

# Chapter Report 2005

## AIB USA Southwest Chapter

The 2005 Academy of International Business U.S. Southwest Chapter Conference was held in Dallas, Texas from March 1-5, 2005 in conjunction with the 2005 Federation of Business Disciplines (FBD, formerly SWFAD) Conference. FBD is presently composed of 13 regional professional associations that focus on the improvement of research and education activities of schools and colleges of business administration.

Due to increased competition from other professional conferences and other reasons, the overall participation at the FBD conference increased slightly by about 4 percent (from 1,054 to 1,000). The Academy of International Business U.S. Southwest Chapter, however, experienced a better improvement of 13% from 75 in 2004 to about 85 in 2005.

The elected chapter officers for 2005-2006 are as follows:

Chapter Chair:

Dr. M. Kabir Hassan, University of New Orleans and Drexel University

President:

Dr. Anisul M. Islam, University of Houston-Downtown

Vice President Programs:

Dr. Asghar Nazemzadeh, University of Houston-Downtown

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Dr. Melissa N. Castillo, University of Houston-Clear lake

The AIB-SW Chapter Organizing Committee planned a very timely and informative meeting. The following are the highlights of the 2005 conference:

- a. A total of 23 sessions were organized and 84 papers were presented.
- b. Three Special Panel Sessions were organized on the topic of "Restructuring Global Financial Architecture – Current Problems and Proposals for Reform", "Greenspan's fraud and the U.S. Economy" and "Invited Session on Bangladesh Development". Selected IB scholars and speakers for the special sessions included: Dr. Haider Khan, University of Denver, Dr. Ravi Batra, Southern Methodist University; Dr. Anisul M. Islam, U. of Houston-Downtown; Matiur Rahman, McNeese State University; Dr. Asghar Nazemzadeh, University of Houston-Downtown; and Dr. Kabir Hassan, University of New Orleans.
- c. The Program Chair was Dr. Asghar Nazemzadeh (University of Houston-Downtown). The AIBSW conference proceedings (2005 Southwest Review of International Business Research) were edited by Dr. Kenneth R. Gray, Florida A&M University and Dr. Anisul M. Islam, University of Houston-Downtown.
- d. All program committee members, conference track chairs, the Outstanding Educator Award winner, and the best paper authors were recognized for their contributions. The 2005 McGraw-Hill/Irwin Distinguished Paper Award in International Business was awarded to Dr. Kalu Ojah, University of Witwaterstand-Johannesburg, South Africa and Dr. Justo Manrique, University of Houston-Downtown and the 2005 Outstanding Educator Award was given to Dr. Michael Landeck, Texas A&M International University.
- e. The financial condition of the AIB-SW improved in 2005 because of substantial reforms initiated and carried out by the Chapter President Dr. Anisul M. Islam in consultation with the AIBSW Executive Board members and the general membership. The balance remaining in the AIB-SW account is somewhat positive after paying all the expenses including the costs of about 300 pages strong 2005 AIBSW Proceedings and the last year's negative balance. This small but positive balance compares well in comparison to the negative balance in 2004.
- f. The 2006 annual meeting of the AIB-SW in conjunction with the FBD will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 28 – March 4, 2006.

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