



**Bureau  
d'économie  
théorique  
et appliquée  
(BETA)**  
UMR 7522

**8th World Congress of Cliometrics**  
**Invitation Letter**

Strasbourg, 16 March 2017

Objet : Message from the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee

**Claude Diebolt**

Directeur de Recherche au CNRS  
<http://www.beta-umr7522.fr/-DIEBOLT-Claude>

Dear participant,

I am delighted to invite you to participate and share in the 8<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Cliometrics, held in Strasbourg, France, July 4-7, 2017.

That many of you will travel long distances to be here should remind us how central our collective work has been, still is, and will continue to be for the economic history discipline. It provides insight into what cliometrics is and what it has the potential to become!

The Cliometric Society is committed to actively promoting the development of quantitative economic history. We want to bring together cliometricians from around the world in an effort to exchange ideas, promote future research, and achieve the full potential of the discipline. Our task is to make this possible!

Eighty-eight papers have been selected from more than 175 submitted abstracts. They comprise a wide variety of topics, time periods, and geographic focus, showing off the breadth and depth of the use of cliometrics to study economics and history. Besides the sessions themselves, this congress serves as an excellent opportunity for graduate students and young scholars to network with one another and the senior faculty who will be present, including several Fellows of the Cliometric Society who are on the program. While the World Congress is much larger than the usual annual meeting of the Cliometric Society, it will follow the standard format. Each paper will be accorded a 45-minute session in which the author(s) will have 5 minutes to make an opening statement. The remaining 40 minutes will be devoted to discussion among all session participants.

Prepare yourself to be challenged, excited and inspired!

Last but not least, I want to say once more on behalf of the program committee and the local organizing committee and with all colleagues, friends and sponsors involved in the adventure, WELCOME!

CNRS Research Professor of Economics, esp. Cliometrics

**Faculté des sciences  
économiques et de gestion**  
Pôle européen de gestion et  
d'économie (PEGE)  
61 avenue de la Forêt Noire  
F-67085 Strasbourg Cedex  
Tél. : +33 (0)3 68 85 20 69  
Fax : +33 (0)3 68 85 20 70  
[cdiebolt@unistra.fr](mailto:cdiebolt@unistra.fr)