

21st Annual Conference of the Multinational Finance Society

June 29 - July 2, 2014, Prague, Czech Republic

Submission Deadline: December 15, 2013 (Extended to January 15, 2014)

CALL FOR PAPERS ON SHIPPING FINANCE



Multinational Finance Society : A non-profit organization established in 1995 for the advancement and dissemination of financial knowledge and research findings pertaining to industrialized and developing countries among members of the academic and business communities.

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MEL SPECIAL ISSUE & MFJ SPECIAL SECTION

The Maritime Economics and Logistics (MEL) will publish a Special Issue containing selected papers on Shipping Finance that would be presented at the conference. The Multinational Finance Journal also hosts a Special Section on "Shipping Finance" where papers are published regularly with each publication volume of the Journal. A special issue of the Multinational Finance Journal on "European Financial Issues" will also be devoted to relevant papers presented at conference and submitted for publication. All papers should be rigorous methodologically and will be fully refereed by the conference organisers. The journals' usual submission fees could apply.

PAPER AWARD

Best Shipping Finance Paper Award (prize 1,000 USD)
(Open ONLY to shipping finance papers presented at the conference)

For the period 2014-16 an award of €1,000 will be presented to the best published paper on "Shipping Finance" in the Journal.

REGISTRATION FEE

Registrations fee by March 1, 2014 is €395 and by April 9, 2014 is €495. Registration fee after April 9, 2014 is 20% extra. For doctoral students, a discount of €110 applies. Registered participants can attend all social functions, which include a welcome reception, a 24-hour subway ticket for city tour, two lunches, two coffee breaks and a gala dinner. Papers registered after April 9 cannot be considered for the awards.

OBJECTIVE OF THE SPECIAL SESSIONS ON SHIPPING FINANCE

The Multinational Finance Society in the context of its annual conference is organizing a special conference session on "Shipping Finance". The conference will offer an excellent platform for the dissemination of completed work or work in progress that requires high quality feedback.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Original research papers are invited in the following topics covering the shipping, logistics and transportation sectors:

- Maritime and transport infrastructure investment and financing

- Capital structure of shipping and transport companies
- Managing firm value in maritime transport
- Initial public offerings
- Corporate governance and ownership structure in shipping and transport
- Maritime and transport mergers and acquisitions
- Financing, investment and privatization of transport related infrastructure
- Behavioral finance in relation to ship financing and management
- Financial performance and efficiency in maritime and transport sectors
- Risk-return characteristics of shipping investments
- Forecasting, volatility and shipping markets
- Risk management in shipping and transportation
- Accounting and maritime financial management

DOCTORAL STUDENT TUTORIALS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Multinational Finance Society is offering special tutorial lectures for advanced finance doctoral students working on their dissertations. Following the lectures participating students will have the opportunity to present and discuss their research with our feature speakers and other senior members. Financial support will be provided to a limited number of registered doctoral students not sponsored by their institutions.

PAPER AND THESIS SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please visit our website at <http://www.mfsociety.org> to submit a copy of a completed or nearly completed paper or a detailed dissertation proposal (PDF format) by December 15, 2013.

The cover page should include the affiliation, address, phone and email of each author. Each participant agrees to serve as a discussant of a paper of his/her own area of interest, if needed.

Please include of whether you would like your paper to be considered for any of the awards and or the Special Issue of the MFJ. Only completed papers qualify for any of the awards.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Information regarding the conference, accommodations, feature speakers, travel arrangements, fees and other activities will be published on the MFS website as needed. Information about past conference can be found on the website as well.

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