

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to invite your participation in the upcoming **Kuhmo-Nectar Conference on Transport Economics 2010**, which shall take place **8-9 July 2010 in Valencia, Spain**. Researchers in the area are invited to submit their papers for this event. The conference is accompanied by a Summer School with a faculty comprising a range of the most prominent researchers in transport economics.

The aim of the Conference is to promote scientific excellence in the field of **transport economics** and to provide a forum for stimulating scientific exchange. As an applied field, transport economics intersects with a variety of fields within economics such as microeconomics, public economics, behavioural economics, transport engineering, econometrics, urban and regional economics, political economy, labour economics, industrial organisation, and more. Papers within all specialisations are welcome. Specific topics of interest include, but are not limited to, transport investment and funding, congestion pricing, time and risk, agglomeration effects, valuation of intangibles, aviation, competition, privatisation etc.

Selected papers will be encouraged for consideration as part of a special issue of one of the top journals in the field, which we will negotiate with journal editors. In addition, two awards will be presented at the conference: one for the best paper by a senior researcher and another one for the best paper by a junior researcher. There will be also special sessions dedicated to specific topics which will be financed by a limited number of grants. At this stage we are able to announce that there will be some grants available for a special session on political economy of pricing and investment.

The Conference is the first event organised by the **International Transport Economics Association**. The Conference is the successor of two highly successful series of conferences: the previous Kuhmo Nectar Conference (Kuhmo, Finland 2006; Urbino, Italy 2007; Amsterdam, The Netherlands 2008, Copenhagen, Denmark 2009) and the International Conference on Funding Transportation Infrastructure (Banff, Canada 2006; Leuven, Belgium 2007; Paris, France 2008, Minneapolis, USA 2009). The joint Kuhmo-Nectar Conference on Transport Economics 2010 provides a venue for gathering the world's best within the field of transport economics.

The three-day **Summer School** is held on **5-7 July**, just before the Conference. It provides a condensed programme giving an introduction to academic research in transport economics including recent advances. The faculty in 2009 included: Alex Anas, Richard Arnott, André de Palma, Mogens Fosgerau, Amihai Glazer, Robin Lindsey, Nathalie Picard, Stef Proost, Kenneth Small, Erik Verhoef and Anming Zhang. Participants are free to follow the summer school, the conference, or both.

The Conference and the Summer School are hosted by the Department of Economic Analysis and the Interdisciplinary Research Network on Social and Economic Behaviour (ERI-CES) at the University of Valencia. **The venue of the conference is the Fundació Universitat-Empresa (ADEIT)**, located in the heart of Valencia's historic downtown.

The conference and summer school website is: <http://www.kuhmonectar.org>

The website for submission of abstracts (Jan. 1 – April 2, 2010) is:
<http://conferences.dtu.dk/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=40>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at:
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With kind regards, Kuhmo-Nectar Conference on Transport Economics 2010 and Summer School.

Pedro Cantos-Sánchez, chair of the Local Organizing Committee

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