

NEW AT DICE DATABASE

In the fourth quarter of 2007 the DICE Database () received about 140 new entries, consisting partly of updates of existing entries and partly of new topics. One special point was the enlargement of our topic “Natural Environment” with new sub-folders and further tables and graphs on the regulation of environmentally related topics and the state of the natural environment. Some further topics are mentioned below:

- Anti-discrimination Regulation
- Characteristics of International Corporate Governance Systems
- Fiscal Rules
- Mandatory Public Old-age Pension Schemes
- Migration Programmes for Health Workers
- Monetary Unions
- Pension Contribution Rates
- Public Procurement Structures in EU Member Countries
- The Economic Weight of Nations (1–3)
- Vocational Education and Training Systems: Role of the Social Partners
- Wage Replacement in Case of Sickness

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Global Economy

25–26 January 2008, in Munich

CESifo will hold the fourth area meeting for the Global Economy group. The focus of this group will be to explore how the gains from globalisation differ from the gains from trade (accelerated technical progress, global tournaments, increased speed of transactions), the effects of marginalisation and how it operates, the role of culture and local identity, new forms of global institutions and arrangements, and other matters under the globalisation label.

Scientific organiser: John Whalley

Delphi conference

30–31 May 2008, in Munich

CESifo and the Department of International and European Economic Studies (DIEES) at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) will organise a conference on the ques-

tion of “Government, Institutions, and Macroeconomic Performance”. Relevant topics include issues such as: measures of institutional quality; bureaucracy, property rights, corruption and political stability; institutions, investment and growth; economic policy and institutions; sclerosis and reforms; the role of economic integration; globalization and institutional choice; determinants of institutions; and other topics along these lines.

Scientific organisers: Thomas Moutos, George Economides and Peter Egger

European Economic Association

27–31 August 2008, in Milan

Deadline for paper submission: 15 February 2008

International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF)

22–25 August 2008, in Maastricht

Deadline for paper submission: 31 January 2008

American Economic Association Meetings

3–5 January 2009, in San Francisco

Deadline for paper submission: 1 February 2008

NEW BOOKS ON INSTITUTIONS

Handbook of European Financial Markets and Institutions

Xavier Freixas, Philipp Hartmann and Colin Mayer
Oxford University Press, 2008

Institutions and Organizations: Ideas and Interests

W. Richard Scott
Sage Publications, 2008

Controlling Governments: Voters, Institutions, and Accountability

José Maria Maravall and Ignacio Sanchez-Cuenca (eds.)
Cambridge University Press, 2008

How Institutions Evolve: The Political Economy of Skills in Germany, Britain, the United States, and Japan

Kathleen Thelen
Cambridge University Press, 2007