

ACME 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Program Chair's Message

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It is my pleasure to welcome all the participants and members of the 18th ACME International Conference on Pacific Rim Management on behalf of this year's program committee. I am confident that this year's conference will be a wonderful and enjoyable experience for all participants.

The theme of ACME 2009 is corporate governance and business ethics. We are honored to present two distinguished keynote speakers to address these topics. Dr. Conway will share his insights about dilemmas in corporate governance and Mr. Chenwei John Yin will discuss how to promote business ethics through understanding and applying traditional Chinese philosophy. We are also delighted to have a special breakfast session during which Mr. Yeung, a successful entrepreneur in Silicon Valley, will talk about how high-tech companies deal with the economic crisis. There will be a Microsoft Dynamics workshop and 23 presentation sessions that cover most of the key areas in management and business.

I am extremely grateful to all the people who have supported this conference. The meeting would not have been a success without the contributions of more than 200 scholars and professionals from different countries in the world. In addition, this conference would not have been possible without the support of the reviewers who took time out of their busy schedules to review all the submitted papers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the reviewers, track chairs and session chairs for their contribution and efforts.

I would also like to thank the ACME executives and the conference committee. Their tireless efforts are the key reason that makes a conference of this magnitude successful. In particular, Dr. John Wu (Proceedings Editor), Dr. Yun Chu (VP-Treasure), Dr. Huang (VP-Secretary) and Dr. Yimao Chen (Local Coordinator) have provided assistance in assembling this program and their ongoing efforts in supporting organizing this conference must be recognized. I would also like to thank Dr. Shi-Ming Huang (Web Master), Dr. K.C. Chen (Chair of the Best Paper Award Committee), David Chou (the Editor-in-Chief for IJMTP), Dr. J. Michael Tarn (Managing Editor for IJMTP) for their work. Last but not least, I would like to give my special thanks to Dr. Huei Lee, the conference President, for his guidance, support and leadership in making this conference possible.

In addition to the organizing committee, I would like to thank the support we have received from our sponsors. Without their support and their belief in the mandate of ACME, this conference would not have materialized. In particular, the Odette School of Business at the University of Windsor provided generous travel funds to sponsor several faculty members to attend this conference. Odette School of Business also donated the conference bags and provided staff support during the preparation of the conference program.

Serving as the ACME 2009 Program Chair, I was honored to work with the talented program committee members, hardworking volunteers and all the participants who invested time and energy in this conference. I would like to commend the excellent work done by each and every member. Thank you for your support and cooperation. I hope you all have a great stay in San Francisco.