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HAWEPA Workshop: ‘Issues in Dynamic Efficiency Analysis’

Halle (Saale), 23 July 2012 – The 4th Halle Workshop on Efficiency and Productivity Analysis HAWEPA, titled ‘Issues in Dynamic Efficiency Analysis’, was held on 16 and 17 July 2012. The workshop provided a forum for an international exchange in Halle (Saale) to more than 40 attendees from twelve nations, the U.S., Canada, India, Tunisia and others. The event was organised by IAMO in cooperation with the Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH).

The two-day event comprised seven sessions that discussed one priority topic each. Participants dealt with developments in milk-processing and agriculture as well as changes in industrial and public sectors. The workshop focused mainly on problems that can be excellently processed with methods of productivity and efficiency analyses, exemplified by measurement of public services provision and climate change-induced productivity and efficiency effects.

A special highlight was the contribution ‘Dynamic Efficiency Measurement and its Application in Applied Research’ by keynote speaker Spiro E. Stefanou of Pennsylvania State University. Professor Stefanou proposed that adjustment costs played a great role in all sectors in the wake of profound structural changes. He suggested that adjustment costs should prompt a shifting from comparative-static towards dynamic models.

Dissemination of new theoretical and empirical research findings was complemented by opportunities for young academics to present their research in productivity and efficiency measurement to proficient experts and enter into joint discussions. ‘Participants were very satisfied with the workshop program and atmosphere and resulting professional contacts. Hence, we are encouraged to further pursue this workshop series and organise a follow-up event in 2014’, said the organisers of the HAWEPA workshop, Heinrich Hockmann (IAMO) and Peter Haug (IWH).

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