

Dear Friends,

We hope you are fine and doing well in the beginning of this year. Here is the **PRME Anti-poverty Working Group Update February 2019**.

Our WG continues contributing to the overall momentum of PRME, which results from a number of grass-root initiatives taken by different PRME entities that have become an important feature of the PRME engagement in the advancement of the SDGs.

WG 2018 Annual Report and 2019 Outlook

Our WG Annual Report 2018 and Outlook for 2019 was submitted in December 2018. It will be integrated into the larger, PRME document, which will be published shortly. Once again many thanks to all of you who contributed to the impressive quality and amount of work done!

Global Survey: Students Voices on the SDGs and the Issue of Poverty in Management Education

The global survey, *Student Voices on the SDGs and the Issue of Poverty*, was kept open for submissions until 31 January 2019. The survey team is now working on analyzing both the quantitative and qualitative data collected. Survey findings will be published later this year.

Save the Date: 6th RME Research Conference, 29 September – 3 October, Jönköping, Sweden

Our Working Group is, again, a co-organizer of the [6th RME Research Conference](#). As with the past five RMER events, our WG will propose poverty-related research and teaching sessions. We will also hold our traditional WG Planning Session during the conference. The 6th RMER will be held in conjunction with the 7th PRME Regional Chapter DACH Meeting, PRME Regional Nordic Chapter Meeting, and Jönköping University Agenda 2030 Day, where PRME is invited to contribute. Feel free to contact our WG member **Guenola Nonet**, who is organizing the event.

Anti-poverty Toolkit Project

The team from Radford University, USA, including **Tay Keong Tan** (US/Singapore) and his PhD students **Rachel Sharrett**, **Gabriel Bennett**, **Emily Jenkins** and **Haley Nunez**, continue their work on this project. The team expects to have preliminary results in April and anticipates presenting a more detailed analysis at the 6th RME Research Conference, where constructive feedback from the larger PRME community will be solicited.

Tay Keong Tan is actively seeking grant support for the research.

IJME Special Issue

Our member Carole Parkes (UK), Guest Editor of an IJME Special Issue on themes of the 5th RMER (Cologne) on Leadership Development for Advancing the SDGs, anticipates publication around the dates of the 6th RMER Conference in Sweden.

Joint Book Project

The PRME-Routledge Publishing collaboration continues. *Global Champions in Sustainable Development* is ready for publication (winter 2019), while the next book, *Struggles and Successes in the Pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals*, is now being edited. (Expected publication is spring 2020). Both books include chapters from our WG members, who offer great insights into the complex challenges, inspirational solutions and new opportunities for advancing the SDGs. With this in mind, the editors have proposed a large international conference in 2020 where the lessons learned could be shared with all major stakeholders involved in the implementation of the UN Agenda 2030.

News from our Members and Partners

- Our WG member **Gustavo Yepes** (Colombia), Project Manager of the PRME Regional Chapter LAC effort on producing the University Social Responsibility Indicators System: Sharing Information on Progress PRME is sharing with us the Guide for Implementation, which is now available in three languages: [English](#), [Portuguese](#) and [Spanish](#). Thanks a lot Gustavo! Congratulations to all of you at PRME Regional Chapter LAC for this great collective initiative.
- Gustavo Yepes has also shared a video from the [Cost of Inequality](#) held at the 2019 World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland.
- Our friend **Ewa Lechman** (Poland), who contributed a chapter in our first poverty-related book, *Socially Responsive Organization and the Challenge of Poverty*, has shared a [call for chapter contribution](#) for the book *Society and Technology: Opportunities and Challenges* to be published by Routledge in early spring 2020. For more information please contact Ewa Lechman, the book co-editor at: ewalechm@pg.edu.pl
- Our WG member, **Martin Burt** (Paraguay) is again organizing his traditional [2019 Cerrito Forum: Innovation for Poverty Elimination](#) on 22-23 May in Benjamin Aceval, Paraguay. Our members are kindly invited. More information available from Tania Martinez, who is in charge of Participants Experience at tbmartinez@fundacionparaguaya.org.py
- **Anastasiya Marcheva** (Bulgaria) announces that the *Collection of Student Essays* from the 5th International Student Competition, sponsored by our WG, is now available. Please contact her directly at an.marcheva@gmail.com.
- **Geoff Mazullo** (Poland/USA) is sharing with us that on 30 January, Emerging Markets ESG, published the 27th edition of the Updated Database of Contacts in the Field of Socially Responsible Investment (SRI), which can be downloaded [here](#)
- **Shirley Yeung** (Hong Kong), informs us about co-authoring a case study that traces the sustainable development journey undertaken by Hong Kong's flagship carrier, Cathay Pacific Airways, to bring environmental issues from the periphery to the core of the organization. The case was published by [Harvard Business Review Press](#). In January 2019, she and her school convened Transformation in Learning via Coding Competition sponsored by China Legend /EGL HK and supported by UNESCO HK, Girl Guides HK and Federation of PTA SSP. The event brought together around 40 participants from primary/secondary school students, university graduates, parents, industry practitioners, NGOs, and speakers to develop innovative team spirit and self confidence.

With best wishes,

Al Rosenbloom and Milenko Gudić

P.S. Attached please find the updated WG membership list that includes **204** members from **164** institutions in **60** countries!