

Dear colleagues and friends,

We have not yet met in Ottawa to our 7th Annual Conference of the International Association of Sports Economists (IASE) and time is already running fast for the planning of the 8th meeting. As you might have noticed by the last newsletter of IASE, the 2006 conference will be jointly held by IASE and the Arbeitskreis Sportökonomie (AK), the Association of German-Speaking Sports Economists, at the Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany, organized by the Department of Sport Management at the School of Sport Science.

Since the Annual Meeting and General Assembly of the AK will already take place this week end, April 22-23, 2005, Prof. Marie-Luise Klein (Head of our department) and me will have to propose a date for the 2006 conference for approval by the members of AK.

So far, we scheduled May 4-5, 2006 with roughly the following programme: Thursday, 14 – 18 h: Key Note Sessions, 18 – 23 h: General Assemblies & Come Together Friday, 9 – 18.15 h: Call for Paper Sessions & Closing, 19.30 – 23 Uhr: City dinner

Saturday: individual leisure activities / optional group offers (among others: Bundesliga matches of FC Schalke 04, BVB Dortmund, or 1.FC Cologne)

Before taking more or less final decisions at the AK meeting we would like to ask you beforehand whether you see major obstacles to this scheduling. If so (and only if), we would be thankful for a quick reply to consider your opinion in the (possible) debate at the AK General Assembly.

However, we have checked potential overlaps with other relevant (international) conferences, seminars etc. and there aren't any. Furthermore, it is close enough to FIFA World Cup (June 9 – July 9, 2006) to benefit from the high general interest in sports economics in the run up to this mega event, but not too close to avoid problems of hotel room reservation and other congestions. We also coordinated our planning with Prof. Wladimir Andreff (president of IASE) who agreed with us on those issues.

The planned main subject is "New Perspectives in Sports Economics" (see the last IASE newsletter, more details will be presented in Ottawa and the next newsletter) because some really new debates are currently going on in field as the discipline grows and leaves the pioneer phase of its development. By the way, in 2006, we will be "celebrating", so to say, the 50th anniversary of sports economics if we take the seminal paper of Simon Rottenberg (1956) as the "birth" of our field. Of course, we are also planning a key note (panel) session on the World Cup since it is the opportunity for the conference to take place in Germany.

I am very much looking forward to seeing some or hopefully most of you in June in Ottawa.

Best wishes to all of you,
Markus

P.S.: Sorry, if you receive this message several times or if you feel annoyed by it. For simplicity, I just copied all possibly relevant e-mail addresses together I could grab from other circular e-mails of colleagues.

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