

Conference Announcement:

“Foreign Currency Related Risk Taking by Financial Institutions, Firms and Households”

The Swiss National Bank (SNB) and the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) are pleased to announce a joint conference on “Foreign Currency Related Risk Taking by Financial Institutions, Firms and Households”. The conference will be held at the Hotel Zurichberg, Zurich on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 September 2008.

The conference will feature recent research by academics, central bankers and representatives of international financial institutions on:

- Household and firm debt in foreign currency
- Corporate hedging of foreign currency risk, and
- Macroeconomic implications of foreign currency exposure.

A preliminary programme of the conference is attached to this announcement.

The organizers would like to invite academics, policy makers and representatives of financial institutions to attend the conference. The number of non-presenting participants is limited to 30. To register for the conference please fill out the attached registration form and return it by 30 June 2008 to simon.wehrmueller@snb.ch.