

CALL FOR PAPERS

2009 COSTA RICA GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS AND FINANCE (GCBF)

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA: MAY 27-30, 2009

You are invited to participate in The 2009 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 27-30, 2009 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.

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BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE

Journal Publication Opportunities

The Conference is affiliated with four peer-reviewed journals: *The International Journal of Business and Finance Research (IJBFR)*, *International Journal of Management and Marketing Research (IJMMR)*, *Global Journal of Business Research (GJBR)* and *Revista Internacional Administración & Finanzas (RIAF)*. All our journals are included in EBSCOHost. EBSCOHost provides nation-wide access to Journal content in more than 70 countries. All our English Journals are listed in the 11th edition of Cabell's directory. They are also listed in Ulrich's Periodical Directory. The International Journal of Business and Finance Research and Global Journal of Business are indexed in The American Economic Association's *Econlit*, *e-JEL* and *JEL on CD*. 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. In addition, papers receiving the Best Paper in Session Award are reviewed for possible Journal publication. Aquellos participantes que envíen su trabajo completo el Outstanding Research Award (ORA) se les ofrecerá publicación en una de nuestros Journals.

Publication in the Refereed Conference Proceedings (Optional)

Publishing in the Refereed Conference Proceedings is free to registered and paid conference attendees. Conference proceedings are published under the title "Global Conference on Business and Finance Proceedings," ISSN 1931-0285, CD format, and ISSN 1941-9589 online format. You can publish a 200-word abstract, a 5-page version of your paper or a full paper (not to exceed 12 properly formatted pages). All proceedings submissions must be in MS Word and must be formatted according to our proceedings guidelines located at www.theibfr.com/guidelines.htm. Your acceptance letter will include detailed information on how to publish in the refereed conference proceedings.

Outstanding Research Award

Registered attendees can submit their paper for award consideration and possible publication in one of our journals. Award winners will receive a certificate and an award plaque at the award banquet. An acceptance letter and reviewer's comments are provided for award-winning papers. Award winners are required to properly format their document and make any other changes required by the reviewers and/or editor prior to journal publication. Please note that there is a \$25 per page publication fee for papers that are published in the journals. Submissions to the award competition are treated in the same fashion as a journal submission. Thus, submitting a paper for award consideration implies that your paper has not been published elsewhere

and is not under publication consideration elsewhere. It also implies that you are prepared to pay the publication fee if your paper wins an award.

Best in Session Award

Based on a peer-review process, in each session, a paper will be selected as the Best Paper in Session for an award. Best in Session Award Winners will receive a certificate at the Award Banquet and are invited to submit their papers to our regular review process for possible publication.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

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| Submission for presentation consideration | March 20, 2009 |
| Regular registration | April 06, 2009 |
| Payment receipt | April 06, 2009 |
| Award submission | April 13, 2009 |
| Proceedings submission | April 13, 2009 |

Early submissions are greatly appreciated.

SUBMISSIONS FOR PRESENTATION CONSIDERATION

Deadline: March 20, 2009

Submit to: Submissions@theibfr.com

Submit a 200-word abstract or full paper to: submissions@theIBFR.com. All submissions 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. Your acceptance letter will provide detailed information about publishing in the refereed conference proceedings and submitting your paper for award consideration.

CONFERENCE FEES

Deadline: April 6, 2009

Conference registration is US\$320 for the first paper. Non-presenting participants are welcome and are subject to the US\$320 registration fee. The registration fee for full-time students is \$295 (documentation of full-time student status is required). There is an US\$80 fee for each additional paper. A \$50 late fee applies for registration fees received at our office after **April 6, 2009**. If your payment is not received by **April 24, 2009**, your participation will be cancelled. **All attending** authors must register and pay the registration fee. The registration form is available at: www.theIBFR.com/registration.htm. Accepted forms of payment are available at www.theibfr.com/paymentmethods.htm

Food and Beverage

Your registration fee includes Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks at the reception, a ticket for the Award Banquet and coffee breaks on each day of sessions. Additional Banquet tickets are available for purchase for those participants attending with their spouse and/or guest(s). The price per ticket is \$30.

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 \$110 (single or double) per night plus taxes. This rate includes breakfast.

To receive the special \$110 rate, you must make your reservations directly with the hotel. The special rate of \$110 is available until April 24, or until the available block of rooms is reserved, whichever occurs first. You can make your reservations by calling 506-2209-9800 and ask for the IBFR-GCBF (Institute for Business and Finance Research) Group rate. You can reserve online at:

admin@theibfr.com

<http://www.theibfr.com>

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. After April 24, 2009, the hotel will not honor the promotional rate and regular standard will apply.

The Conference hotel is near the airport and offers complimentary airport shuttle service. Hours of operation can be found at www.ramadaherradura.com/facilities/transporte.html. 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 and transportation.

ABOUT THE INTERNET SESSION

If you can't travel to the conference and want to change to the internet session, please notify us as soon as possible, but no later than **April 24, 2009**. Otherwise, we will not be able to re-schedule your presentation or mail your conference welcome package. We only mail conference welcome packages to registered internet session participants.

AUTHOR AND TITLE CHANGES

In the event of an authorship or paper title change after your initial submission, you must e-mail the editor@theIBFR.com for permission to make the change.

PRESENTATION EQUIPMENT

Each conference room will be equipped with an LCD computer projector, and a computer. The presentation rooms will not be equipped with internet connections. An overhead document camera (Elmo) capable of presenting most transparencies or paper documents will be available upon advance request only. You are welcome to use our equipment at your own risk. To see photos of our equipment, please visit our website at <http://www.theibfr.com/equipment.htm>.

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 AND THE HOTEL

We have included a section about Costa Rica and the hotel on our website at www.theIBFR.com/costaricainfo.htm and 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, illness 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. The Institute reserves to right to refuse service to anyone.

The staff and I look forward to visiting with you at the conference. If you have any questions regarding the conference, please do not hesitate to contact us.