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FIRST INFORMATION LETTER

Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics (MSSE)

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

First Summer School

“Imperfect Markets, New Economic Geography and Spatial Economics”

Nizhny Novgorod, July 16-28, 2012

First Summer School “Imperfect Markets, New Economic Geography and Spatial Economics” will be organized by the Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics, Higher School of Economics.

The Summer School agenda includes:

- Space in the Imperfect Market Theory and Trade
- Urban Economics
- Regional Economic Development
- Migration
- Economic Growth and Income Inequality

The main goal of Summer School is to familiarize participants with modern research in these fields and give an opportunity to participate in research projects of MSSE.

The participants will have an opportunity to present their research and get feedback from experts.

Confirmed keynote speakers are: Jacques-Francois Thisse (Academic Advisor of MSSE, CORE, Université catholique de Louvain), Shlomo Weber (Southern Methodist University, NES), Michael Alexeev (Indiana University), Natalia Volchkova (CEFIR, NES), Natalia Turdyeva (NES), Tatiana Michailova (MSSE, NES), Alexei Savvateev (NES), Volodimir Vakhitov (KEI), Evgeniy Zhelobodko (MSSE, NSU), Sergey Kokovin (MSSE, Sobolev Institute of Mathematics of the Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Science), Evgeniya Kolomak (MSSE, Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering of the Siberian Branch of the RAS), Sergey Afontsev (Institute of World Economy and International Relations of Russian Academy of Science).

MSSE announces competition for participation in the First Summer School “Imperfect Markets, New Economic Geography and Spatial Economics”. All expenditures (travel costs and accommodation) will be covered with grants of MSSE for winners of competition.

Dates: July 16th- 28th

Residence: Nizhny Novgorod

Working Language: English, Russian

Number of grants: 15

Conditions of Competition

Researchers, faculty members and PhD students from Russian Educational and Research Universities as well as master students interested in doing research in scientific fields of MSSE are invited for the competition. Good background in mathematics and economics and a working level of English (Intermediate level or higher) are the necessary conditions for participation.

Application form includes:

1. Motivation Letter (clarifying of applicant's aim for participation - improving research skills, starting research, developing educational course etc.). It shouldn't exceed more than 1 page.
2. Completed Research or full paper OR Description of Draft Research OR solutions of at least two problems (these options are chosen by applicant). Description of Research should include Motivation, Literature Review and Preliminary Results. The topic of Research must be close to the Agenda of Summer School. Description of Research shouldn't be more than 3 pages. Solutions of problems should be detailed (incomplete solutions are also allowed).
3. CV (including education, affiliation, List of publications, level of English, e-mail, phone number)

Application forms are accepted in *.pdf format (preferable) or MS Word 97- 2003.

Problems can be downloaded from [here](#).

These documents should be sent on ces.hse@gmail.com with subject of letter "Application forms" till June 15th.

Motivation Letter and CV should be written both in English and Russian, Description of Research and Solutions of Problems might be written in Russian only.

Results of Competition Procedure will be announced till June 30th.

Further information you can find on the page of the [First Summer School "Imperfect Markets, New Economic Geography and Spatial Economics"](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the coordinator of Summer School - Dmitry Pokrovsky dm.pokrovsky@gmail.com