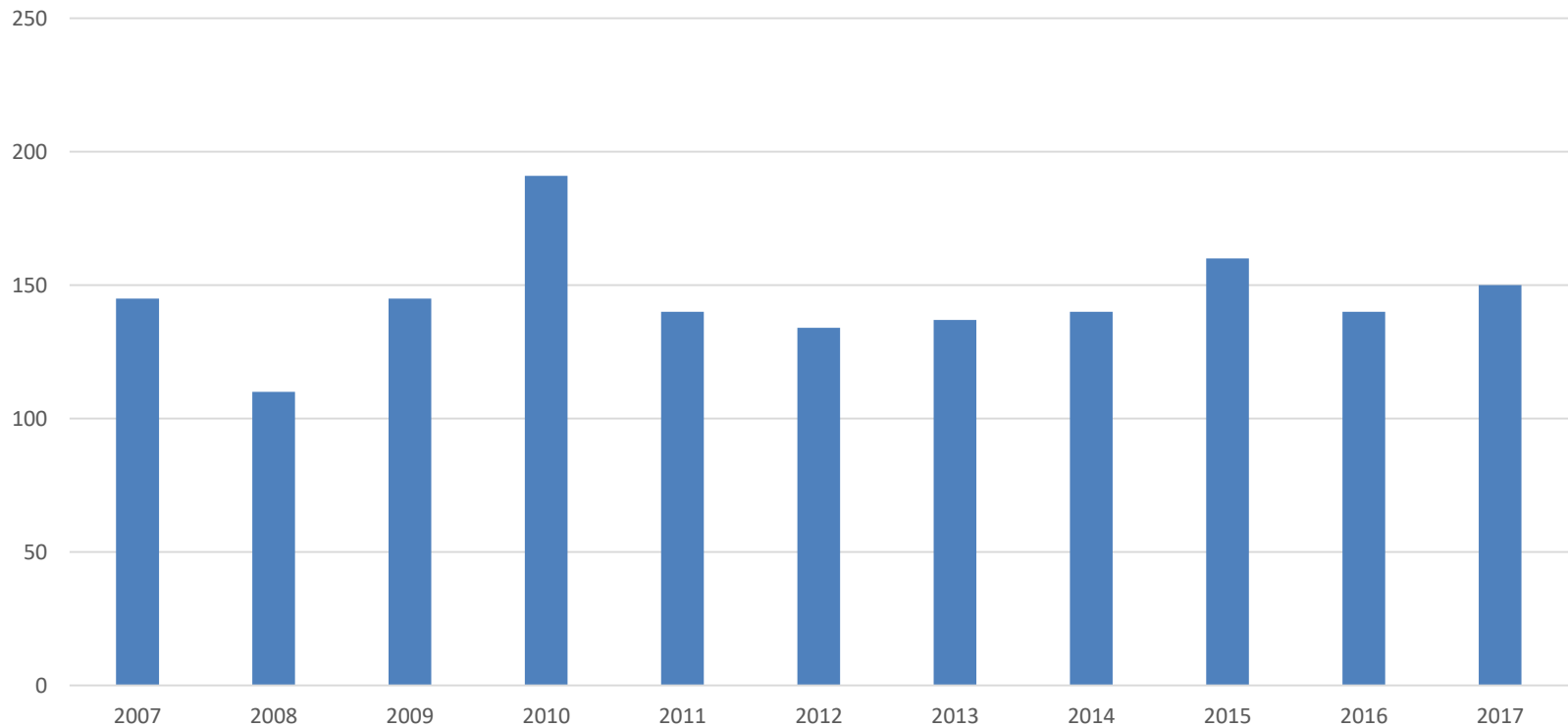
Membership of the Society

- Numbers of retained members (year on year) averages around 40-50 per cent.



Conference

- The Annual Conference attendance averages 140 per year



Future conferences

- The policy is that Warwick remains the default venue for the annual conference but the Executive and the members' survey supported the idea of using other venues intermittently.
- The conferences in 2018 and 2019 will be at the University of Warwick.

AES-Defra one day conference

- Nobel House 6th February 2017:
 - ‘After Brexit - Domestic Alternatives for the CAP’
 - Welcome by George Eustice, Minister of State for Farming and Food,
 - 7 speakers on range of subjects and panel discussion
 - Over 100 attendees
- Planning for 2017 event:
 - London Winter 2017/18
 - Encourage participation.



The Journal – Editor's report

- Submissions remained very healthy with **404** in 2016
- Initial rejection rate was **80%** similar to the previous year
- Turn around time to first decision was less than 120 days for **>98%** of submissions
- Citation was 0.97 in 2013, 1.3 in 2014, and **1.5** in 2015
- Editors thank all those who acted as referees and gratefully acknowledge their contribution

Euro Choices – Editor's report

- Vol 1 in 2016 was a special issue on GMO coexistence
- Special sections in Vol 2 + 3 on Brexit and FADN respectively
- Steering Group now includes representatives from OECD, DG AGRI and DG RTD
- 27 submissions received from 80 authors in 16 countries in 2016

Euro Choices – Editor's report

- Article downloads are up 61% at around 21,400
- Downloads (%) by country via Wiley Online Library: GB 19%, US 14%, D 7%, NL 7%, AUS 6%, CHN 4%, F, IRL, I, B = 3%
- 2017 will see special issue on agriculture in Brazil

Travel Grant Scheme

- Provides established members with financial assistance for travel that aids professional development
- Annual fund of £10K
- Open to all types of members
- Support to authors presenting at approved list of conferences
- Support to study visit of merit on relevant topic
- 4 eligible conferences: EAAE Congress, IAAE Congress, AARES annual conference and AAEA annual meeting
- No applications to autumn 2016 call but 6 to date for the spring 2017 call.



Thanks

- Thanks to all Executive members but special thanks to:
 - Katy Thorne – Administrator
 - Wilfrid Legg – Hon. Secretary
 - Derek Shepherd – Hon. Treasurer
 - Vera Eory – Programme Secretary
 - David Harvey and John Davis (Editors JAE and EuroChoices)
 - Grant Davies (for organising the Defra/AES one-day conference)
 - Retiring members of the Executive: Brian Revell, Francisco Areal and Cathal O’Donoghue

