

PRESS INFORMATION

Eugene F. Fama awarded the Deutsche Bank Prize in Financial Economics

FRANKFURT AM MAIN, April 28 2005 – Eugene F. Fama, Professor for Finances at the University of Chicago, is to be honored by the Center for Financial Studies and the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt with the Deutsche Bank Prize in Financial Economics, which is being presented for the first time this year. The jury decided to honor Eugene Fama for his fundamental contributions to financial economics, in particular for developing and investigating the concept of market efficiency, a cornerstone in the area of finance.

Eugene Fama has – stated the jury – had a lasting effect on the way in which financial economics is taught and practiced worldwide. The concept of market efficiency and the methods for the analysis of information processing in market prices are fundamental factors in nearly every aspect of modern empirical financial research. This concept has had a significant impact on the manner in which we generally regard financial markets. Eugene Fama has developed the conceptual basis and the analytical techniques which are now standard for financial economists in the academic world, management and policy-making. His publications have influenced the fields of asset valuation and corporate financing, and had an extraordinary impact on practical asset management and financial management in general. In the past forty years the works of Eugene Fama have ensured that he has always been at the spearhead of financial market research. Even today the market efficiency hypothesis is still an influential parameter for empirical research in the field of financial economics.

The prize, which is to be awarded every two years in the future, is coupled with a cash prize of € 50,000, sponsored by the Stiftungsfonds Deutsche Bank im Stifterverband der Deutschen Wissenschaft. Thus the award ranks among those with the highest cash prize in the field of finance, money and macroeconomics in Europe.

The aim, according to the chairman of the jury, **Jan Pieter Krahn**, is to establish the Deutsche Bank Prize as the most distinguished prize in the area of Financial Economics. The prize will honour excellent research with major impact in the discipline itself, as well in financial practice and policymaking.

“We regard the Deutsche Bank Prize in Financial Economics as an important contribution towards consolidating Frankfurt as a financial and academic location. The prize is intended to promote new international partnerships between practice and research, arouse the enthusiasm of internationally acknowledged academics for Germany and Frankfurt, and to motivate up-and-coming young managers,” adds **Marlehn Thieme** from Deutsche Bank AG.

The basis for the selection of the winner by an independent international jury was formed by nominations submitted by leading economists in Germany and abroad. The winner of the award was selected from over 370 nominations.

The ten members of the jury for the Deutsche Bank Prize in Financial Economics are Michael Binder (Goethe University Frankfurt), Matthew Bishop (The Economist), Vitor Gaspar (Banco de Portugal), Jan Pieter Krahen (CFS and Goethe University Frankfurt), Christian Laux (Goethe University Frankfurt), Hermann Remsperger (Deutsche Bundesbank), Mark Taylor (University of Warwick), Norbert Walter (Deutsche Bank Research), Volker Wieland (CFS and Goethe University Frankfurt) and Josef Zechner (University of Vienna).

The prize will be presented on October 6, 2005 in Frankfurt by **Josef Ackermann**, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of Deutsche Bank AG, within the framework of an academic CFS*symposium*. The symposium on the Westend campus of Goethe University Frankfurt is examining current issues relating to the topic “Market Efficiency today” and is intended to enhance the transfer of knowledge between the academic world and financial market practice.

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