CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE

THE FIRST DECADE OF EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

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By the end of 2008, the European Central Bank will celebrate its first decade as the institution responsible for the single monetary policy in the euro area. European monetary union is a singular event, but it is only the most visible element of the grand project of European integration whose roots can be traced back to the 1960 Treaty of Rome. The Viessmann European Research Centre at Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada, and the Chair of Monetary Economics at the Westfälische Wilhelms-University of Münster, Germany, are organizing a conference on the developments and lessons for Europe and regions elsewhere in the world, from European integration. We are interested in papers that evaluate the experience with European Monetary Union, the prospects of greater monetary integration spreading to other parts of the world, the problems associated with harmonizing fiscal policy conducted by sovereign states in an area with a single monetary policy, the prospects for the euro as a leading reserve currency, the challenges in expanding the adoption of the single currency to more countries, obstacles to future EU expansion and integration, as well as political-economy issues that emerge in a region with a single currency but within a loose political union.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

LOCATION: The workshop will take place on May 29, 2008, at the University of Münster, Germany.

TOPICS: Any papers that fit the themes outlined above will be considered for presentation.

EXPENSES: Expenses for travel (economy class round-trip) and accommodation will be partially covered for speakers and discussants.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION: Only complete research papers (electronic MS Word or pdf versions only) should be sent by December 1, 2007 to: Pierre L. Siklos, Email: psiklos@wlu.ca.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent by January 15, 2008.

Authors should confirm their participation by February 1, 2008.

WEBSITE: More detailed information on the workshop will be available soon at http://www.wlu.ca/viessmann.