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ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Basel II: A First Assessment

A Joint Workshop Hosted by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (Bank for International Settlements, Basel, Switzerland), the Centre for Economic Policy Research (London), and *Journal of Financial Intermediation*

Basel, Bank for International Settlements, May 17–18, 2002

The Basel Committee intends to issue the revised Basel Capital Accord for final consultation in early 2002. The organizers of the workshop share a strong interest in a better understanding of the impact of the new rules on the banking industry and the economy. They solicit theoretical and empirical papers on all important aspects of the New Accord.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the impact of the New Basel Accord on:

- bank risk management and incentives,
- bank safety,
- banking supervision,
- the availability of credit,
- macroeconomic fluctuations,
- systemic risk,
- competitive effects across banks and countries,
- market discipline.

The workshop aims to bring together leading academics, representatives of the Basel Committee member organizations,[1] and other central bankers and bank supervisors for a first evaluation of the New Basel Accord. The Basel Committee will cover the speakers' and discussants' travel and accommodation expenses.

[1] The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision was established by the central bank Governors of the Group of Ten countries; its members come from Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Countries are represented by their central banks and also by the authorities with formal responsibility for the prudential supervision of banking business.

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The Program Committee for the workshop consists of Urs Birchler (Basel Committee), Bill Coen (Basel Committee Secretariat), Ernst-Ludwig von Thadden (Université de Lausanne, CEPR, and *JFI*), Anjan Thakor (University of Michigan and *JFI*), and Rafael Repullo (Centro de Estudios Monetarios Financieros—Madrid and CEPR).

Interested parties should electronically submit their papers and any queries to Bill Coen of the Basel Committee's Secretariat, at william.coen@bis.org. Ernst-Ludwig von Thadden will be the editor of a special issue of *Journal of Financial Intermediation* devoted to the workshop. Authors who want their papers considered for publication in the special issue should also send a copy to Professor von Thadden at elu.vonthadden@hecunil.ch. If you choose to submit to *JFI*, the submission fee will be waived. Your paper's acceptance to the conference does not guarantee publication in *JFI*. All papers must pass the journal's regular refereeing process.

The submission deadline is **January 15, 2002**. Contributors will be notified by February 10, 2002. Full versions of accepted papers are due by the end of March 2002.

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