



Editorial

As challenging as entrepreneurial activities themselves are, so is the conduct of its research, particularly in the wake of a natural disaster. The GEM Tonga (New Zealand) National team experienced a number of problems this month as a result of the Tongan Ferry disaster. Professor Howard Frederick reports on how the team were able to continue with their research in light of this tragedy. [READ MORE.](#)

GERA Board News

Zoltan Acs reports that the a Spanish version of the Global Entrepreneurship Index has been released and invites teams to discuss the uses of the index on the GEM Websites' forums. [READ MORE.](#)

In the Spotlight

[Donna Kelley](#) is this month's GERA Board Member in the Spotlight.

GEM Community News

The GEM community grows

GEM welcomes a new member, GEM Syria launched on June 25th in Damascus. [READ MORE.](#)

GEM 2008 Report Launches

GEM Angola launch their national report on 8th July to much media interest. [READ MORE.](#)

GEM Ceuta and GEM Melilla (GEM Spain regional teams) launch their regional reports on May 29th and July 20th respectively. [READ MORE.](#)

GEM National Team Activities

GEM Korea updates the community on their activities in the first half of 2009. [READ MORE.](#)

The GEM Extremadura regional team of GEM Spain (EGE) launched the book "A Vision of Economic Activity in Extremadura" based on GEM research in the region from 2003-2007. [READ MORE.](#)

GEM Russia have produced a poem about entrepreneurship which you may enjoy. [READ MORE.](#)

Call for Papers

The International Journal of Entrepreneurship Venturing. Theme: Research on GEM data. Deadline: 15th September. [READ MORE.](#)

International Conference on Entrepreneurship, April 28-29 2010; Tehran, Iran. Abstract Deadline: November 30th 2009. [READ MORE.](#)

Conferences

The Roundtable for Entrepreneurship Latin America (REE LA 09) November 25-27 2009, Chile. Registration Deadline: November 18th. [READ MORE.](#)

Conference on Business, Hospitality and Tourism Management, November 10-11 2009, Jamaica. Theme research and innovation: creating new opportunities for economic development. Registration Deadline: August 31st. [READ MORE.](#)

Coordination Team News

Data Matters

Yana Litovsky updates the GEM community of the status of the APS. [READ MORE.](#)

GEM Research

Niels Bosma reports on the roles of the newly formed GEM Research Committee and GEM Research Support Group. [READ MORE.](#)

Press and Media

Marcia Cole reports on GEM National team members' participation in the 2009 ICSB World Conference ([READ MORE](#)) and of the availability of the GEM 2009 Panel Discussion "The Economics of doing Business" on YouTube. [READ MORE.](#)

GEM Events

Alicia Coduras reports on the IV International Workshop based on GEM Data, held in Cadiz on June 22-23. [READ MORE.](#)