



Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

CALL FOR PAPERS

4th Annual Conference on “Railroad Industry Structure, Competition and Investment”

October 19th-21st, 2006
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

Submission Deadline: May 31, 2006

We invite interested scholars and others to participate in the *4th Annual Conference on Railroad Industry Structure, Competition, and Investment* to be held at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain, October 19th-21st, 2006.

This conference is jointly organized by the **Institut D’Economie Industrielle (IDEI)** at Toulouse, the **Transportation Center** at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, the **Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)** in London, the **Department of Economics of the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M)** and the **Department of Applied Economics of the Universidad de Las Palmas (ULPGC)**.

This is an international forum open to professional economists, policymakers and managers. Research on the railroad industry around the world will be presented and discussed. We will compare experiences across countries, analyse some of the industry main problems, debate theoretical issues and discuss case studies. We encourage participation of scholars and practitioners interested in railroad economics and related fields, such as regulatory and industrial economics, productivity analysis, finance or labour economics.

The First Railroad Conference was held in Toulouse in 2003 and focused on the restructuring of the European passenger rail network. The Second Conference in 2004, at Evanston, emphasized the restructuring of freight railroad services. The Third Conference in 2005 at Stockholm was devoted to the comparative analysis of railroad systems. **The Fourth Conference will focus on the development of high speed networks, the overall role of the railroad industry as a tool**

for **regional development and questions of intermodality**, although submissions related to other aspects of the analysis of the railroad industry are also welcome.

Submission of Papers

If you would like to submit a paper, please send **in pdf format**:

- **the attached “speaker response form”**
- **a long abstract of the paper or, preferably a draft of the paper.**

All proposals must reach by email Philippe Gagnepain (Philippe@eco.uc3m.es) by May 31, 2006.

Selection of Papers

Papers will be selected by a Scientific Committee that includes Ronald Braeutigam (Northwestern U.), Guido Friebel (IDEI), Robert Gallamore (Northwestern U.), Marc Ivaldi (IDEI), Gerard McCullough (Minnesota), Chris Nash (University of Leeds), John Panzar (Northwestern), Russell Pittman (U.S. Department of Justice), Ginés de Rus (ULPGC), Jean Tirole (IDEI), and the members of the Organizing Committee: Alvaro Escribano (UC3M), Philippe Gagnepain (UC3M), Diego Moreno (UC3M) and Javier Campos (ULPGC).

The program and list of presenters will be confirmed and written notification will be send to presenters by **July 28th, 2006**. Submissions of full papers/presentations are then due no later than **September 29th, 2006**.

We will cover registration, accommodation and travel expenses for one speaker per selected paper, according to our budget guidelines, which will be communicated upon acceptance.

Pre-Registration for Non-presenters

Any individual wishing to participate in the Conference but not intending to submit a paper is asked to express his/her interest in attending by completing and returning the attached **Pre-Registration Form**.

On-line registration for conference attendance will be available from **July 1st, 2006 to September 28th, 2006**. Pre-registrants will be asked to confirm their registration at that time. The registration fee for non-speaker participants will be 200 Euros. The fee is meant to cover the cost of meals and material that we provide.

Updated information will be available at the conference website:

<http://www.eco.uc3m.es/english/agenda/index.html>

We hope you will be able to join us for an intellectually challenging conference, with potentially significant academic, strategic, and policy outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

The Organizing Committee
