# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# FINANCIAL DISTRESS: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTING ISSUES



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#### **Conference concept**

The world is recovering from a period of tremendous turmoil and instability in the capital markets, it is more important now than ever that governance system, regulations and accounting standards promote right decisions, policies and transparent financial statements that support sustainability and safe economic development. Weak accounting and not accurate financial reporting led companies to wrong governance decisions that provoked an enormous catastrophe which still echoes for the global economy. One of the major problems in modern business world is that most stockholders are divorced from the running of the business so they may not have the appropriate level of knowledge to assess their management's stewardship of their assets. This agentprincipal problem can be solved by proper accounting and reporting practices and further improvement of governance standards. So ensuring the integrity of the essential reporting and monitoring systems will require boards of directors to set and enforce clear lines of responsibility and accountability throughout the organization. The main aim of the conference is a search for an effective relationship between management, financial reporting and stability of the economic system in crisis and post-crisis conditions by creating meaningful proposals by representatives of different research schools, regulatory bodies and practitioners.



## Call for papers

*Deadline for paper submission*: June 15, 2013 *Deadline for notification of authors of accepted papers*: July 15, 2013

Papers for the conference should be submitted by e-mail:

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Please, consider the fact that papers may be also published in one of Special Issues of "Corporate Ownership and Control", "Governance and Regulation" and "Financial Reporting" journals. These papers will be subject to a separate reviewing process after the conference.

## **Key Topics**

- Corporate governance and corporate finance
- Corporate ownership
- Financial reporting
- Financial system in crises and regulatory changes
- Accounting disclosure, earning management, and corporate transparency issues
- Audit practices
- Board of director practices
- Executive compensation

### **Keynote speakers**



- Francesco Giunta, Professor of Accounting, University of Florence, Italy
- *Benjamin E. Hermalin*, Thomas & Alison Schneider Distinguished Professor of Finance and Professor of Economics, Walter A. Haas School of Business, University of California, USA

### **Conference Chairs**

- *Michele Pizzo*, Professor, University of Naples II, Link Campus University, Italy
- *Alexander Kostyuk,* Professor, Ukrainian Academy of Banking of the National Bank of Ukraine, Chairman of the board of International Center for Banking and Corporate Governance, Ukraine

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### **Conference registration fee**

Conference registration fee is *EURO 100*. This amount will cover costs of conference handouts, including folders, memory books, conference program. Besides that this amount will cover conference dinner.



### **Conference organizers**



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