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9th International Forum on Tourism Statistics Call for papers

The French Ministry in charge of tourism, the National Institute for Statistics and Economics Studies (INSEE), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT) are pleased to inform you that the **9th International Forum on Tourism Statistics**, will be held on **19-21 November 2008** in **Paris (France)**. The meeting will be held at OECD headquarters. Information on the Forum will be available at www.tourisme.gouv.fr as of January 2008 and we encourage you to visit it regularly.

The *International Forum on Tourism Statistics* provides, since 1993, a unique platform for the regular exchange of views and experiences on developments in tourism statistics. The aim is to discuss major technical issues concerning the establishment of harmonised tourism statistics in an environment that strengthens co-operation between governments, the private sector, researchers, academics, OECD and EU member and non-member countries and international organisations. The following Internet site provides complementary information about the previous Forum held in Cáceres (Spain) in November 2006 [<http://www.ine.es/forumtur/index.htm>].

The 9th Forum will focus on the following themes: *i*) changes in tourism behaviour and demand; *ii*) the behaviour and performance of tourism enterprises; *iii*) measurement issues related to tourist and visitor surveys; *iv*) new approaches to data collection, and; *v*) the usage of tourism statistics. Detailed information is available in Annex 1.

This letter is a call for papers as the success of the forum will largely depend on your contributions. Authors are requested to strictly follow the guidelines presented in Annex 2. **The deadline to submit abstracts is 30 March 2008**. The organising committee (OECD, EUROSTAT and the French authorities) will review the proposed papers by 15th May 2008. **The deadline for submission of papers is 5 September 2008**. A preliminary programme will then be made available.

The working languages during the meeting (including presentations, questions and answers) will be English and French. Documentation will be in English and will be disseminated only through the Internet site.

There is no participation fee; however travel and accommodation will be at the participant's expense. Registration to the Forum will be through the website.

Further information concerning the general Forum organisation and logistics may be obtained from:

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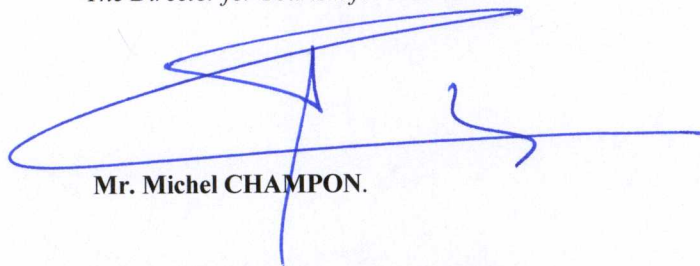
Further information concerning the Forum programme may be obtained from:

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Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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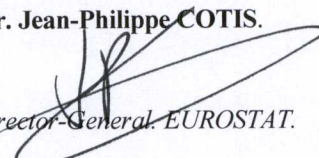
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