

## **IFRD Bangkok, 2012**

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The International Foundation for Research and Development (IFRD) provides a unique platform to scholars, academicians, practitioners and business managers to share their valuable knowledge and experience with each other. IFRD organizes conferences, seminars, workshops and publishes diversified research journals to support and promote education and research (<http://www.ifrnd.org>).

The International Conference on Global Business Environment (ICGBE): Role of Education of Technology (ICGBE-2012) was organized by IFRD on 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. The conference aimed at discussing the wide range of problems encountered in present and future technologies and business. The ICGBE 2012 was organized in collaboration with Yildirim Beyazit University, Turkey, Shinawatra International University, Thailand and Pertre Anderi of IASI, Romania and provided an opportunity for researchers from around the world to present their work. The conference committee was itself quite diverse and truly international, with membership from around the world.

The proceedings record the fully refereed papers presented at the conference. The main conference themes and tracks were Education, Technology and Business. The conference aimed to bring together researchers, scientists, engineers and practitioners to exchange and share their experiences, new ideas and research results about all aspects of the main conference themes and tracks and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted. The main goal of the event was to provide a scientific forum for exchange of new ideas in a number of fields that interact in depth through discussions with their peers from around the world.

The conference has solicited and gathered technical research submission related to all aspects of major conference themes and tracks. It received more than 200 papers from across the world. All the submitted papers were peer reviewed by reviewers drawn from the scientific committee, external reviewers and editorial board depending on the subject matter of the paper. Reviewing and initial selection were undertaken electronically. After the rigorous peer-review process, the submitted papers were selected based on originality, significance and clarity for the purpose of the conference. A total of 80 papers were accepted after scientific and thematic review. As mentioned in the conference announcement, selected high-quality papers will be published in the diversified research journals of IFRD. The conference program was extremely rich, featuring a number of high-impact presentations.

IFRD is organizing its next conference in Istanbul, Turkey on 15-17 June, 2012. Future conferences in Bangkok and Penang in Malaysia are also being planned.

The Editor adds: I was particularly pleased with the response from SIU School of Management doctoral candidates who presented papers with success, including Mr. Pornsakol Na Srito, Ms. Alin Chintraruck, Ms. Supitcha Cheevapruk and MBA thesis student Ms. Lay Su Yin. Their presentations were enjoyable and well-conceived. Conferences such as this represent important opportunities for doctoral candidates in particular to make connections with other scholars, to present their ideas and receive feedback and, also, to measure their level of achievement to date with candidates from elsewhere.