The 23rd Conference on Postal and Delivery Economics
June 3-6, 2015
Amarilión Hotel, Vouliagmeni Athens, Greece
Abstracts Due: December 12, 2014

Papers are invited from researchers and practitioners, including academic and research economists, and staff and managers in postal administrations and express carriers working on economic issues. Possible topics include:

- Universal Service Obligation
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Scale and Productivity
- Privatization and commercialization
- Retail/Processing Network Redesign
- Competitive Postal Markets
- Delivery Alternatives
- Settlements and terminal dues
- Demand for postal services
- Electronic competition
- Labor economics
- Transition from monopoly to competition
- Financial viability
- Antitrust and competition policy
- Parcel Markets
- Legislative reform
- New services
- Innovation and Diversification

Sponsors of the 22nd Conference on Postal and Delivery Economics, June 4-7, 2014 Grand Hotel Villa Tuscolana, Frascati, Italy, were: Royal Mail; Poste Italiane; bpost; R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company; United Parcel Service; La Poste; Citizens Advice; CTT Correios de Portugal; Pitney Bowes; U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission; Itella Corporation; ANACOM; ARCEP; Deutsche Post DHL; FedEx Express; FTI; NERA Economic Consulting; Swiss Post; Copenhagen Economics; Oxera; Canadian Union of Postal Workers; Commission for Communications Regulation; Venable LLP; Frontier Economics; London Economics; National Association of Letter Carriers; Accent; An Post; Communication Workers Union; Covington & Burling; BIEK; Diversified Specifics; Escher Group; K&L Gates LLP; New Zealand Post Limited; GrayHair Advisors; IBM Global Business Services; SLS Consulting, Inc.; Bird & Bird LLP; and Swiss Economics.

A book is planned, arising from the Conference, edited by the Academic Directors of the Program, Professor Michael A. Crew and Professor Timothy Brennan. Authors of papers selected for the program will be advised on the prospects of publication in the conference volume once an agreement is reached with a publisher.

To be considered for the Conference, abstracts should be submitted by email to Michael Crew at mcrew@business.rutgers.edu and Timothy Brennan at brennan@umbc.edu. The abstract should be submitted based on the Instructions below following the submission form. Please complete the abstract submission form and send it containing your abstract. Abstracts should be received by **December 12, 2014**. There is no guarantee that abstracts received after the deadline of December 12th will be considered. Abstracts submitted by the deadline will be prescreened by Drs. Michael Crew and Timothy Brennan. Include your name and title of the paper on the abstract and use MS Word format and indicate your last name plus “Abstract” in the email subject box. All abstracts will receive a personal acknowledgement within a few days. **If an acknowledgment has not been received within 48 hours please let us know** immediately by calling (973)353-5761 or via e-mail at crri@business.rutgers.edu.

If your paper is selected, you will be responsible for payment of the conference registration fee. Dr. Crew will inform you of the Committee’s decision in January 2014. Complete papers selected for the program are due **April 30, 2015**, so that the papers will be available to the participants prior to the Conference.

**Acceptance of any abstract automatically registers the lead author for the Conference.** All participants, including persons presenting papers, must register for the Conference and are required to pay the registration fee, except for a limited number of persons from approved sponsoring organizations. The registration fee for authors presenting papers is $1,390 provided payment is received by **February 20, 2015**. After this date the registration fee will be for the full-rate of $1,565. A no-cancellation policy is applicable to lead authors of accepted papers, unless we are notified prior to the abstract submission deadline. All participants are required to cover the cost of their travel, lodging, food, and other expenses. In the case of full-time faculty of colleges and universities selected for the program, an honorarium plus support for registration and lodging may be available.

Persons interested in presenting papers that need additional information should contact Michael A. Crew at mcrew@business.rutgers.edu or 973-353-5049.
ABSTRACT: 23rd Conference on Postal and Delivery Economics, June 3-6, 2015, Vouliagmeni Athens, Greece

Please complete this form with your abstract and email to mcrew@business.rutgers.edu and brennan@umbc.edu. Please duplicate the form as necessary for additional abstracts or additional co-authors. Please be sure to include all of the following information.

Paper Title:
Attach abstract, not to exceed two typed, double-spaced pages.

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* Author 1 will receive all correspondence regarding the paper. If there are more than 2 authors, please attach additional pages as needed to provide information on further authors.

** Food and Lodging are not covered by the registration fee or sponsorship. These will be paid directly to the hotel.
Instructions for Submitting Abstracts to the 20th Conference on Postal and Delivery Economics

Abstracts presented by the deadline of **December 12, 2014** will be prescreened by Drs. Michael Crew and Timothy Brennan. You will hear from Dr. Crew or Dr. Brennan the result of the prescreening process within a few days from submission. If you do not hear within two days, please contact crri@business.rutgers.edu immediately. **Include your name on the abstract in MS Word format. Please submit to mcrew@business.rutgers.edu and brennan@umbc.edu.**

Please include your last name plus “Abstract” in the subject box.

1. Abstracts should be long enough to explain what the author(s) plan(s) to achieve but not so long that reviewers will be disinclined to read them. For most people this translates into 200-400 words excluding title and references.

2. Abstracts should be informative but not detailed.

3. Abstracts should indicate (not necessarily in this order):
   - The objectives of the paper
   - The approach of the paper. (This would include methodology. For example, whether it uses econometrics, case studies or other approaches to validation.) When the paper relies on a data analysis, a clear statement as to the nature of the data and its availability in a timely fashion is important to judging the acceptability of the paper.
   - Ways in which the contribution(s) of the paper are original. (These could include a contribution to theory or empirical knowledge or an important domain of application in practice.) Where the contribution is clarified by reference to earlier literature, do so, but there is no requirement for extensive references.
   - Whether or not it is related to previous Conference papers by the author(s) or others.
   - Why the paper is likely to be interesting? (For example, the likely implications that the approach will have for policy.) To whom it is likely to be of interest? (E.g. applied micro theorists, consumer advocates, PO management, regulators, et al.).
   - Why the paper is timely?


Those not meeting the criteria will either be given the opportunity to revise their proposed abstracts or will be informed that their abstracts are not going to be considered by the Program Committee when it meets. Abstracts arriving after the deadline cannot be guaranteed consideration by the Committee.

These Instructions are intended to encourage authors to think carefully about their proposed paper at an early stage. This not only enhances the chances of its being selected by the Committee for presentation, but also increases the probability that it will ultimately be published.

Any questions regarding these instructions should be addressed in the first instance to Michael Crew at mcrew@business.rutgers.edu or by phone 973-353-5049.