
Foreword

Pervaiz K. Ahmed

The papers appearing in this special issue have been selected from proceedings of the *8th International Conference on Corporate Governance and Board Leadership*, 11–13 October 2005 at the Centre for Board Effectiveness, Henley Management College. The conference is an annual event and succeeds in attracting a wide variety of papers. The papers in this issue highlight the variety of ideas presented, ranging from the highly pragmatic conceptual ideas and thoughts to empirical research.

The *9th International Conference on Corporate Governance and Board Leadership* is to be held on 3–5 October, with the highly pertinent theme “The New Shareholder Activists: How Can Boards Create More Value?”. Readers interested in finding out more about this highly topical conference can contact Professor Bernard Taylor, Director, Centre for Board Effectiveness at the Henley Management College, www.henleymc.ac.uk.