

**Announcement of the new Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of International Business Studies (JIBS)* (2017 – 2019)**

The Executive Board of the Academy of International Business (AIB), the leading global scholarly association for the promotion and dissemination of international business (IB) scholarship, is pleased to announce the next Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of International Business Studies*. *JIBS* is the only IB journal included in both the Financial Times (FT) list of 45 journals and the UT Dallas list of top management journals. *JIBS* also earned the coveted 4\* status for being recognized worldwide as 'exemplar of excellence' in the 2015 British Academic Journal Guide. Its 2014 JCR impact score was 3.56.

**Dr. Alain Verbeke** has been selected as the new *JIBS* Editor-in-Chief. Dr. Verbeke is a Professor of International Business Strategy and holds the McCaig Research Chair in Management at the Haskayne School of Business, University of Calgary (Canada), where he also serves as Research Director of the Strategy and Global Management Area. The University of Calgary has been ranked as the number one university in North America in the 'QS Top 50 under 50'. The Haskayne School of Business is one of the leading business schools in Western Canada and home to the Global Energy Executive MBA.

Dr. Verbeke also serves as the Inaugural Alan M. Rugman Memorial Fellow at the Henley Business School, University of Reading (UK), and is an adjunct professor at the Solvay Business School, University of Brussels - VUB (Belgium). He is an elected Fellow of the Academy of International Business, and has served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Fellows.

Dr. Verbeke has authored or edited more than 30 books and has numerous refereed publications, including 13 contributions in *JIBS*. His academic research agenda consists of revisiting, rethinking and augmenting the core paradigms in strategic management and IB, especially internalization theory, which is a joint transaction cost economics (TCE) and resource-based view (RBV) theory of the firm, infused with entrepreneurial thinking components. His main contributions to the field of international business (co-developed with the late Alan Rugman) include introducing (1) the location-bound and non-location bound FSA concepts as a joint TCE/RBV interpretation of the national responsiveness-integration framework; (2) the subsidiary specific advantage (SSA) concept; (3) the foundations for an IB theory of regional strategy rather than global strategy; and (4) the bounded reliability concept, aimed at bridging the unproductive divide between research streams building upon the more conventional micro-foundations of either opportunism or trust.

Following the successful term of Dr. John Cantwell as *JIBS* Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Verbeke will continue on the journal's path of promoting rigorous interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research. His team of Editors will focus especially on new 'grand ideas', where the IB field can provide unique and highly impactful, intellectual value added and can highlight when and how internationally operating firms contribute to global prosperity, much in line with the 'Reading School' tradition of IB research.