

EEEEP's New Editor-in-Chief Speaks to the IAEE Membership



I thank the Nominating Committee for the nomination, and Council for its unanimous endorsement, in offering me the opportunity to assume the editorial leadership of our journal, *Economics of Energy and Environmental Policy*, effective in September 2016. I will benefit from the ground-breaking work of the superb initial team led by Jean-Michel Glachant, Paul Joskow and Michael Pollitt. I will also have the opportunity to nominate some new editors and members of the Editorial Board, and I count on receiving recommendations from the membership that will maintain a highly-qualified, diverse, and responsive group of professionals we can all count on to ensure that each issue of EEEEEP is first-rate.

Once back at full strength, we must of course maintain the quality of the contributions, while also reaching out to all potential authors in industry, government, and academia alike. With the SSCI-rating coming up, EEEEEP enters into a next phase, so this is a good time to strengthen its position in the segment of energy and environmental policy journals.

EEEEP has established a solid balance, at the nexus between “energy” and “environmental” policy, but I see the possibility to enhance the environmental coverage of the journal, i.e. to strengthen the third “E.” Environmental policy issues are evolving rapidly, both at the global scale (climate, water, etc.) but also at the regional and local scale, with issues such as NO_x, dust, health issues, and local environmental pollutants.

I would also like to extend the outreach of the journal to emerging markets in Asia, Latin America, and Africa, as these regions feature significant growth rates, not only of GDP and energy consumption, but also with regard to the precursors of environmental issues. Experts from these regions should become more involved not only in the authorship of papers, but also in the editorial board.

In the meantime, I encourage all researchers on energy and environmental policy, and in particular IAEE Members, to consider “EEEEP” for the submission of their papers!

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