

米国の公共選択学会から第2回World Congressの案内が届きました。

Dear Colleagues:

I hope that you have been having a great summer.

In March 2012 the Public Choice Society, the Australasian Public Choice Society (David Fielding, Conference Coordinator), the European Public Choice Society (Jan-Egbert Sturm, President), and the Japanese Public Choice Society (Hiroo Hirada, President) will join together to offer the 2nd World Congress of the Public Choice Societies. The 1st World Congress was held in Amsterdam in 1997 and was quite successful. More recently, many found the sessions at this year's 2011 Public Choice Society meetings in San Antonio to be stimulating. We hope that the larger world meetings will be even more so and look forward to hosting this event.

The year 2012 will also mark the 50th anniversary of the publication of Buchanan and Tullock's classic *The Calculus of Consent: Logical Foundations of Constitutional Democracy*. The congress is a perfect opportunity to showcase papers and sessions honoring this seminal work. We will do something suitable to honor the occasion and are very pleased that Nobel laureate James Buchanan has agreed to provisional participation. We are hopeful that Gordon Tullock will also be able to attend. If you would like to submit a paper or organize a session around the *Calculus*, we would be delighted to include it in the program.

Nolan McCarty (Princeton University) will be one of our plenary session speakers.

**The World Congress will be held in Miami, Florida, at the Hyatt Regency Miami. Registration will start on the afternoon of Thursday, March 8, and sessions will run from 8 a.m. Friday, March 9 to noon Sunday, March 11, 2012.** The conference room rate is \$199 per night. There are numerous direct flights between the major European and Asian airports and Miami. The Hyatt Regency Miami is in the top 10 of 118 Hyatt hotels in overall customer service and is a 4 star/4 diamond hotel. The hotel underwent a major renovation in 2008. The hotel is located in downtown Miami and has spectacular views of the Miami River. Numerous restaurants are within a few blocks of the hotel, and a monorail ("metro mover") provides access to more distant downtown shops and restaurants. The beach and South Beach are a 15-20 minute drive away. Extend your time in Miami to take advantage of the nearby beaches or a Caribbean cruise; several days on either side of the conference are available to attendees at the conference rate.

This year we are endeavoring to simplify the procedures associated with getting into the program. **The abstract, draft of the paper, and registration fee will be due November 15.** This procedure applies to organized sessions as well as individual submissions. There will be time to flesh out and fine-tune your paper before the meetings. Note also that the deadlines are a little earlier this year; this will give us more time to put the program together.

The 2012 meeting information and payment forms will be current on the website within the next two weeks. Papers and payments will be accepted from that time until the November 15 deadline.

I look forward to seeing you in Miami!

Larry Kenny  
President