

CALL FOR PAPERS
2008 COSTA RICA GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON
BUSINESS AND FINANCE (GCBF)
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

You are invited to participate in The 2008 Costa Rica Global Conference on Business and Finance (GCBF) – San Jose, Costa Rica. The Conference, sponsored by The Institute for Business and Finance Research, LLC (IBFR), will be held from May 28-31, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Herradura Hotel and Convention Center, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Theoretical and empirical papers in all areas of business, finance, marketing, management, accounting, MIS, public administration, economics, business education and related fields are welcome. Papers do not need to be global in nature. English and Spanish language sessions will be offered. An Internet Session will be offered for those unable to make the trip to San Jose, Costa Rica.

The Conference is affiliated with four peer-reviewed journals. The International Journal of Business and Finance Research; International Journal of Management and Marketing Research; and Global Journal of Business Research are scheduled for listing in the 11th edition of Cabell's directory. Spanish language papers are published in Revista Internacional Administración y Finanzas. Papers honored with the Outstanding Research Award at the conference will be offered publication in one of our Journals. We anticipate 10-20 percent of submitted papers will win the award. In addition, papers receiving the Best Paper in Session Award are reviewed for possible Journal publication.

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Benefits of attending the Conference

- To publish an abstract of your paper in our refereed conference proceedings (Title "Global Conference on Business and Finance Proceedings," ISSN 1931-0285, CD-Rom)
- To network with other professionals
- To present your research at an international conference
- To receive feedback on your research
- To compete for the Outstanding Research Award
- To compete for the Best Paper in Session Award

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- 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 Deadlines:

Manuscript submission	March 21, 2008
Regular registration	April 07, 2008
Payment receipt	April 07, 2008
Award submission	April 14, 2008
Proceedings submission	April 21, 2008

Early submissions are greatly appreciated.

Submissions

Submit an abstract or completed paper by e-mail to: submissions@theIBFR.com prior to March 21, 2008. Early submissions are greatly appreciated. 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.

Directions will be provided for submitting your paper to the proceedings and for award consideration along with your acceptance letter.

Conference Fees

Conference registration is US\$320 the first paper and for participants not presenting. The registration fee for full-time students is \$275 (documentation of student status is required). There is a US\$80 fee for each additional paper. A US\$50 late fee applies for registration fees paid after the deadline. The fee should be received by **April 7, 2008**. A \$50 late fee applies for registration fees paid after April 7, 2008. If your payment is not received by May 2, 2008, your participation will be cancelled. Individuals that are not presenting a paper at the conference are invited to participate in the conference. Regular registration fees will apply.

Hotel

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 a **special rate** of \$95.00 (single or double) per night plus tax. This rate includes breakfast.

To receive the special \$95.00 rate, you must make your reservations directly with the hotel. This special rate will be available until April 26, 2008 and it is

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subject to availability. You can make your reservations by calling 506-209-9800 and ask for the IBFR-GCBF (Institute for Business and Finance Research) Group rate. You can also make your reservation online at www.ramadaherradura.com/english/reservations/reservations.htm or by email to: email to Masumi Abe, mabe@ramadaherradura.com. Again, be sure to indicate to the hotel that you will be attending the GCBF and would like to receive the special rate. The Conference hotel is near the airport and offer complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. Hours of operation and pick-up times for the shuttle can be found at the hotel website: www.hotelherradura.com or www.ramadaherradura.com. Alternatively, there is a wide selection of taxis that provide service to and from the Airport. You can also visit the hotel website at www.ramadaherradura.com for additional information about the facilities.

Airfares

Costa Rica has two international airports. You will want to fly to San Jose International Airport (SJO) in San Jose, Costa Rica. Airfare to San Jose is very reasonable from many U.S. Cities

Information About Costa Rica

We have included a section about Costa Rica
www.theIBFR.com/costaricainfo.htm

Information About the Hotel

We have included a section about The Hotel Ramada Plaza Herradura
www.theIBFR.com/herradura.htm

Conference Cancellations

The Institute reserves the right to cancel the conferences in the event of a natural disaster, terrorist event or other unusual circumstances as determined at the sole discretion of the Institute for Business and Finance Research, LLC. In such instances, the Institute will be responsible only for returning the attendee's conference registration fee.