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The Seventh International Conference on Eurasian Economies (AVEKON 2016) *

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Abstract. These are conference notes of the Seventh International Conference on Eurasian Economies (AVEKON 2016- Kaposvar). Information on the topics, impressions about the sessions and general remarks about the conference are included in this note. It was a successful academic event with broad international participation. The variety of the studies and the dynamic discussion periods were quite beneficial during the conference. In addition to, the conference was a good occasion to get in touch with colleagues from other countries and to be reminded of several issues of economics. Needless to say, it was a well-organized and satisfactory academic event.

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Conference Notes

The Seventh International Conference on Eurasian Economies (AVEKON 2016) was held in Kaposvar, Hungary on 29-31 August 2016. AVEKON 2016 was a joint organization of Eurasian Economists Association and Beykent University. The conference took place at Kaposvar University.

On Monday, August 29, conference registration was held between the hours 09:00-09:30 and afterwards an opening session was held between the hours 09:30-11:00 at the University. Sessions took place on the first day. Mr. Durmuş YILMAZ (Former president of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey) was invited as keynote speaker. The presentations of papers started on the first day and it was the most intense day. From 11:30 till 17:30, 3 periods of session were performed. Each session consisted of five parallel sessions. In total, 15 sessions and more than 70 papers took place on Monday, August 29. The topics of these sessions were regional studies, entrepreneurship, development, finance, growth, tourism, law, technology and competition. There were both English and Turkish sessions during the day. We observed colorful and beneficial discussions in many sessions during the first day. And then, Conference Gala Dinner took place at the restaurant, which is located at the center of the Kaposvar city from 19:00 till 22:00.

On the second day, August 30, presentations of papers continued from 09:00 till 12:30, 2 periods of session were performed and each session consisted of five parallel sessions similar to the previous day. In total, 10 sessions and more than 45 papers took place on Tuesday, August 30. The topics of these sessions were microeconomics, health economics, banking, international trade and the environmental and agricultural economics. There were English, Turkish and Russian sessions during the second day.

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We observed colorful and beneficial discussions in many sessions during the conference. Later on a closing session was held between the hours 12:30-13:00. Generally speaking, the variety of the papers and the dynamic discussion periods were quite refreshing during the AVEKON 2016 Kaposvar Conference.

We presented our paper at the Finance III Session on the first day of the conference. One of the most discussed paper of this session was ours. Mr. Durmuş YILMAZ been in our session and during my presentation, it was discussed that whether interest rate corridor is necessary for Turkey or not. We received valuable feedback from both the convener of our session (Feyzullah Erođlu from Pamukkale University, Turkey) and the other participants of the session (mostly from Kazakhstan and Turkey). These conference serials make undeniable contributions for anyone who is interested in Eurasian Economies. International Conference on Eurasian Economies aims to bring researchers and decision-makers together who work in this field to discuss the region's current and future economic issues. The first conference in 2010 was organized by Beykent University in İstanbul. In 2010, the conference took place at Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University in Bishkek. In the third year of the conference was executed at Turan University in Almaty. There were both the fourth and sixth conference was executed in Russia. In 2013, the fourth conference took place at Holiday Inn St. Petersburg-Moskovskie Vorota Hotel and sixth conference took place at Kazan Federal University. The fifth conference in 2014 was organized with Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Macedonia.

This year, Seventh International Conference on Eurasian Economies as it was said before, took place at Kaposvar University, Hungary. In accordance with the main theme, a wide variety of topics and subjects were covered in the conference. The papers were related with the topics such as economic integration in the globalization context, regional cooperation, international trade, sustainable growth and development, transition economies, finance, energy, natural sources and environment. Therefore not just the economic dimension but also social and regional perspectives of the themes were evaluated. In 2017, we expect this conference to be very useful again. Next year 20th anniversary of the founding of the Beykent University. Therefore, we plan to do next conference at the Beykent University.

On the other hand, the conference provides several publication opportunities to the participants as of journals and there will be an edited book from the presented papers as it has always been so far. Therefore, the conference series present an important platform to improve yourself and share your knowledge with other participants. Since 2010, this conference presents a good opportunity to bring the scholars who are interested in Eurasian Economies altogether. As I have participated to the conference two times since 2015, it is noteworthy to mention that the content and the coverage of the dimensions and discussions were so informative and beneficial. Different perspectives and different participants from the other countries are represented well and this makes an important contribution to the research you conduct.



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