



David Galbenski

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EO Global Chairman, FY2008/2009

Thanks to Global Chairman David Galbenski's leadership, EO excelled in the face of the trouble global economy. EO maintained its core values, and as a result strengthened professional relationships and a commitment to its mission.

HIGHLIGHTS

- EO created several online platforms, including EOtv, EOcommunity and EOaccess.
- This year, the organization partnered with such business heavyweights as *SUMMA* Magazine, the International Trade Association (ITA), Continental Airlines, TaxBack, iSekurity, American Express and Image Source.
- EO helped guide its members during this tumultuous time by offering various economic-education programs, including a global economic teleconference series.
- The EO Leadership Summit was held from 10-13 September, 2008 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada for 85 Global Board members, committee chairs, Global committee directors and senior staff. Chairperson of the event was Stephen Kearley.
- The EO/Bell Leadership Institute Executive Education Program and the EO/Babson Executive Education Seminar were held at Babson College, which is ranked number one among all business schools for entrepreneurship.
- EO hosted: EO University: Boston; EO Singapore University; EO LAC Conference; EO European/African Conference; and EO Arizona University.
- EO raised the learning bar with two record-breaking Global Leadership Conferences.
- The 2008 Global Student Entrepreneur Awards (GSEA) were held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, in November, attracting 1,000 collegians from more than 300 universities in 11 countries.
- The FY2008/2009 EO Strategy Summit brought together 72 chapters with 550+ attendees.
- This year, EO Germany split to establish chapters in Berlin, Hamburg, Munich and West Germany. In addition, EO Spain spun off of EO Barcelona. This year also saw the creation of the EO Oman and EO Quebec chapters.
- *Octane* received the prestigious Gold Circle Award.