The Academy of International Business will organize a doctoral consortium in conjunction with the annual meetings in Beijing, China in 2006. The consortium will meet on June 23rd (Friday) ahead of the annual meetings. Prof. Kannan Ramaswamy, William D. Hacker Chair in Management at Thunderbird, The Garvin School of International Management will chair the consortium.

The doctoral consortium has traditionally been open to students who are embarking on their dissertations, either having defended a research proposal or in the process of completing one. Ideally, potential participants would have completed their doctoral examinations successfully.

A number of leading scholars in the field will participate as discussants, facilitators, and keynote speakers during the meeting. The following is a tentative list of panelists who have agreed to participate in the forum. This list will be further augmented to mirror the research and career goals of the participants.

Nakiye Boyacigiler, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey
Lance Brouthers, University of Texas at El Paso
Joseph Cheng, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Timothy Devinney, Australian Graduate School of Management
Mingfang Li, California State University, Northridge
Mike Peng, University of Texas at Dallas
Stephen Tallman, University of Richmond
William Wan, Thunderbird

We plan to address a wide array of topics both at the individual level as well as the field of international business as a whole. Topics such as emerging research priorities in IB, managing your dissertation, establishing a research and publishing program, and aligning research and career goals will be discussed. The consortium will use a mix of both plenary sessions
as well as round table discussions that focus on thematic similarities within smaller discussion groups. It is expected that the selected participants who attend the doctoral consortium will also register to attend the AIB meetings.

Given the limitations of time and the need to maximize positive outcomes, the consortium can only accept 25 participants. Selection criteria will be focused on quality, diversity in disciplinary and interdisciplinary orientations, and geographical emphasis.

A faculty member who is familiar with the track record of the prospective participant may nominate the student. The nomination may be sent via email directly to the consortium chair. The prospective participant will then send the following supporting materials: a brief vita (2 pages maximum), an extended abstract of the thesis proposal (3 pages), and a personal statement identifying how you believe the consortium can assist you in launching your research and professional career. The application packet must be completed on or before the deadline (March 1, 2006).

The AIB has typically offered travel grants to selected consortium participants. If you wish to apply for such a grant please contact the AIB Directorate for details.

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