

## PREFACE TO VOLUME 6

Volume 6 in the series completes 40 years of seminar presentations that have been designed to bridge the gap between the theory and the practice of finance. These excellent programs is the preeminent reason that the Institute has grown from its small beginnings to one of international recognition. It is noteworthy that many of the original 29 members continue to remain as Sponsors, although there have been many mergers and name changes that have taken place in the intervening years.

This issue will likely be the last of our printed 5-year summaries. With the advent of the Internet and the instant electronic communication among parties, the next logical step is for the Institute to “publish” the chronicles of our activities in this medium. The current volume is valuable because it presents summaries of the presentations from the Seminars held in the Spring of 2001 through the Autumn of 2005 and coalesces the presentations under the right topic heading.

As has been our custom in the past, the index at the back of the book contains detailed references to all six volumes. In addition, the Roger F. Murray Prize winners are also shown along with the details of each of the Spring and Autumn programs during the five years covered by the book. Finally, Volumes 1 through 5 have already been placed on our website ([www.q-group.org](http://www.q-group.org)) and Volume 6 will follow shortly.

In our previous publication (Volume V of our *Summary of Proceedings*), covering the period 1995-2000, we have included some heretofore unpublished information concerning the research and papers presented at Q<sup>®</sup> seminars in the period 1966 through the early 1970s. Let me refer the reader to Volume 5 for these early Seminar presentations. Please note that these papers, as well as all other Q<sup>®</sup> papers, continue to reside in the archives of the Thomas J. Watson Business School Library at Columbia University Graduate School of Business. Sponsors of the Institute wishing to have access to the Q<sup>®</sup> papers should contact the library at Columbia for the correct procedure to follow.

I personally feel that our seminar summaries have been most useful in that they capture some very difficult technical material in a direct and most comprehensible manner. We owe this unique writing style to Professor J. Peter Williamson, our long-time Summarizer, who has the unique talent enabling him to capture and present the essence of the speakers' presentation. All six Volumes of our Summaries reflect his gift of capturing the essence of the presentation. We again take this opportunity to thank him for his endeavors and we will continue to rely upon him for his excellent contribution to the Institute.

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