

CALL FOR PAPERS

14th Conference of the

International Association for the Economics of Participation (IAFEP)

**Hamilton College
(Clinton, New York)**

July 15-17 2008

The **International Association for the Economics of Participation (IAFEP)** is dedicated to exploring the economics of democratic and participatory economic organizations, such as labor-managed firms, cooperatives and firms with broad-based employee share-ownership, profit-sharing and worker participation schemes, as well as democratic nonprofit, community and social enterprises. The **IAFEP Conferences**, which take place every two years, provide an international forum for the presentation and debate of current research and scholarship on the economics of participation. For additional information about the IAFEP, see our website: <http://ocean.st.usm.edu/~w300388/index.html>

The **major themes of the 2008 conference** will be:

- The incidence of democratic economic organizations in industrialised, transition and developing economies
- The effects on firm performance (productivity, profitability, investment, employment, and compensation) of various forms of financial and decision-making participation
- The creation, growth and survival of employee-owned firms
- The development and (in)stability of employee share ownership in conventional firms
- The evolution of employee ownership in transition economies
- Participation and discriminated or marginalised groups
- Issues facing expanding and transnational employee-owned firms

As in past IAFEP conferences, presentations in the following areas are welcome:

- Worker participation
- Self-management, labor-managed firms
- Employee ownership
- Co-determination
- Cooperatives
- Profit sharing and stock options
- Employee involvement programs (self-directed teams, quality circles, works councils)
- Economic and industrial democracy
- Community and social enterprises.

Call for Papers

Submissions are invited from all relevant fields of study including comparative economic systems, industrial and labor economics, organisational studies, management studies, economic sociology, institutional economics, evolutionary economics, development economics and studies of economies in transition. We also invite proposals for complete sessions.

Abstracts (max. 400 words) in English should be sent by e-mail to iafep08@hamilton.edu or by post to Jeffrey Pliskin, Department of Economics, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY 13323 by **April 1, 2008**. Abstracts should include full details of institutional affiliations and e-mail and postal addresses. Proposals for complete sessions should include a brief description of the theme of the session and an abstract for each paper.

Horvat-Vanek Prize

The Horvat-Vanek prize is awarded every two years for a research paper of exceptional quality written by a young scholar in one of the areas of interest to IAFEP. The prize, of a value of US\$ 1,000, will be awarded during the conference.

In order to be considered for the prize, researchers and doctoral students aged 35 or under should submit one research paper in English (maximum length 10,000 words) by **May 15, 2008** to iafep08@hamilton.edu. Please include your institutional affiliation and an abstract, and indicate clearly on the paper that you wish it to be considered for the Horvat-Vanek prize (the recipient will be requested to provide a passport or other official evidence of their date of birth in order to receive the prize).

Conference Dates

The conference will consist of full day sessions on July 15th and July 16th and a half-day session on July 17th. There will be an informal reception during the evening of July 14th.

Registration and Accommodations

Detailed information on registration (including fees) and local accommodations will be available on the conference website when it is operational in late January. Participants will be able to stay in Hamilton College dorm rooms, local bed and breakfast inns, and nearby hotels.

Participants from Developing and Transition Economies and Students.

A small amount of **funding** is available for participants from developing and transition economies and students. Details about how to apply for these funds will be available on the conference website when it is operational in late January.