

## **SIXTH CONFERENCE**

On

« **REGULATION, COMPETITION**

**AND UNIVERSAL SERVICE IN THE POSTAL SECTOR »**

**Toulouse, March 18-19, 2010**

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### **SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES**

- (i) To discuss recent theoretical research dealing with competition, regulation and universal service in the postal sector.
- (ii) To discuss applied research and recent issues in the postal sector.
- (iii) To provide a forum of discussion and dialogue between practitioners and academic researchers.

### **MAIN TOPICS**

- Industrial economics and econometrics of the postal sector.
- Access and competition.
- Demand analysis and the market of mail.
- Service of General Economic Interest, Universal service and competition.
- Postal sector and national planning.
- Cost and pricing.
- The postal sector in developing countries.
- Sustainable development/responsible growth.
- Two-sided markets/mail media.

The conference will focus on issues pertaining to the postal sector. However, intersectoral approaches and studies that draw lessons from other network industries are also welcome.

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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## SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Papers or extended abstracts should be submitted by **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009** by email at [postconf@cict.fr](mailto:postconf@cict.fr). Notification of acceptance will be given by **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Completed papers are expected to be available one month before the conference.

## PUBLICATION

A selection of papers will be published after a due refereeing process as a special issue of the *Journal of Network Economics*.

## ON-LINE REGISTRATION

On-line registration for conference attendance will be available from November 15, 2009 to February 10, 2010.

## ORGANIZATION

**Scheduling:** Scheduled presentation time is approximately one hour per paper (including discussion). There will also be round tables and keynote lectures on specific topics. Round tables involve shorter presentations and provide room for more extended discussion from the floor.

**Location:** Mercure Atria Compans Caffarelli – 8 Esplanade Compans Caffarelli – Boulevard Lascrosses – BP 16 - 31901 Toulouse – France.

**Date:** March 18-19, 2010

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

For details on scientific matters, please contact Helmuth Cremer, Philippe De Donder or Jean-Pierre Florens. Further information will be available through our web site:

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