

Report of the Representative to the International Economic Association

The International Economic Association (IEA) began in 1950 at the instigation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Its membership consists of about 56 national economic associations and one regional association. There are also five associate members. An “association of associations,” the IEA does not accept individual members. The IEA lists two requirements of member associations: that they “should be representative of the community of the economists of the country applying for membership, i.e. the most representative group of economists of the country,” and that “membership in the association is open to all qualified economists.” Member associations currently represent countries from every inhabited continent.

The AEA is a member of the IEA, and currently pays annual dues of \$6,000.

The IEA is governed by a Council of member associations’ representatives, who meet every three years the day before the IEA World Congress. The Council elects the Executive Committee. The most recent meeting of the Council occurred in Lisbon on September 8, 2002. At that meeting the Council elected Janos Kornai the next President and Guillermo Calvo as President-Elect.

At the most recent World Congress, Robert Solow delivered the Presidential Address. In

addition, there were 20 lectures and 200 papers presented in 50 parallel sessions. The next IEA World Congress is scheduled to be held in Morocco August 29—September 2, 2005. Conference Proceedings are published by Palgrave.

Other recent activities of the IEA include a conference on “Globalisation and Labor Markets” in July 2000 at the University of Nottingham and a Conference on “Post-Conflict Economies” in Kampala, Uganda, in July 2002. More information about the IEA and its activities is available from its website:

<http://www.iea-world.com/index.htm>.

In 1991 the IEA received a total of \$42,068 in dues from its membership, \$12,100 from a grant from UNESCO, and \$2,805 from the sale of publications. The IEA Congresses are financed primarily through specific grants raised for that purpose, mostly by local organizers. The French National Center for Scientific Research contributes a secretary’s salary.

According to the Minutes, at its meeting in Boston on April 27, 2001, the AEA Executive Committee “VOTED to continue the Association’s membership in the IEA. The Secretary was instructed to place the Association’s membership in the IEA on future Executive Committee agendas periodically for review by the Executive Committee.”

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