

ICSI Research Competition on International Corporate Governance Code

About ICSI

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is constituted under an Act of Parliament of India i.e. the Company Secretaries Act, 1980 (Act No. 56 of 1980). ICSI is the only recognized professional body in India to develop and regulate the profession of Company Secretaries.

The Vision of ICSI is “To be a global leader in promoting Good Corporate Governance” and the Mission is “To develop high calibre professionals facilitating good Corporate Governance”. The ICSI has been a catalyst in promoting good governance by taking various measures to address the issues and challenges faced by corporate in implementing good governance practices.

What is ICGC?

The ICSI being visionary to be a global leader in promoting good corporate governance has evolved a concept of “International Corporate Governance Code – ICGC”. The ICGC intends to provide a uniform code based on internationally acceptable governance principles.

The ICGC seeks to align and synergize the corporate governance norms prescribed by various regulatory bodies across world, establishing good governance practices for the corporate and encourage them to adopt the best governance practices leading to sustained growth of corporate embracing therein inclusive growth of the economy as a whole.

Objectives of ICGC

The objective is to cater the needs of present era corporate world which is spearheading across various nations not only sticking to the country in which it has its business establishment. To suggest best corporate governance practices to all types of companies – with a view to:

- improving their overall performance;
- inculcate a strong culture of core values, ethics, integrity, reliability and fair dealings amongst corporates
- achieve a balance between providing protection to investors and fostering fair and efficient capital markets and confidence in capital markets;
- promote sustainable and inclusive growth of the corporate sector;
- and recognize that corporate governance is evolving in respect of -
 - Adequate disclosures and effective decision making;
 - Transparency in business transactions;
 - Commitment to values and ethical conduct of business.

Invitation to submit Research Papers

For achieving this, the ICSI is glad to announce Research Competition on ICGC. We would like to invite interested scholars to submit their research papers on the theme and concept of Corporate Governance.

ICGC shall cover the following principles:

- Responsibilities of Board
- Board Composition
- Board Leadership and independence
- Selection and appointment of Board
- Board evaluation
- Board Remuneration
- Committees of Board
- Succession planning
- Whistle blowing
- Transparency and disclosures

- Audit
- Risk management and internal controls
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Secretarial Standards
- Code of conduct and ethics for board
- Anti-bribery and anti corruption framework
- Sustainability

Honorarium

The Best researched papers would be awarded an honorarium as follows:

1. First Prize - Rs. 1,00,000 (One Lakh Rupees)
2. Second Prize - Rs. 75,000 (Seventy Five Thousand Rupees)
3. Third Prize - Rs. 50,000 (Fifty Thousand Rupees)
4. Others – An honorarium of Rs. 5000 for selected papers (Five Thousand Rupees)

Research Paper / Manuscript Guidelines

- The research papers should be in the form of a Code on any of the themes mentioned above.
- The paper must be accompanied with the author's name(s), affiliations(s), full postal address, email ID, and telephone/fax number along with the title of the paper on the front page.
- Authors are required to comply with the APA style of referencing only. For details on APA referencing style, please visit <http://www.apastyle.org>.
- Full text of the paper should be submitted in MS Word using Times New Roman, font size 12 on A4 size paper in 1.5 spacing, with a maximum of 5000 words.
- The text should be typed only on A4 size paper with one-inch margins all around.
- The author(s) name should not appear anywhere else on the body of the manuscript to facilitate the blind review process. The research paper should be in clear, coherent and concise English.
- Tables / Exhibits should be numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals and should be referred to in the text as Table 1, Table 2 / Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2 etc.
- All notes must be serially numbered. These should be given at the bottom of the page as footnotes.
- The following should also accompany the manuscripts on separate sheets: (i) An abstract of approximately 150 words with a maximum of five key words, and (ii) A brief biographical sketch (60-80 words) of the author/s describing current designation and affiliation, specialization, number of books and articles in refereed journals, membership number of ICSI and other membership on editorial boards and companies, etc.
- The research papers should reach the Institute on or before 15th May 2017.
- Participants should email their research papers on the following email id: icgc@icsi.edu.

Further Information for Authors / Participants

- The manuscripts will be subjected to a blind review process only high quality papers will be accepted.
- The ICSI reserves the right to not declare prize(s) in any of the categories depending upon the quality of research work.
- The decision of the ICSI will be final and binding on the participants.
- In case of dispute, it will be resolved amicably, failing which through arbitration and it would be at New Delhi, India. Secretary of the ICSI will be sole arbitrator.
- The ICSI reserves the right to publish or refer the selected papers for various publications viz.; Souvenirs, Books, Study materials published by the Institute or in any seminar / conference / workshop / Research Programs conducted by Institute either on its own or jointly with other organizations and also in regular course of activities of ICSI. The research papers may also be used for submission before various national and international fora, Govt. and private bodies, etc.
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- Further, the authors whose papers will be selected will receive an Appreciation Letter from the Institute.

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