



ANNOUNCEMENT

Jean-Jacques Laffont passed away in Toulouse on May 1, 2004. He was one of the outstanding economists of his generation.

The Institut D'Economie Industrielle (IDEI) is organizing a **Conference in tribute to Jean-Jacques Laffont**. A feast of good economics and warm memories, the conference will emphasize frontier research and will be hosted at the University of Toulouse on June 30 and July 1-2, 2005.

The Conference program will be assembled by a Scientific Committee chaired by Jean Tirole (IDEI) and composed of Kenneth Arrow (Stanford University), Jerry Green (Harvard University), Richard Kihlstrom (University of Pennsylvania) and Guy Laroque (INSEE-CREST).

The conference features:

- **Plenary Lectures** and **Invited Sessions** will illustrate the balance of rigor and relevance that Jean-Jacques Laffont exemplified. Pierre-André Chiappori (University of Chicago), David Martimort (University of Toulouse), Eric Maskin (Princeton University), Steve Morris (Yale University) and Ariel Pakes (Harvard University) will give the plenary lectures. Philippe Aghion (Harvard University), Roland Benabou (Princeton University), Drew Fudenberg (Harvard University), Jerry Hausman (MIT), Matthew Jackson (California Institute of Technology), Thomas Palfrey (Princeton University), Andrew Postlewaite (University of Pennsylvania) and Mark Rosenzweig (Harvard University) have already agreed to organize and chair invited sessions.
- **The Toulouse Roundtables on Economic Policy** on July 1, 2005 will honor Jean-Jacques Laffont's many contributions to public policy in developed and emerging countries: leading academics or former academics involved in policy making at the highest level will debate current issues. Speakers will include Tony Atkinson (Oxford University), François Bourguignon (World Bank), Peter Diamond (MIT), Stanley Fischer (Citigroup; tbc), Martin Hellwig (Max Planck Institute & German Monopolies Commission), Michael Katz (University of California Berkeley), Lars-Hendrik Röller (WZB and EU DG Competition), Nick Stern (UK Treasury) and John Vickers (Oxford University & Office of Fair Trading).
- **Contributed sessions** will take place on June 30 and July 2. Scholars may either contribute papers individually or propose an entire session composed of three or four papers. Please see the attached call for papers to submit a paper or a session before **15 February 2005**.

- A Conference dinner on July 1 will give us the opportunity to share memories of a great economist, an exceptional man and a dear friend.

Registration: On line registration at <http://forums.univ-tlse1.fr/laffont/> no later than **April 30, 2005**. The waivable registration fee of 220 euros (see website for details) covers lunches, coffee breaks and the Conference dinner. Residual profits, if any, of the Conference will be transferred to the Association Jean-Jacques Laffont (<http://jilaffont.org/>).

Looking forward to meeting you in Toulouse,

The organizers,
Christian Gollier and Marc Ivaldi.