

## **Centre of Policy Studies GTAP-related Activities 2013-14**

- In February 2014 the Centre of Policy Studies moved *en bloc* from Monash University to Victoria University in central Melbourne. The climate at Monash had become hostile to groups like the Centre of Policy Studies, most of which have moved from Monash or closed.
- The Centre continues to focus on single-country models of Australia (and, increasingly, of other countries), often incorporating a sub-national regional dimension. Nonetheless, some use was made of the GTAP and similar world models.
- 2015 GTAP conference: the Centre has agreed to be local organizer; conference and dinner venues have been surveyed and booked. [more details from Philip Adams]
- GTAP-related Windows programs continue to be updated and improved by Mark Horridge:
  - ◆ RunGTAP has enjoyed continuing small updates. For example, it now warns a user running 32-bit Windows, if a version archive is loaded that contains a 64-bit EXE file (which will not run).
  - ◆ TASTE: A large effort has been made by Pelikan, Narayanan, Mimouni, Guimbard, Laborde, Bouët and others to update the GTAP tariff datasets, allowing new versions of TASTE to be released for GTAP versions 8.1 and 9. Mark Horridge updated the TASTE programs to facilitate this.
  - ◆ GTAPAgg: was originally designed to handle just 1 GTAP dataset; now GTAP databases are released for multiple years; and in several flavours (GTAP-E, GTAP-AEZ, etc). A new version of GTAPAgg has been created to handle multiple databases (user chooses version, flavour, year). Horridge and GTAP staff are working to finalize and perfect this.
  - ◆ Runtime of GTAP.EXE was halved by tuning the condensation: see <http://www.copsmodels.com/archivep.htm#tpmh0137>
- GTAP Short Course 2014 (Istanbul, Turkey): Mark Horridge was an instructor.
- New Central American IO tables for GTAP: Carlos Ludena and Mark Horridge prepared tables for Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Puerto Rico.