Hi all,
We are pleased to bring to your attention the 1st ANZIBA Newsletter for 2023. We plan to issue the Newsletter regularly to keep International Business scholars in our region updated on issues of relevance to our professional association.

**Meet the new ANZIBA Executive Committee**

The new Executive Committee was confirmed at the 2023 ANZIBA conference in Melbourne. With five previous members continuing to serve and three new members, there is a good balance of continuity and change.

**President:** Prof Snejina Michailova (new member), University of Auckland, New Zealand

**Vice-President – Marketing and Communication:** Dr Dana L. Ott (new member), University of Otago, New Zealand

**Vice-President – Membership:** Dr Ryan Tang (new member), University of South Australia, Australia

**Vice-President – Treasury:** Dr Robert Jack, Macquarie University, Australia

**Appointed Members:**
- Prof Susan Freeman, University of South Australia, Australia
- Dr Pavlina Jasovska, The University of Technology Sydney, Australia

**Secretary:** Dr Jane Menzies, University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia

**Past President:** Prof Douglas Dow, The University of Melbourne, Australia

In one of the following Newsletters, we will invite Expressions of Interest for two additional positions to be filled in the Executive Committee - PhD representatives, one for Australia and one for New Zealand.

**2024 ANZIBA Conference**

The 2024 ANZIBA Conference will be hosted by the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand 7-9 February with Dr Anna Earl serving as the Conference Chair.
We will provide more details in the coming weeks.

**ANZIBA Membership and Fees**

We have developed a modified membership form available on the ANZIBA website. The information we kindly ask for will provide insights into attributes of our membership in terms of career stage, residence, and research interests. This way, we can tailor some of the initiatives and activities we plan to our members.

At its 3rd meeting that took place in May this year, the Executive Committee decided to separate the annual membership fee (AUD$ 50 full membership, AUD$ 25 student membership) and the annual conference fee. This is a model that is not entirely new; it was applied some years ago,
but changed when an external provider was tasked to administer our annual conferences. This is no longer the case, so we will reintroduce it. There are a few advantages of having separate fees:

- It is a simple system that offers flexibility – colleagues may want to attend the annual conference but do not want to be ANZIBA members and vice versa.

- The membership fee will be deducted from the conference registration fee – conference attendees pay less if they are members.

- The two types of fees can be managed independently of each other, bringing clarity into both our membership and finances.

- We plan to offer activities exclusively for members. An upcoming initiative is a mentoring programme for female early career researchers; another is a series of sessions on topics relevant to doctoral students from our region.

We hope you will consider joining ANZIBA if you are not yet a member!
If you have any questions, please contact Ryan at: vp_membership@anziba.org.

**Classifieds: Please feel free to get in touch**

If you have a Call for Papers for a special issue you are or will be editing, a Position vacancy, available Scholarships, Awards and the like, and you would like to share this information with others, please send the details to Dana at: vp_marketing@anziba.org, and we will include them in future Newsletters.

With kind regards,

Snejina and Dana