

ACME 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

President's Message

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As the President of ACME, I am delighted to announce that the 19th ACME International Conference of Pacific Rim Management will be Held in San Francisco, July 30 - August 1, 2009. Since 1988, the annual conference of the ACME is a forum for managerial researchers and practitioners from all over the world. This year we will have over 80 paper submissions from Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and USA. The conference features two distinguished keynote speakers and sixty tracks in all the business disciplines such as Accounting, Finance, Information Systems, International Business, Production Operations Management/Supply Chain Management, Management, and Marketing.

A successful conference cannot be organized without the efforts of many individuals. I would like to thank the conference volunteers for their enormous contributions towards the success of this conference. In particular, I wish to thank the Program Chair Dr. Diana Kao (Odette School of Business, University of Windsor, Canada), VP-Publication and Proceedings Editor Dr. John Wu (California State University – San Bernardino), Local Coordinator Dr. Yi-mao Chen (San Francisco State University), VP-Treasurer Dr. Yun Chu (Robert Morris University), VP-Secretary Dr. Hsiang-Jui Kung (Georgia Southern University), and Web Master Dr. Shi-Ming Huang and Yang-Fang Chang (National Chung-Cheng University, Taiwan) for their help in assembling this program and making this conference a success. Furthermore, I would like to express my gratitude to the authors who submitted their research work to the ACME 2009 annual conference or IJMTP (The International Journal of Management Theory and Practices) as well as the reviewers for their contributions and efforts to an excellent conference proceedings and a high-quality journal.

The International Journal of Management Theory and Practices (IJMTP) is the official journal of the Association for Chinese Management Educators (ACME). Each paper submitted to IJMTP is sent to two referees for a double-blind peer review. IJMTP applies a rigorous review process, and it is not associated directly with ACME's annual conference. IJMTP was registered with the Library of Congress with an ISSN number and listed in *Cabell's Directory of Publishing Opportunities* in all business areas. I am very grateful to the Editor-in-Chief Dr. Michael Tarn (Western Michigan University) and Managing Editor Dr. Kuo Lane Chen (University of Southern Mississippi) for managing the review process and delivering a high quality journal.