Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

What Motivates Inventors to Invent?
Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa, Italy,
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The Laboratory for Economics and Management at the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna in Pisa announces the third of the six conferences organized by the EPIP network (European Partners in Intellectual Property Research), and invites interested researchers to submit papers for presentation.

Invited Speakers:
ROBERT ALLEN, Nuffield College, Oxford, UK
PAUL DAVID, Stanford University, USA
PETRA MOSER, MIT Sloan School of Management, USA
ALESSANDRO NUVOLARI, Eindhoven University of Technology,
SUZANNE SCOTCHMER, U. of Calif. at Berkeley, USA
EDWARD STEINMULLER, SPRU, U. of Sussex, UK
BRUCE KOGUT, INSEAD, France

This seminar will focus on the incentives that motivate inventors. Chief among these are the property rights to their fruits of their inventions (Intellectual Property Rights), but throughout history alternative mechanisms have existed and successfully promoted invention at various times and in various places. These mechanisms include invention awards and prizes, the incentive structures provided in the “Republic of Science” open source software, and collective invention more broadly. We encourage papers on this range of topics, especially those with an empirical, historical, or sociological perspective.

The registration fee is 150€ for non-EPIP members and 75€ for EPIP members. Information regarding fee payments is given on the conference web pages.

Researchers interested in attending the conference should register prior to March 15th, 2004.

The deadline for conference submissions is February 15th 2004
Decisions on paper presentations will be made no later than February 28th 2004
Submissions (full papers, English language) can be sent to epiproject@sssup.it

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