

Report to the FIRN Executive
Committee
on the
Doctoral Tutorial 2005

The inaugural 2005 FIRN Doctoral Tutorial was held in Sydney on Tuesday 13 December, 2005. FIRN's brief is to provide younger researchers from its participating institutions with new and innovative opportunities to interact with each other and with the many prominent (inter)national academics resident in, or visiting, Australia. Over the past year, FIRN's Younger Researcher Programme has sponsored a large number of FIRN affiliated PhD candidates and young researchers to attend and participate in a range of academic activities (including workshops, conferences and symposia) that would otherwise not have been easily accessible to them. The Doctoral Tutorial was designed to more directly involve the PhD candidates by inviting them to present their work to a forum of experts – including their peers – and provide them with a targeted discussion of their papers. FIRN is therefore particularly pleased with the participation of internationally renowned discussants including Professor Martin Gruber, Professor Ernst Eberlein and Dr Mahmoud Hamada. FIRN is similarly indebted to the active involvement of its own members. It is pleasing to note that the twelve presenters and their discussants represent the geographical spread of FIRN's membership. The selection committee was impressed with the high quality of the submitted papers.

The main burden of organizing, preparing and running this inaugural Doctoral Tutorial was carried by Andrea Schnauffer. FIRN is indebted to Andrea's support.

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Dear Dr Hamada,

On behalf of the Financial Integrity Research Network (FIRN) I would like to thank you for being a discussant at the first FIRN Doctoral Tutorial.

We have received very positive feedback from the presenters and other participants and we will certainly establish this event in the FIRN calendar. We would like to thank you for helping us make this event a success and for your active support of our younger researchers.

Warm regards,



Carl Chiarella
Network Convenor