International Exchange 2015 April 14, 2015, San Diego A Discussion Among Global Angel Thought Leaders

The International Exchange (IE) began in 2008 as a small side discussion of a few leaders from the most developed angel markets around the world who were attending the annual ACA conference in San Diego. The topic was how to make best use of the experiences in different countries and the developing network of trusted colleagues to enhance the odds of portfolio success. It has grown to both experienced and newer angels from 25 developed and emerging markets on six continents along with the development institutions, researchers and NGO's that support their efforts. The exchange of ideas, growth of the network, and increase in cross-border deals is now a regular feature of gatherings among global angels taking place across the world in a variety of settings.

This year, we return to our roots, as a workshop, to examine the latest trends, best practices, and emerging ideas. Join us as we convene the world's thoughts leaders from the angel community for an informal conversation, moderated by John May and Wendee Wolfson, and with the participation of leading voices in several countries.

We recognize all of the competing demands on your pre-summit day schedule, on top of the desire from international attendees to share the latest developments from their home countries. We have modified the IE format this year in response to those needs and to the many requests to hold a true workshop, filled with full-group and roundtable discussions, addressing the latest challenges in angel investing around the world.

The workshop will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 14 from 1-5:30 pm, at a nominal fee of \$50 followed by the opening reception for the ACA Summit and then, as always, our International Dinner, an opportunity to continue the networking that evening, for the dinner charge of \$100. Workshop topics will be chosen in consultation with various leaders for hour long sessions wrapped up at the end of the afternoon with a forward looking agenda.

To further support our modified format, we will offer an opportunity in the morning from 9 am – 12 pm, providing free space for up to ten IE registrants who want to informally share reports, PowerPoint updates of their country activities, or recent research. (Those slots will be assigned upon your request so please let us know of your interest as soon as possible.) We will be pleased to compile them into a post-conference report of the proceedings as an added benefit of the IE experience at ACA. We will post a list of presenters and encourage you to reach out directly to those who might be interested in hearing about your work.

We look forward to seeing you for part or all of the pre-conference day in San Diego to participate in this gathering of our worldwide angel community. Registration for the International Exchange, the International Dinner, and the ACA Summit is available at http://www.angelcapitalassociation.org/2015summit/.

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