

Post-Conference Report 7th Annual ifera Conference 2007

Thank you for your participation in this year's Conference. We appreciate your contributions, time, and efforts in making this year a huge success!

PURPOSE

This conference was aimed at:

- Building the community and unity of family business researchers worldwide
- Providing a high quality conference at a reasonable price
- Welcoming Prof. Dr. Panikkos Poutziouris as the new ifera President
- Introducing new conference components: the doctoral consortium, special journal issue, monetary awards and the family business day.

DATE, LOCATION, HOSTS and SPONSORS

20-23 June 2007

European Business School, Oestrich-Winkel, Germany

Conference Chairmen

Prof. Dr. Sabine Klein, European Business School

Prof. Dr. Heinz Klandt, European Business School

Prof. Dr. Sanjay Goel, University of Minnesota, Duluth

Family Business Review Special Issue Guest Editors

Prof. Dr. Sabine Klein, European Business School

Prof. Dr. Franz Kellermanns, Mississippi State University

The ifera 2007 Research Paper Awards Sponsor

Prof. Dr. Lloyd Steier, University of Alberta

A special thanks to you all for your valuable input and excellent professional service!

CONFERENCE REPORT

In general, we had record attendance, increased paper submissions, and a whole lot of fun!

- 22 doctoral students attended the 1st Annual ifera Doctoral Consortium
- 68 submissions were received and reviewed by 34 members of the review board and 3 conference chairmen
- Out of those submissions, 11 papers were chosen for the second round of reviews for the *FBR* Special Issue. Please note – **Submission deadline is 31 July 2007**
- 124 participants representing 32 countries across 6 continents were in attendance

- Shaker Zahra and G. Tom Lumpkin presented excellent keynotes
- The ifera 2007 University of Alberta Best Research Paper Award, in the amount of 1500€, was awarded to Dr. Chris Graves and Dr. Jill Thomas
- The ifera 2007 University of Alberta Most Innovative Paper Award, in the amount of 1000€, was awarded to Markku Ikävalko, Timo Pihkala and Iiro Jussila
- The ifera 2007 University of Alberta Honourable Mention Award, in the amount of 500€, was awarded to Antonio Durendéz, Domingo García Pérez de Lema and Antonia Madrid-Guijarro
- The ifera 2007 University of Alberta Award finalists were Christina Lubinski, Gaia Marchisio, Joseph Astrachan and Pietro Mazzola
- The Family Business Day was well received and contributed to bridging the gap between research and practice
- Overall, participants enjoyed the content, context, and quality of the sessions
- Participants valued the new conference components with positive feedback
- Excellent suggestions for the location and organization of future ifera conferences were offered
- The ifera2007.org site is being updated, and by the end of next week you can find the:
 - Participant List
 - Programs
 - Proceedings
 - Photo Gallery
- The 8th Annual ifera Conference 2008 is scheduled for **2-5 July 2008** at the Nyenrode Business Universiteit in The Netherlands.

Mark the date and submit your suggestions...let's make ifera 2008 even better!

See you there!

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