

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing this letter to invite you to participate in the WEA International's **90th Annual Conference**, to be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki (Honolulu, Hawaii), June 28-July 2, 2015.

Please consult the WEA website (www.weai.org) for details and deadlines. If, HOWEVER, you plan to participate in this conference **and if your paper is applied in nature (especially if there is a strong policy implication)**, may I suggest that you consider participating in our **Applied Policy Studies (APS)** sessions? Being part of the APS sessions has several advantages. First, it is listed as an invited/organized session. The paper submission fee is waived, and all participants in our sessions pay the member registration fee (\$170), regardless of whether you are a member (a potential saving of up to \$120), students register at \$85 (saving up to \$75). Of course, all participants are eligible for a waiver of submission fees if submitted to *Contemporary Economic Policy* or *Economic Inquiry* within 6 months of the conference.

If you are affiliated with an Institution member (<http://www.weai.org/membershipinstitutional2.html>), you get another 20% discount. There are other benefits also. It may be worthwhile to get your University/Institution to join the WEA as an Institution member.

The APS sessions will cover almost all aspects of economics. The papers should have significant policy implications or are applied in nature.

If you are interested, please e-mail me (jack.hou@csulb.edu) the following:

1. Name and affiliation;
2. Address, phone/fax, **e-mail**;
3. Title of the Paper (including 3 sets of JEL classification codes);
4. Brief abstract (no more than 350 words);
5. Areas willing to serve as Discussant (JEL codes would help).
6. Preference on Date/Time (e.g., 6/30, late AM **Be as flexible as possible please**)

I would also like to ask you to serve as a discussant, so as to share your expertise and enhance the exchange of ideas. I will try my best to assign you to papers consistent with your interest. This will be done after the preliminary sessions are completed, and I will e-mail you for your preference.

I would like to set the deadline for 1/9/2015 (Friday). If you are interested in organizing a complete session (with chair/presenters/discussant), may I have the full session setup sheet by 2/20/15? And, if you need any assistant (in putting together your complete sessions), please don't hesitate to let me know. Please let me know in advance regarding how many sessions and time slots desired, so I can reserved them for you.

If you have already submitted a proposal to the WEA, but would like to (instead) be in one of the APS sessions, just let me know and I will ask the WEA to transfer you to me. If you have not sent anything to the WEA, then simply send your information to me, and NOT to the WEA (to avoid double-counting).

For those of you who attended the 89th annual conference (in Denver) or will be attending the Pacific Rim Conference at Wellington (New Zealand), thanks for your support and hope you enjoyed it. Honolulu, Hawaii, needs no introduction, and I know many of you will make a family vacation out of this trip, and what an idea. The Hilton Hawaiian Village is right on Waikiki Beach, with tons of restaurants both inside and surrounding the hotel, and it is at the center of the shopping area also; you will absolutely love it!

Again, thanks for your support. Best wishes,



Jack W. Hou
Coordinator of APS sessions