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### **Letter from the Chair**

Welcome to the third newsletter of the Comité sobre la Situación de la Mujer en la Economía (COSME) of the Spanish Economic Association (AEE), founded to foster and promote the status of women in the economic profession. It is my honor to address you once again as President of this committee. Again, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you what you will find in this edition of the newsletter and review with you the committee's activities over the past year.

In addition to the composition of the current executive committee and a section of announcements and news, the newsletter includes a report on the status of women in the Economics Profession in Spain by Manuel F. Bagüés, an article by Nezhil Guner on “Households and Inequality: The Role of Assortative Mating”, and an interview with Michele Tertilt, the COSME invited speaker in the Annual Meeting of the Spanish Economic Association (SAEe) in Palma de Mallorca.

I would also like to comment on the activities of the Committee during 2015:

1. As every May, COSME organized a workshop with the aim of promoting quality research in the Economics of Gender. This year the workshop took place in Madrid, on May 28-29, and we received the invaluable assistance of the Ramon Areces Foundation and the AEE. The keynote speakers were Libertad González (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) and Nezhil Guner (ICREA Research Professor at MOVE, UAB). Libertad talked about “Missing Girls in Spain” and Nezhil presented “Childcare Subsidies and Household Labor Supply” (with Remzi Kaygusuz and Gustavo Ventura). In addition Nezhil talked about “Households and Inequality: The Role of Assortative Mating” for a general audience (you can find in this newsletter a summary of the talk). Besides, the scientific committee selected eight more papers, whose authors continued to benefit from the exceptional work done by the invited discussants. The full program is available [here](#). This year, the impact on the Spanish media of the workshop has been exceptional. Below, you can find some examples:

[El País 26-05-2015](#)

[Diario Siglo XXI 27-05-2015](#)

[El economista.es 28-05-2015](#)

[Europa Press 28-05-2015](#)

[Pompeu Fabra 28-05-2015](#)

[Telecinco.es 28-05-2015](#)

[Antena3.com 28-05-2015](#)

[ABC 28-05-2015](#)

Bolsamanía 28-05-2015

El Mundo 31-05-2015

In addition, several participants were interviewed for the YouTube channel of the Ramon Areces Foundation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xG2uxorxVxU>

Finally, two articles on this event appeared in Claves de la Razón Práctica and Revista de Occidente, both written by Irma Clots - Figueras (Carlos III University of Madrid), and an entry in Nada es Gratis blog by Pedro Rey-Biel.

All this coverage would have been impossible without the support of the Ramon Areces Foundation, specifically Alfonso Novales and Manuel Azcona: we greatly appreciate their cooperation. We also appreciate their financial support and that of the AEE, and - in particular - the support of its current president, Samuel Bentolila.

Lastly, the dates for the next edition of the workshop are already confirmed. The 9th COSME Gender Economics Workshop (GEW) will take place on May 26-27, 2016 at Ramón Areces Foundation, Madrid, Spain.

2. This December COSME will be present at the SAEe in Girona. Again, several sessions of the scientific program prepared by Vicente Cuñat will receive the additional title of "COSME Session" so that we can highlight relevant research in Gender Economics. Of course, every paper presented in these sessions follows the same evaluation process than the rest. In addition, COSME organizes a babysitting service for registered participants. Information about this service is available [here](#).

This year my active presence in the Committee ends. It has been nine years since in December 2006 the Spanish Association of Economy approved the establishment of COSME within its own structure. I'm proud of the activities and visibility that our efforts have had during this time. The mandates of Nagore Iriberry and Pedro Rey- Biel also end this year. I would like to thank both of them for their involvement. We can leave easy knowing that COSME is in excellent hands. Next year, Libertad González and Matilde Machado will be the President and Vice President, respectively. And with them, also Caterina Calsamiglia, Irma Clots-Figueras, Rosa Ferrer, Virginia Sanchez and Marcos Vera will keep working tirelessly. In addition, three new council members has been elected in the last elections of the AEE: Lidia Farré, Luisa Fuster and Ana Isabel Moro. I am also very grateful to Nezh Guner for his terrific contribution and involvement in the last workshop and in the current edition of the newsletter, as well as Manuel F. Bagüés for his report and Michele Tertilt for answering our questions. Finally, as you know, COSME is nothing without its members, professional colleagues who receive our messages, follow our activities and support them. To all of you, once again, thank you very much. Now, enjoy reading!

Laura Hospido (COSME President 2015)