

RECENT NEW ENTRIES TO THE DICE DATABASE

In June, July and August 2003 the DICE database received about 100 new or up-dated tables and charts. The main topics have been the following:

- Employment injuries
- Lost working days due to strikes
- Temporary employment, foreign labour force
- Labour costs and net income
- Public, private and total expenditures for different sectors of health-care
- Expenditures for health research
- Social assistance, specifically for maternity
- Government budget balances, cyclically adjusted, primary balance, net lending
- Organisation of government levels: vertical institutional set-up
- Educational Attainment

OECD HEALTH PROJECT

After the database "OECD Health Data" which is annually updated has become an established source for researchers interested in questions of health economics in a country-comparative perspective (see DICE Report 1/2003, Rubric News), the OECD has started the "OECD Health Project".

This research project will focus on

- institutional and incentive characteristics
- questions of regulation and self-regulation
- equity issues
- and on performance assessment

of existing national health-care systems.

The first phase of the project is scheduled to be terminated in 2004.
(www.oecd.org)

CONFERENCES

CESifo Economic Studies Conference on
"Migration and the Welfare State"
November 7–8, 2003, Munich

The Conference will focus on the interrelations between migration and the various ingredients of the welfare state (old age security, public education, income maintenance programs, etc.). Keynote

lectures will be given by Robert Holzmann from the World Bank and Hans-Werner Sinn from CESifo.

CESifo-Delphi Conference on
"Designing the New EU"
November 14–15, 2003, Munich
June, 4–5, 2004, Delphi, Greece

The CESifo-Delphi Conferences work as a two-stage process, dealing with the design of the new EU. Authors of accepted papers will be invited to give short presentations at a workshop meeting in Munich. Selected authors are then invited to present (possibly revised) versions of their papers at a conference meeting in Delphi.

CESifo Conference on
"Schooling and Human Capital Formation in the Global Economy"
September 3–4, 2004, Munich

The Conference, jointly organised by CESifo and the Program on Education Policy and Governance (PEPG) of Harvard University, will focus on the possible equity-efficiency tradeoff in education, with a special focus on the role of school systems for human capital formation in the global economy. Invited papers will be presented by Eric Hanushek (Stanford), Stephen Machin (LSE), Thomas Nechyba (Duke), and Hessel Oosterbeek (Amsterdam).

For further information about CESifo Conferences see: www.cesifo.de.

RONALD COASE INSTITUTE

Workshop on
"Institutional Analysis",
December 6–11, 2003, Sao Paulo, Brazil

and Conference on
"Promoting Institutional Reforms in Latin America",
December 12–13, 2003, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
(www.coase.org)

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR NEW INSTITUTIONAL ECONOMICS (ISNIE)

organises a session on
"Developments in Institutional Economics"
within the annual meeting of the Allied Social Science Association (ASSA),
January 2004, San Diego, California.
(www.isnie.org)

**THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL ON NEW
INSTITUTIONAL ECONOMICS (ESNIE)**

announces its next spring school for May 2–8, 2004.
(www.esnie.org)

PUBLICATIONS

The Legal Scholarship Network (LSN)

announces the splitting of the existing journal
“Law & Humanities/Legal History” into two separate daughter journals

- Law and Humanities
- Legal History

The LSN currently publishes 123 journals.