Call for Papers
Academy of International Business–Midwest USA Chapter
2015 Annual Meeting

Part of the MBAA International Conference at the
The Palmer House Hilton Hotel!
Chicago, Illinois

Conference: March 25-27, 2015

Submission Deadline: October 17, 2014
(Send Submissions to the Program Chair)

The Academy of International Business–Midwest USA Chapter, as part of the MBAA International Conference, will hold its conference on March 25-27, 2015 at the beautiful and historic Palmer House Hilton Hotel in the heart of the financial district of Chicago, Illinois.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Academicians, higher education students, business professionals, and government and NGO representatives are invited to submit to and attend the conference.

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PAPERS and SPECIAL SESSIONS OF PANELS, SYMPOSIA, TUTORIALS, AND WORKSHOPS:
Submissions of (1) Competitive, (2) Interactive, and (3) Student Papers are encouraged, and special session proposals within a global/international context are welcome. If you wish to conduct a special session (panel, symposium, tutorial, or workshop), please submit a summary of at least two pages on what you propose to do in your session and why it is of interest and importance to Academy members. There is a measure of flexibility as to content and conduct of these special sessions. Any unusual equipment needs (items other than a computer projector)
should be provided by participants. All paper presenters, participants of panels, symposia, tutorials, and workshops must register and attend the meeting. Awards will be presented to the best paper(s) competitively reviewed within the regular session track and the student track. Submissions not presented at the conference will be struck from the program and proceedings.

**STUDENT TRACK (only authored by students)**
College students, particularly those pursuing graduate degrees, are encouraged to submit to the Student Track. Papers authored by students will be reviewed in this track; papers authored by students and faculty together will be reviewed in the Competitive or Interactive tracks.

**AIB-MIDWEST CONFERENCE PAPER REVIEWERS AND DISCUSSANTS:**
You are invited to serve as a paper/manuscript reviewer and/or as a discussant. Please email the Program Chair if you are interested in serving the AIB-U.S. Midwest Chapter in one or more capacities.

**SESSION CHAIRPERSON OR DISCUSSANT:**
Session Chairpersons introduce papers and authors in paper sessions and introduce panelists in panel sessions and tutorials. Discussants provide comments to authors on research papers. Please contact the Program Chair, Dr. David Boggs, if you are interested in volunteering.

**PAPER ACCEPTANCE AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:**
Authors of papers selected for presentation will be notified in December of 2014. Author(s) must register for the conference and at least one author must attend the meeting in Chicago to make a presentation. Those whose papers are accepted for presentation should also expect to serve as a discussant and/or session chairperson.

**PROCEEDINGS AND THE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS RESEARCH AND PRACTICE:**
Conference Proceedings will be distributed electronically to participants who pre-order the International Business Proceedings at registration. In addition, the association publishes its own journal, *The Journal of International Business Research and Practice (JIBRP)*, which is cited in Cabell’s. Of those papers selected for presentation, approximately 25% will be accepted for publication in the JIBRP. Award-winning papers in both the regular and student tracks will be published in the *JIBRP*. Other papers to be published in the JIBRP will be competitively selected by the journal’s editorial board, and authors will be invited to submit revised papers (if needed) based on feedback and comments received at the AIB-Midwest conference.

**WHY AIB-MIDWEST?**
- An excellent opportunity to present your scholarly work.
- A large conference where you can meet with the academicians and business professionals from around the world.
- Publication of a Proceeding containing all papers presented at the meeting.
- The opportunity to publish your work in *The Journal of International Business Research and Practice (JIBRP)* which is cited in Cabell’s.
- An opportunity to win awards for Outstanding Paper(s), Best Reviewer(s), and Best Student Paper(s).
- An opportunity to visit the lively Chicago metropolitan area!
- A best value in academic conferences, with music, entertainment, and fun!

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS AND MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES ARE AT:**
[http://www.aib-midwest.utoledo.edu/AIB_Midwest/manuscript_submission_guidelines.htm](http://www.aib-midwest.utoledo.edu/AIB_Midwest/manuscript_submission_guidelines.htm)

Please submit manuscripts electronically to the Program Chair, Dr. David Boggs at djboggs@eiu.edu in the format shown below:
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The abstract should summarize the content of the paper and be informative for non-specialists. Please keep the abstract to less than 100 words. Please use single line spacing throughout your document. Do not have references or equations in the abstract. The content of your paper should follow the abstract and keywords.

Keywords: Include up to six keywords that describe your paper for indexing and for web searches in your manuscript. An example for this document follows: author guide, manuscript format, camera-ready

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Your manuscript should be prepared to be printed on 8.5” x 11” (U.S. letter size) paper. It is imperative that the margins and style described below be adhered to carefully. Please keep in mind that the manuscript you prepare will be printed to a standard office laser printer and then duplicated for the proceedings -- exactly as it is received. Readability of copy is of paramount importance. A paper submitted that does not comply with these Proceedings Formatting instructions will not be published.

There is a limit of 12 pages (body of text typed in single-spaced, Times New Roman font size of 11).
PREPARATION OF MANUSCRIPTS

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1) The document is to be set for 8.5” x 11” (U.S. Letter Size) paper.

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3) Number the pages so that reviewers can provide specific comments/feedback on your manuscript.

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CONCLUSIONS

The better you look, the better we all look. Thank you for your cooperation and contribution. We look forward to seeing you at the annual AIB-Midwest Chapter conference in Chicago.
REFERENCES

References used in your document should follow APA Editorial Style formats. The following “Manuscript format and style guide” examples are sourced from the Journal of International Business Studies (www.jibs.net).”

The reference list should follow the notes at the end of the manuscript in Harvard (name and date) format. Authors should make certain that there is a complete reference for every citation in the text and that the cited dates and the spellings of the authors’ names in the text and references are in agreement. References should be typed with “hanging” indentation. The following are examples of proper form:

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