

JUNE 1-3, 2016 ~ LISBON, PORTUGAL

The Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Conference

After ten successful conferences (Capri 2004, Shanghai 2006, Anchorage 2008, Prague 2009, Florence 2010, Sydney 2011, Minneapolis 2012, Dubrovnik 2013, Québec City 2014, Reykjavík, 2015), the **Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS)** is pleased to announce that the next conference will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, June 1-3, 2016.

Program and Location

The conference will begin after lunch at 1:30pm on June 1, and conclude in the evening of June 3. This year's conference was very selective with 1,050 paper submissions. In addition to a very high quality program, the conference will feature a keynote speech by Franklin Allen, Professor of Finance and Economics at Imperial College, London, and a founding member of FIRS.

The venue will be the Intercontinental, Lisbon, Portugal (<http://www.intercontinental.com/lisbon>), which is close to the historical downtown area. Lisbon, built on seven hills, is the capital and largest city of Portugal. As one of the oldest cities in Europe, it has much to offer in terms of museums, gardens, monuments, and architecture. Just outside of Lisbon are ocean-facing beaches, as well as the historic villages of Sintra and Cascais.

Registration

Registration is required for all conference participants. The **registration fee of \$250** covers the conference welcome reception, coffee breaks, luncheons, and meeting room rentals. Please register at your earliest convenience by visiting <https://www.conftool.com/FIRS>. You may use your existing FIRS ConfTool account if you previously established one while submitting a paper or reviews. Otherwise, you can quickly create a new account to register for the conference.

Participants can also optionally register for the tour and gala dinner at the Ajuda National Palace, Lisbon (<http://www.palacioajuda.pt/en->

[GB/Default.aspx](#)). The tour will leave from the hotel at 6:30pm on Thursday, June 2. The Ajuda National Palace (Palácio Nacional da Ajuda) was the official residence of the Portuguese Royal Family from the reign of King Louis I (circa 1861) until 1910, when Portugal became a republic. The cost of the tour and gala dinner is \$100. Please register early as the number of spaces is limited.

Hotel Reservations

FIRS has negotiated discounted rates starting at **150 euros per night** for a block of hotel rooms at the Intercontinental. These rates are guaranteed only until April 30, 2016. The room charge includes breakfast, and reservations can be made at <https://aws.passkey.com/event/14496391/owner/14293470/home>. If you encounter any problems, please email miguel.vilela@ihg.com who will help you with your booking. **Note that we have a limited number of rooms, so please book your hotel well in advance.**

We hope to have the pleasure of welcoming you to Lisbon, Portugal, for the 2016 FIRS Conference. In the meantime, please email us at FIRSConference@wharton.upenn.edu if you have any questions.

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