Program Changes
International Symposium on Fiscal Imbalance

Thursday, September 13, 9 a.m.
The United States

Additional speaker  Mr. Bruce A. Wallin

Mr. Bruce A. Wallin is a professor in the Department of Political Science at Northeastern University in Boston. He is a specialist in the field of American federalism and intergovernmental relations. He has previously been a professor at the University of Wisconsin, a visiting professor in Japan and a researcher with the U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. In 1999, the American Political Science Association awarded him the prize for the best book on urban politics for *From Revenue Sharing to Deficit Sharing: General Revenue Sharing and Cities*.

Friday, September 14, 9 a.m.
Belgium

Additional speaker  Ms. Magali Verdonck

Ms. Magali Verdonck is a researcher at the Université Catholique de Louvain. She is a specialist in public economics and is particularly interested in fiscal federalism and intergovernmental financial equalization. She has carried out studies on the funding of Belgian federated entities, in particular Brussels. She was a consultant in the political negotiations that led to the recent Saint-Polycarpe Agreement.

Friday, September 14, 10:45 a.m.
Spain

Additional speaker  Mr. Francesc Homs is replaced by Mr. Pere Galí

Mr. Pere Galí is secretary general for economic promotion at the Ministry of the Economy and Finance of Catalonia. He previously held management positions with a number of Spanish national and multinational companies. He holds an MBA from Barcelona’s School of Management and Business Administration (ESADE).

Mr. Albert Solé

Mr. Albert Solé is a professor at the Department of Public Finance of the University of Barcelona, and a researcher at the Centre for Research on Fiscal Federalism and Regional Economics at the Economic Institute of Barcelona of the same university. In his publications and his work, he examines various aspects of fiscal policy determination in a multilevel system of government, in particular regional and local financial policy in Spain. At various times, he has been a consultant on these issues for the central government, autonomous communities and local councils.