

PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATIONS (Pos) IN AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

Toulouse, Manufacture des Tabacs
September 4-5, 2014

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

AIM: Collective action in agriculture is receiving an increasing interest, both in developed and developing countries. Given the market globalization and the consolidation in the processing and retailing sectors, the organizations of agricultural producers can be instrumental in obtaining more efficient market outcomes and possibly fairer surplus distributions. The objective of the workshop is to discuss recent theoretical and empirical contributions on the role of producers' organizations for the functioning of food markets.

TOPICS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST: A non-exhaustive list of topics includes: role, formation, functioning and stability of POs (such as cooperatives and other groups collectively managing brands, natural resources, innovations, quality, etc.); governance and performances of POs; POs in vertical relationships; POs and (quality) investments.

LOCATION: Toulouse School of Economics, Manufacture des Tabacs, 21 Allée de Brienne, 31000 Toulouse, France.

SUBMISSION: Papers should be sent by May 15, 2014 to pofood@tse-fr.eu. A decision will be made by May 31, 2014.

COSTS and ACCOMODATIONS: The registration fee for the conference is 150 €. The fee covers meals (two lunches and the conference dinner) and coffee breaks. The registration fee will be waived for PhD students that will be selected to present their work.

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On-Line registration for Workshop attendance will be available from May 1st to August 15th, 2014.