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NEWS RELEASE

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS UNIVERSITY OF PISA—AUGUST 1984

On 17 August 1980, during the "Third International Congress of Accounting Historians" held in London at the London Business School, a "Task Committee" met to decide the sites for future international congresses of accounting historians to be held in 1984 and 1988. That committee was composed of professors: Alfred R. Roberts (Georgia State University); Gary J. Previts (Case Western Reserve University); H. Thomas Johnson (Western Washington University); Peter A. Baird (Rutherford College-University of Canterbury); Geoffrey A. Lee (University of Nottingham); Murray C. Wells (University of Sydney); Ernest Stevelinck (Secretary of the "Comite International des Historiens de la Comptabilite," Belgium); Tito Antoni (University of Pisa); and Carlo Antinori (University of Parma). This group represented: The Academy of Accounting Historians (USA); The British Society of Accounting Historians (GB); The Accounting History Society of Australia and New Zealand; and the Societe International des Historiens de la Comptabilite located in Brussels. The committee unanimously designated Pisa (the birth place of Lenardo Fibonacci, author of the famous "Liber Abaci," 1202) to organize the Fourth International Congress of Accounting Historians in 1984. The Fifth Congress is to be held in Sydney, Australia in 1988.

The series of international congresses of accounting historians was initiated with the "Premier Symposium des Historiens de la Comptabilite" which was held in Brussels in October 1970; then the "Second World Congress of Accounting Historians" in Atlanta, Georgia during August 1976; finally the "Third International Congress of Accounting Historians" was held in London last August.

The Pisan Congress will be held during the second half August (from Thursday the 23rd to Monday the 27th) and will commence at the palace of "Sapienza," an historical site.

Recently (the 1st and 29th of last October) there met, at the Istituto di Ricerche Aziendali, several persons interested in the Congress, who formed the "Organization Committee." They are professors: Umberto Bertini, general and applied accounting,

head of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce as President; Tito Antoni, accounting history, as Secretary; Carlo Caramiello, general and applied accounting, as treasurer; Mario Pinna, economic geography and director of the Institute of Economic History, as publicity coordinator; Rosella Franceschi Ferraris, general and applied accounting, as program papers coordinator; Marcello Berti, economic history, as lodging and excursions coordinator; Carlo Antinori, accounting history, as ancient books and artifacts exposition coordinator. Also supporting the Committee will be professors: Cesare Ciano, Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literature; Bruno Casini, Faculty of Political Science; Emilio Cristiani, Faculty of Letters; Furio Diaz, Graduate School of Education; and Mario Nencetti, Director of Administration, University of Pisa.

In General, the program of the Congress will be as follows:

Thursday	23 August 1984, registration by participants
Friday	24th, start of the Congress,
Saturday	25th, continuation of the Congress,
Sunday	26th, a trip to San Sepolcro (AR), the birth place of Luca Pacioli,
Monday	27th, continuation of the Congress and, in the afternoon, close the Fourth Congress. And for those interested, a second excursion will be made to visit the state archives at Firenze.

The papers for the congress must be presented for evaluation to the responsible linguistic group: A. R. Roberts, the United States & Canada; R. Parker, Great Britain; Ernest Stevelinck, France and Belgium; M. Wells, Australia and New Zealand; and Osamu Kojima, Japan.

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