

Dear Members,

Happy New Year, I wish you health, happiness and success for the year ahead. We also extend our wishes for prosperity to all our members who celebrate the new lunar year next week.

NIBS Worldwide Business Plan Competition

To all the teams planning to enter the NIBS Worldwide Business Plan Competition, **please don't forget to register by 27 January 2023**. Full details of the competition and registration can be found on the [website](#).

You can enter up to two teams per member university, from either undergraduate or masters level and they can also be from any study discipline. Business plans and video pitches can be found on our [past winners and finalists](#)

We recommend you to encourage your students to participate as past students have found it to be a very rewarding experience, an opportunity to win cash prizes, and every student receives a certificate of participation and can add the project to their CV. Please pass this information on to colleagues in your business entrepreneurship areas.

- The competition is conducted 100% virtually; there are no travel requirements.
- There are cash prizes, Gold €1200, Silver €800, Bronze €400
- Students participate in teams of 2-5 individuals.
- They can be from any academic program and multidisciplinary teams are encouraged.
- They can be from undergraduate or masters programs.
- The task is to conceive of a new service or product offering, OR, improve an existing product or service, and create a business plan for it.
- The deliverable (on which teams are assessed) is a **written business plan** and **concept pitch video** aimed at convincing potential investors to finance the business.
- Registration deadline is **January 27, 2023**.
- Submission deadline is **March 15, 2023**.
- Entry fee is €150 per team.
- Each participating school can enter up to 2 teams.
- Final presentation round is mid-May 2023.
- Registration is available here, [register here](#)

NIBS Annual Conference - 10-12 May 2023

We look forward to seeing everyone at the NIBS Conference, 10-12 May 2023, hosted by [Woosong University](#), South Korea. It promises to be a very interesting conference with an overarching theme of "Leadership in Business". We are working with our hosts to deliver interesting keynote speakers and workshops with a focus on Korean and S.E. Asian business "It is a conference not to miss!" Please ensure it is in your diary and you register to secure a place, details of registration can be found [here](#).

Hotel details are being finalised and will be announced very soon.

NIBS Board

Last year we bid goodbye and sincere thanks to our longest-standing Board Member, Dr. Memo Diriker, BEACON Director Emeritus and President & CEO of StratACUMEN, from the NIBS Board in June at the NIBS Conference. Dr. Diriker was awarded a [Lifetime Achievement Award](#) for his contribution to NIBS and the internationalisation of business education. This was followed by Carline Vuylsteke in November, to whom we also extended our heartfelt thanks for all her work with NIBS over the years. We are delighted that Memo and Carline will remain in the NIBS network, as valued and respected members who everyone is very fond of.

We are delighted to warmly welcome Carline's colleague, Kim Plevoets, Dean of the Faculty of Management, UCLL, to the [NIBS Board](#). Kim will be leading on the NIBS Business Plan Competition in addition to Finance and Governance matters.

Happy New Year!

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NIBS President



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