

PICARD CONFERENCE 2009

Call for Papers

The 2009 PICARD conference will focus on the following specific themes:

1. The impact of the economic crisis on Customs and international trade, i.e.:
 - The likelihood of increased commercial fraud in the current economic environment
 - The potential for cross-border regulatory burdens to increase the impact of the crisis for international commerce
 - Arguments for increased trade facilitation in the current economic environment
 - Ways in which Customs can effectively address the security/facilitation balancing act in the current economic climate
 - Whether a slow down in global trade will make the Customs task easier.
2. The impact of Regional Trade Agreements on Customs and trade, with specific reference to the proliferation of such Agreements, i.e.:
 - Transformation of Regional Trade Agreements: From Free Trade Areas to Customs Unions
 - Regional Integration: A Road to Multilateralism? Defining the Role of Customs Policy
 - Proliferation of Regional Trade Agreements: Challenges for Customs Policies and Future Strategies
3. The impact of climate change and environmental protection on Customs and trade, i.e.:
 - Standards, labeling and certification which are increasingly being implemented as tools to address climate change
 - Bioterrorism and the control of strategic goods particularly with respect to the role that Customs plays in collaboration with other national and international law enforcement agencies
 - Border tax adjustment – businesses in many Kyoto-implementing countries have already started to urge their governments to implement border tax measures to compensate for the costs of climate change measures.

Academics and practitioners are invited to submit proposals for papers that may be selected for presentation at the Conference and, in relation to papers that address the impact of the economic crisis on Customs and international trade, for possible publication in the September edition of the World Customs Journal. Only those submissions that are substantial, original and previously unpublished will be considered for publication in the Journal. A key aim of the Conference is to provide a truly global representation of the issues, and consequently it is intended to include presentations that represent diverse geographic views.

To respond to this Call for Papers, please forward the following details by e-mail to Riitta Passi (riitta.passi@wcoomd.org) no later than 29 May 2009. Authors will be notified via email by 26 June 2009 of acceptance or rejection for inclusion in the PICARD Conference. Accepted manuscripts must be submitted electronically to the WCO by 7 August 2009.

Note: All proposals, regardless of their acceptance for presentation at PICARD 2009, will be considered for publication in the September 2009 issue of the World Customs Journal.

About You:

Name and title:

Current position:

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Brief Biography (limit of 100 words):

About the Research Paper:

Title of Paper:

Abstract (limit of 250 words)

This Paper is (select one): () an original work, () a review

What key aspect(s) of the PICARD Conference themes does your research address?
(point form)

What is the current status of your research? (progress, scheduled completion date)