EAERE Award for the Best Paper Published in Environmental and Resource Economics During 2012

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For the past couple of years the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE) has, at its annual conference, awarded a prize, generously donated by Springer, for the best paper published in the previous calendar year within its journal *Environmental and Resource Economics* (ERE). In determining this award, a panel consisting of the ERE Editor, Ian Bateman, and Associate Editors Hassan Bencheekroun and Christian Vossler, assesses all of the paper published by the journal over the relevant period. We are delighted to announce that the winner of the award for the best paper published in ERE during 2012 is:

John Tschirhart (University of Wyoming) for his paper “Biology as a Source of Non-convexities in Ecological Production Functions”.

This excellent article brings insights from other disciplines into the modelling and economic analyses of species growth functions to demonstrate how, under certain conditions, small increases in harvesting effort can result in the rapid depletion of stocks of important food species. The paper is a superb contribution to the wider literature and the author is congratulated for such a fine achievement.

The panel also identified a considerable number of extremely high quality papers of which the following were highly commended by all three panel members:

Martin Weitzman, “The Ramsey Discounting Formula for a Hidden-State Stochastic Growth Process”;

Mara Thiene, Marco Boeri and Caspar G. Chorus “Random Regret Minimization: Exploration of a New Choice Model for Environmental and Resource Economics”;

Babatunde O. Abidoye and Joseph A. Herriges, “Model Uncertainty in Characterizing Recreation Demand”;

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Stephane Hess and Nesha Beharry-Borg, “Accounting for Latent Attitudes in Willingness-to-Pay Studies: The Case of Coastal Water Quality Improvements in Tobago”.

Each of these papers was identified as representing very substantial contributions to the field of environmental and resource economics and the authors are congratulated for such fine work.

Full references to all papers are provided below.

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