AERE will sponsor up to twelve conference sessions during Saturday through Monday, June 29-Wednesday, July 1, as a special track within the 90th Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International (WEAI). These sessions are intended to provide an accessible conference option for AERE’s western members and to ensure that interesting research in our field continues to appear on the program of a major general-interest conference in economics. All paper presenters must be 2015 AERE members, but need not join WEAI to attend.

Submissions will open starting December 10, 2014. For full consideration by the selection committee, a submission must be received by January 10, 2015. Submissions should be sent by the proposed presenter who will be the contact for correspondence. The selection committee will consider only one submission per presenter. A submission will require the following information:

1. Name, professional affiliation, highest academic degree held, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address for the presenter and all co-authors. (Please identify cases where the presenter is a graduate student or may have limited experience in academic conference settings. We heartily encourage new talent but also appreciate that mentorship attention is sometimes helpful to ensure successful presentations.)

2. Title of paper (maximum 60 characters and spaces).

3. An expanded abstract with sufficient detail to allow the selection committee to fully assess the nature of the research (limit one page, single-spaced, 12-point font).

4. The URL for a link to a current version of the paper or draft manuscript, if available.

Papers submitted without all the required information will not be considered. Electronic acknowledgements of submissions will be sent to all submitters.

Proposals for complete sessions are also encouraged. Each 1 hour and 45 minute session will typically consist of four short presentations with discussants and a chair. Proposals for panel discussions will also be entertained.

Submitters of proposed sessions will submit abstracts for EACH of the papers following the above instructions, along with a roughly 200-word description of the session’s theme that would motivate potential audience members to attend. Papers may be accepted or rejected on an individual basis unless the organizer specifically requests the session be considered only in its entirety.
All selected presenters must be 2015 AERE members but need not also join WEAI to participate in the conference. Discussants and session chairs need not be current AERE members, although priority consideration will be given to those who are. All participants must register for the conference and AERE members will enjoy “WEAI member” rates. See http://www.weai.org/AC2015 for registration information as it becomes available. Note that AERE-coordinated sessions qualify as “organized sessions” rather than “volunteer papers,” so there is no contributed-paper submission fee.

In planning their calendars, submitters should be aware that the AERE 4th Annual Summer Conference will be held on June 3-5, 2015, in San Diego, CA. However, the WEAI/AERE event will follow very closely on the heels of the EAERE 21st Annual Conference to be held June 24-27 in Helsinki, Finland, so please plan accordingly. Submission of a paper for the WEAI/AERE sessions represents a commitment to attend the conference, including a substantial share of the WEAI/AERE sessions, should the paper be accepted. All AERE participants have an important role in the success of these sessions, beyond just their own presentations.

Online submission form: http://goo.gl/forms/epMVWhmN0T

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