BIG IDEAS

The sixth annual Milken Institute Global Conference, held in Los Angeles, March 31-April 10, attracted an audience of 1,600 to sample the ideas of 180 panelists ranging from major corporate CEOs, to Nobel laureates in medicine and economics, to a senior official from the CIA.

Among the highlights:

• A heated debate on “America’s Role in the World” with Bob Bartley, William Bennett, Gary Hart and Stephan Richter.
• A discussion of “The Long View” of history with Paul Ehrlich, Robert Fogel, Steven Pinker and Alvin Toffler.
• A Nobel economist roundtable with Kenneth Arrow, Gary Becker and Myron Scholes, moderated by Michael Milken.

To view summaries of the conference sessions or listen to recordings of the sessions, visit www.milkeninstitute.org/gc2003.

AWARD WINNERS

Six scholars have been named winners of the 2003 Milken Institute Award for Distinguished Economic Research. The group includes Darius Lakdawalla (RAND), Tomas Philipson (Chicago), Frank Lichtenberg (Columbia), Hillel Rapoport (Stanford), Michel Beine (University Libre de Bruxelles), and Frederic Docquier (Belgian government).

2003 CAPITAL ACCESS INDEX

Hong Kong, the United Kingdom and the United States remain at the top of the Milken Institute’s Capital Access Index, an annual ranking of the openness and efficiency of capital markets worldwide. The runners-up: Singapore, Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada, Luxemburg and New Zealand.

The complete listings, along with an explanation of the methodology and an analysis of trends in capital access, are available at www.milkeninstitute.org.

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