CALL FOR PAPERS (Draft)

Journal of Business Venturing
Special Forum on International Entrepreneurship

The guest editors for the Special Forum on International Entrepreneurship (IE) in the Journal of Business Venturing invite proposals for review papers in the field of IE.

The Special Forum will be comprise of two sections: 1) Field Reviews of IE, and 2) Focused Topic Reviews of IE. Each part will have its own set of deadlines. Details follow.

Section 1 – ‘Field Reviews of IE’

Submissions to the first section of competitive papers will focus on ‘field reviews’ of research in International Entrepreneurship. These papers will demarcate the field of IE with a thorough and systematic review of the development and state of IE research. These reviews are to be general in nature, and distinct from those in Section 2 (see below).

Section 2 – ‘Focused Topic Reviews of IE’

Submissions to the second section of competitive papers will differ from Section 1 papers in that they will focus on a specific topic of relevance in IE research. They should propose and outline a critically evaluative review of that particular topic or question, discussing the relevant theory and perspectives in some depth. Some suggested topics might be:

- Social capital and network perspectives in IE research
- The strategic management influence in IE research
- IE in emerging or transitional economies
- Capturing performance in IE research
- IE as marketing exchange – the marketing perspective in IE
- What are the economic/political factors behind the phenomenon of IE?
- Finance perspectives in IE research
- Transnational and migrant entrepreneurship in IE research,
- IE from a social and sustainable perspective
- The psychology influence – understanding the international entrepreneur
- Others

All submissions (Sections 1 and 2) should address the past and future of IE in an effort to advance high quality scholarship in this field. All authors should keep in mind three key objectives of the papers in this Special Forum:

1. celebrate IE as a field of study;
2. define IE as a discrete, mature and growing disciplinary area; and
3. provide a rich base for future research in IE.
Submission Guidelines

Rather than submit full papers, 5 page proposals are requested for both Sections 1 and 2 of the Special Forum. Each proposal will include the intent, scope and theoretical positioning of the review as well as anticipated contributions to the IE field. The Guest Editors, JBV Editor and a select panel of scholars will review each proposal, selecting those proposals to be developed into full papers. Each full paper will be blind-reviewed through the JBV system, subject to the rigours and risks of any peer review process.

The author(s) of each successful Section 2 proposal will receive draft versions of the accepted Section 1 papers that provide the foundation for this Special Forum. This is so Section 2 authors will have a full understanding of findings that have emerged in the ‘general’ reviews and can use them as a point of departure. Together, all of the Special Forum papers will provide a comprehensive overview of IE research. Critically, they will provide a solid foundation and research agendas for future study.

Please follow the guidelines for authors of the Journal of Business Venturing at: http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/505723/authorinstructions

Full papers should be submitted via the journal’s online submission system http://ees.elsevier.com/jbv/ - choosing “Special Forum-IE” as the paper type.

Please submit proposals or any questions by email to Nicole Coviello (ncoviello@wlu.ca)

Key Dates: (Please note the tight deadline for submission of proposals and final papers)

Field Reviews (Section 1)

15 November 2009          Section 1 proposals due
30 November 2009          Section 1 decisions communicated to proposal authors
01 March 2010             Section 1 papers due

Focused Topic Reviews (Section 2)

15 January 2010          Section 2 proposals due
15 February              Section 2 decisions communicated to proposal authors
October 2010             Section 2 papers due

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