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François Rheault has 6 years of work experience in sales and marketing, working in several industries including advertising, communications, central banking, telecom and pharmaceuticals. He has worked on corporate communications for network and economic development, advertising for tourism, sales-trend analysis and key partnership development. He also runs a small advertising business for SMBs in Montreal. François holds a Bachelor with Specialization in Psychology from Concordia University and is currently pursuing his MBA at the John Molson School of Business. Upon graduation, François would like to work as a sales and marketing consultant and a business broker for an international company.
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Rios-Karim Mercier has 2 years of experience in development and sales of polymers for world leaders in Germany and Canada. Upon graduation of his Bachelors with specialization in Biochemistry from the University of Ottawa, he was employed as a high school science teacher. Candidate for the 2012 MBA at the John Molson School of Business, Rios is actively involved as a consultant in the Concordia Small Business Consulting Bureau. He is also a CFA Level II candidate. Upon graduation, he would like to work in the private equity sector, an SME or an international operation.
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Since its inception, the John Molson MBA International Case Competition (MBA ICC) has been Concordia University’s leading event, which provides a unique and international networking experience for students, academia and business executives.

For the 2012 edition, the Organizing Team has amassed an exceptional list of sponsors, judges, participants and volunteers, resulting in over 700 guests in attendance. It is our honor and privilege to be the organizers of this premiere event for Concordia University and we would like to extend our sincerest and deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who have contributed so generously to this event’s success. This tradition began thirty-one years ago. May this outstanding tradition continue to be blessed with your unfailing support and thrive even more brilliantly in the future.

It is the dream of every Organizing Team to leave a long-lasting mark in the competition, and this year was no exception. Our passion to deliver an exceptional event has motivated us to work countless hours to develop and execute a strategy that would enable us to meet our goal. This year, we have implemented new initiatives that are aligned with our theme of “Innovation”. These include a broader network of sponsors and judges, creative social events, new showcasing venues for our sponsors, and of course, an increased international palette of participating schools.

The four Organizers have also had the privilege of working with a group of extraordinary, talented individuals consisting of four Executive Assistants and one Representative from the John Molson Sustainable Business Group. They have donated their precious time, energy, resources and talents for the MBA ICC. Such dedication is remarkable and commendable.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all participants, sponsors, judges, and volunteers for taking part in this event. Without you, there would simply be no competition. As well, we would like to express our appreciation to our Advisory Board. Their support, wisdom and experience have guided us through several exciting months of preparation. We would also like to extend our gratitude to William Meder, who for the first time took on the role of Academic Advisor. It is with admiration and respect that we cherish his advice and friendship. Finally, we wish to extend a sincere thank you to our families and loved ones for their unconditional support and encouragement.

To everyone: Enjoy this week to lead, compete and connect on the world stage. We wish you the best of luck!

The 2012 Organizing Team,
François, Rios, Santiago and Tracy
Arun Kumar Rajagopalan
Arun possesses 3 years of experience in the Information Technology sector in India, where as Senior Systems Engineer he developed new applications and led a team of junior engineers. He expanded on his expertise in analysis, design and development of new applications as Program Analyst at Vertace Consultants, an IT solutions start-up firm. A computer engineering graduate from Anna University in Chennai, he is currently pursuing his MBA at the John Molson School of Business. A strong proponent of student involvement, he was VP Marketing for the John Molson Sustainable Group and is currently President of the MBA Society. Upon graduation, he intends to seek work in either the creative or strategic side of marketing.
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Jason studied and worked in Product Design for 5 years before pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing major). Upon graduating in 2008, he has worked in the Marketing department of several manufacturing companies in and around Montreal. He is passionate about watches, automobiles and generally well designed products. He is currently in the 1st year of the JMSB MBA program as a full-time student. He aspires to strengthen his business knowledge as well as build lasting relationships. Upon graduation, Jason wishes to leverage his Design and Marketing expertise to develop clever and creative marketing solutions.
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Shawn Korin
Shawn has 7 years of professional experience in sales and engineering. Having tested and developed software since a very young age and an entrepreneur at heart, Shawn used a combination of technical and sales expertise to start a successful online business. He accomplished this when internet marketing was still in its infancy. More recently, while pursuing his engineering studies at Concordia, Shawn has been an active and charismatic volunteer in his community, planned many large events, and has also led nearly one thousand young adults on educational trips overseas. Shawn has an upbeat and energetic personality and since graduating, has worked at a prominent networking company designing infrastructure for commercial and governmental clients. He is a 2013 MBA candidate and aims to one day be the CIO of a large multinational, bridging the computer and business worlds.
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Vishnu has more than two years of working experience in the aerospace industry. He currently holds the title of Mechanical Engineer - Special Projects at Bombardier Aerospace. His previous working experiences include programmer at the NASA Glenn Research Center, Sales associate at Future Shop and manager at Pizza Hut. Vishnu graduated with Distinction from Concordia University with a Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently pursuing his MBA at the John Molson School of Business. Upon graduation, Vishnu would like to work in investment banking or start his own business.
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As we all know, sustainability is a seed that needs to be implanted in everyone’s mind and what better way to achieve this goal than to implement it at the 2012 MBA International Case Competition where future leaders come together to compete, learn and network. The John Molson School of Business is one of the top business schools in North America that takes sustainability to heart. It is only normal that JMSB takes sustainable initiatives to the next level by hosting a sustainable event that surpasses the initiatives undertaken in the previous years.

**New Sustainable Initiatives**

**Public Transportation (Airport – Hotel – Airport)**

All competitors will get their transportation refunded from the airport to the hotel and back if they use the public transportation (STM bus 747).

**Eco-friendly Acetates**

The use of transparencies at the competition is a signature part of the JMSB’s MBA ICC. Hence, this year the biodegradable transparencies will be launched as a test initiative.

**Biodegradable Plates, Cups and Cutleries**

For all events held outside the hotel and in the hospitality suite, biodegradable plates, cups and cutleries will be used.

**Compost Leftovers**

The leftovers from all banquets and the hospitality suite at the hotel will be composted.

**Improved Initiatives**

**Printed Materials**

In addition to reducing printed material, the printed materials will be on 100% recycled paper or FSC certified paper. The print shop is also sponsoring part of the printing costs.

**Locally Sourced Food**

The events will be catered by sustainable caterers during the competition. Also, the hospitality suite will have a sandwich bar for all volunteers. The catering will be run by volunteers.

**Recurring Initiatives**

Hotel; Lug-a-Mug; Carbon Offsets; Donate Leftover Food to Food Banks; Biodegradable Badge Holders; Public Transportation to Events; Partner with a Charitable Organization – Innovation Jeunes.

**What you can do to help:**

**Reduce, Re-use and Recycle** — Return your badge holders and lanyards after the competition, so that they can be re-used for future events. Dispose waste in a responsible manner.

**Food** — Choose locally sourced food as much as possible because it has a greener ecological footprint. Avoid wastage; leftover food should be disposed in the assigned composting bins.

**Travel** — Use public transport as much as possible and consider purchasing offsets for your travel.

**Energy** — Avoid wasting energy by switching off electrical equipment when not in use. Minimize the use of elevators and use the stairs at the venue.

**Hotel** — Avoid towel and sheet replacements on a daily basis. Turn off the lights when not in use and lower the room temperature when leaving the room.

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**John Molson Sustainable Business Group**

**Vishnu Subram**

VP Sustainability for the JSG
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THE RICHARD OUTCAULT TEAM SPIRIT AWARD

Richard Outcault was a member of Northeastern University’s team for the 1998 John Molson MBA International Case Competition. Three days before the competition, his father suddenly died. Yet, as per his father’s wish, Richard rushed back from California to join his team on their trip to Montreal. This trip itself turned into a 24-hour adventure because of the worst snow storm of the century to hit Montreal. In the end, the Northeastern team took first prize. However, Richard missed the award ceremony to attend his father’s funeral. Those who knew what Richard had been through were in awe of his physical and mental stamina, not to mention his humour, creativity, and positive outlook. He, in turn, truly cherished the “MBA-ICC experience”.

Two years later, a few days after attending a practice session for the Northeastern’s 2000 team, Richard himself succumbed to a rare infection. The Richard Outcault Team Spirit Award was instituted by Northeastern University and the organizers of the John Molson MBA-ICC to honour Richard’s spirit, which reflects all the great things the competition has to offer.

“Richard Outcault, a member of Northeastern’s championship team of 1998, regarded the competition as one of the highlights of his life. Winning the competition within days of his father’s death was a bitter-sweet experience for him and all of us. He thoroughly enjoyed the bare-knuckles contest in front of the judges, followed by friendly give-and-take with other teams during the breaks. We were all shocked when Richard himself succumbed to a rare infection in 2000. Today, we remember him, and everything he adored about this competition, through the Richard Outcault Team Spirit Award.”

2011 Winners: Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf

THE DR. J. PIERRE BRUNET COACH AWARD

Several years ago the Case Competition created the Dr. J. Pierre Brunet Coach Award to recognize the important contribution that the coaches make to the competition.

We value highly the contributions of the many coaches who prepare their teams ahead of time, and guide them through the rigors of the competition. Good coaches teach participants a system to efficiently tackle complex business problems, and present their recommendations in powerful and focused presentations.

Participants change year after year, but many coaches return, and so they provide continuity to the competition and to the business schools they represent. They are also champions of the competition in their schools, raising the level of awareness and the enthusiasm of their students for the challenges that lie ahead.

We gain valuable insights into the smooth functioning of the competition from coaches who take part in the coaches’ briefings that take place at the beginning and end of the busy competition week. We benefit equally from experienced coaches and from new coaches who bring fresh ideas to the table each year.

The Dr. J. Pierre Brunet Coach Award was also created as a vehicle for ongoing recognition and thanks to Dr. Brunet for his unsurpassed contributions to the success of the Competition as faculty member, mentor, board member and chair and for the countless other things he has brought to the competition through his dedication, skill, wit, empathy and clear-mindedness.

The award is presented annually to a team coach who participates in the current year’s competition. The criteria and selection process evolve with time. Our view is that the best candidate in a given year should by his or her example in some measure define the criteria as well.

As in the past, all the coaches will be canvassed and asked by secret ballot to express their choices. In cases where there isn’t a clear favorite, the wisdom of the board will prevail.

2011 Winner: Klaus Schüler, Universität Paderborn
“I would like to thank all of the sponsors who have remained with us over the years, and the new sponsors who join us this year. As a sponsor, you demonstrate a commitment to future business leadership, corporate social responsibility and bridging the gap between corporate and academic worlds. Without you, our competition would not be possible. Thank you.”

François Rheault
2012 Organizer for the John Molson MBA International Case Competition

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Katrin Vatiska (Competitor)
Katrin is focusing on Finance as her major with minors in Economics and Information Technology Program (Business Technology). She worked with industry analysis and corporate finance transactions; participated in transaction executions with responsibility to drive the projects forward. She is a Board Member of the Students’ Finance Club. She is actually participating in CFA Investment Challenge
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Junting is studying towards the M.Sc. degree in Finance. She studied as well at the Tsinghua University, Beijing, China for a part of her Bachelors degree. As an analyst trainee she worked alongside senior consultants on the planning, information collection, analysis and preparation in several projects. She was also responsible for competitor analysis and identified potential takeover targets for swift penetration into foreign markets.
She is the President and founder of AALTO Debating Society. She took part in INTEL – BERKELEY TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE BERKELEY, USA (global annual business plan competition).
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Ms. Gasiorowska studied and worked in the USA, France, Great Britain, Poland, Czech Republic and Finland. Her MBA and Advanced Management Studies are from Babson Graduate School of Business, MA, USA; École Supérieure de Commerce de Paris, France; Helsinki School of Economics, Finland. She worked in sales, marketing, corporate relations, consulting/turnarounds, operations. Her work experience is from airline industry, industrial insurance, international infrastructure development & environmental protection, SMEs, translations. She worked among others for Finnair Airlines; Embassy of Finland in Warsaw, Poland; as a volunteer with refugees. Her job responsibilities at Aalto SE include case analysis teaching & writing; case competitions & team training; fund raising; budget and strategic management. She is pursuing her PhD in international investments. She is teaching case and business analysis at foreign universities (intensive workshops). She speaks Finnish, English, French, Polish, Russian; basic German and Swedish. Her interests include mountain trekking, Dutch School painting.
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