

## NEW AT DICE DATABASE

In the first quarter of 2006 two major additions have been made to the DICE Database (free access: [www.cesifo.de/DICE](http://www.cesifo.de/DICE)).

One is *values* shared by the majority of people in a country. We consider values to be part of the institutional framework which shapes behaviour and decisions of economic agents. The values we report about in DICE have been identified by way of surveys, conducted by World Values Survey. The tables about values can be found under *Basic Country Characteristics/Population* (and, of course, also by help of the search function).

The other major addition consists of the results of the recent *PISA study* (to be found under *Education*). Moreover, the growing inventory of the DICE Database (more than 1800 entries at present) has been – and is being – continuously updated.

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

### Global Economy

Munich, 7 – 8 April 2006

This is the third area meeting for CESifo's Global Economy group. Topical questions are how the gains from globalisation differ from those from trade, causes and effects of marginalisation, the role of culture and local identity, new forms of global institutions and arrangements.

Scientific organiser: John Whalley

### Public Sector Economics

Munich, 21 – 23 April 2006

This CESifo Area Conference provides an overview of the current research undertaken by members of the Public Sector Economics area of the CESifo network. Its objective is to stimulate interaction and cooperation between them. All CESifo research network members are invited to submit papers.

Scientific organiser: Frederick van der Ploog

### Munich Economic Summit

Munich, 4 – 5 May 2006

The Summit, jointly organised by the CESifo Group Munich and the BMW Foundation Herbert

Quandt, will address the challenges posed to Europe by the new global division of labour.

### Employment and Social Protection

Munich, 26 – 27 May 2006

This CESifo Area Conference gives CESifo members the opportunity to present and discuss their ongoing research. All CESifo research network members are invited to submit papers.

Scientific organiser: Kai A. Konrad

### Global Economic Imbalances: Prospects and Remedies

Munich, 2 – 3 June 2006

The issues to be treated at the fourth CESifo-Delphi Conference (second part) include the role of the euro in a changing international environment, the viability of the US current account deficit, multilateral exchange rate regimes and policy coordination, financial and exchange rate crises, the role of currency and trading blocs.

Scientific organisers: Helge Berger, Thomas Moutos and Sarantis Kalyvitis

### CESifo Venice Summer Institute 2006

Venice, Italy, Island of San Servolo,  
17 – 22 July 2006

CESifo will host its seventh Summer Institute in Venice, bringing together international economists working on economic policy topics for workshops, panel meetings and discussion.

## New Books

### European Merger Control

Fabienne Ilzkovitz (ed.)  
Edward Elgar, 2006

### Institutional Economics and Fishery Management

Elizabeth H. Petersen  
Edward Elgar, 2006

### Intellectual Property Rights and the EC Competition Rules

Valentine Korah  
Hart Publishing, 2006

**Labour Market Adjustments in Europe**

Julian Messina (ed.)

Edward Elgar, 2006

**Financial Institutions and Services**

Robert S. Uh (ed.)

Nova Publishers, 2005

**Stability- and Growth-Pact – Experience and Future Aspects**

F. Breuss (ed.)

Springer, 2005