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## PRESS RELEASE

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The National Bank of Belgium today announced plans to support the development of a new publication focused on central bank theory and practice and issued a call for research papers. The *International Journal of Central Banking* (IJCB) will be a joint project of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the European Central Bank, and each of the Group of Ten (G-10) central banks, with participation expected from other central banks. The G-10 central banks are the Bank of Canada, Bank of England, Bank of France, Bank of Italy, Bank of Japan, Deutsche Bundesbank, Federal Reserve Board, National Bank of Belgium, Netherlands Bank, Sveriges Riksbank, and Swiss National Bank.

The IJCB will publish refereed articles of high analytical quality for a professional audience. The journal will feature policy-relevant articles on any aspect of the theory and practice of central banking, with special emphasis on research bearing on monetary and financial stability. The objectives of the IJCB are to widely disseminate the best policy-relevant and applied research on central banking and to promote communication among researchers both inside and outside of central banks. Federal Reserve Board Governor Ben S. Bernanke will serve as the initial managing editor, and will work with designees from the sponsoring institutions to develop the journal. Mr Jan Smets, member of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Belgium has agreed to serve as this bank's representative to the journal's governing committee.

European Central Bank economist Dr. Frank Smets and Bank of Japan Policy Board Member Dr. Kazuo Ueda will serve as IJCB co-editors. The journal board will appoint additional co-editors as well as a small group of associate editors to help coordinate solicitation and review of articles.

The BIS will host the journal's web site, which will be accessible to readers free of charge. Print copies will be available by subscription. The IJCB sponsors held their initial meeting in July and have a goal of publishing the first quarterly issue in early 2005.

A formal **call for research** papers is attached. Questions about the submission process may be directed to [BDM-IJCB-Editor@frb.gov](mailto:BDM-IJCB-Editor@frb.gov) or mailed to: Managing Editor, International Journal of Central Banking, MS-127, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. Submission guidelines for authors are available at <http://gemini.econ.umd.edu/ijcb>.

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## Call for Papers

### **International Journal of Central Banking Premier Issue**

The *International Journal of Central Banking* (IJCB), a new quarterly publication that is a joint project of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the European Central Bank, and each of the Group of Ten (G-10) central banks,<sup>1</sup> seeks submissions for its premier issue, slated for publication in early 2005. The objectives of the IJCB are to disseminate widely the best policy-relevant and applied research on central banking and to promote communication among researchers both inside and outside of central banks.

The editors seek manuscripts of high analytical quality on the theory and/or practice of central banking, with special emphasis on research bearing on monetary and financial stability. Topic areas of published research will include but not be limited to macroeconomics, monetary economics, econometric modeling, finance and capital markets, banking and financial intermediation, the analysis of payments systems, prudential regulation and supervision, issues relating to domestic and international financial stability, and international finance more generally.

The journal will publish full-length articles; shorter articles or “notes”; and comments on previously published work (with authors’ replies). The journal may also on occasion commission surveys of important developing areas of research.

Federal Reserve Board Governor Ben S. Bernanke will serve as the initial managing editor, reporting to a governing committee comprised of designees from the sponsoring institutions. The editors welcome manuscripts for consideration from central bank staff and other researchers. Please observe the submission guidelines below or visit <http://gemini.econ.umd.edu/ijcb/ijcbsubmit.html> for further details.

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<sup>1</sup> Bank of Canada, Bank of England, Bank of France, Bank of Italy, Bank of Japan, Deutsche Bundesbank, Federal Reserve Board, National Bank of Belgium, Netherlands Bank, Sveriges Riksbank, and Swiss National Bank.

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