

Doctoral Student Pre-Conference Consortium

13th International Conference on Corporate Reputation, Brand, Identity and Competitiveness: Creating Sustainable Business Impact through Reputation Management

**Thursday, 28 May 2008, 1000-1600 (10am-4pm)
Barbizon Hotel, Amsterdam**

We welcome doctoral students to apply to the pre-conference consortium of the 13th International Conference on Corporate Reputation, Brand, Identity, and Competitiveness. The consortium aims to provide doctoral students with an opportunity to discuss their research on these topics with senior academics and to build relationships with other students from around the world. Since the consortium was first offered in Copenhagen in 2000, we have offered a high student-faculty ratio of 3:1. We encourage participants to present original material in its developmental stages. In particular, we especially seek to help doctoral candidates develop their dissertation research in this forum. That is, we want to help you refine your research questions, strengthen your theoretical arguments, and improve your research design in a discussion format. If you wish to present your research, then please apply to the regular conference. All pertinent perspectives, topics and methodological approaches are welcome. Junior faculty candidates interested in this research domain are also welcome to participate, space permitting.

Consortium participants are required to submit a research abstract by **15 February 2009**. The abstract should present the research question you are asking, the theories and methods you plan to use to address the research question, and the contribution you expect your findings to make to knowledge in the field. The Consortium Committee, chaired by Prof. David Deephouse, will review submitted abstracts and provide developmental suggestions. Your final abstract should include your theoretical context, focused research questions, and a proposed research design. Approved abstracts will be circulated to all participants in early May. Each participant will be asked to prepare a written critique of two abstracts before the conference. During the consortium, each participant will have 20-30 minutes to discuss their proposal with fellow students and experienced faculty researchers from around the world. Last year, we had 5 students from 4 countries and 3 faculty members, namely David Deephouse (University of Alberta), Eileen Fischer (York University in Toronto), and Prakash Sethi (City University of New York).

FORMAT: The research abstract should be no longer than 1500 words, excluding front matter (title, author), references, and figures. Insert your word count at the beginning of the document. Please use the template is provided on page 2 of this announcement for your convenience. Please save your abstract in an MS Word compatible format with a file name that starts with your surname followed by DoctCons for example, "Deephouse DoctCons metatheory reputation.doc."

To pre-register, contact Prof. David Deephouse via email (david.deephouse@ualberta.ca) and include a provisional title for your abstract and your University affiliation. We will accommodate registrants on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline for registering is 15 February 2009. Abstracts must be submitted by that date, or your reserved space will be released. The consortium is limited to 16 participants to ensure everyone of quality participation. To be fair, a person can only participate in the consortium once, so you should use your best judgment in choosing which year to participate.

SPONSORSHIP: Thanks to generous sponsorship, Reputation Institute will cover the cost of two nights' hotel stay at the conference hotel for all consortium participants. Participants are responsible for booking their hotel room, other travel expenses, and conference registration fees, which include many meals and a special dinner event, at the doctoral student rate.

We look forward to seeing you in Amsterdam!

SAMPLE RESEARCH ABSTRACT:

A meta-theory of reputation, identity, and competitiveness

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Introduction

This paper seeks to develop a meta-theory of reputation, identity, and competitiveness (Fombrun & van Riel, 1997). It does so by focusing on two key points that have been overlooked in past research. The first is...

Theoretical context

Research question(s)

(One is best, but please no more than three)

Proposed research design

References

Fombrun, C., & van Riel, C. 1997. The reputational landscape. *Corporate Reputation Review*, 1(1&2): 5-13.