

## **Author's Guidelines**

*Research paper of approx. 6000 (six thousand) words are invited on the themes mentioned. It is requested that the authors do not exceed the word limit.*

*An abstract of the paper indicative of the scope of the paper may be sent by January 31, 2004.*

*A hard copy along with an online attachment may kindly be sent.*

*Further, specific comments and ideas focused on the above themes of approx. 1000 (one thousands) words are also solicited.*



## **National Workshop on:**

### **Problems and Prospects of Empirical Research in Economics**

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## Workshop Theme

*The Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia in Collaboration with Indian Association of Social Science Institutions (IASSI) is organizing a National Workshop on, 'Problems and Prospects of Empirical Research in Economics'.*

*Research and policy makers realize that the formulation of economic policies depends on the availability of accurate information. The means by which the data is collected, the methodology involved and the quality of data are issues of paramount importance. The question arises whether the procedures and techniques used to collect the data, and thus the information collected are truly representative of the economy/society? Is the information collected and presented consistent, meaningful, valid, reliable, and unbiased?*

*It is recognized that the economic data available is quite often unsatisfactory. It is not only an issue of lack of data but more a case of poor quality of data. There have been acute conceptual and measurement problems in trying to adapt official data for research purposes. Also the heterogeneity of the Indian economy poses formidable problems. Concepts and terms cannot automatically be transferred for use, and thus the problem of equivalence of data arises.*

*The focus of the present workshop is that the conceptualization of the problem to be studied, the choice of methodology for data presentation, the statistical design used for data collection, the formulation of the questionnaire, the quality control in the field work, the reliability and validity of data should have some standard benchmark. It may not be possible and necessary to prescribe universal rigid set of benchmark for presentation of statistical results but the general principals and basic requirements should be indicated. On this premise the following sub themes have been chosen for paper presentation and discussion*

### **Themes for the workshop**

- *Official Data Sources (National income Accounts): Conceptual problems and availability;*
- *Problems with data for sectoral Analysis (Agriculture, Industry and Services);*
- *Data needs for decentralized and corporate governance;*
- *Data requirements in Banking, Public Finance and Taxation;*
- *Data requirements in International Trade, capital market and International Finance; and*
- *Dimensions of census data (demography, health, education, labor and employment).*

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