



## Call for Abstracts

**Hamburg Institute of Family Owned Business**, host of ifera annual conference 2015, invites you to the **4<sup>th</sup> International Academic Symposium** which takes place from **2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014** in **Hamburg**. Take the chance to get to know our team and the vibrant city of Hamburg in which the next ifera conference from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 will take place ([www.ifera2015.ifera.org](http://www.ifera2015.ifera.org)).

With the theme **“Family Business Succession”**, this year’s International Academic Symposium provides scholars and practitioners as well as doctoral students with the opportunity to submit your paper and share your most recent high quality work with other experts in the same research field.

The purpose of the conference is to serve as a platform for presentations and discussions about family firm-specific topics considered as new and relevant for family business research. We like to contribute to advancements of researchers’ papers, drafts or concepts by giving all participants the opportunity to share their ideas and to get advice from other scholars concerned with family-owned firms. We invite all researchers to participate in our symposium and to meet colleagues and representatives from family businesses in an inspiring and unique atmosphere for networking and exchanging ideas.

## Dinner Speech

We are proud to announce Professor Johan Lambrecht as dinner speaker for our 4<sup>th</sup> International Academic Symposium, who wants to share his knowledge and expertise:

**Professor Johan Lambrecht**

**Centre for Entrepreneurship and Family Business, Campus Brussels (@ HUB)**

**KU Leuven**

## Conference Theme

The overall topic of this year’s symposium is **“Family Business Succession”**. Researchers are invited to submit contributions concerned with this specific topic but we also welcome submissions of abstracts focusing on theoretical or empirical questions within the field of family-owned businesses. Topics of contributions to our symposium 2014 include but are not limited to...

- Internal versus external family business succession
- Success and failure factors of succession
- Succession planning and management
- Intergenerational knowledge transfer
- The influence of succession on performance
- Daughter exclusion, sibling rivalry and family disputes

## Submission Guidelines and Important Deadlines

The organizing team welcomes abstracts from all areas of family business research and in particular contributions connected to the overall conference theme.

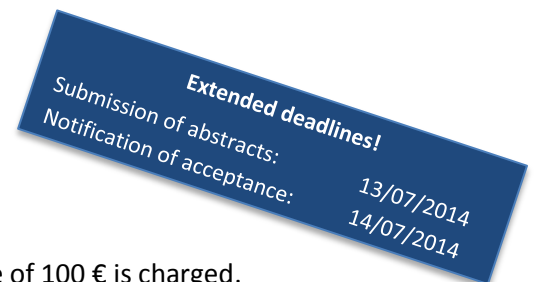
### Submission Guidelines

Below you find a set of guidelines and formatting instructions helping you to prepare and submit your abstract. Please read the instructions below carefully prior to submission.

- Authors are allowed to submit only one abstract
- Only submissions in English are accepted for review
- The maximum length of the abstract is 5.000 characters (excluding spaces)
- To facilitate the blind review process, remove all information from the text that allows the identification of author
- The abstract (title page, main body, figures, tables, references, etc.) has to be submitted in one single pdf-file
- Ensure that the pdf-file is virus-free
- Files can be submitted via e-mail to [hildenbrand@hhif.de](mailto:hildenbrand@hhif.de)
- Authors whose submission is accepted by the review committee, will be expected to be present at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Academic Symposium

### Important Deadlines

- **Submission of abstracts: July 6<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
([send to hildenbrand@hhif.de](mailto:hildenbrand@hhif.de))
- **Notification of acceptance: July 11<sup>th</sup> 2014**
- **Registration for symposium: July 18<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
(<http://www.hhif.de/en/events/call-for-abstracts.html>)



Symposium attendance requires registration and a registration fee of 100 € is charged.

We negotiated special rates for Symposium participants for four nights at the “Motel One am Michel” (<http://www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/hamburg/hotel-hamburg-am-michel/>).

Please contact us in case you want to book this hotel on special rates. Keep in mind that the special rates can only be charged if you inform us before July 18<sup>th</sup> 2014.

We have the possibility to award a grant partly covering accommodation expenses for speakers not having other financial means. Please note that only speakers are eligible who get accepted to present their research ideas at the symposium.

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