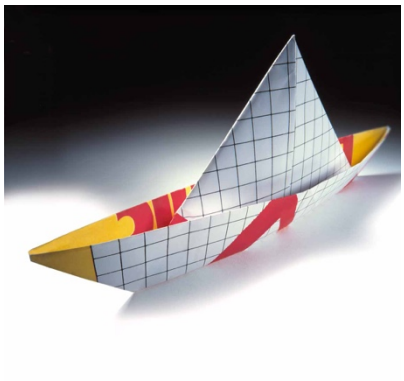


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Date: October 28th, 2025

1. Letter from the IAREP President

By Agata Gasiorowska

Dear IAREP members,

This is my first letter as IAREP President, a role I took over at the end of the General Assembly in Castellón de la Plana in June, after a year on the Managing Committee as President-Elect. I am truly honored, and I thank you for the trust you placed in me. IAREP has been my academic home for many years, and having served it earlier as Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, I know how much quiet, year-round work stands behind every conference, workshop and newsletter. It is a real pleasure to continue this work together with such a dedicated Managing Committee.

I want to begin by thanking Ofer Azar, who has now stepped down as President and continues to support us as Past President. Ofer led IAREP with calm, care and great commitment, first as President-Elect and then as President. Thank you, Ofer!

On behalf of IAREP, I also want to thank Miguel Ginés-Vilar, Jaume Garcia-Segarra and the whole organizing team for the 50th IAREP Conference, "Motives and Preferences in Economic Decisions," at the University Jaume I in Castellón de la Plana. A fiftieth conference is a milestone for any association, and it was celebrated in style: inspiring keynote talks by Birte Forstmann, Peter Bossaerts and Ellen Peters, who delivered the Kahneman Lecture, many excellent sessions, and a social program full of Mediterranean warmth. Many thanks also to everyone who took part in the Best Student Paper Competition. You will find the report from the workshop supported by IAREP, later in this newsletter. These workshops are one of the most valuable things IAREP does between conferences, and I warmly encourage you to consider submitting a proposal in the next funding round.

The main goal I would like to pursue during my presidency is to bring our communities closer together. Economic psychology and behavioral economics are developed today by several overlapping groups: IAREP, SABE (the Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics), with which we have organized so many successful joint conferences, and Division 9 "Economic Psychology" of the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP), where I currently serve as President Elect alongside Erik Hölzl as Past President and Edoardo Lozza as President. Many of us are members of more than one of these communities, yet we too often meet in separate rooms. I hope that joint conferences, workshops, seminars and shared communication channels will help us integrate these environments, reach new researchers, especially early-career ones, and make economic psychology more visible both within academia and among practitioners and policymakers.

Our next conference will be a good example of this spirit. From 7 to 10 July 2027, we will meet in Budapest, Hungary, at the conference hosted by ELTE Eötvös Loránd University and organized by József Pántya from the Department of Social Psychology, Faculty of Education and Psychology, together with colleagues from economics at ELTE. More information about the conference is included in this newsletter, and the call for papers will follow soon. Please save the date and plan to join us! I would also like to remind you that we are looking for hosts for IAREP conferences in 2028 and beyond; if you are considering hosting one, please contact me.

I am also very pleased that IAREP will host dedicated special sessions at the 19th International Conference of the Western Economic Association International (WEAI). This will be one of the first times IAREP has hosted its own sessions in Asia, and a great opportunity to

strengthen our presence in the Asia–Pacific region. We sent the call for abstracts to all members by email on 6 October, and we repeat it in this newsletter. The submission deadline is 21 November 2026, and abstracts should be sent to Dr Hannah Altman, the IAREP session organizer for the WEAI. I warmly encourage you to submit your work, and many thanks to Hannah for making these sessions possible.

This newsletter also includes two items that need your active participation. First, the call for nominations for the IAREP Managing Committee is now open. Next year we will elect all elected positions: President-Elect, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Digital Media Specialist. Please consider nominating colleagues, or yourself; IAREP is only as strong as the people who are willing to serve it. Second, as announced at the General Assembly, we will soon open an electronic vote on the proposed changes to the IAREP Rules concerning the composition of the Managing Committee and the Board, described in detail later in this newsletter. You will receive the full text of the proposed changes and a link to the voting platform by email. Please take a moment to read the proposal and cast your vote, because the legitimacy of our decisions depends on your participation.

Finally, I want to thank all members of the Managing Committee for their work on behalf of IAREP: Eva Hofmann, Irene Mussio, Lorenzo Gagliardi, Ofer Azar, and the Editors of the Journal of Economic Psychology, Carlos Alós-Ferrer and Yaniv Hanoch. I also encourage all of you to follow IAREP on LinkedIn, subscribe to our YouTube channel, and keep submitting your best work to the Journal of Economic Psychology.

I look forward to working with all of you, and to seeing you in Budapest!
Agata Gąsiorowska
IAREP President

2. Minutes IAREP General Assembly, 4-4:45pm June 11 2026, Castellón de la Plana, Spain

By Eva Hofmann

Attendants: 23 members +5 (MC) (during the GA 2 persons left + 1 person reappeared), quorum is reached (members from at least 5 different countries are present).
Chair: Ofer Azar

a) **Minutes GA June 2025** (by Ofer Azar)
The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting with 2 persons abstaining.

b) **Treasurer's report** (by Irene Mussio)
The treasurer presents the balance of the IAREP account. The overall balance for 19.06.2025-01.06.2026 is GBP 3,4917.41. IAREP's income in this time periode came from membership fees and support from Elsevier (GBP 6,514.40). Expences included the Kahneman Lecture, student prices and workshops (GBP 7,557.99). the balance is steadily increasing since 2020, but is about the same in 2025 and 2026. There is some money left for a new website.
Planned expenses for 2026 are the Kahneman keynote honorarium for E. Peters (EUR 1,000), the Student paper prizes (EUR 1,000, Castellón conference), the Fred van Raaij prize

(EUR 500, decided by JoEP), and the IAREP sponsored workshop (EUR 3,000, Tilburg, *Decision Making across the Lifespan: Judgments and Preferences*).

c) **Discussion on change of rules on Board & Managing Committee** (by Ofer Azar)

IAREP consists of three "committees": the General Assembly, the Managing Committee, and the Board. Origninally the Board consisted of all contry representatives advising the Managing Committee, but the Managing Committee can make decisions without the Board. In principal the Managing Committee asks the Genreal Assembly for approval, which worked well until now. The Board used to meet annually but they didn't meet in recent years. The Board is equal to the Managing Committee.

For several years we had no election of Country Representatives and no active Board. The Board can be the Managing Committee and save duplication of effort, no longer having country representatives.

Also, IAREP has a past-president and a president-elect in practice supporting the Managing Committee. While the president-elect is a member of the Managing Committee, the past-president could become a member of the Board, which (a) would help to maintain organizational memory, (b) was the situation in practice, (c) was supported by previous presidents with whom Vera Rita Ferreira consulted, and (d) keeps the number of people on the board constant (either Past-President or President-Elect at any point in time).

In earlier time two bodies, the Managing Committee and the Board, were necessary for an organisation like IAREP, with the Board checking on the Managing Committee, but this is not the case anymore.

Therefore, the following change of rule is proposed:

Rule from 2022:

5. The Managing Committee is composed of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Digital Marketing Specialist (DMS), the Editors of the Journal of Economic Psychology, and, when already appointed, the President-elect. The President represents the association in financial matters in concert with the Treasurer. The Board of the Association is composed of the above-mentioned committee, <u>of one representative for each country in which the association has members and of at most four coopted members</u>. The Board is responsible for the general conduct of the matters of the Association. All members of the Board must be chosen from the Association members.

Instead, after the proposed change it will be:

5. The Managing Committee is composed of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Digital Marketing Specialist (DMS), the Editors of the Journal of Economic Psychology, and, when already appointed, the President-elect. <u>*When the President-elect is not yet appointed, the immediate Past President will be part of the Board.*</u> The President represents the association in financial matters in concert with the Treasurer. The Board of the Association is composed of the above-mentioned committee. The Board is responsible for the general conduct of the matters of the Association. All members of the Board must be chosen from the Association members.

It is voted electronically on the new rule.

d) **Change of Website** (by Eva Hofmann)

The IAREP managing committee would like to change the website, specifically including a membership management tool. Three options were presented to the General Assembly: (a) 2 combinded systems: new website & free member management system, (b) new website including member management system by new company (J4G), and (c) new website including member management system by established company (101).
The president Ofer Azar has asked Lorenzo Gagliardi rather late to organise an offer for a new website without a membership management tool. The IAREP Managing Committee is still waiting for the tender. A respective nonprofit membership software could be zeffy.com. Advantages of zeffy.com are customized membership forms, automatic membership renewals, automatic membership cards, automatic receipts, payment via credit card, Apple & Google Pay, ACH & PAD (payment via bank accounts), Cheque, and sending messages. Disadvantages of zeffy.com are 15%-20% add-on to membership fee financing service, no servers are in Canada, but Canada should have similar standards, and no support except of information on the website.
The offer from the new company includes GBP 5,520.- (without VAT) setup costs and GBP 1,453.- (without VAT) annual costs. The offer from the established company includes GBP 6,753.- (without VAT) setup costs and GBP 1,215.- (without VAT) annual costs.
It is decided to leave the decision to the Managing Committee/Board.

e) **JoEP Editors' Report** (by Carlos Alòs-Ferrer)
The Journal of Economic Psychology was founded by Fred van Raaij and consists of 14 Co-Editors and two Editors, Carlos Alos-Ferrer and Yaniv Hanoch. It publishes research articles, reviews, brief reports, and less often replication studies, and book reviews. There are not enough replication studies.
The Journal of Economic Psychology has published two virtual special issues in 2025/26: (a) promoting pro-environmental behaviour by Alessandro Tavoni, Eugene Malthouse, and Doruk Iris and (b) innovations in survey design by Laura Fumagalli, Elena Fumagalli, and Ericka Rascon Ramirez. There will be also two special issues in 2026/27: (a) human-AI interactions by Alice Guerra, Shay LaVie, and Giulia Andrighetto and (b) advancing reliability in the social sciences by Levent Neyse, Maja Adena, and Frank Fossen. The call for new virtual special issues are open now. For the submission of a proposal for a virtual special issue the following is necessary: (a) One-page outline of the topic, list of potential contributors, (b) one-page CV of each Guest Editor; all in one pdf file. It needs to be sent to yaniv.hanoch@gmail.com and alosferrer@bluewin.ch (deadline: Septmeber 30, 2026; decision: end of October 2026)
The Journal of Economic Psychology is still the best journal in the field of experimental and behavioral economics. The speed for desk rejection is on avaerage three weeks. So far, 434 articles have been submitted in 2026. The rejection rate is 95% at the moment. Most articles are from authors in Europe and Asia, less from North and Middle America, from Germany are most papers.
Advice on how to avoid desk rejections: Some authors rush through the submission and ignore Journal Policies: "System I submissions." Roughly one in ten papers desk rejected for obvious reasons (which are in the Guide for Authors): Out of scope, lack of incentives in easy-to-incentivize tasks, using deception. There is a detailed Guide for Authors, but frequent webpage-reorganizations and strange standardizations at Elsevier has made it difficult to find. Therefore, this stable link: http://alosferrer.github.io/joep.html. Authors

should also read the paper „Alos-Ferrer and Yechiam (2020), "At the eve of the 40th anniversary of the Journal of Economic Psychology: Standards, practices, and challenges," Journal of Economic Psychology, Vol. 80, 102309."
The most cited article in 2023/24 was by Walasek et al. (2024). The most downloaded paper in 2025 is by Gieselmann et al. (2025).
Panel data is rarely published, the journal editors ask for researching this data.

f) **Funding activities/Workshops** (by Eva Hofmann)
In 2026 IAREP has received only one proposal to fund a workshop. It is funding the Workshop on Decision Making across the Lifespan: Judgments and Preferences with 3,000.- EUR. The workshop will take place at the Tilburg University Campus in September 2026. Organizers are Julia Nolte, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor of Economic Psychology, Department of Social Psychology, Tilburg University, Netherlands), Sebastian Horn, Ph.D. (Senior Researcher, Department of Psychology, University of Zurich, Switzerland), Yaeji Kim-Knauss, Ph.D. (Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of Psychogerontology, University of Erlangen und Nuremberg, Germany), and Salima Douhou, Ph.D. (Senior Researcher, Centerdata, Tilburg, Netherlands/Munich Research Institute for the Economics of Ageing, Munich, Germany/Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, Munich, Germany). The workshop is open to 50 faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, Ph.D. students, or policy-makers interested in the intersections of Economics, Psychology, Decision Research and Aging Research.
Contact Julia Nolte, J.Nolte@tilburguniversity.edu, for more information.

g) **Social Media** (by Eva Hofmann on behalf of Lorenzo Gagliardi)
Over the last 365 days (06/2/25 – 06/2/26), IAREP's Linkedin page acquired 261 new followers (27% of the whole user base). This growth was completely organic (no paid ads). Over the last 365 days (06/3/24 – 06/3/25), our Linkedin posts received 296 reactions and over 15k impressions. Highest peaks were reached in August 2025, right after IAREP 2025 and in January 2026, right after the announcement of IAREP 2026. What can YOU do to help to make IAREP's Linkedin page more popular? 1st) CHECK IF YOU CURRENTLY FOLLOW OUR PAGE, 2nd) INVITE YOUR OWN FOLLOWERS TO FOLLOW OUR PAGE, 3rd) SUPPORT OUR CONTENT (leave a reaction or maybe even share it with your own community!)

h) **IAREP conference 2027** (by Jozsef Pantya)
Eva Hofmann thanks the organisers of the 50th IAREP conference, Jaume Garcia Segarra & Miguel Gines Vilar, for there excellent job in organising the conference.The 51th IAREP conference will increase the visibility of IAREP & SABE in Hungary. For the conference the Faculties of Education and Psychology and Economy of ELTE, Eötvös LorándUniversity, Budapest, Hungary, will work togehter. Nine colleagues will organise the conference. The hosting university might fund the conference. The conference will take place July 7-10, but the date is still debateable. Possible keynote speakers were already discussed. There might be a popular science lecture, too. The organisers plan a welcome reception, a boat trip and a gala dinner. There are flights to the Budapest airport, but also to Vienna and Bratislava which are connected by train to Budapest.

i) **Expression of gratitude to conference organizers** (by Eva Hofmann on behalf of IAREP members)
Eva Hofmann thanks the organisers of the 50th IAREP conference, Jaume Garcia Segarra & Miguel Gines Vilar, for there excellent job in organising the conference.

j) **Change of President** (by Ofer Azar, Agata Gasiorowska)

Ofer Azar hands over IAREP's presidency to Agata Gasiorowska and with this becomes past-president.

k) **Any other business** (by Agata Gasiorowska)

Ofer Azar asks for organisers for the IAREP conference in 2028 and encourages proposals. Proposals are to be sent to the Past-President Ofer Azar (azar@bgu.ac.il) and the President Agata Gąsiorowska (agasiorowska@swps.edu.pl). It is decided to ask SABE whether they would like to have a joint conference again.

3. Proposed Changes to the IAREP Rules

By Agata Gasiorowska on behalf of the IAREP Managing Committee

IAREP members will soon be asked to vote electronically on changes to the IAREP Rules presented at the General Assembly in Castellón de la Plana. The changes simplify the governance structure of the Association, which the current rules describe as two bodies: a Managing Committee and a wider Board that also includes Country Representatives and coopted members. The full text of the changes and a link to the voting platform will be sent to all members by email. Under Rule 18, the changes require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.
The main change concerns Rule 5. The Managing Committee and the Board will become one body, the Board of the Association, composed of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Digital Marketing Specialist, the Editors of the Journal of Economic Psychology, and, when already appointed, the President-elect. When the President-elect is not yet appointed, the immediate Past President will be part of the Board, which ensures continuity in the years between elections.
Country Representatives and coopted members will no longer be part of the Board. For several years no Country Representatives have been elected and the Board in its extended form has not been active, so the rules will now reflect how IAREP actually works. Accordingly, Rule 10 on the election of Country Representatives and Rule 20 on delegating their election to National Organizations will be removed.
The remaining changes follow from this. In Rule 1, the third director of IAREP LTD, an IAREP member residing in England or Wales, will be nominated by the Board instead of the Managing Committee. In Rule 4a, Honorary Members will be nominated by the Board and approved by a two-thirds majority in a formal ballot among the Board. In Rule 11, the President will ask for electronic voting in agreement with the Board, the election of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and DMS will be referred to as the election of Board members, and the provision on voting for Country Representatives will be removed.
In addition to the changes presented at the General Assembly in Castellón de la Plana, the Managing Committee made a few minor editorial changes to align the wording of the remaining

rules with the new structure, so that they refer to the Board instead of the Committee or the Committee and Board. The section heading "Election of Committee and Board" becomes "Election of the Board", Rule 6 refers to the election of Board members instead of Committee members, and Rule 21 refers to the powers of the Board instead of the powers of the Committee. These editorial changes do not alter the substance of the rules and will be voted on together with the main changes.
Please read the proposal carefully (the consolidated text is attached) and cast your vote. An electronic vote is valid only if at least one tenth of the individual members take part, so every vote counts. After the vote, the consolidated text of the IAREP Rules will be published on the IAREP website.

4. Call for Nominations for IAREP President-Elect, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, and Digital Media Specialist

By Agata Gasiorowska

IAREP is seeking nominations for President-Elect, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Digital Media Specialist this academic year. All IAREP members can nominate candidates for the four positions, which are all honorary.
The President-Elect position requires a commitment of four years. The elected individual will serve 1 year as President-Elect, 2 years as President, and 1 year as Past President. The Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, and Digital Media Specialist positions require a commitment of 2 years, with the possibility of reappointment. Elections will be held in spring 2027 by sharing a link to the voting platform by email. The service starts with the 2027 General Assembly meeting at the IAREP-SABE conference in Budapest (7–10 July 2027).
Eligible to nominate are all who have paid their membership fees as part of the conference registration fee of the Tartu conference in June 2025 and the Castellón de la Plana conference in June 2026, and those who paid later in 2026. Self-nominations are also welcome. In line with IAREP Rules, nominees must be members of the Association and nominations must be seconded by one other member of the Association.

Please send an updated copy of your/the nominee's curriculum vitae (CV), a short biography (half A4), a motivation statement describing your/the nominee's vision to serve IAREP, and a photo, to Eva Hofmann (hofmann.b.eva@gmail.com), together with the name of a member seconding the nomination, by January 31, 2027. Looking forward to seeing your nominations!

5. 51st IAREP/SABE 2027 Conference – Choices in a Changing World: Individual Decisions and Collective Challenges, Budapest, Hungary, 7–10 July 2027

By József Pántya

We are delighted to invite you to Budapest, Hungary, for the upcoming joint conference of the International Association for Research in Economic Psychology (IAREP) and the Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics (SABE): IAREP/SABE 2027 Conference – Choices in a Changing World: Individual Decisions and Collective Challenges.

This international and interdisciplinary conference will be jointly organised by two faculties of ELTE Eötvös Loránd University: the Faculty of Education and Psychology and the Faculty of Economics. We warmly welcome researchers, scholars, and practitioners from across the behavioural sciences to share their latest research findings, engage in stimulating and thought-provoking discussions, and contribute to a deeper understanding of decision-making at the individual, group, and societal levels. The conference will take place in Budapest, a vibrant and lively capital in July, when outdoor activities and life along the banks of the Danube are in full swing.
Building on the rich traditions and achievements of economic psychology and behavioural economics over the past decades, the conference programme will include:

- Distinguished keynote speakers
- Parallel thematic symposia, sessions featuring individual research presentations, and poster sessions, bringing together behavioural scientists from around the world
- Early Career Researcher Workshop
- A social programme spanning three evenings, including a welcome reception, a boat trip on the Danube, and a gala dinner

The conference submission portal, featuring the call for papers and session proposals, will be open from early December 2026 until the end of January 2027. Further information will be shared soon via the mailing list. Stay tuned!
We look forward to welcoming you to Budapest!

6. Call for IAREP workshop and summer school proposals for 2027

By Eva Hofmann

The IAREP Managing Committee requests proposals to organize summer schools and workshops in economic psychology organized by IAREP members. We particularly encourage proposals with clear benefits for IAREP and the field of Economic Psychology, for example special sessions at a IAREP conference or a commitment for participants to become IAREP members. IAREP dedicates 1,500 to 3,000 Euros to sponsor a single workshop or summer school taking place in 2027. Be aware that the workshop or summer school must be in the field of Economic Psychology! Please submit your proposal to IAREP Honorary Secretary Eva Hofmann (e-mail: eva.hofmann@fernfh.ac.at) by January 10, 2027.

Information to include in the proposal via a form requested from the IAREP Honorary Secretary Eva Hofmann (e-mail: eva.hofmann@fernfh.ac.at):

- Title of the event
- Brief description of the event and how it meets the goals of the IAREP funding request
- Names of organizers incl. affiliation
- Location and date
- Target audience and how they will be recruited
- Event objectives and outline of content to be taught/discussed
- Names of presenters incl. affiliation
- Amount requested from IAREP
- Proposed fees for participants
- How will funds from IAREP be used?

- Budget for the event

The applicants will be informed by the decision of IAREP Managing Committee by February 21 2027.

We are looking forward to your proposal!

7. Call for Papers IAREP Special Sessions at the WEAI 19th International Conference, 22–25 April 2027, Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea

By Hannah Altman

The International Association for Research in Economic Psychology (IAREP) invites researchers to submit an abstract for its special sessions at the Western Economic Association International's 19th International Conference. The abstract should be 500 words and should include 5 keywords. Also include your affiliation and contact details. This will be one of the first times IAREP has hosted dedicated sessions in Asia, creating an exciting opportunity to strengthen the association's presence across the Asia–Pacific region and bring together researchers from around the world.

We welcome submissions across economic psychology and behavioural economics, including research relating to:

- Judgement and decision-making
- Behavioural and experimental economics
- Consumer behaviour
- Financial decision-making
- Health, sport and wellbeing
- Sustainability and environmental behaviour
- Technology, artificial intelligence and digital behaviour
- Culture, inequality and public policy
- Emerging research within economic psychology

Why present at WEAI?

The WEAI International Conference provides an opportunity to share your research with an international audience, receive valuable feedback and develop connections across economics, psychology, business and related disciplines. Its discussion-led concurrent sessions are designed to encourage active participation and meaningful scholarly exchange. Students and postdoctoral researchers will also be eligible for discounted conference registration.

How to submit

Please email your abstract, paper title, author details and institutional affiliation to the IAREP session organiser for the WEAI:

Dr Hannah Altman
h.altman@gis.sport
Submission deadline: 21 November 2026

The conference will be held entirely in person, with no hybrid option available for concurrent sessions.

Submit your abstract today and be part of the future of IAREP. I look forward to welcoming you to our sessions in Seoul.

8. Report on Workshop on 'Decision Making across the Lifespan' funded by IAREP

By Julia Nolte

On October 12 and 13, 2026, Tilburg University's campus welcomed around 50 attendees for a 2-day workshop conference on the topic of "Decision Making across the Lifespan." The workshop, free to its attendees, had been co-funded through IAREP, EADM, and Tilburg University. The organizers had formed a multi-national team: Drs. Julia Nolte (Tilburg University), Salima Douhou (Centerdata; Munich Research Institute for the Economics of Ageing), Sebastian Horn (University of Zurich), and Yaeji Kim-Knauss (FAU University Erlangen-Nuremberg). Correspondingly, the event drew interest from across Europe and beyond – specifically, from Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, England, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Scottland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the US, and Uzbekistan.

The conference spanned keynote lectures by Dr. Joshua Weller (Leeds University Business School) and Dr. Pär Bjälkebring (University of Gothenburg). In addition, participants contributed 20 talks and 10 posters on topics such as "Economic Decision Preferences," "Financial Decision Making," and "Panel Studies and Large Datasets". Finally, attendees participated in two workshops dedicated to "data harmonization" that sought to encourage future collaborations and cross-laboratory coordination efforts.

9. Journal of Economic Psychology: Call for Papers "Special Issue on Numeracy and Economic Decisions", *Submission deadline: April 30, 2027*

By Yaniv Hanoch

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Overview

Numeracy — the ability to understand, reason with, and apply numerical and probabilistic information — plays a central role in how individuals navigate financial and economic decisions. From interpreting interest rates and inflation to evaluating risk in investment and insurance choices, to detecting fraudulent or deceptive numerical claims, numeracy skills shape economic outcomes at both the individual and societal levels. If anything, the role of numeracy (subjective and objective) is bound to increase as more economic information becomes available to individuals and more decisions are transferred to them.

This Special Issue on Numeracy and Economic Decisions invites contributions that advance our understanding of how numeracy shapes economic judgments, decisions, and behaviours, broadly

defined. We welcome work spanning laboratory and field studies, cross-cultural comparisons, and applied interventions, using diverse approaches and methodologies.

Topics of Interest

We welcome submissions addressing, but not limited to, the following themes:

- Numeracy and financial decision-making (saving, borrowing, investing, retirement planning)
- Numeracy and susceptibility to scams, fraud, or deceptive marketing
- The role of numeracy in risk perception and probabilistic judgment
- Individual differences in numeracy: measurement, development, and malleability
- Numeracy interventions and financial education/literacy programs
- Numeracy and consumer choice (pricing, discounts, comparative judgments)
- Interactions between numeracy, trust, and confidence in economic judgments
- Cross-cultural and socioeconomic variation in numeracy and economic outcomes, including, but not limited to, well-being.
- Numeric communication in economic decisions
- Numeracy and vulnerability across the lifespan (e.g., older adults, adolescents)

Methodological Standards

The Journal of Economic Psychology primarily publishes empirical papers. Submissions to this Special Issue must therefore adopt rigorous empirical methods, including:

- Controlled experiments (lab, field, or online) with random assignments and transparent reporting.
- Field and survey experiments that enable causal inference and rely on robust designs.
- Meta-analyses or large-scale data studies, provided they apply systematic, reproducible procedures.

Submission Guidelines

- The submission deadline is April 30, 2027: Numeracy and Economic Decisions.
- Submissions will be handled through the *Journal of Economic Psychology* online system.
- Authors must select the article type "VSI: Numeracy and Economic Decisions" when submitting.
- Manuscripts must be prepared according to the *Journal of Economic Psychology* Guide for Authors.

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10. Journal of Economic Psychology: Call for Papers Special Issue on "Economic Psychology in the Global South", *Submission deadline: February 28, 2027*

By Yaniv Hanoch

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Aim and Scope

Research in economic psychology has generated many insights into the psychological mechanisms underlying economic decisions, preferences, and behavior. Most of the evidence, however, has been produced in the Western and Global North contexts. As a result, theories and models of economic psychology are often built on populations, institutions, and economic environments that represent only a fraction of the world population. This special issue seeks to broaden and deepen the field by foregrounding research conducted in, about, and with the Global South.

We invite empirical contributions that examine how economic decisions and psychological processes unfold in diverse contexts shaped by varying history, institution, market structure, social norms, cultural values, resource constraints, and economic development. The goal is to not only extend existing theories and models to new populations but also use evidence from the Global South to refine, challenge, and expand theories and models of economic psychology. Submissions should make clear contributions to understanding the psychological processes underlying economic behavior and decisions. We welcome empirical research from economic psychology, behavioral economics, consumer psychology, political psychology, behavioral public policy, neuroeconomics, behavioral game theory, and other relevant fields.

Topics of Interests

We welcome submissions on topics including, but not limited to:

- Decision making under resource scarcity, income volatility, or political uncertainty.
- Consumer behavior, financial decision making, saving, borrowing, and economic literacy.
- Impacts of social norms, identity, culture, religion, family structure, and community networks on economic behavior.
- Behavioral interventions, including both nudges and boosts, and policy experiments in Global South contexts.
- Trust, cooperation, and corruption in emerging markets or economies.
- Migration, remittance, entrepreneurship, and labor-market decisions.
- Cross-cultural, cross-national, replication, or generalizability studies.
- Methodological work aiming to improve measurement, as well as measurement validity and reliability, in underrepresented populations.

Methodological Standards
The Journal of Economic Psychology primarily publishes empirical research. Suitable submissions to this special issue include laboratory, online, or field experiments; large-scale cross-sectional, longitudinal, or cross-cultural surveys; observational studies with behavioral, archival, or digital trace data; and replication studies with clearly stated plans and goals. Submissions should articulate their contributions to the field of economic psychology. Purely descriptive research, dataset-only articles, policy reports without psychological theories, or purely theoretical contributions will not be considered.
Authors are encouraged to follow open science practices where feasible, including preregistration, transparent reporting, and sharing of data, materials, and analysis code.

Submission and Review
1. **Submission deadline:** February 28, 2027
2. **Submission system:** Manuscripts should be submitted through the online submission system at the Journal of Economic Psychology.
3. **Article type:** Authors should select "VSI: Economic Psychology in the Global South" when submitting.
4. **Review process:** All submissions will undergo the standard peer review process of the Journal of Economic Psychology.

Manuscripts must be prepared according to the Journal of Economic Psychology Guide for Authors.

11. Journal of Economic Psychology: Call for Papers Special Issue on "Children and Adolescents as Economic Agents" Submission deadline: 31st May 2027

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Aim and Scope
Children are not just future economic agents in training. From infancy through adolescence, they earn, spend, save, trade, negotiate, and reason about money, scarcity, ownership, fairness, and value. Although research across developmental psychology and related fields has examined these processes, research in economic psychology has traditionally treated adulthood as the starting point for economic decision-making. This special issue seeks to bring children and adolescents into sharper focus as economic agents in their own right, whose beliefs, preferences, and behaviors merit study on their own terms and in connection with the broader field, rather than only as precursors to adult economic life.

We invite contributions examining how children and adolescents acquire, represent, and act on economic concepts, and how these processes are shaped by cognitive, emotional, and social development, family socialization, schooling, culture, and socioeconomic context. The goal is not only to trace the developmental origins of adult economic behavior, but to use evidence from infancy through adolescence to inform and challenge existing theories and models of economic psychology more broadly.

We particularly welcome empirical contributions, but will also consider systematic (but not bibliographic) reviews and methodological submissions that make a substantial contribution to the field. Submissions should make clear contributions to understanding the psychological processes underlying economic behavior and decision making in children and adolescents. We welcome work from developmental psychology, economic psychology, behavioral economics, consumer psychology, family studies, human ecology, education, and other relevant fields. We are especially eager to feature work documenting phenomena among children and adolescents from a wide range of countries, cultures, and socioeconomic contexts, and encourage submissions from researchers around the world.

Topics of Interest

We welcome submissions on topics including, but not limited to:

- The development of economic concepts, including ownership, value, scarcity, exchange, fairness, and money.
- Cognitive and self-regulatory building blocks underlying economic behavior, including numeracy and quantitative cognition, and executive function and self-regulation.
- The acquisition of economic language and vocabulary.
- Children's and adolescents' financial literacy, saving, spending, and consumer decision-making.
- Family socialization of economic behavior, including pocket money, chores, parental teaching, and modeling, as well as peer and sibling economic exchange.
- Reciprocity, cooperation, generosity, altruism, trust, and fairness in children’s and adolescents’ economic behavior.
- Risk-taking, time preference, and intertemporal choice across childhood and adolescence.
- Understanding of and attitudes toward debt, borrowing, and credit.
- Children's understanding of and participation in markets, work, entrepreneurship, and labor.
- Susceptibility to and understanding of advertising, marketing, and persuasive intent.
- Cross-cultural and cross-national differences in children's economic cognition and behavior.
- The role of schooling, media, and digital environments (e.g., mobile payments, gaming economies) in shaping economic understanding.
- Emotion and its role in money-related cognition and behavior.
- Economic decision-making and vulnerability among children and adolescents experiencing poverty, inequality, or resource scarcity.
- Evaluation of interventions and programs aimed at shaping economic knowledge, skills, or behavior in children and adolescents.
- Methodological work aiming to improve the measurement of economic cognition, preferences, or behavior in young populations.

Methodological Standards
The Journal of Economic Psychology primarily publishes empirical research. Suitable submissions to this special issue include laboratory, online, or field experiments; large-scale cross-sectional, longitudinal, or cross-cultural surveys; observational studies with behavioral, archival, or digital trace data; meta-analyses; and replication studies with clearly stated plans and goals.
Submissions should articulate their contributions to the field of economic psychology. Purely descriptive research, dataset-only articles, policy reports without psychological theories, or purely theoretical contributions will not be considered.
Authors are encouraged to follow open science practices where feasible, including preregistration, transparent reporting, and sharing of data, materials, and analysis code.

Submission and Review

- Submission deadline: May 31, 2027
- Submission system: Manuscripts should be submitted through the online submission system at the Journal of Economic Psychology.
- Article type: Authors should select "VSI: Children and Adolescents as Economic Agents" when submitting.
- Review process: All submissions will undergo the standard peer review process of the Journal of Economic Psychology.

Manuscripts must be prepared according to the Journal of Economic Psychology Guide for Authors (https://alosferrer.github.io/joep.html).
If you have questions about topic relevance, you can contact the editors.

12. Retos Journal (https://revistaretos.org/index.php/retos/) - Call for papers Vol. 17 No. 34 (October 2027) - Special issue "*Financial Well Being in Contemporary Societies*"

By Angela Sorgente

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In recent years, financial well-being has gained increasing attention in economic, financial, psychological, and social research. Despite the growing interest in the topic, its conceptualization remains under development, and different perspectives continue to coexist in the literature.
Generally speaking, financial well-being has been described as a construct that encompasses both objective conditions and subjective evaluations of individuals' financial lives, including the ability to meet current obligations, maintain future financial security, pursue valued life choices, and experience positive perceptions regarding one's own financial situation.
Existing evidence indicates that financial well-being is influenced by economic, demographic, behavioral, psychological, institutional, and technological factors, and is associated with broader

outcomes related to quality of life, inclusion, resilience, and social participation. However, significant knowledge gaps remain regarding the interactions among these determinants, their consequences, inequalities across population groups, the measurement of financial well-being, and the mechanisms through which public policies and financial innovation can contribute to improving financial well-being.

The objective of the special issue "Financial Well Being in Contemporary Societies" is to advance the understanding of financial well-being by gathering empirical contributions, primarily quantitative in approach, based on data analysis and developed from different disciplinary perspectives. Studies that, based on quantitative evidence, contribute to the theoretical, methodological, and applied development of financial well-being will be especially valued.

Scope

Original contributions addressing, among others, the following topics are welcome:

- **Economic and sociodemographic determinants of financial well-being:** gender gaps, regional inequalities, income and employment stability, and financial well-being in emerging economies.
- **Behavioral, cognitive, and psychological factors associated with financial well-being:** financial literacy, financial behavior, financial stress, financial attitudes, future orientation, self-control, personality traits, behavioral biases, and financial decision-making.
- **Financial vulnerability, social mobility, and financial well-being:** education and human capital, financial inclusion, financial resilience, and credit behavior.
- **Technology, digital transformation, and their implications for financial well-being:** digital financial services, digital capability, artificial intelligence and personal finance, digital financial inclusion, digital financial risks and behaviors, and technological innovation.
- **Institutions and public policies aimed at improving financial well-being:** financial education and intervention programs, pension systems, retirement savings, financial consumer protection, financial regulation, and the evaluation of public policies and interventions designed to enhance financial well-being.
- **Consequences and outcomes of financial well-being:** quality of life, life satisfaction, psychological well-being, physical and mental health, family and relationship functioning, and social inclusion.
- **Measurement and assessment of financial well-being:** conceptualization and operationalization of financial well-being, development and validation of measurement instruments, benchmarking approaches, comparative studies across different populations and cultural contexts, and methodological advances in financial well-being research.
- **Financial well-being across the life course:** developmental trajectories of financial well-being, age-related differences, major life transitions (e.g., leaving the parental home, family formation, retirement), and financial well-being in specific age groups.

Expected Contribution

This issue aims to advance the literature on financial well-being by publishing high-quality research grounded in rigorous approaches. The issue seeks to identify emerging research directions, stimulate interdisciplinary dialogue, and provide insights for theoretical development, policy design, and interventions oriented toward improving financial well-being.

Submission Requirements

Authors must comply with the checklist established by the journal, which includes: manuscript originality; absence of duplication or prior publication; declaration of data and source veracity; conflict of interest statement; use of the official template; file in Word or OpenOffice format; submission of a cover letter; and removal of authorship data within the manuscript (double-blind). *Revista Retos* accepts manuscripts only in Spanish or English. Spanish-speaking authors may submit their work in Spanish, whereas non-Spanish-speaking authors must submit in English. The journal manages, where applicable, the translation of manuscripts from Spanish to English and from English to Spanish.

Important Dates
Opening of the call: August 3, 2026
Deadline for paper submission: June 30, 2027.
Publication of the issue: October 1, 2027.

13. A very interesting (new) book: *It's on You: How Corporations and Behavioral Scientists Have Convinced Us That We're to Blame for Society's Deepest Problems* (Chater, N., Loewenstein, G., 2026. New York: Basic Venture)

By Vera Rita Ferreira

A new book by George Loewenstein and Nick Chater has been launched this year – *It's on You: How Corporations and Behavioral Scientists Have Convinced Us That We're to Blame for Society's Deepest Problems* (Chater, N., Loewenstein, G., 2026. New York: Basic Venture). The book further develops ideas already introduced in two previous articles by the same authors, in 2023[1] and 2017[2]. Loewenstein, one of the most distinguished behavioural economists since this field has been born (circa 1980, about 100 years after economic psychology, by the way), has been a keynote speaker in some of our conferences (Bergen, 1995; Ljubljana, 2007; Nice, 2023). In this last occasion he mentioned that he had never had an article get that kind of repercussion among peers, with very large numbers of comments by other researchers, some of them, in fact, strongly disagreeing with their ideas.

The topic they address may explain some of the controversy. They bring on a relevant discussion over our role as behavioural scientists / economic psychologists and how our area may be responsible for some unwanted consequences in the real world, mainly the absence of actual change where it is most needed. According to their view, this is due to the fact that choice architecture perspective has privileged the *i-frame*, focusing individuals and all our well studied limitations, rather than the whole context where they lead their lives, the *s-frame*, with 's' standing for *system*. According to them, there is a "rigged game" running in the institutions, with rules that benefit only the most powerful (and very rich), while the *system* is never addressed, with the blame falling solely on individuals. Even if unintentionally, behavioural scientists have been part of this

[1] Chater, N., Loewenstein, G. (2023). The i-frame and the s-frame: How focusing on individual-level solutions has led behavioral public policy astray. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 46:e147. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X22002023

[2] Loewenstein, G., Chater, N. (2017). Putting nudges in perspective. *Behavioural Public Policy*, 1: 1, 26–53. Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/bpp.2016.7

initiative by providing interventions that target individuals, but not struggling to effectively try to change the rules of the game itself. As a result, in many instances, different kinds of institutions take advantage of this fact to advocate for less regulation, suggesting instead the use of behavioural insights, as if the latter could actually replace the former.

On Part 1 of the book, they focus on some famous issues that have received behavioural interventions, such as climate change, financial preparation for retirement, inequality, obesity, health care system in the US, and present evidence for modest results for such interventions. They do not discard them altogether, but point to the need to take a broader look at the problems so as to include the *s-frame* as well.

On Part 2, they explain in greater detail the 'sleight of hand' (in their words) that institutions resort to in order to keep the odds in their favour, ranging from big tech's, social media, AI, to financial institutions and some politicians, along with several industries (oil companies, ultra processed food, online gambling, communication groups, heavy lobbying for their own private interests etc.). They mention current narratives, mostly since the 1980's, where *less* government is struggled for, as if all problems would vanish if only the government – and rules and regulation –, were to step aside, or preferably cease to exist altogether (as if such thing were feasible). The authors also alert for the risk of a potential collapse if the basic rules of society are torn apart, leaving most individuals helpless to face the rich and powerful[3]. Their mantra is: *change the game, not the players*, suggesting that the "game" should be better balanced out, since the powerful side has way too many more resources than regular citizens, or even governments, in several cases.

They also make concrete proposals within the *s-frame*. For government, that should be improved, rather than eliminated, they suggest measures like regulation, taxes, removal of perverse incentives, checks and balances, and to enhance the system's structures and redesign institutions (I would add all this informed by economic psychology/behavioural science). They claim that we, who do thoroughly study bounded rationality, ought to be the first to defend systemic regulation, exactly to make up for the many failures in judgment and decision-making we have already identified.

As for behavioural science, the *s-frame* agenda would be different from the nudge agenda in several ways, with guidelines requiring another mix of insights and methods, now aimed at helping social and systemic change. Behavioural insights, for instance, would be useful for designing, implementing, and helping to show to the population policies favourable to them, such as taxing the ultrarich, given that a successful policy depends on public support. A multidisciplinary team would be in charge of such challenging task involving designers, user-experience specialists, ethnographers, anthropologists, psychologists, s-frame behavioural economists. The idea is to help fix the system, not to help the individual cope with a very flawed system.

S-frame behavioural research would focus on addressing issues like the types of most effective and beneficial policies for the population and the best way to present it to them, in order to get necessary support and thus be successfully implemented. Methods would include observational approaches, both qualitative and quasi-experimental, some derived from economics and sociology, as well as historical and comparative techniques. The traditional RCT's (Random Controlled Trials) being basically restricted to the *i-frame*, would not be as relevant here, because their limited scope does not offer the necessary insights for *s-frame* research perspective, that deals with the real world and policies.

[3] Another version for the title of the book, published mainly in the UK is: *It's On You: How the Rich and Powerful Have Convinced Us that We're to Blame for Society's Deepest Problems*.

I will end with a brief note on the Global South: down here, where our countries have been exploited ever since Europeans 'discovered' our land, as in the American continent, or simply taken over, as in Africa and Asia, their point of view may not be taken as highly controversial or even as a novelty. For one thing, in many cases there is already a predominantly more collective perspective in their culture (the same goes for indigenous people in these places, who depend on their communities to survive). For instance, for decades social psychology in Brazil was heavily informed by sociology and political science, taking a leftist stance in investigating our many social problems (that may be changing more recently emulating the Global North approach). Finally, submitted people tend to take a more comprehensive look at the causes that have led them to this situation, and it is less often thought of as being an individual's fault, rather than the general abuse perpetrated by a set of powerful instances.
This is therefore a necessary book for economic psychologists / behavioural scientists interested in the 'new turn of the screw' in our field and those who wish to take the next step towards it.

14. IAREP Contact Information

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Attachment: IAREP Rules

In the March 1987 IAREP newsletter (pp. 11-15), the IAREP statutes were published as follows:

Statutes of IAREP (Translation of Austrian statutes with later changes)

Consolidated text including the changes agreed in [month] 2026.

Name, Address, Purpose and Membership

1. The Association bears the name "International Association for Research in Economic Psychology" (IAREP); in French: "Association Internationale pour la Recherche en la Psychologie Economique"; in German "Internationale Gesellschaft für Forschung in Ökonomischer Psychologie". The legal status of IAREP is a limited company of the United Kingdom, IAREP LTD. Directors of IAREP LTD are a) the IAREP President, b) the IAREP Treasurer, and c) an IAREP member residing in England or Wales who is nominated by the Board.
2. The goal of this nonprofit association is to further research and teaching in the field of economic psychology by organizing colloquia, by publishing a journal and by other means.
3. Membership is open to all those interested in Economic Psychology. The Board rules over the admission of members, but applicants who are not admitted have a right of recourse to the General Assembly.
4. Membership ends when members freely leave the Association or by Board Decision if a member has failed to pay dues for a period exceeding one year.
4a. Honorary Membership shall be by invitation only. Honorary Membership may be granted to scholars of outstanding eminence and seniority who made significant contributions to the field of economic psychology. Honorary Members shall be nominated by the Board; nominations need approval with two-third majority in a formal ballot among the Board. The number of Honorary Members shall not normally exceed three per cent of IAREP's regular membership, calculated over the last three years.

Presidency and Board

5. The Board of the Association is composed of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Digital Marketing Specialist (DMS), the Editors of the Journal of Economic Psychology, and, when already appointed, the President-elect. When the President-elect is not yet appointed, the immediate Past President will be part of the Board. The President represents the association in financial matters in concert with the Treasurer. The Board is responsible for the general conduct of the matters of the Association. All members of the Board must be chosen from the Association members.

Election of the Board

6. The election of the Board members should take place at least every two years at the occasion of the General Assembly of the Association. Elected officials should be proposed by a member of the association at least two months before the General Assembly by notifying the Secretary. Such proposals must be seconded by at least one other member of the Association.

7. One year before the president's term ends, the General Assembly chooses a new president, who first serves a year as president-elect, then two years as president. When a serving president is re-elected, which can be done once, the position of president-elect remains vacant for that year.
8. The Secretary, the Treasurer, and the DMS are elected for a two-year term. They can be re-elected.
9. The Editor (of JEP) is elected for a five-year term at the proposal of the Board. The person can be re-elected once, bringing the maximum term in office to 10 years. Up to three co-editors can be appointed for the same term as that of the Editor.
10. [Deleted in 2026]
11. All ballots are secret. The names of the candidates for office should be contained in the announcement of the ballot. The announcement should be distributed to members at least 4 weeks before the vote will be held. Votes will be held at the General Assembly or online if the General Assembly decides to do so. The President can - in agreement with the Board - ask the General Assembly to vote electronically. In case of electronic voting, the General Assembly can only validly take a decision if at least one tenth of the individual members participate in the ballot. For the election of the Board members (President, Secretary, Treasurer, DMS), every member shall have one vote. The candidate who obtains the most votes shall be elected; in case of a tied vote, the toss of a coin shall be decisive.

Fees and Finances
12. Every member pays an annual membership fee. The amount due is fixed by the General Assembly on the basis of the proposal by the Board. Membership shall entitle members to subscribe to the Journal of Economic Psychology at a reduced fee, should such be offered to the Association.
12a. Honorary Members are exempted from paying membership fees. The Board can decide on additional benefits for honorary members (e.g., receipt of Journal of Economic Psychology, invitation to the Colloquium), in accordance with the Association's financial situation.
13. The Board has the power to exempt members from paying dues. This power should, in principle, only be used for the case of retired members. Exempted members have the same rights as ordinary members.

Meetings
14. The Association will hold a Colloquium and a General Assembly (preferably coordinated for site and time) at least every two years.
15. The time and place of the General Assembly should be communicated to all members with at least one month notice. The announcement should contain the agenda.
16. Colloquia are organized by the Board or by someone empowered to this effect by the board.

Board Meetings
17. The Board rules on the time and place of its own meetings. Should the President be absent, then the Board shall appoint one of those present to preside. The Board can decide when at least five members, representing at least three countries are present (quorum). Votes can also be given by mail, provided that all Board members have been notified and that the above-mentioned quorum is respected. The Board rules by simple majority of the votes. The President decides in the case of a tie.

Change of Rules
18. These rules can only be changed by the General Assembly. Proposed changes in the rules must be contained in the invitation to the General Assembly and require a two-third majority of the exercised vote. Mail ballot is allowed, provided it reaches the Secretary before the President calls for a vote over the proposal.

Associated Organizations
19. IAREP welcomes the association with National Organizations pursuing similar aims. The members of the latter organizations need not be members of IAREP.
20. [Deleted in 2026]

Arbitration
21. Conflicts in matters pertaining to the Association which cannot be resolved according to the powers of the Board or of the General Assembly are decided by arbitration. Arbitration is carried out by three Association member. Each of the conflicting sides appoints one arbiter; these in term appoint a president-arbiter. The decisions by arbitration are binding.

Dissolution
22. The voluntary dissolution of the Association can only be decided by a General Assembly called specifically for this purpose and which can only rule when at least a simple majority of members is present. Dissolution requires approval by a two-third majority of the valid votes cast.
23. Should the quorum above not be obtained, then the Association can be dissolved at a next General Assembly, by a two-third majority of the votes cast, irrespective of the number of members present.
24. This General Assembly must also decide on the liquidation of the Association's assets. In particular, it should appoint a liquidator and decide to whom the remaining net assets should be transferred. To the extent possible, the net assets should be transferred to an organization pursuing similar aims as the Association.

CHANGE OF STATUTES
2026

The following change in statutes (Rules 1, 4a, 5, 6, 10, 11, 20 and 21) was presented at the Castellón de la Plana General Assembly in June 2026, together with minor editorial changes aligning the wording of the remaining rules with the new structure, and agreed by electronic vote of IAREP members, closed on [date] (see [Newsletter]). The Managing Committee and the Board were merged into one body, the Board of the Association; Country Representatives and coopted members are no longer part of the Board; the immediate Past President is part of the Board when the President-elect is not yet appointed.

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The section heading “Election of Committee and Board” was changed to “Election of the Board”.

Rules 10 and 20 were deleted.

The change of rules is accepted by [number] IAREP members ([number] IAREP members voting).

2024

Fostering inclusive language, the following change in statutes (Rule 9) was agreed at the Dundee General Assembly, 22nd of August, 2024 (see Fall 2024 Newsletter, already presented in the IAREP Spring Newsletter 2024):

“9. The Editor (of JEP) is elected for a five-year term at the proposal of the Board. He can be re-elected once, bringing his maximum term in office to 10 years. Up to three co-editors can be appointed for the same term as that of the Editor.”

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The change of rules is accepted by 22 IAREP members (22 IAREP members present).

2022

The following change in statutes (Rules 5, 8 and 11) was agreed at the Kistiansand General Assembly, 11th of June, 2022 (see Fall 2022 Newsletter)

5. The Managing Committee is composed of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Digital Marketing Specialist (DMS), the Editors of the Journal of Economic Psychology, and, when already appointed, the President-elect. The President represents the association in financial matters in concert with the Treasurer. The Board of the Association is composed of the above-mentioned committee, of one representative for each country in which the association has members and of at most four coopted members. The Board is responsible for the general conduct of the matters of the Association. All members of the Board must be chosen from the Association members.
6. The Secretary, the Treasurer, and the DMS are elected for a two-year term. They can be re-elected.
7. All ballots are secret. The names of the candidates for office should be contained in the announcement of the ballot. The announcement should be distributed to members at least 4 weeks before the vote will be held. Votes will be held at the General Assembly or online if the General Assembly decides to do so. The President can - in agreement with the Managing Committee - ask the General Assembly to vote electronically. In case of electronic voting, the General Assembly can only validly take a decision if at least one tenth of the individual members participate in the ballot. For the election of the Committee members (President, Secretary, Treasurer, DMS), every member shall have one vote. For the election of country representative, each member from that country has one vote. The candidate who obtains the most votes shall be elected; in case of a tied vote, the toss of a coin shall be decisive.

2016

The following change in statutes (Rules 1 and 11) was agreed at the Wageningen General Assembly, 9th of July, 2016 (see November 2016 Newsletter, p. 8)

1. The Association bears the name "International Association for Research in Economic Psychology" (IAREP); in French: "Association Internationale pour la Recherche en la Psychologie Economique"; in German "Internationale Gesellschaft für Forschung in Ökonomischer Psychologie". The legal status of IAREP is a limited company of the United Kingdom, IAREP LTD. Directors of IAREP LTD are a) the IAREP President, b) the IAREP Treasurer, and c) a IAREP member residing in England or Wales who is nominated by the Managing Committee.
2. All ballots are secret. The names of the candidates for office should be contained in the announcement of the ballot. The announcement should be distributed to members at least 4 weeks before the vote will be held. Votes will be held at the General Assembly or online if the General Assembly decides to do so. The President can - in agreement with the Managing Committee - ask the General Assembly to vote electronically. In case of electronic voting, the General Assembly can only validly take a decision if at least one tenth of the individual members participate in the ballot. For the election of the Committee members (President, Secretary, Treasurer), every member shall have one vote. For the election of country representative, each member from that country has one vote. The candidate who obtains the most votes shall be elected; in case of a tied vote, the toss of a coin shall be decisive.

2007

In August 2007 IAREP was constituted as a non-profit making limited company in the UK. The following change in statutes was agreed at the Ljubljana General Assembly, 11th of September, 2007 (see November 2007 newsletter, p.4). Adding a new section after paragraph 4:

4a. Honorary Membership shall be by invitation only. Honorary Membership may be granted to scholars of outstanding eminence and seniority who made significant contributions to the field of economic psychology. Honorary Members shall be nominated by the Managing Committee; nominations need approval with two-third majority in a formal ballot among the Board. The number of Honorary Members shall not normally exceed three per cent of IAREP's regular membership, calculated over the last three years.

Adding a new section after paragraph 12:

12a. Honorary Members are exempted from paying membership fees. The Board can decide on additional benefits for honorary members (e.g., receipt of Journal of Economic Psychology, invitation to the Colloquium), in accordance with the Association's financial situation.

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2001

The following appeared in the Autumn 2001 IAREP newsletter (p. 10): New text for articles 5 and 7 of the statutes (as decided at the Baden General Assembly, 15th of July, 2000). The rest of the statutes will be an English translation of the original IAREP statutes, passed in Linz at 10.2.1986.

5. The Managing Committee is composed of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor of the Journal of Economic Psychology, and, when already appointed, the President-elect. The President represents the association; in financial matters he acts in concert with the Treasurer. The Board of the Association is composed of the above mentioned committee, of one representative for each country in which the association has members and of at most four coopted members. The Board is responsible for the general conduct of the matters of the Association. All members of the Board must be chosen from the Association members.
7. One year before the president's term ends, the General Assembly chooses a new president, who first serves a year as president-elect, then two years as president. When a serving president is re-elected, which can be done once, the position of president-elect remains vacant for that year.