

Call for abstracts

University of Economics, Prague
Department of Environmental Economics

and the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

in co-operation with the Ministries of the Environment
of the Republic of Hungary, of the Republic of Poland, and of the Slovak Republic

are preparing the

10th annual international round table conference

Environmental Economics, Policy and International Environmental Relations

of PhD. students, young scientists and researchers
(up to 39 years of age)

The main goal of the conference is an exchange of views and discussion on selected current problems in the respective areas. The selected presented papers will be published in a peer-reviewed book shortly after the conference (in the English language).

Date of the conference: 13-14 October 2008

Venue: University of Economics, W. Churchilla Square 4, Prague 3

Topics suggested for the 2008 conference:

A) International environmental problems and policy with a special focus on Visegrad countries:

- *Environmental policies of the Visegrad Group countries and its impact on regional state of the environment*
- *Social and economic aspects of the share(s) of the Visegrad Group countries (individually or as a group) in solving principal global environmental issues (climate change, biological diversity, biosafety, ozone layer protection, land degradation, waste management, water, international trade and investments etc.)*

- *Economic, social and political impacts of the European Union sustainable development policy*
- *Impact of the EU environmental legislation on unifying and co-ordinating economic instruments in environmental protection*
- *Structural funds and regional sustainable development in the EU, regional development plans as instruments for support of economic growth and of improvement of the state of the environment in the context of integration process*
- *The role of international multilateral environment treaties in international trade and international economic relations*
- *Relationship between global production, international trade and investments and the environment*
- *Official development assistance as an instrument for balanced promotion of all three pillars of sustainable development*
- *Climate change: socio-economic aspects and international policy*

Theoretical and practical issues of environmental and resource economics and policy:

- *Theory and practice of economic valuation and pricing of the environment*
- *Alternative economic indicators of sustainable development*
- *Public and private expenditures on environmental protection: quantification options, effectiveness, optimization*
- *Free-market solutions to environmental problems; property rights and environmental protection*
- *Competitiveness of biofuel production*
- *Costs and benefits of diversification of non-agricultural activities in rural/agricultural areas*
- *Theoretical and practical issues of environmental tax reform*
- *Voluntary approaches and voluntary agreements in the environmental policy*
- *Environmental policy integration and environmental governance*
- *Qualitative and quantitative analyses of causes and consequences between environmental institutional changes and environmental performance*
- *Long-term history of environmental policy in (selected) countries*

Other topics: Feel free to suggest any other interesting theoretical or/and practical issues of environmental economics and policy in relation to the project you are working on.

During the selecting procedure of the conference presentations and discussion topics, such will be preferred that will seek the solution to and discussion on specific theoretical and practical issues. Descriptive contributions without authors' own comments, opinions and value added will not be accepted. As the steering committee of the conference, during the selection of contributions, can rely only on abstracts sent, please, pay special attention to their quality.

The contributions and presentations may be divided into two categories:

- a) Presentations
- b) Discussion topics

Each category will be limited by time for presentation.

The abstracts:

- Full name(s) of the author(s)
- Affiliation
- Contact address including e-mail
- Text: 300-400 words (in English; MS Word - formats "doc" and "rtf")
- **Deadline: 15 June 2008**
- **Info about presentation acceptance – before 23 June 2008**
- Send by e-mail to: sauer@vse.cz
- If you do not receive a delivery confirmation within 5 working days, please re-send your abstract.

The expected **deadline for sending in the papers is 15 August 2008**. Detailed instructions for elaborating and sending your paper will be distributed together with an announcement about the acceptance of your contribution. The participants will be asked to participate in the peer-reviewing process of the papers. The final selection of papers for publication will be exercised during the conference. The authors will be asked to proof-read the page lay-outs and to sign a statement that the paper has not been published nor submitted for publishing elsewhere.

There is no conference fee.

**Participants pay their travel and accommodation individually.
Small contribution towards covering part of the accommodation costs for participants from CEE (namely from the Visegrad Group countries) and developing countries is possible.**

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