

## Wednesday, April 22

**8:30 - 9:00 AM**

**Registration**

**9:00 - 9:30 AM**

**Opening events**

Remarks from Katharine Abraham and John Greenlees

**9:30 AM -12:30 PM** **Session I: New goods, disappearing goods and “variety increase”**

1. Robin Lowe: Product and price change for consumer electronics
2. Mick Silver: Bias in the Compilation of Consumer Price Indices when Different Models of an Item Coexist

**12:30 - 2:00 PM**

**Lunch**

**2:00 - 5:30 PM**

**Session II: Quality adjustment including the treatment of durables**

1. John Astin: Quality Adjustment in CPIs—A personal view
2. Thierry Lacroix (with Jérôme Bascher): Using hedonic methods for the French CPI : applications to durable goods and clothing
3. Brent Moulton (with Moses and LaFleur) Research on Improved Quality Adjustment in the CPI: The Case of Televisions
4. Arja Kinnunen: Hedonic methods in the Finnish CPI
5. Don J. Sellwood: Constraining unwarranted variations in sampling and quality adjustment practices in the construction of CPI elementary aggregates

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Reception**

## Thursday, April 23

**8:30- 9:00 AM**

**Coffee**

**9:00-12:30 PM**

**Session III: Sampling and elementary aggregates**

1. Bert M. Balk: On the use of Unit Value Indices as Consumer Price Subindices
2. Jorgen Dalen: On the statistical objective of a Laspeyres' price index
3. David Fenwick: The Impact of Sample Design on the Performance of the Sample Geometric Mean and Related Issues
4. William J. Hawkes: Reconciliation of geographic and time series price index comparisons using scanning data
5. Jack Triplett: Estimating Basic Components in a Cost of Living Index: A Review of Formula, or Basic Component, Bias

**12:30 - 2:00 PM**

**Lunch**

- 2:00 - 5:30 PM**      **Session IV: Aggregation**
1. Rosmundur Gudnason: Comparison of different sources for CPI weights: Consumers bar-code cash receipts vs supermarkets scanning data
  2. Marshall Reinsdorf: Divisia Indexes and the Representative Consumer Paradigm
  3. Bohdan Schultz: Effects of Using Various Macro-Index Formulae in Longitudinal Price and Volume Comparisons: Canadian Empirical Studies
  4. Ralph Turvey: The Problems Raised in Constructing an Index for a Month Using Weights which relate to the Consumption of a Whole Year

**6:00- 9:00 PM**      **Dinner**

**Friday, April 24**

**8:30- 9:00 AM**      **Coffee**

- 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM** **Session V: Index purpose, definition and scope**
1. Luigi Biggeri: Index purpose definition and scope
  2. Yoel Finkel: Consumer Price Index in Israel
  3. Tomohiko Sato: Outlet Sampling Method on the 1997 National Survey of Prices
  4. Mariana Schkolnik: The 1998 changes to the Chilean CPI
  5. Helen Stott: Index Purpose, Definition and Scope – proposed changes in the New Zealand CPI.

**12:30 - 2:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**2:00-3:30 PM**      **Session on “My problems”**  
Chair: Robin Lowe

**4:00-5:00 PM**      **Business/ Planning session**

**5:00 - 5:30 PM**      **Closing events and Farewells**