

Institute for Economic Research, Ljubljana (<http://www.ier.si/index.php>) and UP Faculty of Management Koper (<http://www.fm-kp.si/eng>) are organising the International Conference:

**“Funding, Equity and Efficiency of Higher Education”**  
(November 21-24, 2007, Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portorož)

The conference **focuses** on three great challenges that the higher education financing faces today throughout Europe and across the world. The first of these is how to find additional resources needed to improve quality of higher education, develop new programs, increase its capacity, and guarantee stability. The second is how to increase equality of access to higher education for different socio-economic groups; and the third is how to improve the efficiency of use of available resources. Special attention will be paid to the issue of funding and its impact on equity and efficiency of higher education.

The conference **will bring together** policy makers, rectors, deans and directors of higher education institutions, scholars, students, and representatives of enterprises to discuss the above-mentioned challenges to higher education. The conference will focus on Europe, with special attention to former socialist countries.

**Keynote speakers** are some of the major world experts in the field (*Dr. Petr Mateju, Dr. George Psacharopoulos, Dr. Jamil Salmi, Dr. Hans Vossensteyn, Dr. Maureen Woodhall and Dr. Adrian Ziderman*). Papers by authors from 20 countries (mainly European ones) will be presented.

Full details about the conference are available online at [www.fhe.fm-kp.si](http://www.fhe.fm-kp.si). Preliminary program is available on: [www.fhe.fm-kp.si/?id=38](http://www.fhe.fm-kp.si/?id=38) (the final program will be available soon).

**Please check the website regularly for updates and additional information.**

**Deadline for registration** is October 15, 2007.

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