2016, November, 23-27
International Council of Business Schools and Programs
(ACBSP Region 8)
Conference Schedule

“Preparing Students for Career Success”

Pre-Conference - Wednesday, November 23rd, 2016

20:00 – 22:30 Optional – The Chairman’s Get-together Dinner Party for Conference Attendees
(not included in conference registration fee and by pre-registration only)

Location -
Meridian Village Terrace
Le Meridian Hotel Airport
Airport Road across from the airport

Type of meal -
International Buffet -
Live Entertainment and cooking stations
(Outdoors - dress smart casual, ladies may want to bring a light wrap)

All paid conference participants are entitled to a gratis-free entry for a student team (2 - 6 members) to compete in the CESIM Global Business Simulation Challenge. Student teams may compete entirely online and are not required to attend in Dubai. Three round of practice will be followed by 8 rounds of competition with the final rounds taking place during the conference. Gold, Silver and Bronze Winners will be recognized at the GALA DINNER with a trophy or plaque and a cash award.

Four sets of presentations – academic, accreditation processes, ACBSP informational sessions and premier vendors.

See the call for papers and reviewers there are two publication tracks this year for the Region 8 Journal http://region8journal.com/ or http://www.acbsp.org/group/Region%208

A Real World Case Study is also being offered for student teams attending the conference and it has a cash award also. Per student fee for the case study is 600 AED or $165 USD. Prize includes cash and a full tuition scholarship.
Day 1 - Thursday, November 24th, 2016

(Unless otherwise noted all events will take place in the Multi-Purpose Hall - Hall 1)

08:30 – 09:30 Registration Reception (Coffee & Tea)
09:30 – 10:00 Welcoming Remarks by the Conference Chair, Director of Dubai Women’s College, & by the Executive Dean, Business, Agenda Review and Paper/Presentation Voting Process
10:00 – 10:45 Keynote Speech by Mr. Len Hunt President, Al-Futtaim Automotive (not confirmed).

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 ACBSP Update by Carmen Hayes, Member Services Manager, ACBSP
12:30 – 13:00 Best of Regions Presentation 1: Bastian and Al Nuaimi, College of the North Atlantic Qatar, Setting Up and Operating and Accounting Learning Commons

13:00 – 14:30 Buffet Lunch at DWC catered by Abela's & Co with Parallel Round Table Discussions headed up by a moderator on the suggested topics:
  For example:
  • Interactive and Contemporary Teaching Techniques (Invited Moderators)
  • New Techniques in Using Technology for Teaching Business (Invited Moderators)
  • The Business Environment of the Region (Invited Moderators)

14:30 – 15:00 Applied Paper Presentation 2: Houjeir, Gotthelf, & AlSakka HCT Abu Dhabi Men's, Virtual Reality
15:00 – 16:00 Parallel ACBSP Presentations:
  • Best of Regions Presentation 2. Dr. Damo, Dalal Al Hai, Aisha Alfalahi, Saleena Rudrakumar, HCT Dubai Creating of Entrepreneurship Skills for career success through education – An exploratory study of Emirati women entrepreneurs in UAE
  • Best of Regions Presentation 3. Dr. Damodharan & Dalal Al Hai, HCT Dubai Today’s Youth Tomorrow’s Leaders Today’s youth, tomorrow’s leaders: A four-decade of Quality Education in UAE for Emirati success.
  • ACBSP Membership and Criteria - TBD
  • Working with a Mentor – TBD – Hall 2
  • Real World Case Study – Industry Problem, Case Delivery by SAP MENA
  • Cesim Challenge Simulation – Simulation Explained by the Cesim Team

19:15 – Buses Leave from the Hotels for the Social Gathering

20:00 – 22:30 Dhow Cruise on the Dubai Creek and Dinner
  Al Faris Dhow, Amazon Tours Leaving from Dubai Festival City Dock, Al Garhoud
  (Outdoors on the water - dress smart casual, ladies may want to bring a light wrap)

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Day 2 - Friday, November 25th, 2016

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09:00 – 09:30 Coffee and Tea
09:30 – 09:50 Days Activities – Al Miller
09:50 – 10:20 Applied Paper Presentation 3 – Julie Vardhan, Manipal University, Dubai, Business for a Cause: An Experiential learning in Business Schools to enhance Holistic approach
10:20 – 11:00 Valued Partner Presentation Peregrine Academic Services

11:00 - 11:20 Coffee Break

11:20 – 11:50 Theme Paper Presentation 1 – Jeremy Cripps & John Russell, University American College, Macedonia, American University of Kuwait, Seven Pillars for Career Success
11:50 – 12:30 Valued Partner Presentation McGraw Hill
12:30 – 13:00 Best of Regions Presentation 4: Brian O’Dwyer, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical, Turbocharge student career readiness with team-based learning and flipped classroom at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Asia.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch at DWC catered by Abela’s & Co with the Opportunity for Networking

14:00 – 14:30 Best of Regions Presentation 5 – Abdulquddus Mohammed, HCT Western Region: Preparing Business Students for 21st Century Skills: Practical Methods of Teaching and Assessment.
14:30 – 15:00 Theme Paper Presentation 2 – Giovanna Bejjani, HCT-RAK, Diologic Classrooms: Preparing Students for Career Success
15:00 – 16:00 Parallel ACBSP Presentations:
   - CPC Coverage and Reporting – TBD
   - Theme paper – TBD
   - Completing a Preliminary Questionnaire - TBD
   - Real World Case Study – Business Presentation by American University of Leadership
   - Cesim Simulation – Working session

16:00-17:30 Tour of Dubai Women’s College

17:30 – Buses Leave DWC for the Social Gathering
18:00 – 21:00 Social Gathering – The Warehouse
   Meridian Village, Le Meridien Hotel Airport
   (Outdoors - dress smart casual – no shorts - ladies may want to bring a light wrap))

20:30 – onwards Free Evening in Dubai

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Day 3 - Saturday, November 26th, 2016
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09:00 – 09:30 Coffee and Tea
09:30 – 10:00 Theme Paper Presentation 3: Wasif Minhas, HCT Sharjah, Seeds of Ambition: Forging new frontiers in the 21st century
10:00 – 10:30 Theme Paper Presentation 4: Al Miller, HCT Fujairah, Preparing Students for Career Success in Accounting: The SCIL-based Model with a Focus on Content Analysis
10:30 – 11:00 Theme Paper Presentation 5: Jean-Marie Hillebrand, UoP, Using Knowledge Tools to Prepare Business Graduates for Career Success

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:45 Region 8 – Annual Business Meeting

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch at DWC catered by Abela’s & Co with Parallel Round Table Discussions headed up by a moderator on the following topics:

- Getting Students Involved in Region 8 TBD
- Establishing a Region 8 Research Network TBD
- Establishing Partnerships for Student and Faculty Exchange TBD

14:00 – 15:00 Parallel ACBSP Presentations:

- Best of Regions Panel Discussion (Presentation) 6: Best-practices in Preparing Students for Career Success – Cripps, Miller, Clarke, Andrews, Russell, & Roth
- ACBSP Accreditation Forms and Documentation - TBD – Hall 2
- Real World Case Study – TBD Solution
- Cesim Simulation – Working Session, Final Round due at 19:00 pm, GST

19:00 Buses leave the hotels for the Gala Dinner
19:30 Gala Dinner and official closing of the conference

Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht Club (across from Dubai City Centre Mall - Deira)
(Outdoors - Dress code: Business Attire, ladies may want to bring a light wrap)

- Announcement of the Region 8 – Best Paper Winner
- Announcement of the Region 8 – Best of Region Presentation Winner
- Announcement of the Region 8 – Winners CESIM Simulation Challenge
- Announcement of the Region 8 – Winners Real World Case Study

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Day 4 - Sunday, November 27th, 2016

09:30 – 13:30 Tour of Dubai – Leaves from DWC Parking Lot
13:30 – 14:30 Tour of Dubai Men’s College

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