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Submission Deadline : 9/1/2003

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PROGRAMME SESSION 1. OCTOBER 16, 15:00 – 19:30 hrs. Chair: Darrel Cohen (Federal Reserve Board) Alan Auerbach (University of California at Berkeley): "Budget Windows, Sunsets and Fiscal Control". Discussant: Jean-Pierre Vidal (European Central Bank) Eric Engen (American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research): "TBA". Discussant: Geert Languens (Bank of Belgium) Rolf Strauch (European Central Bank): "Towards a Political Economy of Budgetary Forecasts in Europe - The Track Record of Stability and Convergence Programmes". Discussant: Oscar Bajo (University of Castilla-la-Mancha, and centrA) Darrel Cohen and Glenn Follete (Federal Reserve Board): "Forecasting Exogenous Fiscal Variables in the United States". Discussant: Daniele Franco (Bank of Italy) Robert Woods (HM Treasury, UK): "Fiscal stabilisation and EMU". Discussant: Hedwig Ongena (European Central Bank)

SESSION 2. OCTOBER 17, 9:30 – 14 hrs. Chair: Tommaso Proietti (University of Udine) Massimiliano Marcellino (Università Bocconi): "Forecasting Fiscal Variables for the Euro Area". Discussant: Laurence Boone (OECD) Graham Elliot (University of California at San Diego): "Optimal Forecast Combinations Under General Loss Functions and Forecast Error Distributions"*. Discussant: Tommaso Proietti (University of Udine) Siem Jan Koopman and Marius Ooms (Free University of Amsterdam): "Forecasting Daily Tax Revenues". Discussant: Juan Toro (centrA) Diego Pedregal (UCLM and centrA) and Javier J. Pérez (centrA): "A Fiscal Indicator for the Euro Area". Discussant: Siem Jan Koopman (Free University of Amsterdam) David Veredas (CEnter, Tilburg University): "Forecasting the Cash Deficit of Central Government using Intra-annual Data: an Application to France". Discussant: Javier J. Pérez (centrA)

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