
Editorial

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This special issue includes a number of papers presented in the International Conference of Applied Economics (ICOAE 2008), held at the Conference Centre of the Kastoria Campus of the Technological Institute of Western Macedonia, from 15th to 17th May, 2008.

The aim of the conference is to bring together economists from different fields of applied economic research in order to share methods and ideas. The topics covered include (but are not limited to) applied macroeconomics, applied international economics, applied microeconomics including industrial organisations, applied work on international trade theory including European integration, applied financial economics, applied agricultural economics, applied labour and demographic economics, applied health economics, and applied education economics.

All papers presented in ICOAE 2008 were peer reviewed by anonymous referees. In total, 254 works were submitted from 54 countries while 122 papers were accepted for presentation. Further, 17 papers were accepted for presentation in the poster session of the conference. The affiliated institutions of the conference participants were based on 34 different countries.