The 15th IZA Summer School

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IZA – A Story of Success

► Established in 1998 in Bonn, Germany
► IZA is a private independent economic research institute
► It focuses on the analysis of global labor markets
► It operates an international network of more than 1,100 economists and researchers spanning across more than 40 countries
► Based on academic excellence and an ambitious publication strategy, IZA serves as a place of communication between academic science and political practice
► The institute provides a wide array of publications and events, contributes its findings to public debates, and advises policymakers and business leaders on various labor market issues
► Headed by Professor Klaus F. Zimmermann, IZA is a non-profit organization supported by the Deutsche Post Foundation
IZA’s Research Areas:
Umbrellas for Projects with a Common Thread

1. Evaluation of Labor Market Programs
2. Behavioral and Personnel Economics
3. Migration
4. Labor Markets and Institutions
5. Labor Markets in Emerging and Transition Economies
6. The Future of Labor
7. Employment and Development
8. Environment and Employment

*Special Program Area:*
Growth and Labor Markets in Low Income Countries (GLM | LIC)
IZA – A Globally Unique Research Institution

► IZA is independent of political agendas and commissioned research
► It aims to find sustainable solutions for the problems in today’s labor markets and to help actively shape tomorrow’s labor economics
► IZA’s focus on urgent labor market problems of our time, its private funding and its international orientation make IZA globally unique
► The high quality of its research methods and findings has added to IZA’s strong reputation in the scientific community
► As a special service for labor economists worldwide, the International Data Service Center (IDSC) of IZA offers remote access to the most relevant datasets in labor economics
► The access to the largest network of labor economists worldwide makes IZA acting as a “spider in the web”
The Promotion of Junior Academics at IZA

► IZA Scholarship Program: Local PhD students at IZA in Bonn, pursuing degrees at universities in Bonn, Cologne, Berlin etc.

► New: IZA introduces the IZA@DC Young Scholar Program

- Excellent opportunity for outstanding students from Ph.D. programs outside of the U.S. to get in close touch with IZA Research Fellows from the Washington DC metro area

- Joint initiative with the Georgetown University and its Georgetown Center of Economic Research (GCER)

- 1st IZA@DC Young Scholar Program in October 2012
The IZA Summer School

- New standard in the promotion of junior academics since 1998 at the Lake Ammersee
- Rising number of applications and tough selection process: acceptance rate about 25%
- More than 500 participants so far!
- High-ranking representatives serve as lecturers in innovative and growing fields
- Intensive teaching program in an ideal working environment and relaxed atmosphere
- Many alumni have pursued successful careers while forming a particularly committed part of the IZA network
15 Years of Productive Interaction
15 Years of IZA Summer School: Success story thanks to scientific organizers...

Thomas Bauer
Organizer 1998-2003

Ana Rute Cardoso
Organizer 2003-2008

Kontantinos Tatsiramos
Organizer 2008-2011

Anne Gielen
Organizer since 2011

... and lecturers:
IZA Summer School: Strong Institutional Support

2004-2007:

European Union – Sixth Framework Programme
Marie Curie Conferences and Training Courses
IZA Summer School: Advisory Committee

- Peter Jensen (Aarhus School of Business, Denmark) representing ESPE
- Uwe Sunde (University of St. Gallen, Switzerland) representing EALE
- Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (University of Linz, Austria) representing CEPR
- Piero Tedeschi (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy) representing EEA
- Andrew J. Oswald (IZA and University of Warwick) representing IZA
IZA Summer School: Participants

► Colorful international blend: participants with more than 40 different nationalities and from universities in more than 20 countries

► Almost half of the IZA Summer School participants are female

► Later in their career, participants in the IZA Summer School have significantly more (quality-adjusted) publications

[augmented Table 6; with an additional “IZA Summer School” dummy variable]

► Hence – and last, but not least – the success story of the IZA Summer School is also due to the participants
15 Years of IZA Summer School

The success story continues...

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IZA – Teaching the Future of Labor

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