

4th INDIA FINANCE CONFERENCE 2014

Brief Report

The 4th India Finance Conference 2014 (IFC 2014) was held at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) during December 17-19, 2014. The conference, which is jointly organised by Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIMC), Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) and Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA), invites academics, researchers, doctoral students, and practitioners, to submit papers in all areas of finance from across the world.

IFC 2014 received an overwhelming response with over **570** research papers from practitioners and academics from across the world. All the papers were of very high quality and the review committee really had to work very hard to select the final set of papers for presentation at the conference. Given all the constraints, a total of 130 papers were accepted and the authors were invited to present their papers. The shortlisted papers spanned most of the areas in finance including: Asset Pricing, Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Financial Policies and Regulations, Financial Reporting and IFRS, Industry and Economy, Risk Management, Behavioural Finance and Volatility.

The conference was inaugurated by **Mr. U. K. Sinha** who is currently the Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). In his inaugural speech titled, **Indian Securities Markets – A Regulatory Perspective**, he emphasised the need to encourage young entrepreneurs to reach the next level of growth. In his address, while offering a perspective on the Indian securities market. Sinha explained the three-fold mandate of the SEBI — protect the interests of investors, develop the market and regulate it. He added the responsibilities were “complementary, not contradictory”.

The conference also saw a number of tutorials and keynote speeches delivered by many senior academicians and researchers of very high repute from top institutes across the world. The plenary talks were delivered by Prof. Manju Puri (Fuqua School of Business, Duke University), Prof. Raman Uppal (EDHEC Business School, London) and Prof. Bin Srinidhi (College of Business, University of Texas at Arlington). In her valedictory address, **Ms. Chitra Ramakrishna**, MD and CEO, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. said that Indian markets need supervision and robust systems along with innovation and new products in a global scenario post the economic crisis of 2008.

The 5th India Finance Conference (IFC 2015) will be hosted in Indian Institute of Management Calcutta during December 17-19, 2015.