Letter from the MEEA Executive Secretary

This is my first letter as executive secretary of the MEEA. I am really proud to have worked with very distinguished economists and Middle Eastern experts on the board of the MEEA over the years. The current Executive Board consisting of Serdar Sayan, Edward Sayre, and myself would like to take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude first, for the growing number of members of the MEEA who have entrusted us with this responsibility and without whom this organization would literally have been defunct. Second, to all former members of the board who have collectively taken the Association to higher grounds. I would like to thank them all for their dedication and contributions to the MEEA and I’m looking forward to working closely with the new and veteran members of the new board (Fatma Dogruel, Guzin Erlat, Nathalie Hilmi, Bassem Kamar, Mehmet Tosun, and Tarik Yousef).

In our 2010 ASSA meeting in Atlanta, our members found a great opportunity to present, discuss, and interact with each other. As in the past few years, we have complemented the declining number of sessions provided to us by the American Economic Association (currently only four slots) with post-conference sessions held at Georgia Tech University. This year the ASSA conference in Denver (6-9 January) (Continued on page 2)
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Ibn Khaldun Prize

Reminder that submissions for the Ibn Khaldun Prize for the best paper on one or more Middle Eastern countries by a junior economist (no more than five years since receiving Ph.D.) must be received no later than December 10, 2010. The submissions should be sent electronically to Professor Jeffrey B. Nugent at nugent@usc.edu. The entries will be evaluated by a three-person committee. Please visit http://meeaweb.org/honors.htm for further details.

IUE-SSEM Euroconference 2011, Izmir, Turkey, June 27-30, 2011

The Society for the Study of Emerging Markets (SSEM) will hold its EuroConference 2011 during June 27-20, 2011 in Izmir, Turkey in cooperation with Izmir University of Economics. The conference theme is "crises and recovery in emerging markets." Extended abstract, or preferably, complete paper submission deadline is January 31, 2011. Please refer to the link below for potential research topics, invited speakers, and conference details.


The major objective of the Conference is to provide a forum for interaction between policy makers, researchers and interested parties to debate the issues identified under the various themes for financing development in developing countries in general, and in Arab countries in particular. Interested researchers, from the Arab countries and beyond, are invited to submit an electronic copy (Microsoft word) of a completed manuscript (in Arabic or English) on any of the Conference themes, or any relevant theme, not exceeding 25 single-spaced pages, to the Conference Coordinator on or before 31st October 2010. Earlier submissions are strongly encouraged. All submissions will be acknowledged as soon as received.

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The 17th Annual Conference provides a unique opportunity for researchers from the region to interact with one another and with international researchers. The theme of the plenary sessions this year is “Politics and Economic Development”. The themes of the parallel sessions are varied and broad to accommodate diverse research interests. More details can be found at http://www.erf.org.org/cms.php?id=conferences_details&conference_id=38

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Recent Journal Articles

As part of the information services to MEEA members, the newsletter publishes a selection of recent journal articles on the economic issues in the Middle East and North Africa. Articles are selected with the criteria of providing regional diversity. Priority is given to articles in journals that are more highly ranked according to ISI’s impact factor and that are indexed by EconLit. Please email the newsletter editor if you wish to include your recent publications.


The Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) is a non-profit international organization formed in 1978 and affiliated with the American Economic Association and the Middle East Studies Association. Its main objective is to foster scholarship and establish lines of communication among specialists interested in the political economy of the Middle East. Web: www.meeweb.org.

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THE WORLD FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS AND ITS IMPACT ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA, FLORENCE, ITALY, APRIL 6-9, 2011

The Twelfth Mediterranean Research Meeting will take place near Florence (Italy) on 6 - 9 April 2011. One of the workshops (workshop 8) will examine the impact of the current economic and financial crisis on economics, financial markets and economic policies in the Middle East and North Africa. The aim of this workshop is to study the impact of the crisis on trade, economic fluctuations, financial fragility, prospects for growth and social conditions, as well as on long term macroeconomic policies and developmental models in the MENA. More information on this workshop can be found at:


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The MEEA Newsletter has a new editor. The editor is now Mehmet Serkan Tosun at the University of Nevada, Reno. Please direct all correspondence to Mehmet S. Tosun, Department of Economics, Mail Stop 0030, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557. tosun@unr.edu

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