



A message from the Chair of the XIII Annual Meetings of ISNIE

Dear ISNIE fellow members:

Welcome to Berkeley, to the Haas School of Business, and to the XIII Annual Meetings of the International Society of New Institutional Economics.

This Conference is brought to you by the Program Committee, who was faced with the difficult challenge of selecting the program from a record level of submissions. The current program shows the strength of our Society. We have participants from Earth's all continents, from South Africa, to Uruguay; from Russia, to Slovakia; from Brazil to Israel; and from Singapore, to Italy. The topics covered in the conference also show the reach and vigor of our Society. To our traditional topics, we have added this year novel analyses of violence, social institutions, political conflict, personality and culture. A wonderful and refreshing set of interests.

We have been very lucky to receive strong support from various sponsoring organizations. In particular, we want to thank the Institute of Management, Innovation and Organization for providing the logistical and administrative support that made this conference possible; the Haas School of Business for granting the use of their excellent facilities; and various units at Haas and elsewhere at Cal for providing much needed financial support. We are also grateful to our corporate sponsors – LECG LLC and Bodega Catena Zapata, for providing important financial support. All supporting organizations are recognized in the back cover of our conference program.

The Program Committee is honored to present to you the program of our 2009 Annual Meetings.

Enjoy!

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