

8<sup>th</sup> Bryant University XBRL Conference in Washington D.C  
October 13, 2008 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

State of XBRL Research and Education  
Standard Business Reporting: New Research Frontier for XBRL

From the days when "XBRL" was first introduced to the time the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced its new "IDEA" - a complete renovation of its systems to being XBRL-based - Bryant University has each year brought together leading researchers and practitioners in the area of XBRL and business reporting standardization to share and learn from each other. This year is no exception. As the SEC is expected to finalize rules related to XBRL mandates, the Bryant University XBRL Conference takes you to the center of XBRL activity in the US - Washington, DC - and we have scheduled it the same week and near to the 18<sup>th</sup> XBRL International Conference.

The Bryant University XBRL Conference provides a unique opportunity to attend two Conferences in America's Capital with only one trip!

Bryant University's XBRL Conference is *independently organized* and is primarily focused on Standard Business Reporting, XBRL, and XBRL GL research and educational opportunities in support of the XBRL International.

We highly encourage you to also consider participating in the 18th XBRL International Conference (October 15-16 2008) in Washington D.C. (You can learn more about the conference at <http://conference.xbrl.org> and register at [https://registration.xbrl.org/.](https://registration.xbrl.org/))

### Overview of the 8th Bryant University XBRL Conference:

The focus of the Bryant University XBRL Conference has traditionally been on the broader state of XBRL and XBRL GL research. While all eyes in the US are on the SEC situation, XBRL is revolutionizing the way business and governments communicate in many other countries. This year we will pay special attention to the new and growing **Standard Business Reporting (SBR)** concept, and **convergence**; not just convergence between US GAAP and IFRS, but also **SBR** addressing the needs of multiple consumers of XBRL data bringing incredible reductions in compliance burden.

#### *What can you expect, and how can you participate?*

Along with keynote speakers from the XBRL and SBR community, we are bringing together:

*Paper presentations* - there will be 6 - 8 academic paper presentations; we would like to reserve 3 - 4 of those spots for colleagues outside the U.S.; discussants will provide feedback to the authors. Deadline to submit papers to [sroohani@cox.net](mailto:sroohani@cox.net) for presentation

consideration is September 10, 2008, and decision confirmation September 13, 2008.  
Please address all questions to Saeed Roohani at above e-mail

*Vendors' show and tell* – vendors are invited to present their tools; we will also provide the opportunity for vendors to engage academics to beta test their tools in classroom settings, and sponsorship.

There will be a **Best Paper Award** based on audience feedback.

*Is there anything else to do before or after the 8th Bryant University XBRL Conference?*

There are lots of places to visit in Washington D. C.!! You will need a week just to visit the museums, the monuments and the Mall. Much of it is absolutely free and offers great exercise.

**Conference location: Marriott Key Bridge\***

**<http://marriott.com/waskb?groupCode=icricra&app=resvlink>**

**\*one of designated hotels for participants of 18<sup>th</sup> XBRL International Conference**

**Tentative program and registration information will be posted by August 31, 2008  
at [www.XBRLeducation.com](http://www.XBRLeducation.com)**