REPORT Western Europe Chapter

Regular activity

1. Annual meeting
   - AIB Western Europe Region (AIB-WER) Chapter General Business Meeting 2014, was held during the 40th EIBA Annual Conference at the University of Uppsala, on Saturday, December 15, chaired by José Pla Barber (AIB-WER Chapter Chair), with the assistance of Filip De Beule (AIB-WER Secretary/Treasurer), and Ene Kannel (EIBA Executive Secretary) who took notes for recording the official Minutes of the meeting.
   - AGENDA
     o Opening Remarks (José Pla-Barber, Chapter Chair)
     o Approval of the Minutes of the AIB-WER General Business Meeting 2013 held at the University of Bremen.
     o Report on the last AIB Chapter Chair Meeting
     o Membership Activities
     o Future AIB Conferences
     o Any Other Business
   - There were 25 participants in attendance (23 AIB-WER members and 2 non-members). No special comments or questions were raised at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 13.30

2. JIBS paper development workshop
   - The JIBS Paper Development Workshop (PDW) was held in Uppsala, Germany, from 9:00 pm to 17:00 pm on Saturday, December 13, 2014, as part of the pre-conference program for the European International Business Academy (EIBA) annual meeting.
• We received 38 papers, mainly from European Universities. After a reviewing process, 12 papers were selected based on their novelty and quality. 8 discussants plus the Associate Editor Ulf Anderson participated in this event.
• Comments and discussion of the papers were well received by the authors. We received very good comments on this activity and our plan is to repeat this activity at the forthcoming EIBA conference in Rio de Janeiro. The call for this next year has already been sent. We will give the final decision in September, 2015.

3. AIB WER chapter- panel honoring Alan Rugman

Co chairs: Alain Verbeke and Rajnessh Narula

• Objective
  o This panel was intened to honour the memory and work of Alan Rugman
• Participants: around 50 people

4. AIB WER chapter- Valencia Summer school

The X Valencia Summer School in Business and Economics is a high-level training programme organized by the Faculty of Economics (University of Valencia) and sponsored by Fundación La Caixa and the Academy of International Business – Western Europe chapter (AIB). The main aim of the summer school is to make valid and rigorous contributions to the selected areas of study. It will encourage interaction between participants and speakers from diverse backgrounds, while allowing for enjoyment of the city of Valencia. This current year the Summer School offers three highly-specialised courses in economics and business, taught by professionals who are leading figures in their field.

• Course in Economics: The Globalization of production, June 1sr-2nd, 2015
  o Professor: Pol Antràs, Harvard University
  o Participants: 25 students

• Course in Economics, Model based imputation methods.in poverty analysis, 22th-24th, 2015
  o Professor: Peter Lanjow and Roy Van der Welde, World Bank
• Course in Management, Managing knowledge in MNC, July, 8\textsuperscript{th}-9\textsuperscript{th}, 2015
  o Professor: Dana Minbaeva, Copenhagen Business School

Dr. José Pla Barber

AIB WER Chapter Chair