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Newsletter 2018: Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

It is for me a pleasure to introduce the 6th [COSME](#) Newsletter. In this edition we gather several interesting contributions thanks to the generosity of outstanding researchers.

First, in the invited **Article**, Antonio Cabrales (University College London) offers a summary of his excellent [talk](#) during the 2018 COSME Gender Economic Workshop (COSME-GEW). We learn that, although there are gender differences in negotiation, they do not seem to account for the wage gender gap. If you have no time to read the article, you may want to listen to the [interview](#) he granted to Fundación Ramón Areces during the workshop. Second, we publish the **Interview** to Anandi Mani (University of Oxford). As other women did before, Anandi tells us about her professional career and shares her opinion on the situation of women in academia and on the different policies aimed at increasing their presence in the profession. Anandi was one of the keynote speakers at the workshop where she discussed her research on how poverty directly impedes cognitive function. In the [interview](#) she granted to Fundación Ramón Areces during the workshop she presents some interesting insights about the determinants of poverty and its gender component. Third, we include a very interesting **Report** on the presence of women in university degrees in economics by Pilar Beneito, José E. Boscá, Javier Ferri (Universidad de Valencia) and Manu García (FEDEA). Finally, I am very pleased to announce a new section of our Newsletter: **An Expert's Opinion**. The aim of this section is twofold: contributing to a well-informed discussion of economic issues and increasing the visibility of research led by women. Natalia Fabra (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid) initiates this section with a discussion of some key aspects of the Spanish Electricity Market

As in previous years, our main activity in 2018 was the [COSME-GEW](#) that we celebrated on May 24th and 25th at the headquarters of Fundación Ramón Areces in Madrid. In this edition we received financial support from this institution and from the Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y Jurídicas and the Vicerrectorado de Estudiantes y Responsabilidad Social e Igualdad of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. We want to express our gratitude to these institutions for their financial support. We received 79 submissions. The final [program](#) included a good combination of topics and different methodological approaches that made the COSME-GEW interesting for a wide group of researchers. Besides the keynote lectures mentioned above, a total of nine papers were presented by: Ezgi Kaya (Cardiff Business School), Michela Carlana (Bocconi University), Elisa Keller (University of Exeter) Selma Walther (University of Warwick), Erin Hengel (University of Liverpool), Estefanía Galván (Aix-

Marseille University), Jordi Brandts (IAE), Quentin Lippman (Paris School of Economics) and Pau Balart (Universitat de les Illes Balears). The papers were discussed by experts in the field: Pedro Mira (CEMFI), Irma Clots-Figueras (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid), Diego Restuccia (University of Toronto), Lúdia Farré (Universitat de Barcelona), Miguel Almunia (University of Warwick), Laura Hospido (Banco de España), Pedro Rey (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Carlos Sanz (Banco de España) and Cecilia García-Peñalosa (GREQAM Aix-Marseille).

The 2019 COSME-GEW will take place on May 30th and 31st and the invited keynote speakers are María Guadalupe (INSEAD) and Uta Schönberg (University College London). Those of you who are interested in submitting a paper can find more details in the [Call for Papers](#).

I would like to let you know about recent and immediate changes in the Board of COSME. Raquel Carrasco (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid) and Joan Llull (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) joined the Executive Board in 2018. Cecilia García-Peñalosa (Aix-Marseille Université) and Carolina Villegas (ESADE) would become members of the committee in 2019 as a result of the last elections. I thank them for accepting and I give them my warmest welcome on board. Finally, Rosa Ferrer (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) will be the president in 2019 and Irma Clots-Figueras (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid) will be the vice-president.

To finish this letter, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to all members of the Board for their support and collaboration, and, in particular, to the former president, Matilde Machado (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid) and to the future president Rosa Ferrer (Universitat Pompeu Fabra). It has been a pleasure to work with them. I wish COSME the best for the upcoming years.

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