



## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

*INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AT MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY,  
MAY 30-31, 2008*

# **LABOUR MARKETS FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS**

*Keynote speaker:*  
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### **WORKSHOP DETAILS:**

The workshop focuses on theoretical and empirical research on labour markets for scientists and engineers. We aim to bring together scholars of different disciplines such as labour economics, the economics of innovation, industrial organization, management sciences etc. Topics of interest include amongst others:

- Choosing a science and engineering career

- International comparisons of knowledge systems (institutional differences) and their effects on the market for scientists and engineers
- The labour market entrance of graduate scientists and engineers (including PhD's)
- The demand for scientists and engineers
- Brain drain
- Pay and career trajectories of scientists and engineers (in academe and/or commerce, research careers, transition to management, transition to non-technical occupations)
- Employer responses to recruitment difficulties in the market for scientists and engineers
- Labour mobility of scientists and engineers and R&D spillovers
- Entrepreneurship in science-based industries
- Women in science and engineering
- Technical and non-technical competencies of scientists and engineers
- Organization and management of R&D projects and labs.

### **Organisation of the Workshop**

The workshop will be organised by the Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market (ROA), Maastricht University and the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) and will be held at Maastricht University on Friday, May 30th and Saturday, May 31st 2008. We intend to publish a selection of the presented papers in a special issue of a leading journal. Researchers working in the field are invited to submit one-page abstracts through the [submission page](#) **before December 1st, 2007**. Full papers are required **before May 15th, 2008**.

### **Workshop Venue**

The workshop will be organised in Maastricht, a historic town in the South of the Netherlands. Profiting from its central location in the European Union, Maastricht can easily be reached by plane (via Amsterdam, Brussels or the Maastricht local airport), by train and by car.

### **More Information**

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