We are very pleased to announce that the AJBS meeting has been expanded – we will now be starting the conference on Thursday, July 7th, with two plenary sessions. **Professor D. Eleanor Westney (MIT Sloan School of Management)** will start the conference with a **keynote address**, which will be followed by a **special symposium** on Japanese business research. **The AJBS conference will continue on July 8th** and will include competitive paper sessions, luncheon, and a business meeting. This day-and-a-half conference format will allow for many more opportunities to see colleagues and build new bridges.

We look forward to an intellectually rich and stimulating experience in Quebec City!

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**July 7, 2005 AJBS Keynote Address and Research Symposium**

**4:00 – 5:15 p.m.  Keynote Address and Discussion with Audience**

“A Lost Decade of Japanese Business Studies”

D. Eleanor Westney, MIT Sloan School of Management

Long-time friend of AJBS and Fellow of AIB, Eleanor Westney has been an East Asian Studies specialist since her undergraduate days, focusing on Japan. She has a BA and MA in Sociology from the University of Toronto and PhD from Princeton. Before taking her present position at MIT in the Sloan School of Management, she taught at Yale. Her many activities at MIT’s Sloan School include serving as Director of the Senior Executives Program in the mid-1990s and as Faculty Chair of the Sloan Fellows Program for three years. She has been a visiting professor at the University of Tokyo and Hitotsubashi University in Japan, as well as at the University of Michigan, USA, and currently at the Schulich School of Business, York University, Canada.
5:15 -- 5:45 p.m.  Short Refreshment Break

5:45 – 7:15 p.m.  Symposium
“Japanese Business Research: Past, Present, and Future”

The symposium will include the following presentations:
• Genealogical Restructuring: Survival Patterns of Parent Firms following the Creation of Corporate Offspring (Elizabeth L. Rose and Kiyohiko Ito)
• Corporate History (Adrian E. Tschoegl)
• Change and Continuity, Variety and Conformity: How to Deal with a More Complex Japanese Business System? (Thomas Roehl)
• Comments by D. Eleanor Westney

7:15 – 8:30 p.m. Reception with hors d'ouerves and cash bar

July 8, 2005 AJBS Conference [continued]

Morning:
Concurrent paper sessions

Luncheon Speaker:
“Business Opportunities in Japan’s Trillion Dollar Services Market: An Outsider’s Perspective”
Carl Kay, Tokyo

Long-time Japan resident Carl Kay is an entrepreneur and co-author of the forthcoming book, Saying Yes to Japan: How Outsiders Are Reviving a Trillion Dollar Services Market. Carl’s varied experiences include earning a degree in East Asian Studies from Harvard University, establishing and selling a successful IT/software services firm in Japan, serving as director or advisor to several start-up companies, and becoming the only non-Japanese board member of Japan’s association for professional translators.

Afternoon:
Concurrent paper sessions
AJBS Business Meeting

Evening:
Sign up for no-host dinner groups to local restaurants in Quebec City

July 9-12, 2005, Academy of International Business (AIB) Annual Meeting
AJBS Conference Registration Procedure
To remove redundancies and make things simpler for participants, the registration for the two conferences will be handled through AIB. Early registration ends on April 8th, with regular registration continuing through June 1st, so act quickly! Registration will be available soon, through the AIB website at http://aib.msu.edu/. (If you have questions, please contact Diane Bird, AJBS Secretariat, at ajbs@ajbs.org.)

AJBS Conference Fee (includes reception and lunch):

Member Rates (with current memberships):
Regular Registration $95 (add $20 for late registration after June 1st)
Student Registration $50 (add $20 for late registration after June 1st)

Non-member or Renewing Member Rates:
Regular Registration $135 (add $20 for late registration after June 1st)
Student Registration $70 (add $20 for late registration after June 1st)

* Registration Note: Registration to the AIB conference is not included in the above rates. Please check the AIB site (http://aib.msu.edu/) for registration rates for the AIB conference.

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