Dear colleagues and members,

The Experimental Finance 2016 is fast approaching and we would like to invite you both to the conference and to the annual meeting of the society. We have included updated information regarding both events below. We are also happy to let you know that our Past President Charles Noussair's presidential address has been published in the Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance (JBEF).

Best regards,

Jürgen Huber, Stefan Palan and Thomas Stöckl

News about the EF 2016

The submission deadline has passed and we have received more than 80 manuscripts, guaranteeing a conference with many new insights and varied topics in the area of experimental finance. The conference's format will closely follow the template of last year's event. One highlight will certainly be the combined wine tasting and conference dinner on Thursday evening.
In the run-up to the early registration deadline of April 8, we already stand at more than 50 registered participants. Please make sure you register prior to April 8 in order to take advantage of the reduced conference fee. The fee will increase by €30 from April 9.

We wish to seize this opportunity and send a brief first "Thank You" to the organizers, Michael Kirchler, Christoph Merkle and Alexandra Niessen-Ruenzi, for the excellent job they are doing.

Invitation and agenda for SEF general assembly

The managing board hereby invites all members of the Society for Experimental Finance to the annual meeting of the general assembly. This meeting will be held on June 8, 2016, 18:20, at Hotel Haus am Weinberg, Oberst-Barrett-Straße 1, 67487 St. Martin, Germany. The agenda will consist of the following points (lines printed in bold require a vote):

1. Opening and welcome
2. Managing director’s report on the year 2015/16
3. Treasurer’s report on the financial situation
4. Report of the auditors
5. Formal approval of the actions of the managing board
6. Amendment of the charter
7. Election of the managing board
8. Election of the auditors
9. Approval of the budget proposal
10. Approval of new scientific board members
11. Election of the incoming president (scientific board)
12. Deliberation about motions addressed to the assembly
13. Any other business
14. Closing of the meeting

Regarding topic 6, the managing board and the scientific board propose to change §14(4,5) of the charter as follows:

§14(4) The incoming president is elected by the members of the scientific board. All member of the scientific board are entitled to stand for election. After one term of office, the incoming president becomes president; after one term of office, the president becomes past president. In case a member retires from the steering committee, the scientific board has to elect another member of the scientific board to take his or her place. Upon initial constitution of the scientific board, both the president and the incoming president are elected immediately.

§14(5) The term of office of the members of the steering committee is two years unless ruled otherwise by the general assembly one year; re-election to the position of incoming president is possible after three terms of office have elapsed since the last election to the position of incoming president of the member in question. In case of a by-election according to § 14 (4), remaining members of the steering committee are also eligi-ble for election to the position to be replaced. Every position on the steering committee has to be exercised personally.
Please also note the provisions in §9(6) of the charter:

"All members may participate in, and all full members vote in, a general assembly. Each full member has one vote. Proxy voting by transferring a vote to another full member via written authorization is permissible. In case of a vote transfer via E-Mail, a copy of the authorization has to be sent to the entire managing board no less than one week prior to the general assembly."

SEF president's address published in JBEF

Marking a premiere in our cooperation with the Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance (JBEF), JBEF has recently published the presidential address of Charles Noussair, SEF president in 2014/15. In his address, Charles discusses the institutionalization of the field and gives a brief overview of the most active and productive research streams in the area. He also offers a few thoughts about possible productive avenues of future research in experimental finance.

Note that with your SEF membership, you have free electronic access to JBEF and can thus access the presidential address (and any other JBEF papers) free of charge.

Call for information about EF paper publications

The SEF website contains a list of papers which were presented at an Experimental Finance conference and which have since been published by a journal. Please be sure to let us know when your own paper was published so we can include it on the website. Simply send us a short mail containing the citation and the year of presentation at an EF conference to office@experimentalfinance.org. We believe that presenting such a list on our website not only helps document the scientific heft of the society, but also increases the visibility of your work.