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Accounting Historians: History seminar attracts large audience in New York City historical research method. This reflects the relative immaturity of methodological training amongst accounting historians. Nevertheless in the short term, the committee members themselves will be available to act in this capacity.

I have recently received with regret, the resignation of our UK committee member, Mr. Michael Mumford. Michael was prevented from continuing due to pressures of work at his institution. It is anticipated that a new UK committee member will be nominated in the near future.

At this point I would like to extend my thanks to my committee members who have worked so hard during the past year. I am confident that we shall have a monograph containing the results of our work ready for issue by the 1988 International Accounting Historians Congress.

Professor Lee D. Parker
Chairman

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Richard P. Brief (New York University, College of Business and Public Administration, Washington Square, New York, N.Y. 10003) is planning to be general editor of 10-15 original monographs and anthologies in accounting history and thought that will be published by Garland Publishing Inc., in the fall of 1988. Those who have an idea for a book in this series should contact him.

A 46-volume series in the history of accounting, *Accounting Thought and Practice Through the Years*, is being published by Garland Publishing Inc. (136 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016) this fall. The series includes 25 titles published for the first time.

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HISTORY SEMINAR ATTRACTS LARGE AUDIENCE IN NEW YORK CITY

On August 20th at the Marriott Marquis in New York City, twenty five accounting professors and one past-president of the National Association of Accountants attended an all-day seminar on management accounting history presented by H. Thomas Johnson, past-president of the Academy of Accounting Historians and Zulauf Professor of Accounting at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. The history seminar drew a larger crowd than all but two of the continuing education seminars offered at the American Accounting Association's 1986 annual convention.

Before coming to New York, all seminar participants, including five professors from universities outside the United States, received a course outline and a packet of recent articles on management accounting history. Using those readings as background, Johnson led discussions on the value of history to teaching and research in management accounting. Providing an extra dimension to the day's activities was a guest lecture by Eamonn Walsh of the University of Glasgow and the London School of Economics. Walsh spoke on "Agency Theory in Historical Perspective," the subject of a paper that he coauthored with Ross E. Stewart, formerly at the University of Glasgow and now at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Washington.

The high enrollment and favorable evaluations at this year's history seminar make it likely that Johnson will repeat the course at next year's annual convention in Cincinnati, perhaps even at one or two of the American Accounting Association's regional meetings in Spring 1987. So if you missed your chance to take Johnson's popular seminar this past summer, keep an eye on the pages of this Notebook for news of his future seminar offerings.