

## **AIB- US Southwest Chapter Chair Report: 2007**

The AIB-US Southwest 2007 Conference was held in Town and Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego, California during March 16-17, 2007. The AIB-US Southwest has been in existence since 1990, and has become one of the most dynamic AIB chapters in the U.S. We have achieved this level of success due to the sincere and tireless efforts of many AIB officers, members and well-wishers. The AIB-US Southwest continues to be a forum for sharing research work in many areas of international research.

### AIBSW Annual Conference Program Report 2006 – 2007

Number of papers accepted: 69

Number of authors: 160+

Number of Schools: 50+

Country affiliations of authors' schools:

Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, India, Iran, Lebanon, Mauritius, Portugal, Russia, Taiwan, USA, and UK

Special Sessions: 3 (two on Thursday, and one on Friday)

Names of Special Sessions:

Teaching International Business: Emergent Trends and Methods

Study Abroad: Making It Work for Everyone

A Primer on Islamic Banking and Finance

Numbers of Sessions: 22 (Eight on Thursday, 12 on Friday, and 2 on Saturday)

Lunch (Friday at 12 pm)

Business Meeting (Thursday at 5:15 pm)

Best Educator Award:

Dr. Kenneth Gray, Florida A&M University

Best Paper Award:

The Propensity and Intensity of Export Activities in Subsidiaries

João Pedro Almeida Couto, University of Azores, Portugal

Maria Teresa Borges Tiago, University of Azores, Portugal

José Cabral Vieira, University of Azores, Portugal

Francisco José Ferreira Silva, University of Azores, Portugal

Dr. Fazlul Miah, Program Chair, has done an excellent job in putting together this year's program. Our president Dr. Anisul Islam has provided us valuable leadership. Dr. Islam has initiated and implemented a number of reforms and measures to improve the organizational and financial position of the organization. The financial position of our organization has improved as a result of these initiatives. Dr. Rock-Antoine Mehanna, Vice-President-Membership, introduced and implemented innovative ideas in promoting AIB-USSW membership. Melissa Castillo, Secretary-Treasurer, has taken care of our finances and conference logistics.

Dr. Kenneth R. Gray of Florida A&M University and Dr. Anisul Islam of University of Houston-Downtown jointly edited this year's conference proceedings, Southwest Review of International Business Research. I commend them for their excellent work on completing this year's conference proceedings. I hope that this publication will bring professional recognitions and reward to the AIB-USSW participants.

I want to report with a heavy heart that Dr. Kenneth R. Gray, our Conference Proceedings Editor and this year's Best Educator Award Winner, died of cardiac failure when he was mountaineering.

We will have bi-annual election of AIB-US Southwest this year. We have improved our financial position this year.

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