

**CALL FOR PAPERS – Deadline: Monday 8 September 2003**

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**Entrepreneurship, Financial Markets, and Innovation**

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On behalf of the organizers, Philippe Aghion (Harvard University, University College London and CEPR), Antonio Ciccone (Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR), Albert Marcet (Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR) and Ramon Marimon (Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR), I am writing to invite you to submit a paper for, or express your interest in attending, the above workshop on 'Entrepreneurship, Financial Markets, and Innovation'. This workshop is a meeting of the Research Training Network on 'Product Markets, Financial Markets and the Pace of Innovation in Europe'.

The workshop will be concerned with both the relationship between entrepreneurship and financial markets and that of innovation and productivity growth. It will deal with both microeconomic and aggregate aspects of these relationships. Papers falling within this broad research area are welcome but areas of special interest include:

- ? firm financing constraints, firm investment, and growth
- ? effects of financial and tax structures on innovation and entrepreneurship
- ? (dynamic) capital structure of innovative firms
- ? effects of financing constraints on innovation
- ? dynamics of firm entry and exit in the presence of financing constraints
- ? the effect of growth on entrepreneurship and financial markets
- ? intellectual property rights and innovation

Both theoretical and empirical work is welcome.

Leaders of RTN teams should forward this message to others at their institution working on this project, and particularly the 'young researchers'.

Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered for all participants according to the new CEPR travel guidelines (attached), but if you could contribute to the costs of your attendance from a research grant at your disposal this would free up space for someone else. Please indicate on your reply form whether you will be able to cover your own travel costs, or whether you will require funding from CEPR. Please note that it may not be possible to accept all applications to attend this meeting.

We would, at this stage, like you to simply confirm your interest in attending the meeting. Please complete the enclosed reply form indicating whether or not you wish to present a paper and whether you would be willing to act as a discussant and return this to Jessica Mason at CEPR by email at [jmason@cepr.org](mailto:jmason@cepr.org), or by fax on +44 20 7878 2999. All applications, and if you would like to present your work, a copy of the paper, must reach Jessica by **Monday 8 September 2003**. We will confirm your participation in early October.

Yours sincerely

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