

Dear Friends,

We hope you are fine and doing well. We wish you an enjoyable holiday and hope you have a very successful, prosperous and happy New Year 2018.

The **December 2017 Anti-poverty WG Update** comes with the end of a challenging year, which nevertheless resulted in a number of outputs that our WG and its individual members produced. As already traditional, this will be summarized in the WG 2017 Annual Report and 2018 Outlooks, a report that will be submitted to the PRME Secretariat and published early next year.

EURAM 2018, 20-23 June 2018, Reykjavik, Iceland

Our Working Group is now preparing for the **Symposium** on “*Impact and Action-Oriented Research on Poverty & the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*” that is on the program of the [EURAM 2018 Annual Conference](#). The symposium will share the main insights, outcomes and learnings from our 10-year history working on the issue of poverty, as well as our views on the challenges and opportunities that the SDGs and 2030 Agenda present. We say “thank you” to those WG members who expressed willingness to deliver in the Symposium.

WG members **who have poverty-related research and teaching** insights are encouraged to submit their proposals to [GT 14-The General Track](#) and **to highlight the focus on poverty in the paper’s title and keywords**. **Deadline** for paper submissions is 10 January 2018 - 2 pm Belgian time.

PRME Anti-poverty WG Toolkit

The WG has started to work on the Anti-poverty Toolkit, which was ranked as the most important project for the WG to tackle next. Several WG members, who accepted to champion this activity, are developing the work plan and concept. Tentatively, we are planning a special Webinar, hosted by the PRME Secretariat, for March 2018 for us to receive feedback from WG members and also ensure a broader participation in the project.

5th RME Research Conference and associated events in Cologne, Germany, November 2018

Our WG is an invited co-organizer of the **5th RME Research Conference on Leadership Development for Advancing the Implementation of the SDGs**, which will be hosted by the Cologne Business School on 12-13 November 2018 in Cologne, Germany. The event will be held in conjunction with the **6th PRME Regional Chapter DACH Annual Meeting** on 11-12 November and the **8th Humboldt International Conference** on Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility, on 14-15 November. This is a unique opportunity to participate in more than one conference of interest.

Working Group members are encouraged to consider:

- Presenting their recent experiences and lessons learned related to the integration of poverty related issues into their research and teaching practices;
- Participating in a “cross-issue” track between our WG and other PRME Working Groups; and
- Contributing to our annual Working Group Planning Session.

On-going Joint Book Projects

The book [Global Champions of Sustainable Development](#) (Routledge, expected winter 2018/19) is now in the draft chapter stage. Of the 16 accepted chapter abstracts, four were submitted by our WG members.

Proposals for the second book in the joint book project on the SDGs, [Struggles and Successes in the Pursuit of Sustainable Development](#) (Routledge, expected winter 2018/19) are due 1 March 2018. We hope to have contributions from our WG members.

Encyclopedia of the SDGs

There is a call for contributions to the **Encyclopedia of the SDGs**, the world's most comprehensive publications on the SDGs. As a fully peer-reviewed and fully indexed publication, the contributions count as high-impact publications and can be used for promotion and tenure purposes, and represent a concrete record of scientific achievement. Please contact Petra Molthan-Hill, petra.molthan-hill@ntu.ac.uk, who is both Co-Chair PRME Working Group on Climate Change and Environment and the associate editor for the SDG 4 (Education). She can also inform Springer, the publisher, of your interest in contributing to any other SDGs.

WG support of member activities and projects

- The International student essay competition on, "*My Contribution to the Realization of the UN SDGs by 2030*", run by our friend Assoc. Prof. Anastasiya Marcheva from D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics in Svishtov, Bulgaria, and co-sponsored by our WG, received 223 submissions from 33 institutions in 19 countries on five continents. The essays, written in five languages (English, Bulgarian, Spanish, Russian and French), will be delivered to participating students through a special CD, which will also be published online and made available for a broader audience.
- Our WG is supporting a project launched by our friend, Ana Nieto, President of Helsinki Espana. Nine business schools (representing mainly WG member institutions) from eight countries (Argentina, Denmark, China, Egypt, Montenegro, Serbia, Switzerland, and USA) were invited to participate in the [International University Forum: The Value of Human Rights on the Camino de Santiago](#), which starts 2 January 2018 (with online studies) and finishes in March 2018 in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. It is intended to become a traditional event that could be organized in other countries as well.

News from our Members and Partners

- Our PRME Friend, Oliver Laasch, has a call for papers for a **special issue** on "[Responsible Management Learning: Change and Innovation for Sustainability, Responsibility, Ethics](#)", in the **the Journal of Business Ethics**. This special issue aims at fostering and extending the debate by profiling research that studies how managers in their organizational environments learn for sustainability, responsibility and ethics, and how such learning relates to dynamics of innovation and change.
- Our WG member Konstantin Theile announces that [www.Educatis.org](http://www.educatis.org), a social enterprise start-up, would like to include practical courses on "how to fight poverty" in its School of Management or School of Law in English, French and, as of 2018, in Spanish. It grants content partners (institutions of higher education, professors, lecturers and professionals) access to a multilingual, state-of-the-art and easy to use e-learning platform that enables e-Learning Seminars as self-study training (one-to-many) and/or e-Learning Colloquia with conferences (one-to-few). Interested WG members can visit <https://www.educatis.org/educatis-for-course-providers/> or contact k.theile@educatis.ch
- Our WG member, Jyoti Bachani, is working to promote the idea of Humanistic Management (<http://www.humanetwork.org/>). The [International Humanistic Management Association](#) has a goal of increasing the impact and reach of these ideas in collaboration with the AoM, the UN Global Compact, the OECD and other groups working to influence the changes needed. The Association sponsors the [Humanistic Management Journal](#), <http://www.springer.com/philosophy/ethics+and+moral+philosophy/journal/41463>. Interested members can contact Joti Bachani at jb19@stmarys-ca.edu, and/or [sign up](#) for their newsletter, attend the conference or reach out to others in the network.

Looking forward to our future communication and collaboration in 2018,

Best wishes to all,

Al Rosenbloom and Milenko Gudić

P.S. Attached please find the latest list and contacts of our **185** WG members from **149** institutions in **54** countries.