

CALL FOR PAPERS

You are invited to participate in The 2006 Global Conference on Business and Finance (GCBF). The conference, sponsored by The Institute for Business and Finance Research (IBFR), will be held from May 31 thru June 3, 2006 at the Ramada Plaza Herradura: Golf Resort & Conference Center in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Theoretical and empirical papers in all areas of business, public administration, economics, business education and related fields are welcome. Paper do not need to be global in nature, country specific issues are welcome. English and Spanish language sessions will be offered. An Internet Session will be offered for those unable to make the trip to Costa Rica. Proposals for special sessions are welcome.

The GCBF is affiliated with the International Journal of Business and Finance Research (IJBFR), a peer reviewed academic journal. Papers that are awarded the Outstanding Research Award at the conference will be offered publication in the Journal. We anticipate that 10 to 20 percent of papers submitted will receive the Outstanding Research Award. In addition, papers receiving the Best Paper in Session Award will automatically be reviewed for possible publication in the Journal.

Benefits of attending the Conference

- To network with other professionals
- To present your research at an international conference
- To receive feedback on your research
- To publish an abstract of your paper in the proceedings
- To compete for the Outstanding Research Award
- To compete for the Best Paper in Session Award
- To have your paper considered for publication in a peer reviewed journal
- To network with potential employers and employees
- The opportunity to enjoy beautiful Costa Rica!

Important Dates

Early registration deadline:	February 3, 2006
Manuscript Submission deadline:	March 17, 2006
Registration deadline:	March 17, 2006
Abstract submission deadline:	April 28, 2006
Award submission deadline:	April 28, 2006

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Conference Fees

Conference registration is \$295 for the first paper and \$100 for each additional paper. The fee should be postmarked by **March 17, 2006**. Early submissions, where both the paper and conference fees are postmarked prior to **February 3**, will receive a 10 percent discount on conference registration fees.

Individuals that are not presenting a paper at the conference are invited to participate in the conference. A reduced registration fee of \$250 will apply.

Full-time students will receive a \$75 discount off the conference registration fee. Documentation of student status is required.

Submissions and Deadlines

To Submit an Abstract or Completed Paper for Conference Presentation

Submit an abstract or completed paper by e-mail to: submissions@theIBFR.com prior to March 17, 2006. Papers may also be submitted by regular mail. Please mail a CD or paper version of your abstract or completed paper to: The IBFR, P.O. Box 5569, Hilo, HI 96720, USA. All submission must be in Microsoft Word or Acrobat PDF format. Include the contact information for all authors on the first page of the document. You will receive an email containing an acceptance or rejection letter within 10 business days. The letter will contain a submission number that you should include in all further correspondences. For example: Submission Number CR121505.

To Submit the Conference Registration Form and Payment

After your paper has been accepted for presentation, you must register for the conference. To do so, you should print the registration form available at: www.theIBFR.com/registration.htm . At least one author of a paper must register for the conference. Attach a check payable in U.S. dollars and mail the form and payment to the address indicated on the form.

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Early	Prior to February 3, 2006	10% discount
Regular	Prior to March 17, 2006	Regular fee
Late	After to March 17, 2006	\$50 late fee

To Submit an Abstract for the Proceedings

After you register, you may submit a one-page to four-page abstract of your paper for publication in the proceedings. Note that paper submitted for conference presentation must be resubmitted in the proper format for publication on the proceedings. Abstracts for the proceedings must be received no later than April 28, 2006. The abstract should be formatted according to the publication guidelines available at www.theIBFR.com/guidelines.htm. The abstract should be e-mailed to submissions@theIBFR.com. The Microsoft Word file should be named: *contact_author-proc-submission_number.doc*. The submission number can be found in your acceptance letter. For example johnson-proc-CR121505.doc

To Submit a Paper for Award Consideration

After you register you may also submit your paper to be considered for the Outstanding Research Award. For award consideration, we must have your full manuscript. Award winners will be offered the opportunity to publish their manuscript in the *International Journal of Business and Finance Research*. Spanish language papers are welcome for award consideration. However, award winning papers must be translated to English for publication in the Journal. Note that a \$25 per page fee applies to manuscripts that are published in the Journal to offset the costs of printing. The full manuscript should be e-mailed to submissions@theIBFR.com no later than April 28, 2006. The Microsoft Word file should be named *contact_author-award-submission_number.doc*. For example Johnson-award-CR121505.doc

Placement Book Submissions

A complimentary placement binder will be available at the conference. This service is offered only to registered conference participants.

Employers wishing to advertise a position may do so by sending a copy of their position announcement to submissions@theIBFR.com. The file should be named: *employer_name-ann.doc*. For example: *greatemployer_ann.doc*

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Employee's may list their vita in the book by sending a copy of the vita to submissions@theIBFR.com. The file should be named: *name-vita.doc*. For example: smith-vita.doc.

Hotel Reservations

We encourage you to stay at the conference hotel and to arrange for your lodging early. Costa Rica is a popular destination and hotels do sell out.

We have arranged for a block of rooms at Ramada Plaza Herradura Golf Resort & Conference Center at an outstanding **special rate** of \$90.00 (single or double) and \$105 (Triple) per night plus tax. These rates include breakfast and free shuttle service from and to the San Jose International Airport between 5 AM and 10 PM. The shuttle will run from the airport to the hotel on the half hour (3:30, 4:30 etc). It will run from the hotel to the airport on the hour (3:00, 4:00 etc).

To receive the special \$90.00 rate, you must make your reservations directly with the hotel. A special link is available from the hotel website: www.hotelherradura.com/onlinereservations/reservaesp.htm or go to:

www.ramadaherradura.com/ and click on the **IBFR-GCBF** logo located at the bottom to access their reservation page. Alternatively, you may make reservations by calling the hotel at 1-800-832-0474. Again, be sure to indicate to the hotel that you will be attending the GCBF and would like to receive the special rate. You can also visit the hotel website at: www.hotelherradura.com or www.ramadaherradura.com for additional information about the facilities.

Airfares

Costa Rica has two international airports. You will want to fly to Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO) in San Jose, Costa Rica. Airfare to San Jose is very reasonable from many U.S. Cities. Recent round trip fares from the following U.S. cities to San Jose, Costa Rica are: Los Angeles \$388, Dallas \$462, Phoenix \$460, Denver \$478, Miami \$281, New York \$353, San Francisco \$527, Atlanta \$386.

Information About Costa Rica

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Conference Cancellations

The Institute reserves the right to cancel the conference in the event of a natural disaster, terrorist event or other unusual circumstances. In such instances, the Institute will only be responsible for returning the attendee's conference registration fee.