The 8th International Workshop on “Empirical Methods in Energy Economics” will be held at the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREC), University of Maryland, College Park, on July 9-10, 2015. This workshop, which follows in the tradition of very successful predecessors held in Zurich, Switzerland (2008), Jasper, Canada (2009), Guildford, England (2010), Dallas, Texas (2011), Berlin, Germany (2012), Ottawa, Canada (2013), and Aachen, Germany (2014), is intended to provide a forum for the development and application of empirical methods in energy economics. Details about these previous workshops, along with information about joining the EMEE Network (at no cost), can be found on the EMEE homepage at www.emee.ethz.ch.

To provide the best opportunity for a comprehensive exchange of ideas concerning new empirical research in energy economics, the 2015 workshop is designed to allow time for a full presentation and discussion of each contribution. All sessions are held in plenary sessions (no concurrent presentations) to ensure the workshop participants’ attendance to all presentations.

We expect that there will be a total of some 14 full paper presentations, with the total number of participants being limited to 50. Each of the 14 papers will be allocated 45 minutes—30 minutes for the paper presentation, followed by a 10-minute discussion by a nominated discussant and then general discussion and questions. An additional 6 papers will be presented in shorter sessions that do not have designated discussants, but with questions and comments from the audience. In addition to the papers scheduled for presentation in the workshop sessions, additional papers will be selected for poster presentation only.

All papers will be circulated in advance of the workshop so that participants have an opportunity to read them prior to the workshop and the presentations. Participants are expected to attend the entire workshop and it is hoped that all participants will play a role as authors, discussants, or chairpersons. Doctoral students and young researchers are particularly encouraged to submit their papers. We especially welcome submissions based on novel econometric techniques, original and extensive datasets, rigorous study designs, important policy implications, etc.

The papers and posters for the 2015 workshop will be selected on the basis of extended abstracts (3-4 pages) structured as follows: 1) overview, 2) methods, 3) data and 4) preliminary results. The deadline for submitting extended abstracts (in pdf format) is February 28, 2015. The abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee (see below), with acceptance decisions notified by March 31, 2014. The extended abstracts should be attached to an email sent to Anna Alberini (aalberin@umd.edu). Please write “EMEE paper submission” in the email subject. Registration will be possible from early April 2014, with an anticipated registration fee of about $150-170. Further information about the registration will follow in early 2014. Final papers, which will be accessible from the conference website, need to be submitted by June 9, 2015.
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AREC and the University of Maryland: The University of Maryland’s main campus is located in College Park, which is a short metro (subway) or car ride from Washington, DC. The University of Maryland was founded in 1856, and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, of which AREC is part, in 1897.

Washington, DC: A beautiful city and the capital of the United States, Washington, DC offers a number of cultural and historic attractions, such as the White House, the Capital, the Washington Monument, Jefferson memorial and the Lincoln memorial, and the Mall. Its Smithsonian Institution museum system includes the National Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery, the Aerospace Museum, the Natural History Museum, and many other museums. They are fantastic and admission is free.

During the summer, there are a number of free outdoor events such Jazz in the Garden (every Friday afternoon/evening at the Hirshhorn Garden), Screen on the Green (outdoor movies on the mall), the Hong Kong Film Festival (Friday evenings and Sunday afternoon at the Freer-Sackler Gallery), the Fringe Festival and others.
Maryland: Visit beautiful and historic Baltimore, then head out to the Eastern shores for a day at the beach. Boating, fishing, bird watching and other activities take place on the world-renowned and beautiful Chesapeake Bay, a unique aquatic ecosystem.

Maryland blue crab.