

1) Name, Current position, Company, Career path.

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2) What year did you take part in the Competition? What prize did you win?

I won the CNCC prize in 2009

3) Were you still a student when you joined the Competition or did you just finish your studies? Where were you studying at the time?

I had already finished my studies for several years. I integrated the labor market in 2000 but in 2007-2008 I made the Finance Master at the Institute of Firm Administration in Paris, for which I wrote my thesis.

4) How did you hear about our Competition?

The Institute of Firm Administration sends automatically the thesis graded more than 17/20, without telling the students. So I learned I was participating to the Competition when I learned I had a prize for it!

5) Why did you decide to compete?

See question 4

6) In concrete terms, was your award a plus when you entered the labor market?

I already entered the labor market. But it speeded up my promotion in the rank of Senior Manager and some of my colleagues and/or clients had a different view of myself.

7) Several years after your participation, did you still mention your prize in professional contexts (on your resume, etc.)? Globally, do you find that people know the Competition or that they have never heard about it?

My prize is mentioned on my resume and on my LinkedIn profile, as well as my thesis can be uploaded from LinkedIn. But, only people working in financial sector (insurance, banking) know that Prize... and almost none of my financial firm colleagues (ex: Financial Director).

8) Are you still in contact with people that you met thanks to the Competition (awarding associations, fellow candidates, etc.)?

No because when I received the email it was the first time I saw the names of the other students. Nothing is made for building a network between the students. It could be great to share the details of the laureates between them.

9) Which advice would you give to the students who entered this year's competition?

To keep in touch with the others, at least through the social networks, but especially during the event. At the Ceremony Sir Edmond Alphandery and Sir Pierre Jouyet (two former ministers) were there, it does not happen every day..

10) To conclude, how would you evaluate your participation in the Competition?

A certain pride having been awarded but without any benefits after

***11) What are the plus of this Competition? What could be improved?
What was your opinion on the logistics of the Competition (Ceremony, application, etc.)?***

Make possible to promote the prize and the Centre des Professions Financières for the laureates

Improve media coverage