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## Preface

Lipschitz and Linegrated Advertising, Promotion, and Marketing Communications, in part, to deal with what we believed were three problems with the integrated marketing communications course. First, we thought the textbooks available did not always practice exactly what they preached: They included large sections on advertising and marketing communications, but these two key ingredients were not completely blended together. Without this integration, students would be unable to see why everyone made such a fuss about integrated marketing communications. We wanted to provide a more carefully integrated marketing communications text.

Second, we discovered that some instructors had a tough time reconciling teaching and learning materials with a project-heavy course. Almost everyone teaching the course assigns projects to help students put their knowledge to work. This reliance on projects raises three problems. First, the textbooks now available may not recognize that this is a project-heavy course. Second, when textbooks do mention projects, it is possible to provide more materials to help the student in preparing these projects. Third, because doing even simple projects has turned into such an adventure, textbooks do not take projects very far—projects are not extended from one chapter to another. These three problems have made this project-driven course a challenge for the instructor to teach and a frustration for the student to learn. We wanted to provide a text that was

integrated with student projects.

Third, we found that integrated marketing communications texts sometimes have disjointed supplements packages. Too often, we have heard professors complain that there

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were unpleasant surprises teaching with these supplements. We wanted to provide a more useful and *integrated* supplements package.

This, then, was the mandate for the first edition of *Integrated Advertising*, *Promotion*, and *Marketing Communications*: Provide a true integrated marketing communications text that integrated student projects that were so necessary for the course and that integrated the supplements used to teach the course. Hopefully we have accomplished this by providing an integrated text, building a running project into every chapter, and providing commercial software to bring this project to fruition, and putting together a supplements package ourselves.

## WHAT IS NEW IN THE SECOND EDITION?

Based on extensive review from users of our textbook and professionals in the field, we have made the following improvements to the text:

Improved organization. We have reorganized the chapters in response to feedback from various constituents. In the foundations section of the text (Part 1), the chapter regarding promotions opportunities analysis (Chapter 5) has been moved. It now follows the presentations regarding consumer buying behavior and business-to-business buyer behavior (Chapters 3 and 4).

Also, the chapter regarding media selection (Chapter 9) has been moved to follow presentations on advertising management (Chapter 6) and advertising design (Chapters 7 and 8). Although all of these activities must be integrated, it will be easier for students to understand the role of media selection after they have a better understanding of the advertising function.

Personal Selling, Database Marketing, and Customer Relationship Management



Enhanced discussion of customer relationship management (CRM). A section of Chapter 12 describes the concept of CRM and how it is being used by businesses. CRM is designed to be a cost effective method of interacting with customers to better serve key customers and generate higher profits for the firm. When combined with information regarding database marketing, CRM programs are effective methods of integrating communications with members of various target markets.

IMC for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurial Ventures

A new chapter (Chapter 15) devoted to small business ventures and IMC programs. Promotional activities are challenging for small business owners who work with limited budgets. While the same tools are available, the manner in which the promotional tools are integrated is often different. The central message of this chapter is how a small business using a limited budget can speak with a clear and memorable voice to potential customers.

- A new approach to integrating ethics into IMC programs. The first edition of this text contained a stand-alone chapter on regulations and ethics. This edition features ethics vignettes in each chapter. The vignettes are designed to identify key issues from the chapter and lead to discussion regarding ethical concerns. The legal issues associated with advertising regulation have been moved to Chapter 13 where they are discussed in conjunction with public relations. Having already covered the major forms of marketing communications, students are better able to understand the role of regulations at this point in the course.
- Greater emphasis on branding. Brand management is presented throughout the text where it is applicable to the IMC issue involved. This discussion builds on materials presented in Chapter 2 regarding corporate image, brand management, brand equity, and brand parity.

Enhanced visual appeal. This edition contains a substantially greater number of ads than the previous version. These new ads make the book more visually appealing while at the same time provide students with examples of various advertising and promotional tactics. We are especially indebted to Shannon Wyczynski from the Joplin Globe, who gave us access to numerous ads that support Chapter 15 regarding small business IMC programs.

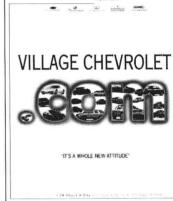
awareness of the company. The objective defines how the trade show booth will be constructed and manned. For example, if the goal is to generate awareness, then the exhibit should include an attention-getting feature. Bright lights, characters in colorful costumes, and music are ways to attract attention. If instead the goal is to generate customer interest in company products, then the products should be displayed in a manner that makes it easy for mospective customers to examine them. Also

be displayed in a manner that makes it easy for prospective customers to examine them. Also, the booth should be manned by personnel with expertise and product knowledge. Symmerships can be another creative way to locate customers and place the name of the company in the consumer's mind. For a small business, a sponsorship program should be a local event or organization. It is important to

business, a sponsorsup programment to make sure the image is consistent with the IMC theme of the sponsoring company. When established carefully, various goals may be reached, such as winning new customers or creating a positive image to attract new employees. <sup>12</sup> Cost is a concern with sponsorships: however, there are many options. A restaurant or dairy store can sponsor a little league baseball or soccer team at a low cost. A furniture store may develop a relationship with an art gallery without spending significant funds. The primary objective in a snonsorshin is to make certain the right people are exposed to does not make sense to sponsor s. For example, sponsoring an limed at tecnagers.

Chapter 15 IMC for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurial Ventures

This award-winning ad ("Best Use of 4-color" and "Best of Show," Missouri Press Association Award Ceremony) is an exceller method for creating brand awareness of an automobile Web site.





Creating a Clearly Defined Product

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A clearly defined product means that everyone knows exactly what the company intends to deliver. As Leslie Godwin, a career and life-transition counselor pointed out, it is just as important to say what your company won't do as what it will do. She noted that a psy-chotherapist participating in a new group of doctors with a business card that says.

"Specializes in treating children, adults, adolescents, groups, and individuals" is overstating the professional's Isting them. Compared to an oblgy myto claims she specializes in "women struggling with menopause," the differences are some logically spelled out a form of expertise that would be attractive to a societies ent of proub.

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Any form of new company is liable to fall into the trap of trying to please every potential customer. Unfortunately, this leads to no clear sense of identity for employees, customers, and company leaders. A simple question to ask is, "What do we do well." The goal is to feature that good, service, or skill.

Once the product is clearly defined, it is important to carefully create a brand name, logo, and other word-based marking elements such as the company's slogan and advertising tag line. These items must communicate the

nature of the clearly defined good or service, or other efforts will not be as likely to succeed. Brand names such as The Pasta House Co. or Champion Dry to succeed. Brand males steria is the rastal riouse Co. in Champion Lay Cleaners clearly spell out to customers what the business is all about. While VIPdesk and Geeks On Call are easy to remember, it is less clear to consumers exactly what type of service is being provided. These companies will have to expend greater effort in defining the business so that customers see the advantage in giving the firm a try.

Developing a Unique Market Niche

This process is also known as having a unique selling position (USP). A USP is some feature that allows the newly formed company to stand alone and be distinct from all other competitions. This may be based on price, the offer of a service not previously available, or some other feature that is not easily duplicated in the market. VPIdesk, which is used by 10.5 million people, offers services via the Internet, phone, or through a wireless device. No other

For Your Fairy Dogmother, the major factor in the decision to purchase the service was convenience. Once customers discovered that Your Fairy Dogmother would come to their homes, it was easy to decide to give the company a try.
Also, the company's name suggested that the
family dog would be treated with extra special
care. By understanding and then defining the
needs of her customers. Otto has been able to
develop a successful small business.

Through careful research, marketing professionals in businesses such as Your Fairy
Dogmother, Vipleck, and Geeks On Call have
been able to identify a target market. Demographic characteristics are vital, but the research
must go beyond demographics to include psychographic and purchasing behavior informatychographic and purchasing behavior informatywas easy to decide to give the company a try



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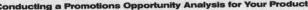
ing who you are, Conducting a Promotions Opportunity Analysis for Your Product



We have enhanced the projects part of the text by doing two key things:

"Building Your IMC Campaign" exercises now begin in the chapter-opening vignette and tie everything together at the end of the chapter. We found that waiting until the end of the chapter to introduce the campaign project left too many loose ends. We

> now introduce the project at the beginning of the chapter and return to it at the end.



Each of the products listed in Chapter 1 has various kinds of competitors. In order to build a complete and solid IMC program, it is important to begin by follow ing each of the steps of the promotions opportunity analysis. Also, to succeed, you need to identify key target markets for your item. This includes both consumer markets and business-to-business opportunities. In addition, it will be important to consider the possible international customers as you proceed. Go to the Prentice Hall Web site at www.prenhall.com/clow or access the IMC Plan Pro disk that accompanied this textbook to develop a market analysis for your product by completing the exercise for Chapter 5.



New IMC Plan Pro Sample Cases. New sample IMC plans have been added to the IMC Plan Pro CD-ROM that accompanies the textbook. These new samples cover a variety of businesses, letting students see multiple ways of developing an IMC Plan.

Finally, we have enhanced the supplements part of the teaching package by adding an exciting new supplement and adding to our video offerings.

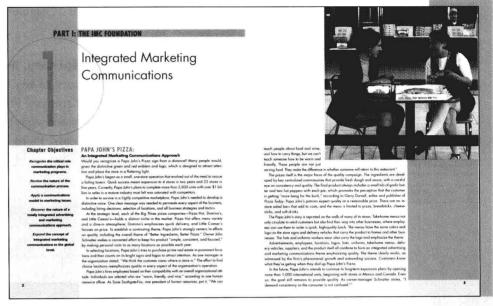
In all, we think these improvements and additions help to make Integrated Advertising, Promotion, and Marketing Communication the most integrated and effective IMC teaching and learning package available.

## THE STUDENT INTEGRATED LEARNING PACKAGE

To learn the material properly, students must first have a text that engages them. Next, students must go outside of the text and learn by doing. Because of this, we have

created the following features with the student in mind:

begins with a vignettes. Each chapter begins with a vignette that is related to the topic being presented. The majority of the vignettes revolve around success stories in companies students will recognize, such as Starbucks and Papa John's Pizza. In this edition, new vignettes have been introduced including features on the Dell dude and the AFLAC duck to keep the stories fresh and recognizable.

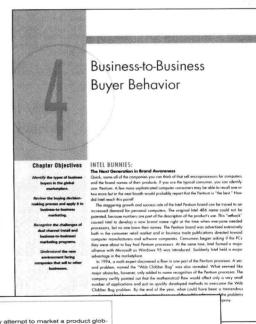


## Business-to-business marketing concepts.

A large number of marketing students are likely to hold jobs that emphasize sales to other businesses. Therefore, business-to-business components have been incorporated in many of the discussions throughout the text. Examples, cases, text illustrations, and Internet exercises have been woven into the materials. Also a complete examination of business-to-business buyer behavior is provided in Chapter 4.

International marketing discussions. Students are curious about the world around them, especially in light of the events of September 11, 2001. Many marketing texts address international issues as an add-on. While there are some separate discussions of international issues, this book features international concerns where they correlate with the materials being presented. Further

international cases are found in several chapters. These end-of-chapter features lead students to discover a more integrated approach to advertising, promotions, and marketing communications in both domestic and international markets.



#### INTEGRATED LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Visual images are an important feature of any attempt to market a product globally. Access the Sun Microsystems marketing resource center at www.sun.com/smre, and the "advertising" section of that center. Next, go to the "International Gallery" part of the site. Examine the advertisements for Sun that appear in various countries throughout the world. What are the similarities? What are the differences? To obtain more information, access the "Outdoor," "Radio," and "TV" sections. To view an ad agency's perspective, access Leo Burnett Agency at www.leoburnett.com. At the "Work" section, look at the examples of the agency's various print, television, or other media advertisements. What are the differences in the ads across the various countries?



#### COMMUNICATION ACTION

#### Hewlett-Packard

An excellent example of an integrated marketing communications program is provided by the software systems engineering division (SESD) of Hewlett-Packard. This group initiated its IMC process through workshops designed to help HP's employees better understand the dilemmas faced by its customers. These workshops were directed by representatives from sales, product marketing, engineering, and customer support departments within HP. Each had a different perspective of the customer and provided valuable input into the various dilemmas faced by end users. The team approach allowed everyone to see the customer from a more holistic perspective.

Based on input from these departments, a creative strategy emerged with a strong focus on customer needs. The theme "we understand" was adopted. HP's marketing emphasis centered on the idea that members of the company understood the issues, pressures, and constraints that software developers faced. Knowing about unrealistic deadlines, hidden-code errors, and other problems and how to cope with these issues was the key. HP's leaders believed they could solve transition problems for customers by moving to object-oriented programming and simultaneously developing multiple applications of company software. The theme was integrated into all of HP's marketing programs. It was launched in an adverting campaign, then reinforced in three direct mailings. The same message was used in trade show handouts and displays. HP's Web site was redesigned around the same principle.

The "we understand" idea served as an umbrella that all marketing strategies and tactics would then utilize. The integrated approach allowed HP to speak with one voice regardless of the communication method customers encountered when they contacted the firm. This more fully integrated program was more than just the theme, however. It began with effective communication within and built outward to the point where HP's end users (other business) could see and experience a real difference in the products and services that were being provided.

Source: P. Griffeth Lindell, "You Need an Integrated Attitude to Develop IMC," Marketing News, 31, no. 11 (May 26, 1997), p. 6.

- "Communication Action" box. In each chapter, one key illustration of the subject matter in a real-world setting is presented as a "Communication Action" box. These features include business-to-business, consumer, and international examples. In addition, interviews of professionals from the worlds of advertising and marketing are presented as "Communication Action" boxes in some chapters.
- **Key Terms glossary.** In the end-of-chapter materials that follow the text, a glossary of key terms and their definitions is provided. The terms are displayed in the order that they appear in the chapter. When combined with the subject and author index included at the end of the book, there is ready access to each new term that is used.

#### CRITICAL THINKING EXERCISES

#### Discussion Questions

- 1. The marketing director for a furniture manufacturer is assigned the task of developing an integrated marketing communications program to emphasize the furniture's natural look. Discuss the problems the director may encounter in developing this message and in ensuring that consumers understand the message correctly. Refer to the communication process in Figure 1.1 for ideas. What type of noise may interfere with the communication process?
- 2. Referring to Exercise 1, assume the director wants to develop an integrated marketing communications program emphasizing a theme focused on the furniture's natural look. This theme applies to all of their markets, that is, both retailers and consumers. Using Figure 1.4 as a guide, briefly discuss each element of the integrated marketing communications plan and how to incorporate it into an overall theme.
- The marketing director for a manufacturer of automobile tires wants to integrate its marketing program internationally.

- Should the director use a standardization or adaptation approach? How could the company be certain that its marketing program would effectively be integrated among the different countries where it sells tires?
- 4. Look up each of the following companies on the Internet. For each company, discuss how effective its Web site is in communicating an overall message. Also, discuss how well the marketing team integrates the material on the Web site. How well does the Web site integrate the company's advertising with other marketing communications?
  - a. Revlon (www.revlon.com)
- b. Reebok (www.reebok.com)
- c. J.B. Hunt (www.jbhunt.com)d. United Airlines (www.ual.com)
- e. Steamboat Resorts (www.steamboatresorts.com)
- Discussion and Critical
  Thinking Exercises. The
  end-of-chapter materials
  also contain several short
  scenarios and exercises to
  help students review chapter
  concepts by applying them
  in various settings. Internet
  exercises lead students to
  Web sites where advertisements can be assessed for

quality. Innovative approaches, such as asking students to prepare and evaluate various kinds of advertisements and advertising campaigns, are also suggested.

## JENNY'S HAIR SALON

## CASE 2

enny Burns finished high school in the late 1980s. She had no real interest in college. She loved fashion, style, and "glamour." Moving out on her own meant trying to find a job that would accommodate her love of trendy things. She decided to become a hairstylist. After taking all the courses and gaining her cosmetology license, Jenny worked for two years at an independent salon, which went out of business when the owner developed health problems.

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After careful deliberation, and with some help from an SBA loan, Jenny opened her own salon on the outskirts of Grand Lake, Oklahoma. The building boom had just taken over the area, and she was convinced she would make a good living because of the growing population and bustle of activities present, especially in the summertime.

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The new business, "Jenny's Hair Salon," was started. She used newspaper advertisements, radio spots, and coupons in a local advertising pamphlet to announce her grand opening. Her location was visible and accessible to residents of the major town near the lake, Grove, Oklahoma. Unfortunately, there was no quality sign maker in town, so Jenny had to rely on a portable flashing sign to present the name of her business.

When the business opened, Jenny was able to attract a solid clientele, because she was one of only two salons in town. The other business tended to

Tases. At the conclusion of each chapter, two cases are available as assignments or to generate discussion. These cases assist student learning by providing plausible scenarios that require thought and review of chapter materials. The short cases are designed to help students conceptually understand chapter components as well as larger, more general marketing issues.

## Integrated Learning

**Experiences.** At key points in each chapter, the text guides students to the Internet to access information that ties into the subject matter covered in the text. These places are marked in the book and are also highlighted on the Instructor's Teaching CD-ROM, making it possible for the instructor to

#### INTEGRATED LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The use of animation in advertisements has increased in popularity because of computer technology sophistication. Even the Green Giant and the Pillsbury Doughboy are still popular. Each has a Web site. The Green Giant is available at www.greengiant.com. Be sure to check out "The Green Giant Around the World." The Doughboy is at www.doughboy.com. Notice that Pillsbury created both animations. To get an insight into the mind of an animation creative, read Vince Backeberg's 3D Site at www.teleport.com/~v3d/index.html. If you are interested in adding animation to your Web site, or when a business wants to add animation, Animation Factory at www.cameloidesign.com contains several thousand free animations. Free animation also is available at the Animation Library at www.animationlibrary.com.



go directly to a Web site while using PowerPoint slides.

- **Building Your IMC Campaign exercises.** At the beginning of each chapter, we reference one of the sample IMC programs to illustrate the materials presented in that chapter. At the conclusion of each chapter, students are given an exercise designed to lead them through the development of their own personalized IMC programs, from start to finish. These exercises help students understand chapter materials and apply them to an ongoing company.
- ▶ IMC Plan Pro. Each book contains a CD-ROM disk containing the IMC Plan Pro program. This commercial software produced by Palo Alto software serves as a valuable supplement for students during the course and as a professional tool after graduation.

Using these materials will expose students to an integrated learning package.

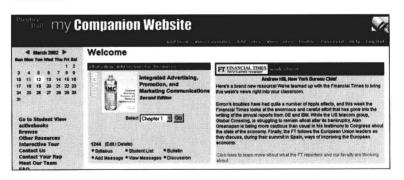
## THE INSTRUCTOR'S INTEGRATED TEACHING PACKAGE

The best way to teach IMC is with an integrated teaching package. We have prepared all of the supplements to make sure everything works together. The textbook includes the following instructional supplements:

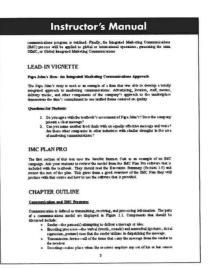
PowerPoint Presentation. The PowerPoint presentation features print advertisements, slides that build concepts over several steps, discussion questions, Web links, and video snippets. The print ads not only include ads from the text but also additional ads. The slides, Website links, video clips, and questions form a coherent presentation for the class. The print advertisements are accompanied by questions or captions relating them to the concepts within the chapter. Integrated Learning Experiences take the class to Websites referenced in the text. The end of every chapter's PowerPoint set includes materials regarding the IMC campaign. These files are available on the Instructor's Resource CD-ROM, and a download version may be found on the Companion Website.

### NEW

■ Website. The Companion Website contains chapter objectives, faculty resources, and links to company sites referenced in the text. Study guide questions for each chapter are available, and students can receive e-mail results, complete with grade reports, directly from professors. The Companion Website also includes details and information to direct students through the process of building an IMC campaign, and serves as an alternative for those who desire not to use the IMC Plan Pro disk. For faculty, the PowerPoint slides, Instructor's Manual, and other resources may be accessed.



Instructor's Manual. This resource provides support and suggestions for instructors. A complete outline is provided for each chapter, including key words and their definitions, important themes, references to text figures, and the Implications for Marketing Professionals materials. Review questions, discussion questions, and application questions are all answered thoroughly by the authors, and the chapter-opening vignettes are also explained. A separate IMC section offers guidance and solutions for the "Building an IMC Campaign" activities.



1,400 true-false, multiple-choice, and short-answer questions is available. It includes page references and difficulty level so that instructors can provide greater feedback to students. The test item file itself is available in print and electronic formats. The new TestGen-EQ test generation software is a computerized package that allows instructors to custom design, save, and generate classroom tests. The test program permits instructors to edit, add, or delete questions from the test bank; analyze test results; and organize a database of tests and student results. The new software allows for greater flexibility and ease of use. It provides many options

CHAPTER 1

INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMERCICATIONS

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Instructor's Resource CD-ROM. The Instructor's Resource

CD-ROM contains additional presentation materials for instructors to bring into class, including figures from the book, a version of the electronic test bank, and advertisements not found in the text. This is in addition to inclusion of the electronic files for the Instructor's Manual and full PowerPoint Presentation.

- **Advertisement transparencies.** Many of the ads shown in the text are reproduced as transparencies, as well as additional ads not found in the text.
- The Prentice-Hall Advertising Video Library. A video library is available for use in the classroom. Using today's popular news magazine format, students are taken on location and behind closed doors. Each news story profiles a well-known or up-and-coming company leading the way in its industry. Teaching materials to accompany the video library are available on the Companion Website.



## ORGANIZATION OF THE TEXTBOOK

### Part I: The IMC Foundation

Being heard in a cluttered marketplace is one of the major obstacles most firms face. The past decade has introduced numerous new ways to vend products and many new venues to promote those products. The key to an effective advertising, promotions, and integrated marketing communications program is to develop the one clear voice that will be heard over the din of so many ads and marketing tactics. Meeting this challenge involves bringing together every aspect of the firm's marketing efforts, and having them focus as a team on one message.

**Chapter One, Integrated Marketing Communications,** presents a basic model of communication and describes how it applies to marketing goods and services. An overview of the entire IMC approach is presented containing four parts: the foundation, advertising tools, promotional tools, and integration tools.

**Chapter Two, Corporate Image and Brand Management,** describes the elements of corporate image and brand management. The role of the brand name, package, label, company logos, and other branding issues are described.

**Chapter Three, Consumer Buyer Behavior,** reviews the steps of the consumer buyer behavior process. Individual decision-making models are identified. Tactics to influence buyers are also described.

**Chapter Four, Business-to-Business Buyer Behavior,** is a presentation of buying decisions made in business-to-business marketing relationships. The roles played by members of the buying center are noted. Methods that can be used to reach individual members are suggested.

**Chapter Five, Promotions Opportunity Analysis,** discusses the nature of a promotions opportunity analysis program. Market segmentation in consumer and business-to-business settings is also presented.

## **Part II: IMC Advertising Tools**

**Chapter Six, Advertising Management,** describes the overall process of managing an ad campaign. Selection criteria used in choosing an agency are provided.

Chapter Seven, Advertising Design: Theoretical Frameworks and Types of Appeals, analyzes the various kinds of appeals that can be used in creating ads. Sex, fear, rational approaches, and other methods are noted. Advantages and appropriate usage of each type of appeal is discussed.

Chapter Eight, Advertising Design: Message Strategies and Executional Frameworks, explains the individual executional frameworks that are available, such as the slice-of-life, demonstration, and testimonial forms. Also, sources and spokespersons are analyzed.

**Chapter Nine, Advertising Media Selection,** completes the advertising section by reviewing the various media that are available, including both more conventional methods such as television and radio as well as more recent venues including the Internet and guerilla marketing programs.

### Part III: IMC Promotional Tools

A fully integrated marketing communications program requires the inclusion of other company activities. Many customers are persuaded to make purchases through the use of marketing tactics other than advertising. This is also true in the business-to-business sector. This is the focus of Part Three.

**Chapter Ten, Trade Promotions,** details the various kinds of trade promotions that are useful to marketing teams. Advantages and costs of each are defined.

**Chapter Eleven, Consumer Promotions,** notes the connections between consumer promotions, advertisements, and effective IMC programs. Benefits and costs of consumer promotions tactics are identified.

Chapter Twelve, Personal Selling, Database Marketing, and Customer Relationship Management, examines personal selling, database management, and customer relationship management programs. All of these buyer-focused activities must be integrated with other communications that consumers experience.

Chapter Thirteen, Public Relations, Regulations, and Sponsorship Programs, notes the importance of quality public relations efforts and the role of government and industry regulations within the integrated marketing communications plan. Individual sponsorship programs are noted in light of their contributions and costs.

## **Part IV: IMC Integration Tools**

The strings that tie together a complete IMC program include other important marketing activities as well as the assessment of the levels of success of a company's efforts. This final section provides information about the Internet, special concerns for small businesses, and assessment programs.

**Chapter Fourteen, Internet Marketing,** gives special attention to Internet marketing and e-commerce programs. This form of marketing must be carefully integrated with other company activities.

Chapter Fifteen, IMC for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurial Ventures, is devoted to the special IMC challenges for small businesses and entrepreneurial companies. Limited budgets and limited customer awareness must be overcome to successfully build and sustain a new firm.

**Chapter Sixteen, Evaluating an Integrated Marketing Program,** is the assessment chapter. Managers who are faced with accountability issues require quality methods for analyzing the effectiveness of their IMC programs. This chapter describes the tools that are available.

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