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Conference Programme

Friday, November 18

9h00: **Registration**

9h30: **Opening Session** *Chairman: Dr. G. Chobanov (U. "St. Kliment Ohridski")*

Official speeches

Mr Parvanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria,
Mr Saint - Geours, Ambassador of the French Republic in Bulgaria,
Mr Bioltchev, Rector of the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski",
Mr Hirigoyen, President of the University Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV

Ken Koford Lecture

Jeffrey Miller (University of Delaware): « *Reform in Higher Education* »,

11h30: **Session 1.1. : European Union accession: challenges for the new entrants**

Chairman: Prof. Y. Marquet (U. Bordeaux IV - Lare-efi)

Bolle M. Blessing J. (Free University, Berlin) "*The Macro-logic of Sustainable Convergence in an Enlarged European Union: Economic Challenges and Political Responses*"

Figuet JM., Nenovsky N. (U. Bordeaux IV – Lare-efi and U. of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgarian National Bank): "*Convergence and Shocks: Bulgaria and Romania in the EU*"

Sorsa P. (IMF): "*Macroeconomic Challenges of Bulgaria with EU Accession*"

Ungureanu E., Baldan C. (U. Pitesti, Romania): "*Les coûts et les bénéfices de l'intégration de la Roumanie dans l'Union Européenne*"

Vateva S. (U. "St. Kliment Ohridski"): "*La modernisation de la Bulgarie à travers l'intégration à l'Union Européenne*"

13h30: **Lunch**

14h30: **Session 1.2. : Present and future competitiveness in Central and Eastern Europe**

Chairman: Prof. N. Behar (U. "St. Kliment Ohridski")

Afonso A., Nickel C., Rother P. (European Central Bank): "*Fiscal Consolidations in the Central and Eastern European Countries*"

Kaderabkova A. (Centre for Economic Studies, Czech Republic): "*Competitive Capacity and Competitive Performance - Challenges for Technology and Skill Catch-Up in the Enlarged European Union*"

Losoncz M. (GKI Economic Research, Hungary): "*The Sources of International Competitiveness in Central Europe*"

Marchesiani A., Senesi P. (U. Tor Vergata, Italy): "*Trade Diversion and Creation from Accessing a Currency Union*"

Serbu S-G. (U. Babes-Bolyai, Roumanie; U. Orléans): "*La compétitivité en terme d'attraction des IDE : une analyse sur la Roumanie, la Bulgarie, la Slovénie et la Hongrie*"

16h30: **Coffee break**

17h00: **Session 1.3.: Exchange rate regimes in practice**

Chairman: Dr N. Nenovsky (Bulgarian National Bank)

Chobanov G. (U. "St. Kliment Ohridski"): "*The role of Institutions for Economic Growth and the Currency Board Regulations*"

Crespo-Cuaresma J., Fidrmuc J. and Silgoner MA. (U. Vienna, OeNB Austria, U. Comenius Slovakia): "*On the Road: The Path of Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania to the EU and the Euro*"

Torre D., Raybaut A. (U. Nice, GREDEG, CNRS): "*Discipline, confiance et stabilité des régimes de caisses d'émission en transition vers l'euro*"

Brana S. (U. Bordeaux IV – Lare-efi): "*Exchange rate regime and financial constraint : is there a link?*"

Christova-Balkanska I. (U. "St. Kliment Ohridski" and Bulgarian Academy of Sciences): "*Le dilemme du rattachement à l'Euro de la monnaie bulgare dans le cadre de l'adhésion à l'UE*"

Saturday, November 19

9h00: **Session 2.1. : Banking and financial reforms**

Chairman: Prof. JP. Gern (U. de Neuchâtel – CEDIMES)

Groessl I., Levratto N. (University of Hamburg, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan): "*Privatisation and the Performance of the Bank Credit Markets in Transition Countries*"

Kamar B., Bakardzhieva D. (U. Monaco, U. Nice and U. "St. Kliment Ohridski"): "*Privatisations et réformes bancaires : Quelle méthodologie pour renforcer la croissance des pays en transition?*"

Lapteacru I. (U. Bordeaux IV – Lare-efi): "*La structure de l'industrie bancaire des pays de l'Europe Centrale et Orientale comme élément d'intégration financière européenne*"

Spasova - Sourdive V. (U. Aix-en Provence): "*Competition and Efficiency in the Banking Sector: What Does It Mean and How to Evaluate It?*"

Dimitrova K., Nenovsky N. (U. "St. Kliment Ohridski" and U. of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgarian National Bank): "*Deposit Insurance in European Union Accession Countries*"

11h00: **Coffee break**

11h30: **Session 2.2. : The equilibrium exchange rate challenge**

Chairman: Dr S. Vateva (U. "St. Kliment Ohridski")

Coudert V., Couharde C. (Banque de France, U. Paris 13): "*Assessing real exchange rates and possible misalignments in new EU members and candidate countries*"

Bineau Y. (U. Lille 1): "*Ancrage nominal et ajustements réels: incidence de la Caisse d'Emission sur la spécialisation internationale*"

Stanoeva G. (U. Bordeaux IV – Lare-efi): "*Régimes de change, appréciation du taux de change réel et commerce des pays de l'Est : quelle relation?*"

13h00: **Lunch**

14h00: **Session 2.3.: Some specific aspects of transition**

Chairman: Dr. D. Tocheva (IFAG)

Latruffé L., Davidova S. (INRA-ESR Rennes, Imperial College London): "*Viability of Corporate Farms in the New Member States under the Common Agricultural Policy System: A Game Theory Approach Focusing on Rented Land*"

Pitoska E. (Technological Institute, Kozani, Greece): "*Regional Inequalities in Cross - Border Regions of South Eastern Europe : The role of Business Cooperation and the Networking of Small and Medium Sized Firms in the South Balkan Border Regions*"

Raytchev D. (U. Bordeaux IV – LARE-efi): "*Marché régional d'électricité dans l'Europe de Sud-est : leçons de l'expérience de dix pays du Nord de l'Europe dans la gestion de la capacité d'échange d'électricité*"

Tardieu L. (U. Aix-en Provence) : "*Les entrepreneurs bulgares face au crédit*"

Fungacova Z. (U. Charles, Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic): "*Building a Castle of Sand: Effects of Mass Privatization on Capital Market Creation in Transition Economies*"

16h00: Coffee break

16h15: Session 2.4. : European Union enlargement in perspective

Chairman: Dr Y. Bineau (U. Lille1)

Karmann A., Mihaylova G. (U. Dresden, U. of National and World Economy Sofia, AEAF Bulgaria): "*The Bulgarian Crisis, the Russian Crisis, and the Influence of the Russian Crisis on the Bulgarian Economy*"

Ialnazov D. (U. Kyoto, Japan): "*European Integration and Corporate Governance in Transition Countries*"

Petrevski G. (U. "St. St. Cyril and Methodius", Macedonia): "*Exchange Rate Policy during Transition: The Case of Macedonia*"

Stoynev D. (U. Picardie): "*L'impact des fonds structurels sur l'économie des nouveaux membres de l'UE*"

18h 00: Final session *Chairman: Prof. JM Fiquet (U. Bordeaux IV - Lare-efi)*

Official Speech by

Mr. Oresharsky, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria

M.Hunsinger, Chef des Services Economiques pour la zone Danube-Balkans