

Dr. Nick Bontis is the world's leading expert on intellectual capital and its impact on performance and was named as one of the *Top 30 Management Gurus* world-wide. He helps organizations leverage their most important intangible asset for sustainable competitive advantage. Nick has been immersed in the field since 1991 when a cover story in *Fortune Magazine*, titled "Brainpower", changed the course of his life. Risking a secure future, Nick left a promising banking career to pursue a PhD in the field. His groundbreaking doctoral dissertation went on to become the #1 selling thesis in Canada. His accomplishments thus far could fill a volume.

As a professional speaker, Nick has delivered keynote presentations on every continent for leading organizations in both the private and the public sector. His dynamic, high-energy presentations provide personal and team recommendations for improving individual and organizational effectiveness leaving audiences with the tools, inspiration and impetus to accelerate management performance. His customized programs are a mix of practical managerial tools, rigorous academic research, strategic consulting, entertaining humour and a blast of youthful exuberance.

As an academic, "Nicky B" (as he is known by his students) is an award-winning tenured professor who delivers enlightening content with energy that virtually zings off the walls when he steps into a room. He currently teaches strategy to undergraduates, knowledge management to MBAs, and advanced statistics to PhD students at the DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University. He has won over 12 major teaching awards and faculty researcher of the year twice. *Maclean's Magazine* has rated him as one of McMaster's most popular professors for six years in a row! TVO recognized him as one of the top 10 lecturers in Ontario. OUSA and OCUFA awarded him Ontario's top professor. He is also a 3M National Teaching Fellow, an exclusive honour only bestowed upon the top university professors in the country often referred to as the Nobel prize of teaching!

Nick earned his PhD from the prestigious Ivey Business School, Western University where he received the top scholastic achievement award. He won a Canadian national silver medal in the running long jump, with a remarkable leap of seven and half metres – that's nearly 25 feet! Nick also competed on the varsity men's soccer

team receiving both MVP and leading goal scorer honours as well as an induction into the Western Mustangs Sports Hall of Fame. As an athlete, Nick received national all-star status and several high-profile awards all while performing in the Western symphony band as a euphonium player. He was inducted into the Hamilton Soccer Hall of Fame and is currently serving on the Concacaf Council as Vice President.

As a consultant, Dr. Bontis is the Director of the Institute for Intellectual Capital Research – a leading strategic management consulting firm. His services have been sought after by leading organizations such as the United Nations, Microsoft, Health Canada, Royal Bank, Telus, Accenture, SAS, Mitsubishi, United Way, the US Navy and IBM. Tom Stewart, former Editor of *Fortune Magazine* and *Harvard Business Review*, recognizes him as a "pioneer and one of the world's real intellectual capital experts". Nick is also on the Advisory Board of several organizations including a variety of educational-based institutions designing and implementing executive development programs across the country.

As a writer, Nick is the author of the best-selling book *Information Bombardment: Rising above the digital onslaught*. He has won international acclaim for his leading edge research and award-winning management cases. He is ranked as one of the top cited authors in management research globally with over 45,000 citations world-wide.

As an entrepreneur, Nick is Chief Knowledge Officer of Knexa Solutions – the world's first knowledge exchange and auction, based in Vancouver. He is also Director of Harvest Portfolios Group – an investment firm based in Oakville. Dr. Bontis also draws on his wealth of practical, hands-on business experience. He started his career at Human Resources Development Canada and later at KPMG. He then moved on to work for several years at CIBC Securities Inc. in a variety of areas including marketing, securities analysis, recruitment, strategy and software development. He received the CIBC Chairman's Award for outstanding contribution to the bank.

With his unique combination of substance and sizzle, Dr. Bontis is guaranteed to ignite, entertain and enlighten audiences, empowering them with both the tools and the inspiration to perform at a higher level of accelerated performance. He resides in Ancaster, Ontario with his wife Stacy and their children Charlie, Dino and Tia Maria.