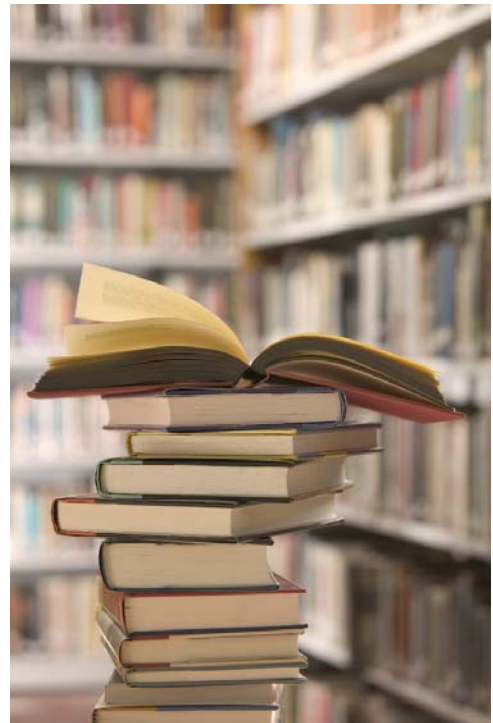


HRD Research Conference Opportunities: Are You Taking Advantage of Them?

Considerable research is being conducted now related to human resource development. This includes research projects conducted locally and regionally as well as nationally and internationally. It involves HRD practitioners as well as students and academics. There are opportunities for everyone.

The Academy of Human Research has emerged as the leader in formal HRD related research. Research conferences are held in the U.S. as well as in Europe and Asia. These conferences provide opportunities to learn about research being conducted in public and private organizations as well as opportunities to present your own research findings, and critique the research findings of others. The organization is not only for academics; the number of HRD practitioner members and conference participants continues to increase.



The **2008 Academy of HRD International Research Conference in The Americas** will be held February 20-24, 2008 at the Bay Point Marriott Resort in Panama City, Florida. A list of all presenters and the titles of their papers/sessions will be available on the AHRD web site in January. The web site is: <http://www.ahrd.org> where you can also find information about conference registration and lodging. Information about submitting papers for future conferences or about serving as a paper reviewer is also accessible on this site. Papers are blind reviewed and the conference staff is always looking for reviewers.

The **6th International Conference of the Academy of HRD (Asia Chapter)** will be held in Beijing, China from November 2 – 5, 2007. This conference is hosted by the Center for HRD & M Research, Peking University. You can find more information about this conference at the AHRD web site listed earlier. All sessions are in English. An Asian conference is an enjoyable experience that you won't forget with a very reasonable registration cost that includes many of the meals. You can find more information about this conference at <http://www.pkuhr.com>. The theme of this year's conference is Developing Talents for Organizations & Nations.

The **9th International Conference on Human Resource Development Research and Practice** across Europe will be held in Lille, France May 21-23, 2008. This conference is a collaborative effort of the University Forum for Human Resource Development (Europe), the Academy of HRD, and the IESEG School of Management which is part of the Catholic University of Lille. Go to hrd@ieseg.fr for more information about this conference. The theme of this year's conference is Developing Leaders and Managers.

If you are interested in research or even think you are interested, you should consider attending one of these conferences. I have attended several of the U.S. and Asian conferences and will be glad to discuss them with you.

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