

**THE ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE BUSINESS STUDIES (AJBS)**

**CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT - CALL FOR PAPERS**

**JUNE 24-28, 2007 – INDIANAPOLIS**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 19, 2007**

AJBS will hold its 20th Annual Meeting in cooperation with the Academy of International Business (AIB) in Indianapolis. The combined conference will be June 24 to June 28 (the AJBS conference on June 24-25 and the AIB conference from June 25-28).

About AJBS: From its genesis as an informal network in 1982, AJBS was officially organized and held its first conference at the Wharton Business School in January 1987. AJBS continues to hold annual conferences at venues throughout the world, providing an opportunity for discussion of current developments and research on a wide range of business, public policy and teaching issues related to Japan. Papers for AJBS conference presentation are peer reviewed and selected conference papers are published in the journal, *Asian Business & Management (ABM)*. AJBS welcomes scholars, students, and practitioners from all disciplinary backgrounds who have an interest in Japanese business issues.

Why should you participate in both (AJBS and AIB) conferences? With one trip, you will benefit from both the most prestigious professional meeting in international business and a small, intimate AJBS conference that focuses specifically on Japanese business issues. Furthermore, the AJBS conference provides additional opportunities for journal publication and best paper awards, as detailed below.

Submission: Authors may submit papers to either or both conferences. AJBS will consider submissions that have already been presented elsewhere. Authors are encouraged to consider submitting a paper tailored to the specialized audience at the AJBS conference as well as a modified version appropriate for the wider audience at AIB. As has been the practice for the past two years, we also plan to have one session run by AJBS at the AIB conference.

AJBS Submission Deadline: February 19, 2007 – Please submit papers as an email attachment (.pdf or MS-Word format) to: [jvolkmar@otterbein.edu](mailto:jvolkmar@otterbein.edu). Paper submission guidelines can be found at <http://www.ajbs.org>. Papers will be double-blind reviewed, with the conference papers selected and authors notified by early-April, 2007.

Conference Registration: Registration for the conference will include a specially-discounted combined (AJBS plus AIB) conference fee, a one-year membership to AJBS (if not already a member) and a one-year subscription to the online edition of *Asian*

*Business & Management*. We will keep you posted on the registration fee and procedures.

**Asian Business & Management:** In 2003 AJBS established a partnership with the journal *Asian Business & Management* (ABM), published by Palgrave Macmillan in the U.K. As in recent years, the editor of ABM, together with the AJBS conference committee, will select approximately 5 to 7 papers from this year's conference program for publication in a special volume of ABM. At the time of submission, please indicate whether you wish your paper to be considered for publication in ABM.

**Palgrave Macmillan – AJBS Best Paper Award:** Palgrave Macmillan has sponsors a 'Best Paper' prize at the annual AJBS meetings. The best paper committee will review the finalist papers and select the winning paper.

**For further information:** Information on the Indianapolis meeting venue and AIB conference is available at <http://aib.msu.edu/events/2007/>. For questions regarding conference papers and submissions, please contact the AJBS Conference Program Chair, John A. Volkmar (jvolkmar@otterbein.edu). For questions or comments regarding AJBS or conference registration, please contact [ajbs@ajbs.org](mailto:ajbs@ajbs.org) or the AJBS President, Shane Schvaneveldt (schvaneveldt@weber.edu).