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1. ECOMOD SUMMER SCHOOL IN CGE, MACROECONOMETRIC AND FINANCIAL MODELING

July 14-26, 2003
Brussels, Belgium

We are pleased to announce that the EcoMod Summer School 2003 will take place on July 14-26, 2003 at the Free University of Brussels, Belgium. The following courses will be on offer simultaneously (for details please visit www.ecomod.net):

Week of July 14-19:
* Practical CGE Modeling with GAMS: Intensive course in general equilibrium modeling at the introductory level. For those who have little or no experience in modeling or in GAMS.
* Introduction to Macroeconometric Modeling with EVIEWS: Intensive course at the introductory level. This course is tailored for staff developing
or using small or medium size macro models and staff involved in forecasting and policy analysis in the central banks, ministries and international institutions Week of July 21-26:
* Advanced Techniques in CGE Modeling with GAMS: Intensive course at the advanced level. The course will focus on multinational and multisectoral general equilibrium modeling with imperfect competition and intertemporal dynamics. This course is accessible to those who have some experience in general equilibrium modeling and in GAMS.
* Overlapping Generations CGE Modeling with GAMS: Intensive course at the advanced level. The course will focus on building dynamic overlapping generations models for the analysis of social security and demographic issues.
* Macroeconometric Modeling with TROLL: Intensive course at the advanced level. The course will focus on multinational quarterly macro-econometric modeling with intertemporal dynamics. The course is especially tailored for staff involved in forecasting and policy analysis in the central banks, ministries and international institutions.
* Financial Econometrics and Financial Modeling with GAUSS: Intensive course at the advanced level. The course will give a thorough overview of contemporary techniques used in quantitative financial analysis, with the emphasis on recent advances in nonstationary stochastic modeling of asset prices and returns series.

Please feel free to share this information with colleagues who may be interested in a specialized training in economic and financial modeling.

More details are available on: www.ecomod.net

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2. TWO SUMMER COURSES AT MANSHOLT GRADUATE SCHOOL

Mansholt Graduate School (Wageningen Universiteit) organises two interesting PhD courses this summer.

1. June 16-24, 2003 the course Bayesian Methods in Theory and Practice by John Geweke will be organised. This course provides an introduction to the use of Bayesian methods in economics and econometrics, dealing with principles of simulation, importance sampling, Markov chain Monte Carlo methods, seemingly unrelated regressions, and simultaneous equations. It will also present latent variable models including tobit, probit, and sample selection models, from a new perspective and introduce flexible methods for weakening distributional assumptions, for example normal mixture models. During the afternoon practicals, the Bayesian Analysis, Computation and Communication (BACC) software will be used extensively. More information about this course can be found in the brochure:
http://www.sls.wau.nl/MI/Education/Brochures/brochure%20bayesian_methods.htm

2. July 7-18, 2003, the "Summer Summer School on Efficiency and Productivity Analysis" takes place. This summer school is designed to bridge the gap between the theory and practice of efficiency and productivity measurement. The summer school is organized into distinct parts which can be taken as separate courses: Nonparametric and Parametric Approaches. Students may enroll for either the nonparametric or parametric course, or both courses. The first week will address the nonparametric approach; the second week will address the parametric approach. Students are encouraged to take both weeks, although each week is independent. Theory and method sessions each morning will be followed by an afternoon practical session. The practical will include applications of the theory, computer analysis with actual data sets, and interpretations in practice. Applications to various economic sectors will be considered such as agriculture, banking and finance, chain management, health, power generation, and sports. Extensions of these models will be addressed that measure the efficiency of value chains, characterize the dynamic linkages in decision making, and introduce hybrid nonparametric-parametric approaches. More information about this course can be found in the brochure:
http://www.sls.wau.nl/MI/Education/Brochures/coursedescription.doc

For other information: dr. ir. M.H.C. Komen, tel: 0317-482025, email: rien.komen@wur.nl. For registration please visit our website:

http://www.sls.wau.nl/mi/Education/Registration.htm

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3. JOB OPENINGS AT MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY

Three Tenure Track Assistant Professors in Microeconomics

The Department of Economics of the Universiteit Maastricht, The Netherlands, is offering three Assistant Professorships in the area of microeconomics starting in the academic year 2003/2004. The positions are sponsored by one of the most prestigious grants of the Dutch Science Foundation and, as a consequence, are characterized by a light teaching load.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The applicants contribute to research and teaching (in English) in the area of microeconomics, in particular research within the scope of the Dutch Science Foundation grant. The grant covers economic theory, both fundamental and applied, and computational economics. For more information on the contents of the grant, see http://www.fdewb.unimaas.nl/algec/VICI/. The applicants are expected to do research both independently and in cooperation with others in line with the research program of the grant and are able to initiate innovative new research. The teaching load will be light, in principle restricted to 20% of this full time position. Administrative duties will be limited.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

* Ph. D. in Economics or a closely related subject area
* Affinity with academic research and teaching, in particular research in economic theory and/or computational economics
* Strong research orientation

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

The position is initially offered for a two-year period and, subject to a positive evaluation, extended by another two years, with the possibility of a tenure thereafter. Salary is competitive, depending on qualifications and work experience, up to the maximum of 4490 Euro gross per month (12 monthly payments) for a fulltime job. On top of this, there is an 8% holiday allowance. For researchers from outside the Netherlands there exists the possibility of applying for a tax-free allowance equal to 30% of their taxable salary.

APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION:

Further information can be obtained by

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and on the web site: http://www.fdewb.unimaas.nl/algec/VICI/

Applications should be received not later than April 30, 2003. They should include a curriculum vitae and copies of some written work. Two letters of reference, assessing the applicant's research potential and personality, should be sent independently by the referees. Applications and letters of reference should be sent to

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Personnel Department, P.O. Box 616, 6200 MD, Maastricht, The Netherlands, and refer to vacancy number AT2003.042 on both letter and envelope.

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4. JOB OPENING AT MCKINSEY & COMPANY

McKinsey & Company is een internationaal organisatie-adviesbureau met 87 kantoren in 45 landen. Wij adviseren het topmanagement van toonaangevende bedrijven op het gebied van strategie, organisatie en bedrijfsvoering. Binnen de afdeling Analytic Services van ons kantoor in Amsterdam is momenteel een positie beschikbaar voor een:

Econometrist / Kwantitatief-Specialist

Analytic Services
De afdeling Analytic Services is verantwoordelijk voor de uitvoering van vaak complexe statistische analyses en modelleringvraagstukken, welke van cruciaal belang zijn voor een gefundeerd advies aan onze cliënten. Het brede werkgebied omvat o.a. datamining; analyse van marktonderzoeksgegevens; personeelsplanning en ontwerp van logistieke netwerken. De consultants van Analytic Services combineren technische vaardigheden voor het bouwen en analyseren van wiskundige modellen en databases met algemene adviesvaardigheden; werken binnen project-teams; hebben direct contact met cliënten; en krijgen mogelijkheden om internationaal te werken.

Wie zoeken wij
Wij zijn momenteel op zoek naar een Econometrist / Kwantitatief-Specialist die inzetbaar is binnen het gehele werkgebied, en die met name vraagstukken oplost op het gebied van statistiek, data analyse en kwantitatief marktonderzoek. De ideale kandidaat heeft het volgende profiel:

- Universitaire opleiding Econometrie, Kwantitatieve Economie, Bedrijfswiskunde, of een vergelijkbare studierichting
- Grondige kennis van econometrische en statistische technieken en ruime ervaring met de toepassing daarvan
- Kennis van en interesse in Marktonderzoekstechnieken en Operations Research
- Ervaring met MS-Excel, MS-Access, SAS of SPSS en een programmeertaal zoals Visual Basic
- Voortreffelijke studieresultaten
- Communicatief vaardig, teamspeler en resultaatgericht
- Twee jaar werkervaring in een vergelijkbare functie is een pré

Geïnteresseerd?
Wij nodigen gekwalificeerde kandidaten uit om een brief inclusief CV en cijferlijsten van universiteit en VWO te sturen aan:
McKinsey & Company, t.a.v. Simone Burgers, Amstel 344, 1017 AS Amsterdam; telefoon: 020-5513755, e-mail: Simone_Burgers@McKinsey.com.
Voor meer informatie over de functie kun je contact opnemen met Pieter Wartenhorst,telefoon: 020-5513617.
