Wednesday, April 22

8:30 - 9:00 AM  Registration

9:00 - 9:30 AM  Opening events
Remarks from Katharine Abraham and John Greenlees

9:30 AM -12:30 PM  Session I:  New goods, disappearing goods and “variety increase”
1. Robin Lowe: Product and price change for consumer electronics
2. Mick Silver: Bias in the Compilation of Consumer Price Indices when Different Models of an Item Coexist

12:30 - 2:00 PM  Lunch

2:00 - 5:30 PM  Session II:  Quality adjustment including the treatment of durables
1. John Astin: Quality Adjustment in CPIs—A personal view
2. Thierry Lacroix (with Jérôme Bascher): Using hedonic methods for the French CPI: applications to durable goods and clothing
3. Brent Moulton (with Moses and LaFleur) Research on Improved Quality Adjustment in the CPI: The Case of Televisions
4. Arja Kinnunen: Hedonic methods in the Finnish CPI
5. Don J. Sellwood: Constraining unwarranted variations in sampling and quality adjustment practices in the construction of CPI elementary aggregates

6:00 - 7:30 PM  Reception

Thursday, April 23

8:30- 9:00 AM  Coffee

9:00-12:30 PM  Session III:  Sampling and elementary aggregates
1. Bert M. Balk: On the use of Unit Value Indices as Consumer Price Subindices
2. Jorgen Dalen: On the statistical objective of a Laspeyres’ price index
3. David Fenwick: The Impact of Sample Design on the Performance of the Sample Geometric Mean and Related Issues
4. William J. Hawkes: Reconciliation of geographic and time series price index comparisons using scanning data
5. Jack Triplett: Estimating Basic Components in a Cost of Living Index: A Review of Formula, or Basic Component, Bias

12:30 - 2:00 PM  Lunch
2:00 - 5:30 PM  Session IV: Aggregation
1. Rosmundur Gudnason: Comparison of different sources for CPI weights: Consumers bar-code cash receipts vs supermarkets scanning data
4. Ralph Turvey: The Problems Raised in Constructing an Index for a Month Using Weights which relate to the Consumption of a Whole Year

6:00- 9:00 PM  Dinner

Friday, April 24

8:30- 9:00 AM  Coffee

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Session V: Index purpose, definition and scope
1. Luigi Biggeri: Index purpose definition and scope
2. Yoel Finkel: Consumer Price Index in Israel
3. Tomohiko Sato: Outlet Sampling Method on the 1997 National Survey of Prices
4. Mariana Schkolnik: The 1998 changes to the Chilean CPI
5. Helen Stott: Index Purpose, Definition and Scope – proposed changes in the New Zealand CPI.

12:30 - 2:00 PM  Lunch

2:00-3:30 PM  Session on “My problems”
Chair: Robin Lowe

4:00-5:00 PM  Business/Planning session

5:00 - 5:30 PM  Closing events and Farewells