We are pleased to share with you the 2017 edition of the new PIER newsletter. It includes a short description of PIER’s history and goals, a summary of PIER’s programs and activities, highlights from the 2016-17 academic year, and forthcoming events, and two important announcements, including one about PIER’s 25th Anniversary.

HISTORY & GOALS

The Penn Institute for Economic Research (PIER) was established in 1993 with funds from the sale of Larry Klein’s Wharton Econometrics Forecasting Associates. He served as the first Director, followed by Ken Wolpin, Antonio Merlo, and Enrique Mendoza, who is the Director at present.

PIER’s main goals are to promote and support the efforts of Penn faculty and students in advancing the science of Economics, to provide vehicles for the exchange of ideas and research results within and outside of the Penn community, and to foster a better understanding of the importance of economic research in the formulation and assessment of public policies.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

1. Martha & Jonathan Cohen Distinguished Visitors Program, & Elias B. Cohen Lecture. A series of week-long visits by prominent economics professors with a schedule of faculty and student meetings, and a high-profile public lecture, funded with the generous support of Martha and Jonathan Cohen.

2. Faculty Conference Support: Funding to co-sponsor conferences organized by Economics Department faculty


4. ITAM-PIER Conference on Macroeconomics. An annual conference with rotating location between ITAM in Mexico City and UPenn.

5. Grants & Fellowships: Research Assistantship Matching Grants, Maloof Family PhD Dissertation Fellowship, PhD Conference Travel grants. For information and eligibility requirements, please visit: https://economics.sas.upenn.edu/pier/pier-grants.


7. PIER Workshop on Quantitative Tools for Macroeconomic Policy Analysis. A unique workshop providing essential training on state-of-the-art quantitative tools for analyzing macroeconomic policy, please visit: http://economics.sas.upenn.edu/pier/tools-workshop

2016-2017 EVENTS

- Martha and Jonathan Cohen Distinguished Visitor
  Prof. Serena Ng, Columbia University
  March 27-29, 2017

- Martha and Jonathan Cohen Distinguished Visitor
  Prof. Per Krusell, Institute for International Economic Studies
  April 10-14, 2017

- 3rd PIER Workshop on Quantitative Tools for Macroeconomic Policy Analysis
  May 1 – May 5, 2017

- Sponsored Conferences
  Decision Theory Conference
  April 7, 2017

  Big Data Predictive Dynamic Econometric Modeling Conference
  May 18, 2017
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Martha & Jonathan Cohen
  Distinguished Visitor
  Prof. Yeon-Koo Che, Columbia University,
  Sept. 25-28, 2017

- Martha & Jonathan Cohen
  Distinguished Visitor
  Prof. Hugo Hopenhayn, UCLA
  October 23-27, 2017

- Philadelphia Workshop on
  Macroeconomics & Economic Policy
  April 6, 2018

- 4TH PIER Workshop on Quantitative
  Tools for Macroeconomic Policy
  Analysis
  April 30th – May 4th 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

25th Anniversary: PIER turns 25 in 2018! A special conference event to take place in the 2018-19 academic year, in the new Pearlman Center building, is in the works.

New Logo and Website: Effective September 2017, PIER has a new logo (which is featured in the header of this Newsletter), and in Spring 2018, PIER will launch a fully revamped website, in connection with the launching of the new Economics Department website. New features will include a significantly improve search facility for the working paper series.
From right to left, PIER Director Prof. Enrique Mendoza with wife (Mrs. Rosaura Mendoza), Prof. Sara Calvo and Penn Econ PhD Alumni Jose C. Rodriguez Pueblita and Ernesto Cordero at the farewell reception of the 2nd Annual PIER Workshop May 2016

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