As President of the International Economic Association (IEA) and Program Chair of the 17th World Congress of the IEA, we invite you to submit a paper to the contributed sessions of this triennial congress, jointly organized with The Columbia University Middle East Research Center (CUMERC), that will take place at the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center (KHBTCC), on the Dead Sea, Jordan, from Friday June 6 to Tuesday June 10, 2014.

The 2014 IEA World Congress will be a unique academic event which, in addition to the daily keynote lectures, numerous policy sessions and the many invited sessions, will host the latest and most engaging research in Any Field in economics in the many contributed sessions. The Congress will provide an excellent forum to present one's own research results. This is why we warmly encourage each of you to submit a paper for the congress and make a note of the following dates –

- August 1 2013 Paper Submission Opens
- October 31 PST 2013 Paper Submission Closes
- January 31 2014 Notification of Paper Acceptance
- March 15 2014 Early Registration Deadline

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) are doing a great job to ensure that the 2014 IEA World Congress will run smoothly and in the best possible way. The Seventeenth World Congress will be held at the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center (KHBTCC), on the Dead Sea, Jordan. The Center nestles on the eastern shores of the Dead Sea at the heart of the Jordan Rift Valley. The Dead Sea is the lowest body of water on earth, the lowest point on earth, and the world's richest source of natural salts. One of the most spectacular natural and spiritual landscapes in the world; the Jordanian east coast of the Dead Sea has evolved into a major hub of both religious, health and wellness tourism in the region. The Dead Sea is 45 minutes away from Amman, the capital city of Jordan and is close to historical tourist attractions such as Petra (one of the Seven Wonders of the World), the Roman ruins in the city of Jerash, and the Baptism Site, to name a few. It is a good idea to stay for an extra few days after the Congress to unwind in this most beautiful place.

Further scientific and logistical details of IEA Jordan 2014 are available at the congress website – www.iea-world.com

We look forward to meeting you all in Jordan!

With our best wishes,

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