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Dear colleagues and members,

The Experimental Finance 2014 as the main event in the Society’s year is past and there is a number of news from the meeting of the general assembly. One of them is the election of our first managing board, which will continue the work started by the founders. Jürgen Huber and Stefan Palan continue on as managing director and as secretary, respectively, while Mike Kirchler will continue to serve as the SEF’s conference officer. Thomas Stöckl will be responsible for the Society’s finances.

As predicted in our last newsletter, Elsevier has by now also sent out the login details for the free member access to the Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance. If you have not yet received your login details, that is because you have signed up to the SEF relatively recently. Rest assured that you will receive your login details in short order.

As announced before, the JBEF will publish a special issue containing contributions from the Experimental Finance conference. The call for papers for this special issue is included in this newsletter and is also available from our website. We encourage all members to submit manuscripts to this special issue of our partner journal.

Best regards,

Jürgen Huber, Stefan Palan and Thomas Stöckl

News from the General Assembly 2014
During the Experimental Finance 2014, the SEF held its first meeting of the general assembly (GA). You can find the full minutes attached. A summary of the most relevant news is:

- The GA elected the first managing board. Managing director is Jürgen Huber (University of Innsbruck), Secretary Stefan Palan (University of Innsbruck and University of Graz) and Treasurer Thomas Stöckl (University of Innsbruck).
- The GA elected Adriana Breaban (Tilburg University & University Jaume I) and Tibor Neugebauer (Luxembourg School of Finance) as auditors.
- The SEF’s finances are in order. The proposed budget is expected to yield a small but solid surplus.
- The GA approves the members of the scientific board and elects Martin Weber (University of Mannheim) to Incoming President. He will take over from the current president, Charles Noussair (Tilburg University), in 2015. We also wish to use this opportunity to congratulate Charles on his appointment to Editor of *Experimental Economics*.

**Call for Papers: Special Issue of JBEF**

The *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance* is eliciting submissions for a special issue (SI) with the preliminary title "Behavioral and Experimental Insights into Financial Crises, Contagion and Developments". This SI is primarily intended for papers presented at the Experimental Finance 2014 conference and a second conference (INFINITI 2014). Related papers by other conference attendees or members of the SEF will also be considered. The SI is scheduled to be published in June 2015 and submissions are due by **September 1, 2014**. Earlier submission is encouraged. The SI will be co-edited by Stefan Palan (SEF) and Stefan Zeisberger (organizer of the EF 2014) as well as by the Editor in Chief, Brian Lucey. All further details are provided in the attached call.

**Report from the Experimental Finance 2014**

The Experimental Finance 2014 was a resounding success. With nearly twice as many submissions as in the previous year to choose from, the quality of the 23 presentations was very high. Similarly, the poster-session was well-received. In fact, the interest in the 12 posters was so great that the session had to be extended beyond the scheduled time by another 15
minutes. Yet the highlights were certainly the three keynote lectures by Colin Camerer, Ernst Fehr and David Laibson and the fact that Colin stayed with us for the entire conference.

Apart from the academic program, we are grateful to the local organizers for the excellent environment they chose and created for this event. The Kloster Kappel proved an idyllic retreat which allowed for focusing on the conference topics, while providing the participants with all the amenities of modern technology and a seminar room looking out on a beautiful pond. Everything was well-organized, including the "real program", as one of the organizers put it: The FIFA Soccer World Championship, which kept people up and talking until late into the night.