



## INTRODUCTION



One of the benefits of being an FFI member is the opportunity to participate in a Virtual Study Group (VSG). In this issue we are pleased to welcome a new group, provide information on existing groups, and encourage you to join one of these or think of starting a new one. For more information on starting a new group, email [ffi@ffi.org](mailto:ffi@ffi.org). For more information on an existing group, please email the contact listed.

## NEW THIS YEAR!

**The Mediation Study Group was formed in January 2019 and currently has more than 20 members.**

It is a venue for FFI members with mediation skills to share developments in the field of dispute resolution through discussion of their practical experience, skill building, marketing, and other related matters. In addition to discussions among members, the group will host presentations by members and recognized thought leaders in various mediation disciplines, as well as related fields, including developments in psychology and neuroscience.

### MEETINGS

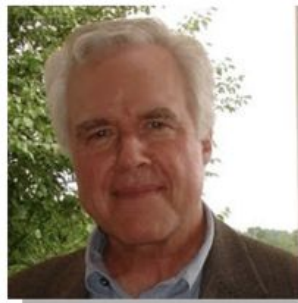
Mediation VSG meetings will convene bi-monthly. Contact **Richard Lutringer** for more information and to join.

### MEMBER NEWS

VSG member Jane Beddall has written **A Way to Prevent Catastrophic Family Quarrels** for *FFI Practitioner* and Jack Wofford is co-presenting "Managing Conflict: Insights from science, family systems, and practice at the **FFI global conference** in Miami in October.



**Jane Beddall**



**Richard Lutringer**



**Jack Wofford**

**Formed in 2018, Asian Circle Study Group is an online forum to educate, connect, and inspire Asian practitioners in the field of family enterprise.**

This is a multi-disciplinary group with nearly 30 current members. It is designed for advisors and consultants who have been practicing in the field in Asia.

The primary purposes are to:

- Build a strong presence of Asian advisers and consultants, academics, and family enterprise members
- Provide multi-disciplinary learning opportunities using case discussions, guest speakers, presentations, and open dialog among members
- Nurture and inspire potential Asian leaders within FFI
- Leverage the insight and perspectives of experienced practitioners in the field, both from the West and the East

#### MEETINGS

Meetings are held quarterly, with the May 14 meeting addressing “Applications of Rockefeller’s Philanthropy Framework,” presented by Mae Hong of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors. Contact **Jeremy Cheng** for more information and to join.

#### MEMBER NEWS

The first quarter meeting featured Keng-Fun Loh speaking on her recent book *Family Business on the Moon* and VSG member Mohar Yusof will co-present “Adopting Technology to Propel the Family Enterprise” at the **FFI global Conference** in Miami.



**Jeremy Cheng**



**Mae Hong**



**Keng-Fun Loh**



**Mohar Yusof**

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**NextGen Practitioners Virtual Study Group began in 2017 and is dedicated to educating, connecting, and inspiring the next generation of practitioners in the field of family enterprise.**

This is a multidisciplinary study group designed for advisers and consultants who have been practicing in the field for 5-10 years. The group has 20 members and seeks a multidisciplinary composition to broaden and enrich the learning experience of its members. A geographic mix is also a priority.

The primary purposes of this VSG are to:

- Build a strong foundation of next generation family enterprise advisers and consultants
- Build relationships among peers who face similar challenges and opportunities
- Provide multidisciplinary learning opportunities using case discussions, guest speakers, presentations, and open dialog among members
- Nurture and inspire the next generation of potential leaders within FFI



- Leverage the insight and perspectives of experienced practitioners in the field through guest speakers and the group mentor

#### MEETINGS

The VSG meets quarterly and occasionally has in-person meetings in Boston. Contact **Natalie McVeigh** or **Elle Hansen** for more information or to join.

#### MEMBER NEWS

Steve Legler recently **interviewed** Joshua Nacht for *FFI Practitioner*. Mairi Mickel and Natalie McVeigh are members of the **GEN faculty**.



Elle Hansen



Steve Legler



Natalie McVeigh



Mairi Mickel

Formed in 2016 and entering its fourth year as an FFI VSG, the **Iberoamérica VSG**, educates, connects, and inspires members located in or interested in family enterprise issues in Latin America and Spain.

The official language of the group is Spanish. The group, which has nearly 50 members, extends FFI's core mission by focusing on education and multidisciplinary learning. The group seeks a multidisciplinary composition to broaden and enrich the learning experience of its members.

The Iberoamérica VSG also contributes a series of articles published in English and Spanish to *FFI Practitioner*. Among the contributors are Miguel Ángel Gallo and Begoña Pereira-Otero with **El Ejercicio del poder en la empresa familiar / The Exercise of Power in the Family Business**.

#### MEETINGS

Group meetings are held a minimum of once every two months and the group meets in person at the FFI annual conference. For more information and to join, contact **Paula Rincón**.

#### MEMBER NEWS

Group members Salvador Cerón and Guillermo Salazar are members of the 2019 Miami Conference Program Committee of which Guillermo is chair. Luis Medina is a member of the 2019 FFI Nominating committee.



Salvador Cerón



Miguel Ángel Gallo



Luis Medina



Begoña Pereira-Otero



Paula Rincón



Guillermo Salazar

## DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY  
6

Submission deadline for GEN faculty applications

[SUBMIT](#)

MAY  
14

Webinar for GEN graduates

MAY  
31

Last day to enroll in Q2 GEN courses

JUN  
18

NYC Regional Committee event | 4:00PM to 7:30PM

Host: Trusted Family, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, 7th fl., New York City

Program: The Paradigm Shift in Addiction Treatment: Implications for Families, Businesses, and their Family Enterprise Advisors

JULY  
1

Last day to submit a case for the Family Enterprise Case Competition

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OCT  
**23-25**

Annual Global conference in Miami

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## PREVIOUS EDITION



The year 2019 marks fifty years since “one giant leap” took us to the moon. The race to space was a study in global competition, ingenuity, innovation, embracing risk, and imagining the impossible. It was a pioneering time with long-lasting impact—more than 63,000 technologies that we still routinely use were discovered and created as the result of these programs. But what’s next? These exciting keynote presentations will help us consider that provocative question.

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