
Foreword

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Biographical notes: Dr. Chris Bart is a leading expert on helping organisations develop *mission and vision statements* that get results. He is the author of the Canadian business #1 best seller, *A Tale of Two Employees and the Person Who Wanted to Lead Them*, as well as the CICA publication, *20 Questions for Directors about Strategy*, Second Edition. He has also published over 100 other articles, cases and reviews. Dr. Bart is currently a Professor of Strategic Market Leadership (Strategy and Governance) at the DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario and a Principal with Corporate Missions Inc. (www.corporatemissionsinc.com). In 2003 he helped found The Directors College, Canada's first university-accredited director certification programme. A highly regarded lecturer, Dr. Bart holds the record number of teaching awards at the DeGroote School of Business – including the President's Award for Teaching Excellence. He has also received many academic awards and honours.

The papers in this special edition represent a selection of the best papers that were presented at the *4th McMaster World Congress on Corporate Governance*, which was hosted by the DeGroote School of Business at McMaster University and The Directors College – both located in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

These papers are unique in their content and format in that they attempt to bridge the gap between academics' need for theoretical advancement and practitioners' thirst for practical improvements to the governance dilemma.

I hope that you enjoy this special edition and that you will consider submitting a paper for presentation at a future World Congress on Corporate Governance.