CURRENT TOPICS

Royal Economic Society 1999 Conference

The 1999 conference will be held at the University of Nottingham from Monday 29 March to Thursday 1 April 1999. The Programme Committee invites submissions from academic, government and business economists in any field of economics and econometrics. Computing papers are also welcome. Please send three copies of the paper to Professor Alison Booth, ESRC Research Centre on Micro-Social Change, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ. The deadline for submission is **16 October 1998**.

Royal Economic Society 1999 Conference - Young Economists' Sessions

The Programme Committee invites submissions from postgraduate students and young professional economists in universities and other institutions in any field of economics and econometrics. Please send three copies of the paper to Professor Alison Booth, ESRC Research Centre on Micro-Social Change, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ. The deadline for submission is 16 October 1998.

Visiting Lectureships

The Royal Economic Society funds annually up to five short visiting lectureships which allow a distinguished academic to visit a university in the UK for a period of a week, meet with staff and students and give a short series of lectures.

Departments wishing to nominate academics for such a visit should write to the Secretary-General, Professor Richard Portes, Department of Economics, London Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4SA. The dates of the proposed visit should be specified together with details of the arrangements for the programme of lectures and seminars. Applications are considered in February, May and October each year.

Support for Small Academic Expenses

The Society is able to offer financial support to members who require small sums for unexpected expenditures. The type of expenditures which could qualify for support under this scheme include travel expenses in connection with independent research work, the purchase of a piece of software, expenses for a speaker at a conference being organised by the applicant's University or Institute, etc.

Applications, in the form of a letter and stating the purpose for which a small grant (maximum £600) is required, should be sent to Professor Mary Morgan, Department of Economic History, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE.

NOTE This scheme does NOT cover assistance to members who wish to go to a conference at which they will be presenting papers or acting as discussants. A separate fund – the Conference Grant Fund – has been set up for this purpose. Application forms can be obtained from Professor C. Milner, Department of Economics, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD.

Conference Grant Fund

The Society's Conference Grant Fund is available to members who are presenting a paper, or acting as a principal discussant at a conference; support of up to £500 is available. Awards are made three times a year. The closing dates for applications are **31 January**, **31 May**, and **30 September** each year in respect of conferences which take place in the ensuing four months. Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from: Professor C. Milner, Department of Economics, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Fax: 0115 951 4159.