

FFI ON FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 24, 2017
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FFI | Global Conference
Chicago 2017
October 25-28, 2017
Family Enterprise: *Electrifying*

From the FFI chair





Dear Colleagues,
It was my pleasure last month to meet more than 350 FFI members from around the world at the annual global conference in Chicago.

Prior to the conference the board had a mid-year look on where we are with our strategic planning, welcomed new board members and elected officers for the coming year. At the conference itself, we were privileged to hear the insights of keynote presenters Helen Fisher, Paul Carbone, Marco Tempest and Craig Aronoff. We also presented a number of awards and honored outgoing *FBR* editor, Pramodita Sharma, and welcomed incoming editor, Tyge Payne. And much more.

Playing off the old axiom that a picture is worth a thousand words, here are some photos:

Joining the board as elected directors are:



Fabian Bernhard
EDHEC Business School



Asher Noor
AlTouq Group

Serving on the executive committee for 2018 are:



David Harvey
Chair



Carlo Salvato
Vice Chair



Debbie Bing
Secretary



Dan Bayston
Treasurer



Michael Connolly
Counsel



Judy Green
President

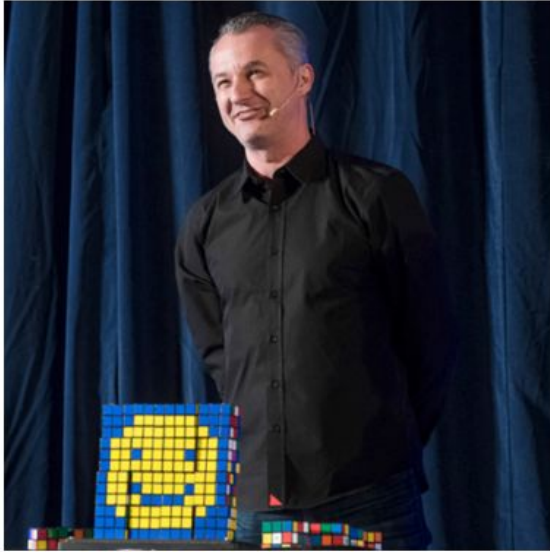
Inspiring attendees were keynotes:



Helen Fisher
Chief Scientific Officer for Match.com



Paul Carbone
Managing Partner, Pritzker Private Capital
Group – read his interview on *FFI Practitioner*



Marco Tempest
Cyber magician and illusionist



Craig Aronoff
FFI Fellow, former FFI president and co-founder
of The Family Business Consulting Group

Receiving awards were:



Best Unpublished Paper Honorable Mention
Dennis Ma (Left);
Best Doctoral Dissertation
Hanqing Fang (Right); Best Doctoral
Dissertation Committee Chair, Dianne Welsh
(Center)



Best *FBR* Article
Olivier Meier (Right) and Guillaume Schier
(Left)



Richard Beckhard Practice Award
Drew Mendoza



Barbara Hollander Award
Danny Miller and Isabelle Le Breton-Miller



Interdisciplinary Award
Christine Blondel



International Award
Dennis Jaffe
with Gala Dinner Emcee, Robyn Scott of The
Second City

Receiving GEN Scholarships, Certificates and becoming FFI Fellows:



**de Visscher & Co.
Scholarship Recipient**
Cinzia Dessi pictured with her
son and François de Visscher



**Carmen Bianchi Family
Business Associates
Scholarship Recipient**
Shipra Seefeldt



**Crystal & Company
Scholarship**
Presented by Mary Gust



CFBA Graduates



CFBA/CFWA Graduates



CFWA Graduates



ACFBA Graduates



ACFWA Graduates



2017 FFI Fellows

Receiving thanks for years of dedicated service:



Jared Kaplan
Counsel
2004-2017



Pramodita Sharma
FBR Editor
2008-2017



Lloyd Steier
FFI Vice Chair
2010-2017

Enjoying the conference

- More than 350 attendees
- 100 presenters



All in all, a great event and a tribute to the vibrancy of FFI itself and to the hard work of the Program and Planning Committees. Please encourage friends and colleagues to join the FFI community and mark your calendars for October 24–27 in London.

Cordially,
David Harvey
FFI Board Chair